



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"A Built-in Bible Class for Lifers"

While it is customary to wish one another a happy and prosperous New Year, we who know the Lord do better if we will serve Him with greater resolve in 1988. The most important thing to do is to read and study more of the Bible than in 1987. "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps 119:30).

Of all BPers, Lifers are the most privileged. We have FEBC right in our compound. The traditional two evenings, Monday and Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30 pm, are given to the teaching of God's Word--to Lifers first of all! This semester's Basic Courses are 1) The Work of the Holy Spirit Since Pentecost (Rev Tow), and 2) Jeremiah (Rev Charlie Tan); Mon. and Thu. respectively. Come to these built-in Bible Classes for Lifers!

God's Kingdom in Burma and Philippines Expedited



The offerings you've brought so hilariously last Christmas have enabled our Treasurer to remit \$S10,000 each to Burma and the Philippines. Insofar as the Philippines is concerned, work will start immediately on Pastor Bona's church at Pandacan, Manila (under Rev Dan Ebert's supervision). If we keep up the supply with another \$S25,000, the new Church should be completed by June! Another equivalent sum, if sent to Pastor Menzano to complete his at Taytay, Manila, that will establish a second Church. Rev Dan Ebert III, will you tell us exactly how much each church needs? Using our strong dollar abroad to accomplish two to three times what it can locally is profitable trading for God.

So is our strong dollar a great boost to the Burmese Church and Bible College. And remember, your dollars are earning, above all, souls eternally for Christ. The Lord bless your house as you give to build His house.

God's Kingdom in West Kalimantan

The following paragraph comes with Rev Djunaidi's Greeting Card to Life Church: "Moreover, we in Pontianak, West Kalimantan (Borneo) have received your fullest support during the last 10 years. By God's grace and mercies, our work here is beginning to take shape. The day of learning self-support, self-government and self-propagation is dawning. We are deeply grateful to your Session and congregation for help and encouragement these many years. May the Lord richly reward your members many times over by His richest mercies, which is our epistolary good wishes."

Ed. Note: "Learning self-support, etc., by West Kalimantan" (the first of our 1/2 dozen fields in ASEAN) begins April 1988. This means release of funds for further extension of His Kingdom wherever God will lead us. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt 24:14).

Learning to Pray More in 1988

Our Tuesday night Prayer Meeting is another high point of our Church life. Are 100 praying members sufficient? The early church all came together to pray--120 of them. Do you think we can increase this year to 200?

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

Conversely, King Solomon says, "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 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 1:24-28).

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel:
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,
Earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot heal.

- Thomas Moore

Rev Tan Peng Koen, 78, Promoted Into Glory

A staunch follower of Dr John Sung and Evangelist Lim Puay Hian, Rev Tan Peng Koen has been mightily used of God to found three churches in Indonesia--Palembang, Pematang Siantar and Tanjung Pinang.

After he retired from Palembang (South Sumatra) at the age of 65, he made a trip to North Sumatra via Tanjung Pinang. Here he found a thriving sea-port dominated by Chinese

traders, but no Chinese Church. So, he decided to spend his evening years in Tanjung Pinang. He bought a piece of land overlooking the sea for a song (for it was "haunted"), only 10 minutes' walk from the city. Here he established a primary school and a Chinese service in 1967.

Life Church became linked with Tanjung Pinang when Rev Tan visited Singapore in Aug. 1973 at a time when we had launched an Indonesian Outreach Month. We became friends "by predestination," as the Chinese saying goes. Since 1973, the Life Church pastor has regularly ministered in Tg. Pinang, having baptised over 150 to date. Our Church has also donated a sum to help Tg. Pinang found a second church at Kijang on the other side of the island of Bintan. As for the main congregation at Tanjung Pinang, it has become a full-fledged self-supporting, self-governing church. The Church school has 500 in its enrolment. The congregation has built a new three-storey complex, housing the sanctuary and a top floor for Youth meetings and a campsite. Here, several of our Singapore youth groups have stayed at great profit both to themselves and the local congregation.

A decade ago, Rev & Mrs Tan Peng Koen decided to return to China. Rev Tan preached in the outlying islands of Taiwan and on the main Island itself. Later they shifted to Hong Kong to stay with their eldest son. The Lord first took Mrs Tan a couple of years ago. Now Rev Tan is also received into glory (funeral on Jan 2, 1988 in Hong Kong). He is survived by his two daughters who carry on his good work at Tg. Pinang. One is a preacher and the other a teacher. The sons-in-law are equally devoted in the work of the Lord. Presently, Joseph Liu, husband of Esther Tan, is studying at FEBC. - T.T.

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

"ON ROBBING GOD"

MON 8.30 am FEBC Reopens
(No evening lecture)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Choir to assemble in Church
for SBC Recording
7.30 pm Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
SAT 2.30 pm Joseph Yeo-Alice Tay Wedding
(CFM)
SUN 8.00 am Rev Charlie Tan
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan
10.30 am Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Nazareth
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.30 pm Life Church on the Air

Friend,
Have you ever robbed God?
I did,
All because of GREED!
Malachi 3:8
I conveniently forgot,
When my annual bonus I hoard
In a time deposit,
In a certain bank,
Instead of returning to God
His rightful tenth!
It was no coincidence
When I hit the car in front, in that accident.
The expenses incurred
Was what I should have wisely insured
In Heaven.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$1,212 (8.00 am)
\$6,448 (Chr'mas Eve); \$5,945 (10.30 am)
1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 38)\$200(8 am)
39)\$50(10.30 am); 40)\$50(10.30 am); 41)
\$50(by post). Total \$19,166.50

For the Word of God exhorts us:
Not to store up treasures on earth where moth
and rust
Destroy and where thieves break in and steal
(Matthew 6:19).

EXTN BLDG FUND 1541)\$50; 1542)\$400.
Total \$1,242,414.43

Although I had a jolt, a scare,
I thank the Lord I came out of it unscathed.
But in my heart Malachi 3:8 is sealed,
For I have learnt that it is foolishness to
steal
From God.

BURMA \$200; \$50; \$100(Bible translatn);
\$100(rent); \$50; \$1500(Bib. translatn).
OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC \$100, \$900
(AF); Tabernacle Bldg Fund \$1500; Malaysia
\$1200; Missions \$300; Dyak Work \$150;
Renovations \$1200, \$1750; BP Missions
\$50(LCSS); FEBI \$900(AF).

My resolution for 1988
Is never to disregard Malachi 3:8!

BAPTISED on Christmas Eve, Dec 24, '87:

-- A Wiser Lifer

Cassandra Lai Shi Min,

Holy Spirit Since Pentecost begins Mon. Jan
11, 7.30 pm, N.B.1 (We have 5 new students
to FEBC).

d/o Mr & Mrs William Lai Wee Ngen

"Basic Theology for Everyone" Certificates
of Attendance from last semester are ready
for collection at the Church counter after
Service today.

Aaron Lam WeiQuen,

Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu: Thank you for your
cheque for US\$200 and for your article in
the New York Chinese press just received.

s/o Mr & Mrs William Lam

Visit CLBC Books & Gifts Exhibition at Funan
Centre; ground flr, for convenience! When
in JB call at Word of Life Book Centre, Holi-
day Plaza, next but one to Kentucky.

Sarah Liaw HuiLing,

Nursery duty today: Mrs Siriwan Lim 182

d/o Mr & Mrs Thomas Liaw Thye Weng

Emmanuel Tang Chew Loong,

s/o Mr & Mrs Tang Heng Cheong

Eunice Yeo Hui-Fang,

d/o Mr & Mrs Arthur Yeo Eng Wah

Adult: Mr Laurent Chan Weng Chau

FEBC reopens Mon. Jan 4, 8.30 am with

Day of Prayer in Church. As there will be
no lectures on Mon. Jan 4, this applies
to the Basic Theology class the same even-
ing. First lecture on "The Work of the

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WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR 1988?

(Pastor's Message broadcast by SBC, Lord's Day, Jan 10, '88, 6.30 pm)

Text: "Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:13,14)

There is a Chinese couplet which reads:

"Make your plans for the day in the morning,

And make your plans for the year in the spring."

As we face 1988 this second Sunday of January, what plans have you made for the new year? What new year resolutions and what great achievements are in your new blue-print? Where are you going to extend your business or go for higher studies this 1988? Is your answer: "The sky's the limit"? Whether young or old, it seems to me, we forget we are little creatures encapsuled in the prison of space and time.

The Bible says, "Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:13,14). Echoing this Divine pronouncement, there comes to mind another Chinese saying, "Ren Sheng Jiao Lu," which means, "Man's life is dew." Yes, dew in the morning sun soon becomes vapour as the wet ground dries up in the morning sun.

Listen to the words of King Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived. He says, "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever" (Eccles. 1:2-4). King David, the father of Solomon and the greatest of kings, sees life in truest perspective. In the light of eternity, he sighs, "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourished. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more." How old are you in 1988? I am still young and strong despite my age, so you say. Before the eternal God Almighty, there is no difference, whether you are seventeen or seventy. For time is as relentless as the MRT trains. Whether we stand at the head of a queue or at the very end, train after train rolls on, and in a matter of minutes we are all whisked away. Soon, and sooner than you think, we must leave Earth's station!

Where will the train of time take you? King Solomon says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). Some desperate people, like the drug traffickers, or the wild speculators, who only think of making a fast buck, who want money and not life, say to themselves, "If the worst comes to worst, we can escape by suicide." They think they can cheat even in death: like the woman suspect with a false Japanese passport who took cyanide, but is now extradited from Bahrain to Seoul for the probable bombing of the Korean airliner over Burma. Are you also scheming in this frame of mind? Morality today is like a door mat trampled under foot.

Listen! The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Jesus says, "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched. . . . And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched" (Mark 9:43,45). These are solemn words from the mouth of the Son of God.

To know, dear listener, whether you will enter heaven or hell in the next life, is the supreme decision on the long term you must make at the threshold of the new year. Don't procrastinate! Don't say, when I'm about to die, then I'll call on Jesus. It will be too late then! Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." If you come to Him right now, as you solemnly say yes to Him wherever you are, at home or in hospital, or whether you are listening to your car radio or from some hotel room, He will receive you and make you a new person in the flash of a split second. No matter how crimson your sin and miserable your conscience, He can save you now.

Come, every soul by sin oppressed,
There's mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest
By trusting in His Word.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now;
He will save you, He will save you,
He will save you now.

For your short term plan, that is, for the short span of your working life, the Bible says again, "For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or

that" (James 4:15). Whatever plan you have made for 1988, now that you are a Christian you will not think you have the final say. Nor is consultation with your wife, or mother, or girlfriend, any added assurance. Your decision is in God! Do you pray to the Lord? Do you have a peaceful heart in the direction you are heading? Is what you are embarking on according to the Word of God?

Perhaps God is calling you into fulltime service. But you have been putting Him off, year after year. 1988 may be the crucial year when you must answer to the Son of God: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). And, if you are too affluent, then hear what He says to the rich young ruler: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven: and come and follow Me" (Matt. 19:21). Here are the words of an Indian prince who responded to God's call in music:

I have decided to follow Jesus, Tho' no one join me, still I will follow,
I have decided to follow Jesus, Tho' no one join me, still I will follow,
I have decided to follow Jesus, Tho' no one join me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back. No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.

Whatever plan, long term or short term, you are making for 1988, know that you are but a vapour, like dew in the morning sun. For what is your life? It appears but for a little time and then vanisheth away! Moreover, Jesus says, "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mk. 8:36). Amen.

ANOTHER TAMIL SERVICE INAUGURATED

For the last 8 months Preacher Mani of New Life has been supported by our Church to run a Children's Meeting at the Oil Palm Estate at Layang², a railway town 50 miles north of Singapore. In the course of this outreach, Mani has discovered five Christian families, who rarely attend church. The devout among them manage to worship at Kluang, 25 miles north, once a month. Being burdened for these unchurched families, Mani made this New Year resolution--to start a Tamil service for Layang².

Now, it happens there is a handsome brick church, Anglican style with stained glass windows, built 30 years ago by the European planters, now repatriated. Mr Sekaran, an Estate officer and a convert of Rev Goh Seng Fong, holds the key to this brick church. What better place to start the Tamil service?

Friday Jan 8, two carloads of FEBC students headed by the principal arrived promptly at 5 pm for the Inauguration. With Tamil Christians coming in from Ulu Tiram in a minibus, we had about 45 seated in the deep European pews. The principal preached from Luke 4:25,26, pointing out the analogy between Layang² and Elijah's Zarepheth.

Another Tamil Service in our extension of God's Kingdom in Malaysia!

- T.T.

<u>APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11th - 17th Jan)</u>			<u>4-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES</u>
MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)	42)\$150; 43)\$200; 44)\$400; 45)\$400; 46)\$353(YF-YAF); 47)\$250;
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	48)\$100(Boxes); 49)\$200(10 am); 50)\$200(10 am)
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev Charlie Tan)	51)\$250(10 am); 52)\$50. <u>Total \$21,719.50</u>
FRI	8.00 pm	House-blessing, Mr & Mrs David Poh, Blk 110, #04-610, Potong Pasir Ave 1, tel. 2832526 (Rev Tow)	<u>EXTENSION BLDG FUND</u> 1543)\$1000; 1544)\$150; 1545)\$103; 1546)\$50; 1547)\$20; 1548)\$150; 1549)\$500; 1550)\$50(YF-YAF); 1551)\$353(WF); 1552)\$300; 1553)\$35,151.73(N.Life).
SAT	2.00 pm	Orientation for Students to WA (Rev Tow)	<u>Total \$1,280,242.16</u>
	3.00 pm	Rodney Thaver-Tan Lip Lay Wed. (Rev Charlie Tan)	<u>OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR:</u> Burma \$50, \$1000, \$100(rent), \$250, \$200, \$350; Church Choir \$50
	7.30 pm	House-blessing at Mr & Mrs Koipillai, Bishan (Rev Tow)	<u>Tampines Outreach Van Fund \$4100; Renovations \$2000. Stop Press! Burma: \$2090 (by post)</u>
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tow	<u>3 of our cars are reported by Chancery Court Residents to be still intruding into their visitors' parking lots. Kindly refrain!</u>
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Mr Colin Wong)	<u>Obituary. Elder Lau King Hong was taken home suddenly Thursday Jan 7. Funeral Sat. was conducted by pastor of Kum-Yan Church. Deepest condolences to Mrs Rosy Lau.</u>
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<u>Sunset Gospel Hour, every Sun., 6pm at Calvary Pandan BPC:</u>
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	17/1 Signs of the Times - Rev Charlie Tan
	10.30 am	Church Choir Practice	24/1 Man's Only Hope - Rev Timothy Tow
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship	31/1 Rapture for You? - Rev Timothy Tow
	12.30 pm	Evangelistic Band	<u>Nursery duty today: Mrs Doris Chen</u>
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service	
<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u> \$4,310 (8.00 am)			
\$12,538 (10.30 am)			

Corrigendum: for \$6448 (Christmas Eve) read
"\$6348 (Watchnight Service)"

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An Eye-witness Report on the
North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelisation
July 22-26, 1987, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
By David W. Cloud in "O Timothy!"

III

THE OPENING EVENING OF THE CONGRESS

The first night, Wed. July 22, Vinson Synan was introduced by Roman Catholic layman Kevin M. Ranaghan, chairman of the 1977 Kansas City Conference. They hugged, and Ranaghan said, "Isn't it a wonderful thing for a Catholic to introduce a pentecostal!" They then hugged again. Ranaghan said Synan has brought together 32-35 streams of Christianity. Synan said there "are 242 million Christians baptised in the Holy Ghost . . . There is a call to bring Jesus Christ to all nations of the world in our time The vision God has given is to give Jesus a gift of the majority of the world as Christians . . . we're praying this Superdome will be a new upper room so the day will come when the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as water covers the seas."

Billy Graham Sends His Blessing

That night Billy Graham sent greetings and blessings to the Congress via a video clip which was introduced with much fanfare and shown on the two large screens in the Superdome. A press release gave the text of Graham's address:

"Greetings in the name of the Lord! I would love to be with you today in your great conference. But I am unable to do so because we are involved in a crusade here in Denver, Colorado, which involves really the whole state of Colorado. I rejoice with you at the goals of your North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelisation. And I thank God for the vital role that your movement is having in bringing about a spiritual awakening in this country. Today it is encouraging to see the Holy Spirit moving in His church across North America and in other parts of the world toward the goal of bringing others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. My prayers are with you that your congress will be greatly blessed of God and used by the Holy Spirit to further the Good News of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May God bless you all!!!" (Press release)

Note that Billy Graham's blessing was upon this conference and all of the strange, unscriptural things that went on there.

After watching and hearing Graham's video clip, Catholic Ranaghan led the conference in a prayer for Graham's crusade going on in Colorado. Ranaghan spoke in "tongues" as he led the prayer for Graham's conference over the Superdome PA system, and the huge Superdome was filled with the strange sound of thousands praying in tongues, the first time that would happen during the conference, but certainly not the last!

Graham's open approval of the conference was very pleasing to the conference leaders. Synan referred to Graham's message during the Sat. afternoon press conference, saying, "Billy Graham's office said he wanted to come just to be refreshed. We feel that is a breakthrough."

By the way, we learned that the Pope was behind the meeting as well. Tom Forrest, the speaker for the closing General Session, said that John Paul II was behind the conference wholeheartedly. Forrest should know since his offices are in Rome across from the Vatican and he is the head of Evangelisation 2000 and works directly under the Pope's supervision.

Holy Shouting

Bob Weiner, who also led the Youth Explosion '87, said that a prophecy in 1979 indicated that "more people are going to be saved in the 1980s than all the people saved in the history of the world." This was one of the many indications of the confidence charismatics are placing in prophecies and continuing revelations. He led the crowd in an amazingly confusing time of "holy shouting" which he said would "bring holiness, healing, forgiveness." Thus the auditorium of the immense Superdome was filled for a few moments with 35,000 voices lifted in "holy shouting." It could only be described as mass confusion, yet the Bible says God is not the author of confusion, but of peace (1 Cor. 14:33).

Weiner also said, "We are going to be changed and be a part of the body of Christ without spot or wrinkle. . . The Holy Ghost is coming upon us tonight . . . that through that holiness, that power of the Spirit, we WILL evangelise the world."

This statement by Weiner about those at this conference being the body of Christ, the people of God, Christian saints, etc., set the stage for the attitude which would be taken by all the speakers. It was taken for granted that the Congress registrants were the people of God, in spite of the fact that at least 50% were Roman Catholic and a large percentage of the others were from a sacramental-type background whereby salvation is supposedly achieved through a PROCESS, beginning at baptism and being maintained or nurtured through the sacraments of the church.

Statements were made such as "You are sons of God, daughters of God, children of the King" (Carl Richardson). "Let's exercise our authority as a priesthood of believers to pray for these leaders" (Richardson). The prophecies also were spoken as if those present were saved. One illustrates the tone of all of them: "My children, ten years ago I brought you together . . . above all I brought you together to be one." You can see that all were

treated as born again people, as children of God. This assumption on the part of the speakers and Congress leaders that those present were saved people became confusing, to say the least, when on Friday night at least half of the people stood, indicating they wanted to be saved! We will say more about this.

One of the singers for the first evening, a fourth generation pentecostal, said, "Thank you for opening your spirits up to us." This is one of the serious errors of the charismatic movement. God warns against spiritual deception and therefore commands, "be sober," "be soberminded." This command which is repeated often in the N. Testament is a command to be in full control of one's mind, to be on guard at all times. Those who release control of their minds and faculties are opening themselves to spiritual delusions and are disobeying God. One of the key teachings of the charismatic movement is that in order to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the experience of tongues, the individual must release control of his mind and tongue, to "let go and let God." This is clearly contrary to the warning and command of God.

Dorothy Ranaghan

Dorothy Ranaghan, a Roman Catholic, also spoke Wed. evening. She said that she hopes to lead her children "to the fullness of salvation." Note the Catholic idea of growing into salvation, of salvation as a process. This was taught and implied often during the Congress and openly promoted in many of the books which were for sale. In those books salvation was called a "process," "a continual redemption," "an adherence to a program of life." Let me quote from a booklet that I purchased at the official conference sales area:

"This kingdom and this salvation . . . are available to every human being as grace and mercy, and yet at the same time each individual must gain them . . . through toil and suffering, through a life lived according to the Gospel, through abnegation and the cross, through the spirit of the beatitudes" (Pope John Paul VI, ON EVANGELISATION IN THE MODERN WORLD, a message given in Rome, Dec. 8, 1975, pg. 6-7)

This is blasphemously wrong. The Christian does not grow into salvation or earn salvation through faithfully holding out in the sacraments and good service, as the Roman Catholic Church teaches. We have full, eternal, secure salvation the very moment we place our faith upon the Lord Jesus Christ and His Atonement on the Cross of Calvary. More is said about this in the article, "Cursed Additions."

Mrs Ranaghan referred to Francis Xavier as a great example of evangelistic zeal and self-sacrifice, and told how that he knew the Japanese would require that he live a holy life. She said, "He agonised because of the lack of holiness in the lives of Christians of the 16th century." Those who know the real history of Xavier know that he was a traditional Catholic missionary who preached the cursed false sacramental gospel of Rome and who crossed the seas to make converts who would become two-fold the children of hell than he, as Jesus said to the Pharisees of His day (Matt. 6). Ranaghan also challenged the 35,000 charismatics that "we need to touch up our halos," then explained about halos in Roman Catholic iconology (idolatry) and spoke reverently of Catholic "saints." This is the first in what would become a steady stream of traditional Catholic error which was promoted at the conference. Apostate Catholic teaching was everywhere. It was in the bookstores, in the workshops such as the one on "Mary and Pentecost," it was in the Catholic masses which were held in the main floor of the Superdome each morning, it was in the General Sessions in the evening, concluding with the final message being delivered by a Roman Catholic leader, Tom Forrest, whose offices are in Rome across from the Vatican.

(to be continued)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18th - 24th Jan)			4-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES
MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)	53)\$400; 54)\$300;
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	55)\$400; 56)\$2000; 57)\$402; 58)\$50(10.30 am);
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting	59)\$1000(10.30 am); 60)\$1000(AF).
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)	Total \$27,271.50
SAT	9.30 am	Rev Tow to Tg Pinang Wedding	EXTN BLDG FUND 1554)\$20. Total \$1,280,262.16
	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC	OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBEC EXTN FUND \$150;
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF	FEBEC \$65; Jess & Deeram \$200, \$50, \$300; Burma
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan	\$1000, \$50(Bible transln), \$360, \$880; Mis-
	9.30 am	Sunday School	sions \$100; Renovations \$1800, \$50; Dyak Mis-
	9.30 am	Catechism Class	sionaries \$623.58(Hsu).
	10.00 am	Rev Tow at Tg Pinang	Warm Welcome to Rev & Mrs John Parschaner
	10.30 am	Rev K.C. Quek (Elder Tay)	(Friends of Dr Murray) to our Guest House,
	10.30 am	Church Choir Practice	Feb 4 & 5!
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship	Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu: Thanks for your
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	cheque for 4 Finished Filipino Churches!
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services	The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit by
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia	Rene Pache, textbook for Mon evening class.
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	Limited copies at CLBC!
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service	Pastor will visit Rawang Feb 7, 4pm, for bap-
	6.00 pm	Rev C. Tan in lie of Rev Tow	tisms, and Muar BPC (Elder Koa) 8 pm.
		at Calvary-Pan Sunset Hour	Nursery duty today: Mrs Jenny Kan
LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$1,915 (8 am)			Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead
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An Eye-witness Report on the
North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelisation
July 22-26, 1987, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
By David W. Cloud in "O Timothy!"

IV

MORNING MASS IN THE SUPERDOME

More than half of the conference attendees were present for the RC mass which was held each morning of the congress from Thursday until Sunday in the Superdome. It began with charismatic renewal music--contemporary folk and rock, then three priests walked in, one holding a Bible over his head and another with his hands held high in the air. The session leader of one mass we observed was Hal Cohen and the officiating priest, Dennis Phaneuf. Cohen began by lifting his hands, then spoke of the saving waters and renewing of baptism. He said, "Let us praise God through the eucharist," then babbled in "tongues" and sang "glory to Jesus." The crowd then sang "Lord, pour on us the Spirit of the Lord."

The homily was delivered in a fairly dynamic way. Phaneuf said, "We would be amazed to see how much we agree on our faith and on our reality." He cleverly and deceptively referred to E. V. Hill's statement the night before on position vs. condition, and said, "We are called to holiness, not to gain God's love, but because he has covered us by his blood." That sounded good and true, but the sad fact is that he was saying this right before the abominable mass in which he would claim to consecrate the bread and wine so that it would actually become Jesus Christ, and he, the Catholic priest, would then re-sacrifice Christ upon the Roman altar and the people would then receive Jesus afresh. Thus the Roman Catholics believe they receive Him when they are baptised, then again when they are confirmed, then daily as they receive the mass and other Catholic sacraments. Thus when Phaneuf said that Catholics are covered by Christ's blood, he did not mean that the Catholic can know and rejoice in the fact that he has eternal salvation and security in Christ, but that the Catholic is covered by Christ's blood as long as he continues faithful in the sacraments of his church. There was a great deal of open deception at this conference, especially on the part of the Catholic leaders. They would use Bible terminology and leave their listeners with the idea that they believed sound Bible truth, whereas they were merely taking terms familiar with Pentecostals and evangelicals and inserting into those terms their own heretical beliefs.

If you don't believe this, please write to us for the study, "Has the Catholic Church Changed," a study of the Vatican II documents--documents which were on sale at the congress in New Orleans, by the way. We also refer you to the quotes from the book that we purchased at the conference, which was edited by Tom Forrest, the head of the Catholic Evangelisation 2000 and the keynote speaker the last night of the conference. These quotes are printed in this issue of O Timothy in the article, "Quotes From a Book Edited by the Head of Evangelisation 2000 and a Main Speaker at New Orleans '87." The Roman Catholic church has not turned from its error, and the charismatic Catholics continue to believe those errors.

The priest giving the homily prior to the mass then preached on four areas of holiness: 1) Honesty, 2) Chastity, 3) Love, and 4) Whole value in the religion of our Lord. In this last point he was speaking of having a balance, of courage and meekness, etc. He said we should look to the saints such as Bernadette, St. Theresa. Then, setting the tone for the overwhelming Mariolatry which was promoted at New Orleans '87, the priest said, "The greatest model is Mary." He concluded by saying, "As we seek to evangelise the world as one Christian body, we must remember God has called us to holiness."

The reference to "one Christian body" is highly significant. The Bible never speaks of one Christian body composed of true Christians and false Christians, of false churches and true, of apostate denominations. Of course, the "one body" this priest was speaking of is none other than the Roman Catholic church itself. It still claims to be the fullness of the body of Christ, and even though non-Catholics are now accepted as separated brethren, note that they are indeed "separated" brethren. Separated from what? Separated from the one true Christian body, the Roman Catholic Church, to which they must be rejoined if they are to experience the fullness of life with Christ. The call still goes out for non-Catholics to be joined to the "head of the church." Christ? No, the pope of Rome, the Vicar of Christ!

The mass was traditional except for the contemporary musical interludes, the tongues and the prophecies. The priest held up a large host and proclaimed, "This is the body of the Lord," then a cup of red wine, saying, "the blood of our Lord." Priests then marched to positions around the Superdome and stationed themselves with the consecrated hosts and distributed them to the people as they were guided from the chairs row by row by the ushers. The priest near us was saying as he handed the host to the people, "The body of Christ; the body of Christ; the body of Christ." During a lull in the line, I asked him if that wafer is the body of Christ. He answered, "Yes, this is the body and blood of our Lord." Meanwhile, the other priests were drinking of a yellow, strongly alcoholic wine from cups which had been filled from a pitcher. After and during the mass, prophecies were given. The first was by a woman; the second by a man. The man said,

"You have my real body; you have my real blood Come out of your castles My people, will you open up to me so I can place within you a steadfast spirit, spiritual life, love, holiness? My beloved, will you answer my call? . . . for I am here and I am waiting."

Was Jesus Christ really prophesied through this Roman Catholic? Through that prophecy, was Jesus actually confirming that the wafers and wine which were being consecrated by the Roman priest were truly His real body and real blood? No, it was false blasphemy; in fact, I experienced "chillbumps." It was frightening to listen to something so obviously of the devil. Much of the charismatic experience is merely a working of the flesh, but something so blasphemous as this was nothing less than demonic.

As the priests were gathering the unused hosts, I asked one what they would do with them. He said they would put them "locked and sealed" in a "tabernacle" of a RC church in the city and later they will be distributed to hospitals and to those who cannot get out. Of course, according to Catholic theology, each of those consecrated wafers was Jesus Christ himself, and Catholics kneel before the tabernacles in their buildings which contain the wafers, and pray to them as if they are Jesus. They pray to the wafers, confess sins to the wafers, worship the wafers, and oftentimes carry the wafers in processions, just as the heathen carry around their idols in the little temples. This is gross and foolish idolatry. The mass was closed by having the people stand and sing "Crown Him with Many Crowns." How deceptive to close such a blasphemous and unscriptural event by such a blessed hymn. The entire experience left me emotionally saddened, physically sickened and spiritually drained.

I hope our readers see the significance of the Roman Catholic mass at the centre of a massive charismatic meeting. There is nothing in the world of Christendom more blasphemous and false than the Catholic mass. And for 150 of the most popular charismatic leaders and 35,000 charismatic Christians to accept the mass, allowing it to be performed in their midst, is incontrovertible evidence of the apostasy of the charismatic movement itself. As we will mention later in the report, Pentecostal Congress Chairman Vinson Synan invited the people to attend the Sunday morning mass and said it was a most beautiful experience. It is time for Christians to awake out of their sleep and see the charismatic movement for what it is--a way of error which is leading deeper and deeper into apostasy and ever nearer to Rome, the very seat of apostasy. (to be continued)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(25th - 31st Jan '88)

MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	2.30 pm	Simon Chong-Joanne Chan Wedding (Rev Tow)
	6.30 pm	AF 7th Anniv. (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Calvary-Pan Sunset Gosepl Hour

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,044 (8 am)
\$5,281 (10.30 am)

4-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 61)\$500;
62)\$200(Pepsi); 63)\$2500; 64)\$150; 65)
\$24; 66)\$200. Total \$30,745.50

EXTN BLDG FUND 1555)\$300; 1556)\$20.
Total \$1,280,582.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Burma \$550,
\$1000(Church & Bible College); Jess
\$900; Sunday School \$50; Tracts \$30;
Missionaries \$50; FEBC Scholarship
\$150.

Welcome to Mr Mark Heath's Mother to
our Guest House, Jan 30 - Feb 1.

Our Church Front Lawn will soon be
concreted for a permanent car park
and playing ground!

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Anglican-style Brick Church left behind by European planters, now used by Layang² Bible-Presbyterian (Tamil) Church (Inaugurated Jan 8, '88).

The Session has elected the following to the Missions Committee: Elder Tay (Chairman); Elders Sng, Mahadevan and Chia.

Family Bible Camp is to be held at Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands, Indonesia, Mar 14-17. Limited to 150 only! Book early!

The full text of our B-P Church's statement on the Charismatic movement has been published in the "Far Eastern Beacon" monthly, and its Chinese translation in the "Southeast Asia Christian" monthly. Copies are available after the worship service this Lord's Day.

Users of the U-Balcony: Please keep it clean and tidy. No pews in Church are to be shifted around.

Nursery duty today: Mrs Gladys Sng

Extending Our Judean Ministry Southwards!

At the last Session Meeting, four elders who are actively engaged in extending the Gospel were elected to the Missions Committee, viz., Elders Tay, Sng, Mahadevan and Chia. They are to supervise the growing numbers of our mission stations. Not mentioning Burma, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia, which are well known to our Readers, we counted the following that have extended from J.B. to the Malaysian Capital: they are Word of Life (Christian) Book Centre, J.B., Ulu Tiram, Kular Besar, Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban, Bukit Batu, Layang Layang, Muar (Elder Koa), Rawang, Bukit Gambir, Kundang Ulu, Taman Sri Melati (K.L.) and Selayang Segar (awaiting inauguration). As these stations are nearest to their home base, we comprehend them under our "Judean Ministry."



Now, one of our strongest immediate outreaches is Tanjung Pinang in the Riau Islands, Indonesia, 48 miles S.E. of S'pore. As she is only 3½ hours away by boat, we'd list her under our Judean ministry. Linked to this "offshore" Judean ministry is also Batam, on which Session has begun to focus a keen interest, in view of one of our graduating Indonesian students offering herself for Batam.

For the last one year, we have been preparing for our Annual Family Camp, March 14-17, 1988. Owing to recent developments beyond our borders, we cancelled the usual Port Dickson rendezvous. As we waited on the Lord, we became persuaded that He would want us "to go south"--to Tanjung Pinang! This new direction was confirmed by the unanimous decision of Session to proceed

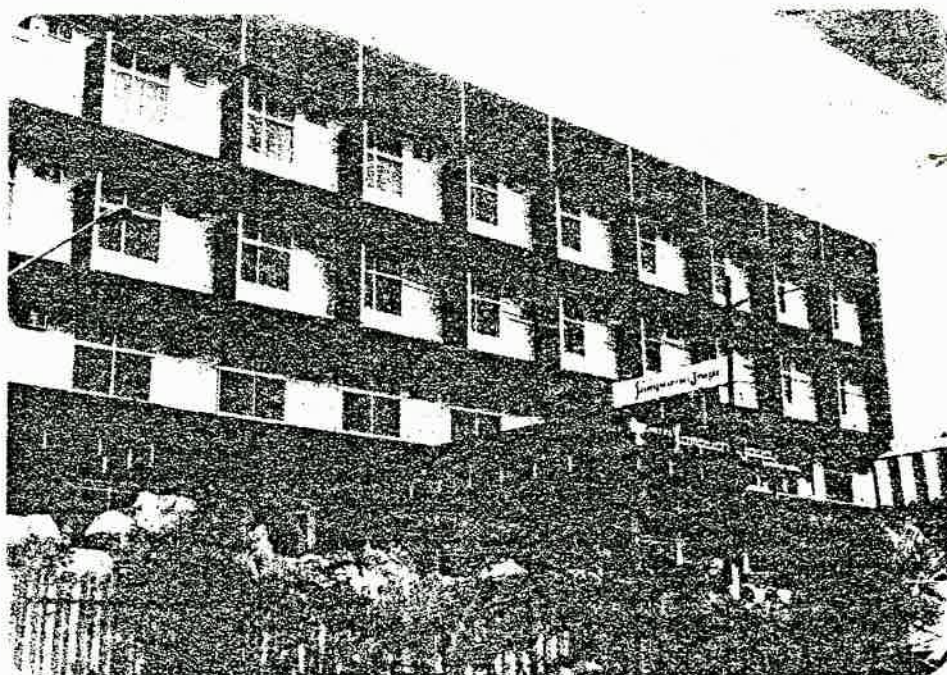
forthwith with arrangements.

By a providential timing of the Lord, pastoral duty called me south last week--to solemnise the marriage of the eldest son of a Deacon of Tanjung Pinang Presbyterian Church. This gave me the golden opportunity to prepare the groundwork for our coming Family Camp. In view of the fact that over 100 of us will be converging on this Islands Emporium, and on a Church we have ministered unto the last 15 years, we have therefore chosen "Missions" to be the theme of our Camp.

Apart from three full days of theological instruction (the Five Points of Calvinism), we shall study missions history and hold three nights of Gospel meetings for the people of this Big Island. The first night will be at Kijang, 30 km east of Tg Pinang on the South China Sea. Here Hakka would be the medium of preaching. Two nights at Tg Pinang will be in English translated into Indonesian. Through these close contacts with the Teochew clans, we hope our members will henceforth be more committed to spreading the Gospel. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt 24:14).

For accommodations we have booked the best hotel in town, built only 3 years ago. Sempurna Jaya Hotel stands tall on a hill slope overlooking the palm-fringed seas. It has 77 rooms to take in all of us. It offers all the facilities that our S'pore hotels provide. It is 8 minutes by walking to our meeting place at the Church. As it is fully air-conditioned, there should not be any mosquitoes to bother you. For our transportation between S'pore and Tg Pinang, the same Deacon who got me to marry his eldest son will ferry us to and fro by charter (the sea is smooth in March). For four full days and three nights, inclusive of transport and all meals, the rates are \$225 for single occupancy, \$190 double, and \$165 triple. Children between 3 and 12, \$120. "Mura dan baik" ever is Life Church's motto. Book early with the Office to avoid disappointment! Passports must have 6 month validity. Closing date: Feb. 9.

Deacon Wee Chin Kam, who has managed several camps at P.D., is Camp Master again. For further information, contact him at tel. 2535862, or Miss Seen Seen, 2569256.



JOHN 3:16, Hyper-Calvinists and Calvin Pure and Simple

"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).

This most famous verse in the Bible is now being taught by a group of Calvinists to offer salvation only to the elect, and not generally to all. The door to heaven is one leaf shut by man!

But does Calvin himself teach such a narrow view? In his commentary on John 3:16 where it touches "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish," Calvin says, "And He [Jesus] has used a general term, both to invite indiscriminately all to share in life and to cut off every excuse from unbelievers. Such is also the significance of the term 'world' which He used before. For although there is nothing in the world deserving of God's favour, He nevertheless shows He is favourable to the whole world when He calls all without exception to the faith of Christ, which is indeed an entry into life."

To put it in a nutshell, though the offer is accepted effectively by the elect, it is nevertheless sufficiently offered to all mankind. This is the Calvinist interpretation, and the true one at that.

In the light of the said misinterpretation of Jn 3:16 by so-called Calvinists, here are the remarks by Dr J.C. Maris in his Foreword to my Abridgment of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion: "Calvinism is often misrepresented, not only by its opponents but also by those who are accounted its adherents. While the latter draw conclusions that are alien to the Reformers' teaching, the former tend to make a caricature of his thoughts. Consequently the rank and file of Protestant Christians are lacking a clear insight of what the system represents"

One reason why sons of the Presbyterian Faith, which stems from Calvin's teaching, do not know their spiritual fathers' doctrine is they have not read his profuse writings. To make his teaching readily available to the layman, I have abridged thus far half of his massive Four Books. One hundred and twenty copies of this Abridgment are offered free to our worshippers today at the Church counters--first come, first served! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(1st - 7th Feb '88)

MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30pm - YF
	3.30 pm	Lim Ching Wah-Elsie Chia
		Swee Lian Wed.(Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.00 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Rawang
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	8.00 pm	Rev Tow at Muar

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,035 (8.00 am)

\$4,894 (10.30 am)

4-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 67)\$500
(10.30 am); 68)\$50(10.30 am); 69)\$200
(Chinese S. member); 70)\$150(Boxes); 71)
\$600. Total \$32,245.50

OFFERINGS FOR BURMA (as at 24/1/88):

Church & College - \$32,692.50; Horses -
\$1,300; Rent - \$200; Bible Translation -
\$1,910. TOTAL: \$36,102.50

EXTN BLDG FUND 1557)\$200; 1558)\$1000;
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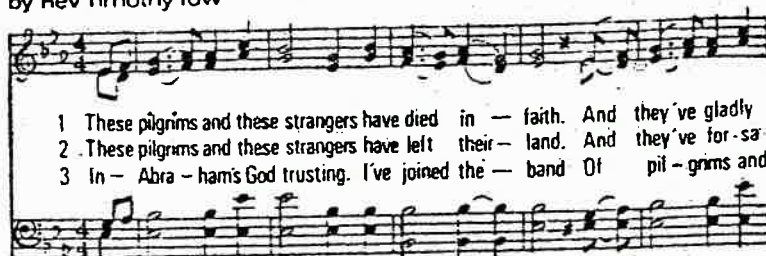
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Missions \$500(WF); Aircon Renovations:
\$1800, \$300, \$891.25, \$1000.

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Florida, USA, June 6-16, '88. The
S'pore-Malaysia-Indonesia delegation
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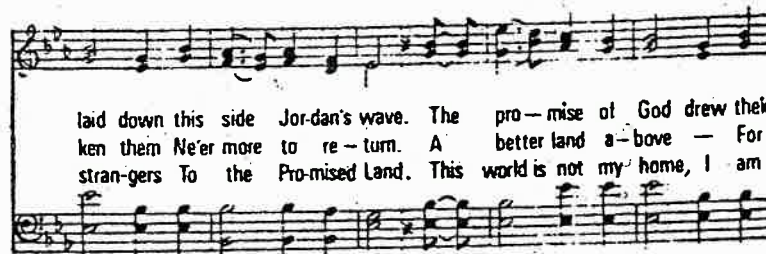
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The Pilgrims' Home Sweet Home

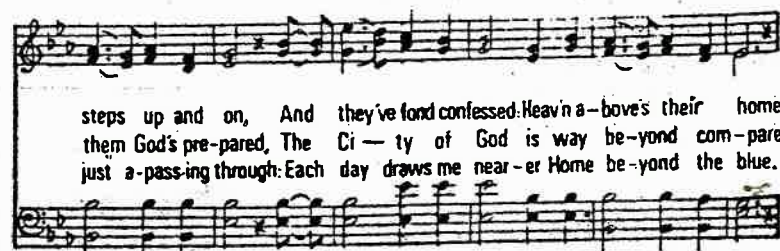
by Rev Timothy Tow



1 These pilgrims and these strangers have died in — faith. And they've gladly
2 These pilgrims and these strangers have left their — land. And they've for-sa-
3 In — Abra — ham's God trusting. I've joined the — band Of pil — grims and

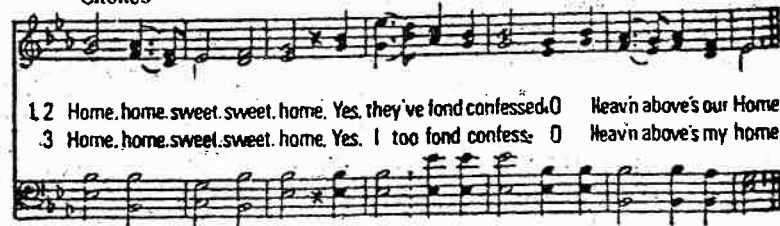


laid down this side Jordan's wave. The pro — mise of God drew their
ken them Ne'er more to re — turn. A better land a — bove — For
stran — gers To the Pro-mised Land. This world is not my home, I am



steps up and on, And they've fond confessed. Heav'n a — bove's their home.
them God's pre — pared, The Ci — ty of God is way be — yond com — pare.
just a — pass — ing through. Each day draws me near — er Home be — yond the blue.

CHORUS



12 Home, home, sweet, sweet, home. Yes, they've fond confessed. O Heav'n above's our Home.
3 Home, home, sweet, sweet, home. Yes, I too fond confess: O Heav'n above's my home.

Seoul and New York and on to Orlando (one hour's
drive to Cape Canaveral). Return ticket is
\$2,234. Board & lodgings at Congress is US\$30
per day. Book with Rev K.C. Quek as soon as
possible. Tel. 2875466.

Testimony of Miss Casilda Britto of Medan, Indonesia

This is my testimony of how I came to Christ. My name is Casilda Britto. My parents gave me a perfect Catholic upbringing and education. Since childhood, my father saw to it the kind of career I should follow, especially in learning piano and playing the organ for the second Mass every Sunday morning. Later on he insisted that I also teach the Church Choir members choral music once or twice a week. He reminded me that duty to God is first in my life and all other assets can follow later. This I volunteered for over 35 years, but I never felt happiness as a Catholic. I never did understand anything regarding the Gospel. Everytime I asked my priest to explain a little of the Gospel to me, he would say, "Oh, I am very busy, and I have to attend to this or that." Since then I gave up asking and I went to church for the one-hour duty to please my father.

In 1952, I became seriously ill and I was sent to hospital, but the Dutch doctors said there was no cure and sent me back home. This made my parents very upset and sad. I was locked up in a room as I was unable to see light, people, water, etc. In a minute I would cry, then suddenly laugh, and then scream until my parents' friends brought dukuns, one after another, to cure me. Year after year I continued to be ill. I was getting from bad to worse. People even took me to the Chinese Temples. They gave me strips of yellow and red paper which after burning I had to drink. Soon it became obvious to me that it was the work of the devil.

After 27 or 28 years of going through this kind of life, I got fed-up. I went then to the confessional at the Church and confessed all my sins to the priest. I promised to drop off all my sinful habits of going here and there to people for help. Since then, I started getting a lot of problems, one after another, never ending. In spite of that, I started fervently praying the Lord's prayer and all prayers written in the Catholic prayer books, and making novenas to Mary, to the saints, and reciting rosaries most of my precious time. I even spent all my money in order to have my house painted and cleaned in and out so that the disturbances would come to an end. Nevertheless, I never found any happiness in doing all that. I was more dead than alive. One thing that made me wonder was the fact that my father, before he passed away, said the Catholic religion was wrong, and admired Martin Luther for his protest against the pope and the great Catholic religion of that time. Maybe my father wanted me to see for myself the truth in this.

I carried on to be a Catholic though the message of the Bible was never revealed to me. I was really desperate. Everything I did went wrong. I knew in my heart that God must have been very angry with me for not obeying His commands. I bought many crosses and fixed them in front of every door and pictures of Mary on every window. I thought by doing so disturbances would not come, but on the contrary, snakes, scorpions, leeches, mice and insects started entering my sleeping room in the form of cigarette smoke.

I started calling people from the prayer group to pray in our house. At last God showed the way. Mr Dohar came and told me frankly to remove all the crosses, pictures, prayer books, etc. I did it, then he started reading passages of the Bible and also gave me testimony of how Christ saved his life. Then immediately, I asked him which church he belonged to, for I wanted to be of the same religion. Then through 9 Americans, all of different churches, who testified to me, I received Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour on July 29, 1987. Whilst reading the passages of the prayers, tears flowed and I felt really sorry for all the stupidity of my past. Slowly but surely I felt some inner changes taking place. I felt a new born person in me, so happy and impossible to describe. Nothing else mattered to me, for I had at last found what I had been searching for. Many blessings came flowing to me day after day in various ways.

On the 8th of August I had only 500 rupiahs with me and my sister asked me, "What shall we eat tomorrow?" I told her, "Don't worry, I am sure Jesus will see to it. We won't be stranded." Half an hour later, the Singapore Consul came and said that he could offer me forty thousand Rupiahs for a musical performance. The Malaysian Consul was present and he too was pleased with the music, so he asked me to play for the Malaysian National Day and he would give me seventy-five thousand Rupiahs.

There are many more examples of how God helped me, as when I was going back to Medan and how much trouble I went through until the aeroplane that left turned back to fetch me. Here in Singapore this incident happened. My friend who was watching this incident then wrote to me asking, "How is it possible that a plane comes back to fetch you? You must be somebody great." I replied to him that it was God's will.

I am truly grateful to Mr Dohar Siregar for introducing to this new belief in the Bible-Presbyterian Church, and that I am now here to meet the ones of whom he had highly spoken, Rev Timothy Tow and all the others.

I trust that my humble testimony will encourage each and every reader to want eagerly to be saved in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Dated 27th January 1988

(Miss Britto's address is 2-B Jalan Keladi Dalam, Medan-Baru, Sumatra, Indonesia.)

Ed. Note: Dohar Siregar is the first of three Siregar brothers to graduate from FEBC. A lover of Calvin, he led his two younger brothers Haposan and Agus to FEBC from which they have also graduated. Father Siregar is now an ordained B-P minister, assisted by Haposan and Agus, while Dohar runs an independent Gospel centre.

ON "LIMITED (PARTICULAR) ATONEMENT"

The doctrine of "Limited (Particular) Atonement" is based on Augustine's "Sufficient for All, Efficient for the Elect."

Buswell says, "There is no question among those who adhere to the Calvinistic system of doctrine as to the fact that the atonement of Christ is universal in three respects: (1) It is sufficient for all. It is absolutely infinite in its value and thus in its potentiality (2) The atonement is applicable to all. (3) It is offered to all On these three points of the universality of the atonement, there is no essential difference between the evangelical Arminian and the true Calvinist. (4) The atonement is particular in its ultimate results. (5) The atonement is particular in its design and intention."

"There is a special sense in which Christ is the Mediator for His elect, and not for all. He said, 'I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me, because they are Thine' (John 17:9). Within the decrees of God, the atonement was intended to accomplish precisely what it does accomplish. It accomplishes the salvation of the elect of God; it furnishes ethical and logical ground for common grace (Rom 3:25) and it renders the lost ethically and logically inexcusable (Rom 1:20)"

Buswell concludes, "God has chosen a people in Christ, from before the foundation of the world. He has provided in Christ for the certainty of their salvation, and for their progress in grace. He has made to all men the universal offer of salvation by faith in Christ. If, therefore, you will put your faith and confidence in Christ as your personal Saviour, you can know with infallible assurance of the Word of God that you are one of the elect. 'Presume on the veracity of God'." (Buswell's position is the Editor's position who studied under him.) -- Summarised from Buswell's Systematic Theology Vol. II, p. 141-144).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(8th - 14th Feb '88)

MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tan Choon Seng (Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Church Choir Practice
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	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 \$2,262 (8 am)
\$6,488 (10.30 am)
1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 72)\$40; 73)\$100(10.30 am); 74)\$150.
Total \$32,535.50 Stop Press! 75)\$200
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1561)\$500; 1562)\$30;
1563)\$50; 1564)\$100. Total \$1,286,762.16
OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Dyak Missions
\$500; Burma \$50, \$50, \$200, \$200(Bible
translation); Jess & Deeram \$100, \$50
(baby), \$500; Kelapa Sawit \$72; China
\$50; India \$50; Malaysia \$50; Tracts
\$25; Tabernacle BP Chapel \$1100(AF),
\$25; Aircon Renovation \$260, \$3100,
\$800, \$1000, \$600.

Rev Dan Ebert III phones us to acknowledge our remittance and to report on the rebuilding of the delapidated "Blood Bought Church" at Pandacan, pastored by Rev Bona. The Parsonage of the Kap-

Timothy Tow

Heavenly Melodies



1 There is a hap-py land far a-way, Far 'bove the blue.
2 Come a-way, come a-way to this Land, O don't de-lay!
3 Won-der-ful, won-der-ful, this new Land, Far 'bove the blue.



Where saints in glo-ry stand, bright as day, Prais-ing the Lord God Tri-une.
Come join us, this Christian Pil-grim band, O don't be left in the way!
Hap-py our days on earth as in Heav'n, When Christ our life has made new.



Where saints in glo-ry stand, bright as day, Prais-ing the Lord God Tri-une.
Come join us, this Christian Pil-grim band, On-ward and up-ward a-way...
Hap-py our days on earth as in Heav'n, When Christ our life has made new.



Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, I can hear them sing.
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, Mark how sweet they sing.
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, Raise our voice and sing.



itbahayan Church (Pastor Ligmon) is practically finished. Hallelujah! We are remitting another S\$20,000 to expedite!
Tanjung Pinang Ahoy! So far 10 families have registered for the Bible Camp. Hurry!

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

II Peter 3:9, Hyper-Calvinists, Calvin Pure and Simple

The same brother who argued that John 3:16 offers salvation only to the elect also plugged into II Pet 3:9 to limit his God. But Calvin, Pure and Simple, comments on "not willing that any should perish" as follows:-

"This is His wondrous love towards the human race, that He desires all men to be saved, and is prepared to bring even the perishing to safety. We must notice the order, that God is prepared to receive all men into repentance, so that none may perish. These words indicate the means of obtaining salvation, and whoever of us seeks salvation must learn to follow His way.

"It could be asked here, if God does not want any to perish, why do so many in fact perish? My reply is that no mention is made here of the secret decree of God of which the wicked are doomed to their own ruin, but only His lovingkindness as it is made known to us in the Gospel. There God stretches out His Hand to all alike, but He only grasps those (in such a way as to lead to Himself) whom He has chosen before the foundation of the world." (p. 364, A New Translation by W.B. Johnston, etc., Eerdmans Publ. Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan).

Now, let us give a helping hand to those bogged down in Hyper-Calvinism. If they can differentiate between the Desiderative Will and the Decretive Will of God, they will be elect Calvinists, pure and simple. The offer of salvation is made to all by a God who "desires all men to be saved," though "no mention is made here of the secret decree of God by which the wicked are doomed to their own ruin" (Calvin). Perhaps, we'll offer another 40 copies of Calvin's Abridged, at the Counter. We hope everyone who takes a copy is also elect!

Hyper-Calvinism ends up Neither-in-Evangelism

So when William Carey, "Father of Modern Missions," presented his ideas to a group of ministers, one of them retorted: "Young man, sit down. When God pleases to convert the heathen, He will do it without your aid or mine." Hyper-Calvinists' way of evangelism, that sit-down type, may be likened to fishing by kelong (for our foreign readers, a kelong is a fish trap set in the sea with the fisherman's quarters sitting on top of it). I presume only the elect fishes will enter the kelong. But I am persuaded there is fishing by ocean trawlers, and by many other ways of going out for the elect! "Hyper-Calvinism ends up Neither-in Evangelism."

Tanjung Pinang, AHOY!

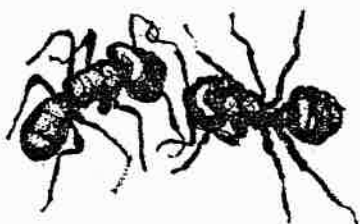
Tanjung Pinang has become one tourist destination of Singaporeans, so that every weekend sees droves of them being propelled by speedboats across the island-studded seas 48 miles south! Going to Tanjung Pinang for our Annual Family Camp will no doubt give first timers a delightful sea-experience. But our main aim is instruct members in our most holy faith. Incidentally, we chose the "Five Points of Calvinism" which should help correct Hyper-Calvinistic ideas now invading our Church. Our visit to Tanjung Pinang will give members on-the-spot experience of one of our mission fields. It will give us on-the-spot preaching to the Islanders. One very precious benefit of this trip is getting to know one another, and so inculcate a stronger family spirit which is lacking in every big church. We are limiting it to 120 big and small, so hurry, in order not to be left out. Thank God for providing us the best hotel in town.

One Week to Perth

My wife and I have been invited by the BPCWA to their Second Anniversary Thanksgiving, since many friendly ties were made during our one month plus three-and-a-half months' ministry there in 1986. Our desire going downunder (Feb 15-21) is to strengthen the bonds of the brethren and to add to the witness there by whatever means He has enabled us. We'll bring along 40 copies of the "Gospel of Life" as requested. In this connection, we covet your prayers for the publication of The Asian Awakening (same size as John Sung My Teacher) that it may be added material for soul-winning. We desire to see the Gospel Witness spread from Jerusalem "to all Judea . . ." as the next step of Church growth in Western Australia. Pray for us, for Mr Robin Tan, Eng Lam and Shirleen, Mr & Mrs Mark Heath.

Mr Wilfred T. Chellappah

who studied a year at FEBC after his conversion, is wellknown in as the mosquito-man for having one mosquito which he identified named after him. Mr Chellappah has served in the field of Entomology for over 40 years. He has contributed his valuable experience to Sri Lanka, Papua and S'pore. Now an evangelist-at-large, he lectures on the life of insects and draws from them spiritual lessons for our learning. He has travelled widely, speaking particularly at Bible Colleges and Schools, with audio-visual aids. On Monday Feb. 15, at the usual hour of my lecture, 7.30 pm, Mr Chellappah will give to the Holy Spirit Class, with extended invitation to our Readers, a lecture with lantern-slides on "Insects: Wonderful Creation of God."



Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise:
Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in
the harvest.
How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out
of thy sleep?
Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the
hands to sleep:
So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want
as an armed man. -- PROVERBS 6:6-11

Monthly 4th Friday Gospel Film Night

From the 4th Saturday Night we have advanced to the 4th Friday Night, because Saturday is too crowded with youth activities. Now, this newly scheduled 4th Friday Gospel Film Night is meant for every Church member to bring a soul to Christ. If you cannot witness with your mouth, here's a chance to witness with your hands and feet. There's a Christian saying, "Evangelise or Fossilise."

Apart from this 4th Friday Gospel Film Night (thanks to YAF's contribution), we also have the Sunday afternoon Evangelistic Band. The young people are concentrating on Toa Payoh. Pray for them. Pray for the Film Night. Bring an unsaved friend.

WELCOME HOME is the title of a 54 minute Film which tells the incredible story of Tony, a young drug pusher who comes to Christ through the love and concern of a group of Christians. A powerful message of God's love and forgiveness--this film is by far one of the best young adult evangelistic films to come along in years. Date of showing: Friday Feb. 26, 7.30 pm.

Remember Life Church's slogan: "Do something good for Jesus everyday!"

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm "Bible and Insects"
(Mr Chellappah)
8.45 pm Rev & Mrs Tow leave SQ 223
for Perth
TUE No Prayer Mtg (Chinese N. Year's Eve)
WED 8.00 am Chinese New Year Thanksgiving
Service (Rev P. Tan, intep. r.
by Mr Peter Chng)
FRI 7.30 pm 2nd Anniversary Dinner, BPCWA,
Perth (Rev Tow)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
3.30 pm YF
SUN 8.00 am Elder Chia Kim Chwee
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class
10.00 am Rev Tow at BPCWA, Perth
10.30 am Rev Anthony Tan (Elder Khoo)
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Church Choir Practice
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.25 pm Rev & Mrs Tow return SQ 224

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,217 (8.00 am)

\$10,166 (10.30 am)

1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 76)\$100; 77)
\$1000; 78)\$150(10.30 am); 79)\$100(10.30 am)
80)\$400(10.30 am). Total \$34,485.50

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1565)\$300; 1566)\$20;
1567)\$416(Chinese S.). Total \$1,287,498.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Church Choir \$50;
Bible Translation \$50; Burma \$250; FEBC
\$5000(POSB 704148); Rev Paauwe \$250(Linda;
Holland), \$300 (Hongbao).

Rev Bob Phee's Address: Unit 1/10-12, Flor-
ence Ave, North Clayton, Victoria 3168,
Australia. Tel: (03)544-8863.

40 copies of Calvin's (Theology) Abridged
are made available to those who missed get-
ting one. Stop Press! Received draft of 375 Dutch Guilders from Linda for FEBC!

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Rates for Tanjung Pinang Bible Camp, Mar 14-
17, (4 full days and 3 nights): Single occupa-
ncy \$225, Twin-sharing \$190, Triple-sharing
\$165. Includes boat-fare, all meals, at Sam-
purna Jaya Hotel, the best in town. (Special
programme for children, conducted by FEBC
students.)

Holy Land Tour under the auspices of Calvary
BPC, May 31-June 12, is open to Lifers! Elder
Chia Kim Chwee is a tour leader with Dr Tow
Siang Hwa. Those interested please see Elder
Chia.

The Synod will meet at Life Church, Wed 24th
Feb, 8 pm. Owing to Chinese New Year and Synod
Meeting, Session is notified to meet Fri 26th
Feb, 8 pm, N.B.!

As there is a surplus of surplus clothing,
kindly hold on for some time. Meanwhile, we
have mailed a portion to the Philippines.

Praise the Lord for Layang² Tamil BPC. Five
families are attending under Deacon Mani.

Hear Pastor Tow at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gos-
pel Hour this evening, 6 pm.

Continue to pray for Joshua Jamaludin and
his early release. He has written 3 letters.

Rev Dan Ebert III reports: "Needed for re-
building of "Blood Bought" Church at Pandacan
is US\$31,000 and for finishing up Taytay
Church, US\$15,000. Please thank the brethren
for their extreme generosity. Perhaps one
day some of them will be able to see these
three churches (including Kapitbahayan) fin-
ished and radiating with a testimony for
Christ in this dark and troubled land." Pro-
posed: let our Chinese New Year Offering go
to these Filipino Churches!

Dr Patrick Tan's new phone: 3521181.

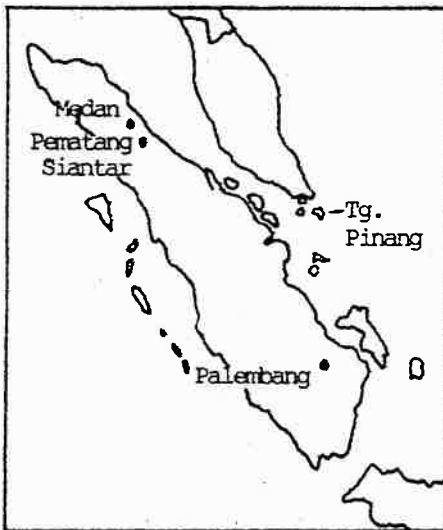
While in Perth the pastor may be contacted
through (09)474-1417.

Attend Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Service,
Wed. 8 am, Rev P. Tan speaking. In keeping
with previous years, 200 copies "Gospel of
Life" will be the pastor's hongbao to Lifers.



THE STORY OF REV. TAN PENG KOEN, PASTOR AND PIONEER, INDONESIA

Text: "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." (Hebrews 13:7)



Rev Tan Peng Koen was a young Presbyterian minister of the Amoy (Xiamen) District in South China when he came under the mighty influence of the John Sung and Lim Puay Hian Revival in the mid-thirties.

In 1940 he received a call from the Methodist Church to pioneer a mission to the many Chinese who had settled at Pematang Siantar, Medan, North Sumatra. He sailed southwards before the outbreak of the Pacific War, with a growing family, to his new post. He rented a house which became both his dwelling as well as a worship centre. He began with two adults joining him. After nine years he had built two churches and established a primary school.

From North Sumatra, he was called to Palembang in the South to minister to a group of Chinese Christians, but they had no Church building nor parsonage. So, he was obliged to lodge in a Christian's warehouse which was used as a storage for his father's coffin. Here he stayed with his family for two

to three years before they were enabled to buy a wooden house. This new property served as their quarters as well as premises for a kindergarten. After this a primary school was added. From there he acquired a piece of land situated opposite his kindergarten and primary school. Here he built a church which could seat a thousand. He invited Evangelist Lim Puay Hian to hold revival meetings in the new church on several occasions. He laboured in this Church and school complex until 1957 when he received a call to return to the work he had pioneered and to the first flock he had gathered at Pematang Siantar. Here he laboured on until he reached retirement age.

Though he was retired by the Methodist Church, he was still full of vigour to serve the Lord. He ventured out to explore a new field and came upon Tanjung Pinang in the Riau Islands. Here he found a large Chinese population without a Church, groping in darkness and superstition. Every home had enshrined an idol or idols. He discovered also several Christians scattered about, like sheep without a shepherd. This moved him to leave his Siantar base to start a Chinese Church at Tanjung Pinang on the third Lord's Day of August 1967. He held that first service on the borrowed premises of an old Dutch Church in town, now called G.P.I.B., the Protestant Church of Western Indonesia. This old Dutch Church was bequeathed to the Indonesians when the Dutch left. For three years he laboured at the old Dutch Church before he acquired the present site at Jalan Bakar Batu, an half-acre plot beautifully situated on a hillslope overlooking the sea. This new property had on it an old dilapidated brick house which he acquired for a song, because it was "haunted." He built on what was left of the half broken-down brick superstructure a wooden upper storey for his family, while services were held downstairs. Then he built a primary school with wooden planks and zinc roof. One of the classrooms became a more proper place for worship. Rev Tan had all along founded his church on the young souls he saved through Christian education. The Church at Tanjung Pinang he named the Zion Presbyterian Church in Indonesia, because he was a Presbyterian minister from the beginning.

In August 1973, he came to Singapore on a visit. At Chin Lien Bible School he met Pastor Timothy Tow for the first time like an old friend. As Life Bible-Presbyterian Church was then holding an Indonesian Missions Month, it was felt such a meeting between Singapore and Indonesia was no chance acquaintance, but was planned of the Lord. When Rev Tan Peng Koen returned to Tanjung Pinang after his short stay in Singapore, he was able to persuade Rev Tow and Elder Joshua Lim, son of Evangelist Lim Puay Hian, to go with him. From that time onwards the Life Church pastor became moderating pastor to Tanjung Pinang, for Rev Tan, now ready to retire, had entrusted this work to his care. (Pastor Tow, being Teochew, speaks the language of the Tanjung Pinang Teochew community.)

Before Rev Tan retired, he invited Pastor Tow to view a piece of land, centrally located at Kijang, the Bauxite Town 30 km on the eastern coast of Tanjung Pinang. As a result, Life Church provided \$2,500 to acquire this property which is now under trust of the main Church. At Kijang is now also built a church seating 100 at a side street of the town proper. This Church, which is Indonesian and Hakka-speaking, also had its roots in Rev Tan the founding pastor.

Rev Tan retired in September 1974 to Taiwan, but being zealous for the Lord he continued to preach to the native people there who spoke the same Amoy dialect as he. He spent a good deal of time evangelising the outlying islands, as a missionary in reverse! After some years, he finally moved to Hong Kong where he and his wife stayed with their eldest son until their homecall in 1986 and 1987, Mrs Tan leaving a year or so ahead of him.

During the decade after their retirement, the Church at Tanjung Pinang grew mightily. A two-storey brick school with eight classrooms rose over the old wooden structure and a three-storey sanctuary was added thereafter. The Church today runs a Christian Day

School with an enrolment of 500. The Sunday School is about 300 strong. The Youth Fellowship numbers 100. Over 150 have been baptised into the Church.

The work has all along been carried on by Rev Tan's eldest daughter Esther, a graduate of Southeast Asia Bible College, Malang, Indonesia, assisted by her husband Mr Joseph Liu, now a student at Far Eastern Bible College. Another daughter Lydia is a teacher in the Christian Day School. An accomplished pianist, she ministers in music at all Church services. Her husband, Deacon Linus Lai, is a man of many talents and has contributed materially to the growth of the Church and School complex. Now Tanjung Pinang is setting her sights on Batam Island, in obedience to the Great Commission.

"The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Matt 13:31,32). Today, as we tell this story to the memory of Rev & Mrs Tan Peng Koen, missionary pioneers from China to Indonesia in the days after John Sung, we are reminded that one generation of Chinese heroes of faith has passed on. "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation" (Heb 13:7). Who will follow in their train? - T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm Holy Spirit (Rev T. Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Seminar on B-P Constitution*
THU 7.30 pm Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
FRI 7.30 pm Gospel Film: "Welcome Home"
8.00 pm Session Meeting
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC: 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Rev Tow (* to be held at Life Church)
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
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 OFFERINGS \$2,359 (8.00 am)
\$6,556 (10.30 am)

CHINESE NEW YEAR SERVICE OFFERING FOR PHILIPPINES \$2,300*

1-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 81)\$100; 82)\$150; 83)\$550; 84)\$600; 85)\$500; 86)\$50; 87)\$100; 88)\$300, 89)\$2300*. Total \$39,135.5
EXTN BLDG FUND 1568)\$100; 1569)\$50.

Total \$1,287,648.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missions \$300, \$50; Miss Ng Sang Chiew \$136; Pastor \$500; Burma \$500, \$600(WF); Tabernacle Chapel \$500; Aircon Renov. \$1000, \$30; Office Renov. \$2000.

Corrigendum Weekly dated 7/2/88, under OFFERINGS DESIGNATED: "Kelapa Sawit \$72" should read "Miss Ng Sang Chiew \$72".

Pray for 1) Joshua Jamaludin and his early release. 2) Rev Thawm Luai, for permission to leave Burma for Singapore and the USA. 3) Holy Land Tour of Calvary BPC.

Holy Land Study Tour with Rev D. Shelton as lecturer, May 31 - June 12. Registration Forms are available from Elder Chia. Tour Fare: \$2,650 per person.

Dr Jack Murray writes on the distribution of "John Sung My Teacher" to the staff and students of Biblical Seminary with favourable results, and awaits the arrival of "Asian Awakening." (Pray for its early printing--to come out by Easter!)

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Dohar Siregar (earlier FEBC graduate, brother of Haposan and Agus) writes to thank us for gift and books received through Miss Britto: ". . . Most of my work are personal ministry. I often go for hospital visitation, house visitation and child evangelism Late-ly I started Youth Ministry. My wife [also an FEBC graduate] has started the Women Fellowship and it has grown rapidly. We are self-supporting in our ministry. . . . The books that you have given to me are real help in my ministry"

Ed. Note: Dohar now holds regular Sunday meetings at his house at Jl. Perkutut Raya 181, Perumnas Mandala, Medan, Indonesia.

Support our Indonesian Service, every Lord's Day 4 pm at Jerusalem Court. With Joseph Liu leaving in March, the burden falls on Kiantoro. Dn Charlie & Mrs Chia are Treasurer and hostess.

The New Car Park in front of the church is beautifully designed. Motorists will park in an orderly manner as directed by the deacons. Please keep off the grass. The concrete lawn can be used for functions in the cool evenings or for games during the day.

Pray for Dr Jack Murray He fell from a flight of steps and sustained a fracture of the hip bone. He is due for an operation on Saturday morning (US time).

Bible Camp at Tanjung Pinang, Mar 14-17. Register now with the deacons. Sponsorship available for students and non-working members. Seminar on the B-P Constitution, Wed 24th Feb, 8 pm. Eld Joshua Lim will lead panel discussion on the B-P Constitution. All Session members please attend. The meeting is also open to all interested members of the Church and FEBC students.

Film Nite, this Friday 24th Feb, 7.30 pm, will feature "WELCOME HOME," a film about a young drug pusher who comes to Christ thru' the love and concern of a group of Christians. Come, and bring a friend!

Nursery duty today: Mdm Karen Leong

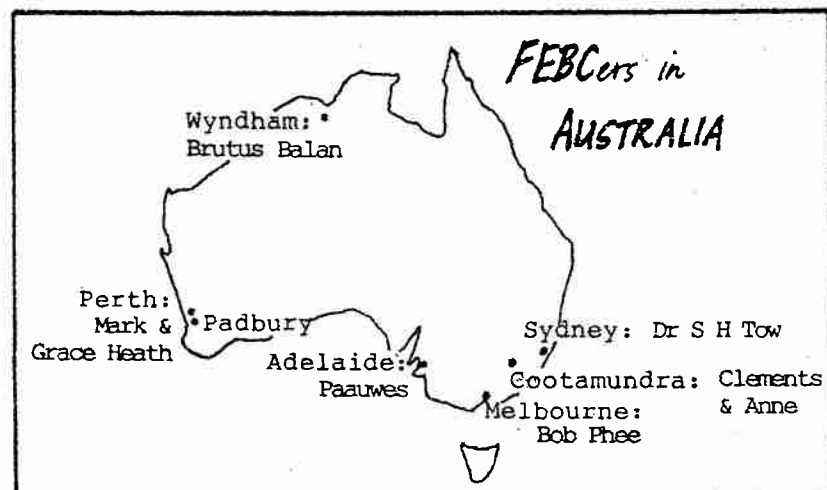
Call: Pastor Tow 2560617; Assoc Pastor P. Tan 3521181; Church Office/J.P. David 2569256; Colin Wong/Coinafon 2541304; Bookroom 2541223; Tape Libr. 2569256; FE Kindergarten 2513676; Lim Florist 3369011.

WEEK IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

When we walked out of the Immigration and Customs in the wee hours of Tuesday morning (Feb 17), we were warmly welcomed by Robin Tan, Mark and Grace, Eng Lam and Shirleen. The party took us to the Hi Tor Apartments where we were comfortably settled. Now that we had set foot in Australia, we were able to speak to our various B-P "outposts" by phone. My brother sent greetings from Sydney; Bob his from Melbourne. Rev & Mrs Paauwe are re-

turned from their furlough and back at work in Adelaide. Peter Clements, apart from pastoral work, is teaching at a Bible School for Aborigines. Anne his wife is due in April.

Locally, we were glad to renew fellowship with old-timers and establish links with a host of new ones. When we were here 14 months ago, Church attendance was 120. The week before our coming, it was 232. At the 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, Lord's Day Feb. 21, the count was 289. Prayer Meeting registered 30+, the Ladies Fellowship, 40, and the YF, 60. There was no S.S. except for



tiny tots, but the Open S.S. at which I spoke had well over 100 now!

We quote these statistics to reflect on a steady tide of immigrants flowing in from SE Asia. Several Filipino Chinese families and one from Indonesia have joined us, and about 10 white Australians have also "found the Church they had been looking for." Some of them are delivered from the tongues-speaking sects. The greater number of new-comers are students. In this respect, Ong Eng Lam has been instrumental in bringing them in. Also Say Kwee Neng of Nazareth BPC.

We thank God for Mark and Grace who are doing their best in the pastorate. Eng Lam and Shirleen play an important role in the S.S. and YF. Robin's wife heads the WF and Robin takes care of the running of the Church in every detail. Mrs Mary Low, an accountant, fits in perfectly as Treasurer. One person not to be forgotten is Mrs Seetor, whose Macedonian call to Calvary sparked the birth of BPCWA.

Now, the BPCWA was born at Chinese New Year 1986. To commemorate this Anniversary, the Church has wisely organised a Chinese New Year dinner at a Chinese Restaurant at Onslow, a Perth suburb. One hundred and forty-five, big and small, with a good sprinkling of White Australians, ate the sumptuous dinner. As a sizeable percentage were Chinese-speaking parents, the Message, based on the Hebrew Passover Feast (Exo 12:1-13), was interpreted by Mr Stephen Cheng into Cantonese. O how they need the Bread of Life, especially the Chinese-speaking!

The Church now has a bristling Library which is made up of the assistant pastor's own. Grace, who had taken up Library administration, fits in well as Librarian. Our books, such as "Gospel of Life," are on sale, or for giving away to new friends.

Rev Charlie Tan was here end of last year to speak at the Annual Church Camp. Praise the Lord, many souls were touched. Rev Bob Phee preached here also, en route to speak at Adelaide and to their assignment in Melbourne.

Our Church is situated at Mt. Pleasant on the strategic Canning Highway, 8 km from Perth. It is easily accessible also by bus. The bright signboard fronting the Highway has attracted a number of new worshippers, and more and more are coming in to fill up the 300 seats.

Seeing ahead the saturation point to be reached in a year's time, we made an extended survey of the northern suburbs of Perth, 20 km from Mt. Pleasant. This is with a view to starting a second Church to cater to several families presently settled in the north, as well as to an influx of immigrants, not a few of whom are Chinese. This will also help to relieve the mounting pressure at the main church.

From our calculations, there is no way out of this ever-pressing need to extend! We need to extend the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and add a goodly number of rooms for the Sunday School. Believe me, the S.S. of this two year-old baby church is nearly a third the size of Life Church S.S.! So, we need not only rooms, but also teachers! Lifers and BPers, if you are migrating to Perth or going there for higher study, be sure to offer your services. As I reminded the Church, their settlement in Australia, in light of eternity, is a short-term policy if they want long-term prosperity in heaven.

Perth is one place Lifers have heavily invested in. Let us pray for BPCWA and let us give every support to their extension programme!

Sunday morning, in the wee hours, Shirleen delivered a baby girl, Sheryl, Swee Lee. Does this augur the birth of another Church in the northern suburbs of Perth that we have been talking about? Our thanks are due to the Robin Tans, Mark Heaths, Sunny Lows, Mary

Gan, S.K. Lohs for sending us to the airport. Our homeward flight was done in 4½ hours. Praise the Lord for His wonderful provisions and loving care during this week in Western Australia. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(29th Feb - 6th Mar '88)

MON 7.30 pm Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Jeremiah (Rev C Tan)
FRI 8.00 pm World Day of Prayer
at Calvary Pandan
BPC--BP Missions on
Slides (Rev Tan Eng
Boo); Speaker: Dr
S.H. Tow
SAT 2.30 pm Tan Boon Peng-Thia
Guek Hoon Wedding
(ERCS, Mahtani)
SUN 8.00 am Rev Frank Low
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class
10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Sup)
10.30 am Chinese Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

\$4,047.00 (8.00 am)

\$9,021.75 (10.30 am)

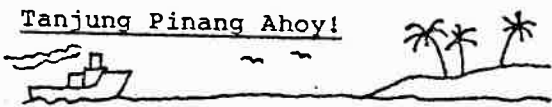
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\$490; 91)\$50; 92)\$1000(10.30 am);
93)\$16; 94)\$200; 95)\$50; 96)\$500
(Child. Choir Hongbaos).

Total \$41,441.50 Stop Press! 97)
\$40(by post); 98)\$148.80.

EXTN BLDG FUND 1570)\$100; 1571)\$50.
Total \$1,287,798.16

OFFERINGS FOR: Rev Paauwe \$80;
Rev Thawm Luai \$100(Adelaide);
Burma FEFST \$200(Grace BPC); Ng
Sang Chiew \$100; Tg Pinang Library
\$200; FEBC \$1900; BPCWA, Perth
(for 10 chairs) A\$200 Who'll give
another 40 chairs to make up 50
for their rapidly expanding minist-
try?

Tanjung Pinang Ahoy!



Last call to our Annual Family Bible Camp in the Riau Islands, Mar 14-17. For the convenience of our elderly folks who cannot walk the distance between Hotel and Church, transport will be provided! Rates \$225 single occupancy, \$190 twin-sharing, \$165 triple-sharing. Children 3-12, \$120. Inclusive of boat fare, all meals. Hurry! (Limited to 120 only) "Draw nigh to God and God will draw nigh to you" (Jas 4:8).

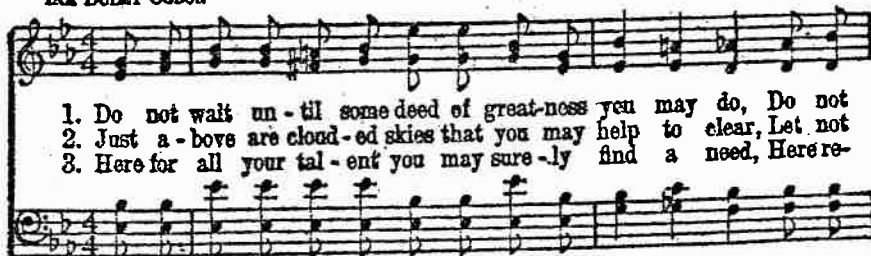
Congratulations to Rev Robert Thawm Luai on his wedding at Falam on Mar 6 to a member of his Bible College!

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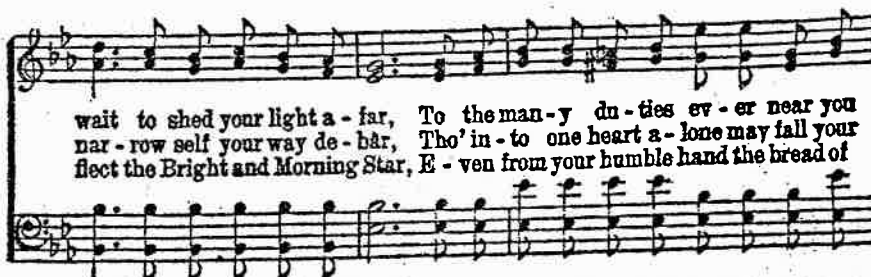
BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE

IRA DULEY OGDON

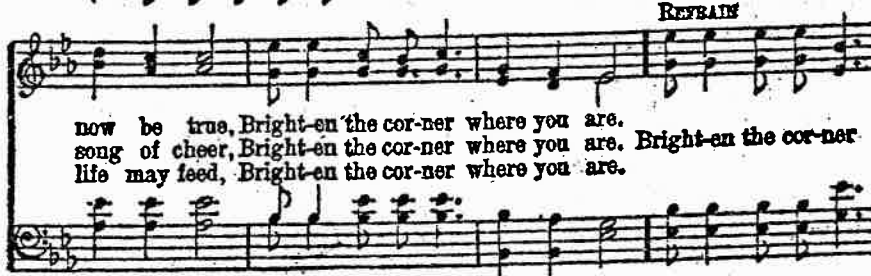
CHAR. H. GABRIEL



1. Do not wait un-til some deed of great-ness you may do, Do not
2. Just a-bove are cloud-ed skies that you may help to clear, Let not
3. Here for all your tal-ent you may sure-ly find a need, Here re-

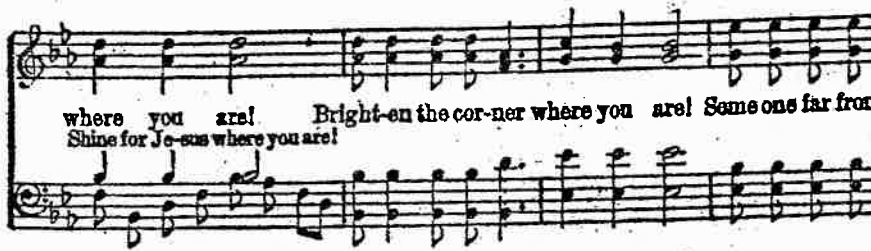


wait to shed your light a-far, To the man-y dn-ties ev-er near you
nar-row self your way de-bar, Tho'in-to one heart a-lone may fall your
flect the Bright and Morning Star, E-ven from your humble hand the bread of

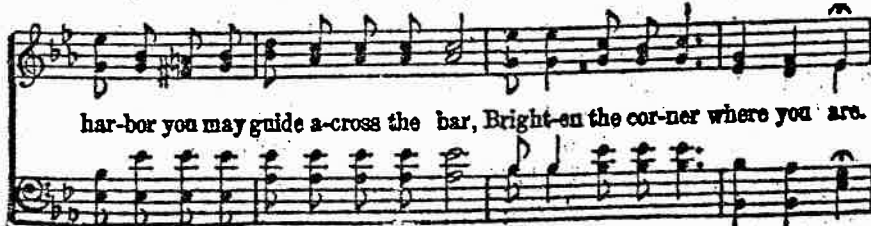


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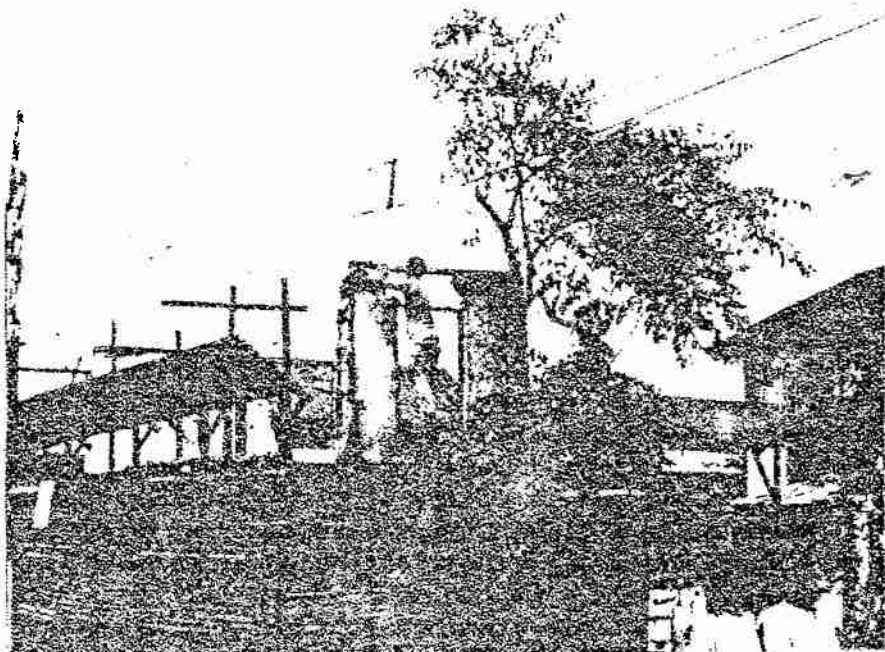
now be true, Bright-en the cor-ner where you are.
song of cheer, Bright-en the cor-ner where you are. Bright-en the cor-ner
life may lead, Bright-en the cor-ner where you are.



where you are! Bright-en the cor-ner where you are! Some one far from
Shine for Je-sus where you are!



har-bor you may guide a-cross the bar, Bright-en the cor-ner where you are.



↑ The pulling down of delapidated "Blood-Bought" Church of Pandacan to make way for the new.

"ARISE, AND GO TOWARD THE SOUTH..." (Acts 8:26)

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Singaporeans, who live in a complacent world of their own, little realise that within rowing distance on their southern horizon there is spread a conglomeration of green islands known as the Riau Archipelago. Several of these islands are almost as large as Singapore while Pulau Bintan, the biggest of the group, is two-and-a-half times. Situated near the south-western end of this biggest island is Tanjung Pinang, the capital of Riau. Here is a thriving emporium and port of call for ships plying between North Sumatra and Djakarta. Four motor launches carrying 50 passengers each shuttle daily between Tanjung Pinang and Singapore.

Tanjung Pinang under Dutch rule did a brisk trade with Singapore, so much so that the currency

she used was the Singapore dollar. During the Japanese occupation, the Riau Archipelago was incorporated under Singapore's jurisdiction. Though Riau today is a part of independent Indonesia, the vestiges of Dutch rule and culture, including an old Dutch church in the centre of the capital, remain. Several tens of thousands of Chinese, mainly Teochews and Hokkiens, make up the backbone of Riau's economic life.

Although Christianity was brought here by the Dutch, Protestantism somehow did not reach down to the Chinese population. Indonesian churches there are quite a few, including those of Batak stock, but for the Chinese no permanent work here was established until five years ago! Rev Tan Peng Koen, a retired Methodist minister still in vigorous health, came to Tanjung Pinang from Sumatra on an exploratory visit. Finding no gospel witness and seeing the needs of the Chinese "in diaspora," he started a Sunday school. Since the lessons were taught in Chinese to the delight of the compatriots, the little beginning of three pupils grew to sixty in a matter of months. A Christian primary school grew out of the Sunday school which numbers over 300 today. And out of the Sunday school and Christian primary school has gathered a small congregation of 50. Sunday worship is held in one of the classrooms.

Tanjung Pinang has been visited recently by young people of the "Gospel Mission to Riau Islands." The gospel yacht "Ebenezer" has also called. The sailor-evangelist, a Finnish pentecostal pastor, has held gospel meetings in Rev Tan's school. Incidentally, Rev Tan, though a retired Methodist minister, has registered his church as the "Gereja Peresbeter-yan di Indonesia" because of his Presbyterian stock and training:

Mid-August, Rev Tan visited Singapore with a view to linking the schools and churches he has founded in Sumatra with the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and Malaysia. The work he has begun in Riau, however, he now desires Bible-Presbyterian Missions to share a part. This call has come to us in the midst of our Missions Month at Life and Faith B-P Churches. We believe this to be a confirmation from the Lord of His approval.

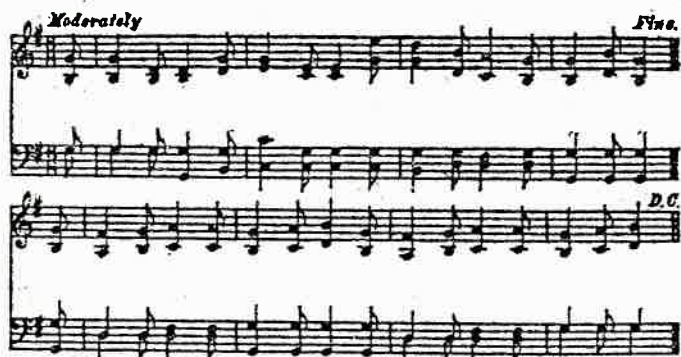
Rev Tan has a plan to extend the Gospel to the eastern end of Pulau Bintan by building a second Christian school and church. The land has been acquired and the architect's plans drawn. What he needs now are men and materials. In order to assure us of his resoluteness in this new phase of the Lord's work, he invited the writer and Elder Joshua Lim, treasurer of B-P Missions, for a short visit. With this invitation we have complied, assuredly gathering that the Holy Spirit is opening a third Gospel door into Indonesia for us. This approbation from the Lord seemed further enhanced when the merchant through whom Rev Tan booked our tickets turned out to be a member of Life Church. Brother Yeo Boon Kwang, whom the writer baptised seven years ago, was so thrilled with this new outreach of our church that he offered to pay our passages and visa fees as his contribution to missions!

The trip by motor launch to Tanjung Pinang, 48 miles southeast of Singapore from Telok Ayer Basin, takes 4½ hours. Arriving there in the afternoon, we were given a cold bath first and then treated to a sumptuous meal of seafood, big prawns and crabs. Converts of the pioneer pastor, a Hokkien couple and a Teochew labourer, were invited to this fellowship, while Rev Tan's two daughters and a son-in-law, all in the Lord's work, served. The old Teochew man was recently converted with his family of ten (one other family who sends the children to Sunday school has 16 sons and daughters), and he himself had the household gods burnt. After dinner, we visited a Mr Chua, the leader of the Chinese community, to witness Christ to him, since we heard he was not far from the Kingdom of God.

The next day, early at seven, we took a chartered taxi to Kijang, a bauxite mining town on the east coast. Here is a purely Hakka settlement. We saw a fair-size piece of land beautifully and strategically situated, on which is designated the construction of the second Christian school and church. We returned from this new Gospel project far out on the South China Sea with a prayer for the conversion of "our kinsmen according to the

flesh" (Rom 9:3). We thrilled at the thought that God had opened us a door that no man can shut into this neighbouring archipelago inhabited with countless Chinese villages, hitherto little touched by the light of the Gospel. We seemed to hear the same Spirit of Missions speaking to us in the words to Philip, "Arise, and go toward the south . . ." (Acts 9:26). - T.T.

TANJUNG PINANG



Tanjung Pinang, Pulau Bintan,
Thou Emerald Queen of Riau!
A thousand isles around Thee sing,
To Thy Majesty homage bring.
Tanjung Pinang, Pulau Bintan,
Thou Emerald Queen of Riau!

Tanjung Pinang, Palmy Cape-town,
Thou Busy Emporium of Riau.
Ships far and near ply in Thy bay
To succour Thee from day to day.
Tanjung Pinang, Palmy Cape-town,
Thou Busy Emporium of Riau.



Tanjung Pinang, Tanjung
Pinang,
Thou Beacon Bright o'er
Riau's dark night.
In days of yore saints from
Holland
Thy Tow'el had raised over
the Strand.
Tanjung Pinang, Tanjung
Pinang,
Thou Beacon Bright o'er
Riau's dark night.

Tanjung Pinang, Pulau Bintan,
We come to Thee from Singapore!
We bring Thee oil to fuel that Light,
Thy Beacon beam shine far and wide.
Tanjung Pinang, Pulau Bintan,
We'll come again from Singapore;
We'll come again, Shalom, Shalom!

- T.T.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
SAT	10.00 am	Randall Tan Long Tian-Joanna Ng Wuat Kiat Wed. (Rev P. Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye (Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Toa at Calvary Pandan

Tanjung Pinang Bulletin! All who have signed up for the Tanjung Pinang Family Bible Camp are requested to bring their passports to Church Sun. Mar. 13 and hand each personally to Dn Wee Chin Kam or Dn Tan Nee Keng. This

Faithful

IS HE WHO HAS PROMISED

Are you passing through a testing.
Is your pillow wet with tears?
Do you wonder what the reason,
Why it seems God never hears?
Why it is you have no answer
To your oft-repeated plea.
Why the heaven still is leaden
As you wait on bended knee?

Do you wonder as you suffer,
Whether God does understand,
And if so, why He ignores you,
Fails to hold you in His hand?
Do black doubts creep in, assail you.
Fears without, and fears within,
Till your brave heart almost falters
And gives way to deadly sin?

All God's testings have a purpose —
Some day you will see the light.
All He asks is that you trust Him.
Walk by faith and not by sight.
Do not fear when doubts beset you,
Just remember — He is near;
He will never, never leave you,
He will always always hear.

Faithful is He who has promised.
He will never let you fall.
Daily will the strength be given
Strength for each and strength for all.
He will gladly share pain with you,
He will gladly give you peace,
Till your tired and weary body
Finds its blessed, glad release.

When the darkened veil is lifted,
Then, dear heart, you'll understand
Why it is you had to suffer,
Why you could not feel His hand
Giving strength when it was needed,
Giving power and peace within
Giving joy thru tears and trial,
Giving victory over sin.

So till then just keep on trusting,
Thru the sunshine and the rain,
Thru the tears and thru the heart-aches,
Thru the smiles and thru the pain —
Knowing that our Father watches,
Knowing daily strength He'll give,
Victory for each passing hour,
This is life, so let us live!

— John E. Zoller.

is to facilitate paper work by the Shipping Co. for clearance with Immigration. N.B.! N.B.! Ship leaves Finger Pier* after 8.30 am, Mon. Mar. 14, so please get there before time! Pray for journeying mercies! Wear safety shoes! (* at end of Prince Edward Road)

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Tanjung Pinang Ahoy!

My heart is brimming with joy as over a hundred Lifers, old and young, English-speaking and Chinese-speaking, are bound for Tanjung Pinang! A year ago we had booked Port Dickson, but, as the Lord would have it, we are to "arise, and go to the south"!

This will be a delightful change to many. Instead of driving overland we shall experience riding the duck's back. You and your young ones, better still, aged parents, will have a taste of the briny sea. Oh, that refreshing spray onto your face as you brace against the deep! . . . I will not say more, but Dr John Davis, who visited Tanjung Pinang with me, and a sea-lover, would gladly come along this time if he were here.

All the comfort and recreation that we have planned is not only legitimate, but desirable in these days of rat-race. But what is more important as we head for Tanjung Pinang is the spiritual! Our utmost desire for this Family Bible Camp is that your hearts will be touched, your eyes opened, your zeal for the Gospel rekindled. If some are still unsaved, our prayer for you is: Do not defer receiving Christ into your heart any longer! "Behold, now is the accepted time" (II Cor 6:2). Let the whole Church pray for our Family Bible camp at Tanjung Pinang.

Giving for Eternity

Another blessing from the Lord that has warmed my heart is the sharp rise in designated offerings for the completion of the two half-finished Filipino Churches under Rev Dan Ebert. One of \$3,000 comes from a young man whose heart is daily attuned to the Return of our Saviour. He could have made more money, but his one desire now is to serve the Lord. This offering from so youthful a person is like Mary's "alabaster box of very precious ointment" (Matt 26:7), for it is about all that he has. What a lesson to old-timers who hold down the sacred tenth to their loss, or if they give, it is not from the heart, but from the finger tips.

Yes, the Day of Judgment will soon be upon us. It can come any time! "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" (I Thess 5:3). Reader, are you sure that when the Lord comes you'll be caught up to be with Him? Are you prepared to go any day? As I said at the BPCWA 2nd Anniversary in regard to their migration, "If you are here below on short-term policy, you will enjoy long-term prosperity up there. Vice-versa, if you are on a long-term policy below, you will be on short prosperity above. Let us trade with our talents wisely while on earth, making our transient wealth count for eternity.

The Missing Link in Missions - Singapore Style

Keith Hinton wrote a book titled "Church Growth, Singapore Style." From him I derived a message titled as above for the inauguration of Grace (Gethsemane) BPC, Sat. March 5, 1988.

Grace Church, now under Rev Tan Eng Boo, was founded 1976 (Rev Patrick Tan). Alongside the English congregation has grown up a sturdy Chinese service. In 1981, Grace branched out to Changi to establish Shalom under Rev Tan Choon Seng. Today we see another offshoot, Gethsemane, worshipping at Duke's Hotel, Meyer Road, Katong Park, 10.30 am. Low Cheng Chye, an FEBC graduate, is staffworker.

The missing link in Missions, Singapore style, is the lack of emphasis on what I would call our Judean ministry. Jesus says, ". . . ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Keith Hinton observes that too much money has been poured into mission trips abroad, achieving little result. I agree with him, and I would add this--at the expense of a Judean ministry. That is, establishing branch churches in Singapore's many untouched housing estates, and across the Causeway into Malaysia. We thank God for Grace's branching out to Changi (1981) and now to Katong Park (1988). Grace has an effective Judean ministry.

Grace is one of Life's offshoots. The latest offshoot from Lifer, insofar as S'pore is concerned, is Tabernacle at Tampines New Town (1987). As for Johore, across the Causeway, the Lord in the same year had opened us a door to J.B. (Word of Life Book Centre), Layang Layang (Tamil), and Muar (Elder Koa).



As we go to Tanjung Pinang, our sights are set on Batam, inasmuch as this "Pearl of Indonesian Development" catches our eyes within minutes of our sailing south. Roska, our graduating Indonesian student next month, a devout young lady from Medan, is available to pioneer an Indonesian work there. Please pray for her and for the Tanjung Pinang Church that has a similar burden for Batam. "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13).

Downunder, I've told you how the Perth Church is bursting at the seams. To relieve this congestion, we made a survey of North Perth, some 15 km from the main church. Robin reports having found a school that has kindly opened its doors, so a

branch will be established at Padbury this Easter, Dr Tow Siang Hwa officiating. There's no missing link in Missions downunder! (Incidentally, who would contribute 40 chairs to encourage them in their advance for the Lord? At A\$20 per chair.)

The Sign of the Fig Tree

This Lord's Day Evening I shall be speaking at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC on "The Sign of the Fig Tree." Inasmuch as you have rarely seen a fig nor tasted a fresh one, you might have just as hazy an idea what "The Sign" is. Why won't you come with several dozen Lifers (FEBCCers) regularly attending? The Sunset Gospel Hour is not only an inspirational hour but an educational hour as well. Four hundred regularly attending on a Sunday Night cannot be wrong! Come hear what is the latest about Israel, the prophetic Fig Tree!

- Yours faithfully, T.T.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(14th - 20th March '88)

MON - SUN FEBC Vacation! (No Evening Lectures)
 MON 8.30 am Campers meet at Finger Pier, Prince Edward Rd for embarkation to Tg. Pinang
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Elder Lim) (Pianist: Mrs Anne Tan)
 THU 6.30 pm Campers back from Tg. Pinang
 SAT 7.15 pm Rev Tow at Cal-Pan YF
 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
 3.00 pm Thai Service
 4.00 pm Indonesian Service
 6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST TWO WEEKS' OFFERINGS:

28th Feb: \$1,809 (8.00 am)

\$5,663 (10.30 am)

6th Mar: \$2,805 (8.00 am)

\$6,549 (10.30 am)

1-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 99)

\$100; 100)\$1000; 101)\$500; 102)\$500; 103)\$1260; 104)\$100(8 am); 105)\$100 (10.30 am); 106)\$500; 107)\$600; 108)\$3000; 109)\$200(Box); 110)\$21 (Box); 111)\$200(10.30 am); 112)\$900 (AF). Total \$50,611.30

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1572)\$200; 1573)\$200; 1574)\$20; 1575)\$100; 1576)\$30; 1577)\$500(Chinese S.).

Total \$1,288,848.16

OFFERINGS FOR: Ng Sang Chiew \$300; Burma \$100, \$50, \$80(N. Life SS), \$200(N. Life); Missions \$200; China \$50; India \$50; Malaysia \$50; Tracts \$50; Dyak Work \$150; FEBC Bldg Fund \$150; FEBC \$900(AF); Tabernacle BPC \$200; Adelaide \$50; Thailand \$50; VBS \$200; Aircon Renov. \$600, \$800, \$690.

YERUSHALAYIM, MESSIAH IS COME

(To the tune of "How Great Thou Art")

Yerushalayim, thy sons and daughters love thee!
 Two thousand years they've wandered in exile.
 Now by God's grace, they're gathered to thee in 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.

FEBC is on vacation Mar 14-20. No Mon. & Thu. Evening Lectures!

Holy Land Tour, May 31-June 12 under the auspices of Calvary Pandan BPC, Dr S.H. Tow and Eld. Chia Kim Chwee leading, \$2650. (Includes visit to PETRA in Jordan). Register with Elder Chia by 3.4.88.

Total count of campers to Tanjung Pinang is 108.

Mr Peter Chng is appointed fulltime preacher of Life Church Chinese Service w.e.f. 1st July 1988.

A special family service was held last Friday at the home of Mrs Kam, 21 Libra Dr., to send off Ivan to USA for higher study.

The Asian Awakening, being a series of lectures by Rev T. Tow to the School of Theology, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, plus the Story of Rev Ting Li Mei, China's First Revivalist, 272 pages, will be available from Christian Life Book Centre after Easter. \$8 per copy. Also available, John Sung Choruses & Hymns in Chinese with music at \$5.

We praise the Lord that w.e.f. April 1, Rev Djunaidi will attain total self-support in both Church and Bible Institute finances. Thank God for first 2 graduates from FEBI.

A cordial welcome to Mr Victor Attalah, visitor introduced by Rev John Hunt of Perth as he worships with us this morning. Shalom.

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WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CAMP!

It was a different camp,
With a different experience.
110 campers hungry to refresh their souls
Set sail on the "Mawar" which means "Rose."

The Sampurna Jaya was 100% occupied;
The hotel staff was kept busy on their feet
The requests and comforts of its occupants
to meet.
The camp-master and the Pastor worked very hard,
But our Divine Master saw to everything from
the start!

The daily 10-minute walk to and from the
church
Was good exercise for pampered legs and
paunchy stomachs.
Alert and wary pedestrians we have to be,
Dodging motorcyclists at pedestrian crossings
For in Tanjung Pinang traffic rules are rather
missing.

Camaderie was evidently prevalent
As the campers worshipped, fellowshiped and
savoured
The fresh and cheap succulent seafood,
The refreshing briny breeze.
But best of all was the spiritual fulfilment
From the daily devotions and messages on
Calvinism.

Judging from the farewell testimonies given
by big and small,
It was a successfully beneficial camp for one
and all.
Those who succumbed to sicknesses were healed,
Those physically tired now felt rested,
Those spiritually lackadaisical felt uplifted.
To put all the benefits in a nutshell,
Praise the Lord for a spiritually, physically,
mentally, socially beneficial camp!

- Mrs Linda Chan

ment from the messages by Mr Peter Chng, Mr Tsao See and the other Chinese-speaking speakers. This is my first camp. Next year, I will bring my grandchildren.

Mrs Helen Eio

As we were on our way from Kijang, my son Samuel told me that this camp was EVERYTHING! It was educational (studying tree and sea communities for science), spiritual (the children's programme by the pastor's wife and the FEBC students was fulfilling); physical (the walking and climbing to the hotel room and daily walk to the church) and social (getting to know more about other brothers and sisters in Christ). I wholeheartedly agree with my son that the camp was truly beneficial in all aspects for my family. Praise God for His bountiful blessings!

Miss Cheryl Chew

I benefitted a lot from this camp, especially in that it was an eye-opener for me to see the humble conditions in which the Tanjung Pinang people live. I also enjoyed the fellowship with the other campers very much. I learnt a lot through the messages and I enjoyed serving the Lord by playing the piano.

Miss Michelle Tan

I thank God that I am able to come to this camp from which I have benefitted greatly. Firstly, I have drawn closer to God through regular morning and night quiet time, the devotions and messages. Secondly, I have also got to know better some nice people. In fact I think I made more friends through this camp than through attending Life Church since I was seven.

Miss Chng Seo Ping

My spiritual life has indeed been greatly uplifted by the series of messages and great fellowship. The most moving memory of the camp was the Testimony Time--when I was greatly moved by the earnestness and sincerity of the older ladies of the Chinese fellowship in their candid sharing of God's abundant blessings in their lives. At their age, their

Mrs Irene Tan

The Lord has opened an opportunity for me to understand and build a stronger mother-and-son relationship through discipline, dialogue and love. I was also spiritually strengthened through the devotions and messages taught, and my sons shared that they enjoyed the children's programme and have learnt good lessons from the Bible stories told.

Mrs Shirley Chew

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Ps. 37:4). The desires and cares of the world sometimes take away our delight in the Lord. My daughter and I have come to this camp for spiritual renewal and strength. Before I left I believed this kind of concentrated time with the Lord and with God's people is the most effective way of renewing our strength. I have found it so. Spiritual well-being leads to physical well-being. I have learnt many things in this camp. I have been challenged to re-consider and to make my life count for Jesus. Pastor asked, "Am I a worm, always burrowing in the ground? Or am I a bird?"

The second thing I learnt is that I marvel at God's grace for these islanders. I have witnessed how God has saved them and kept them.

Thirdly, I learnt to pray for others, especially for young men and women to make their lives count for Jesus.

Mdm Jolly Tan

I was the first to sign up for this camp. I felt that God wanted my god-daughter, Caroline Heng, and me to come to this camp. I have benefitted so much from this camp because I have come to know more Lifers and I have spiritual nourish-

spirit in Christ is still high, their enthusiasm so overwhelming. That time of sharing really motivated me to question myself, deep in my heart, on how I should channel my youthful energy for Christ.

Samuel Sng, Jaime Goh and Samuel Eio

When our Pastor announced that there would be a church camp at Tanjung Pinang in Indonesia, we were very excited. On Friday, we packed our bags. On Monday morning, we got up very early and headed for the Pier. Our boat named "Mawar" took us on a surprisingly smooth 5-hour ride to Tanjung Pinang. After we reached our destination we were assigned to our hotel rooms.

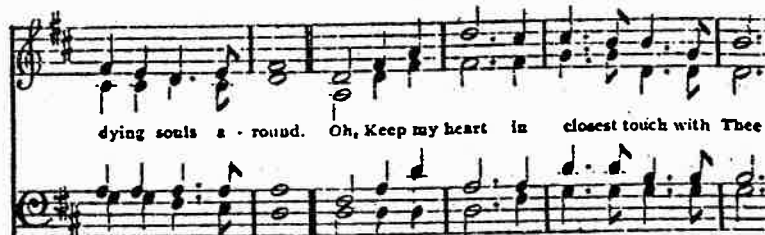
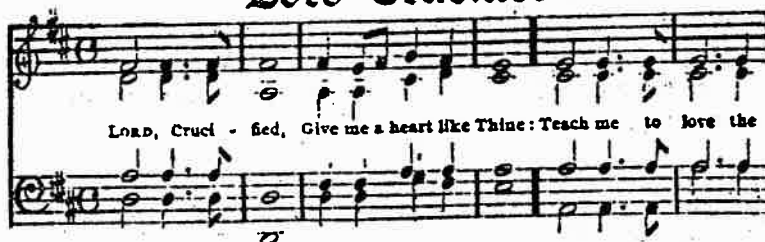
We presented two song items "Zachaeus" and "Near the Cross" during the night messages. On the third day we went to the Rajah's Island for an excursion by sampan. We loved the boat ride and we enjoyed ourselves very much. We saw the Sultan's mosque and the ruins of the Palace which had been destroyed by the local people to prevent the Dutch from occupying it. There was much history to be learnt. We also saw some cultural dancers. We also drank lots of coconut water. Then we went back to the hotel.

We thank God for the pastor who made all the arrangements for us to have a fine time here. We also thank God for the fine weather during our stay in Tanjung Pinang.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 21-27, '88)

MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Gospel Film
	8.00 pm	Rev Tow at Nazareth BPC
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
	2.30 pm	Paul Chan-Ruth Chng Wedding (Rev John Cheong, TPBC)
	3.00 pm	LBC; 4pm - YAF
	5.00 pm	Joseph Wong Chin Siong- Jocelyn Tan Soh Wah Wedding (Rev Tow)
PALM	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
SUN	9.30 am	Sunday School/Catechism Cl.
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Church Choir Practice
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	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 Hr

Lord Crucified.



LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,419 (8.00 am)
\$4,322 (10.30 am)

½-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 113)\$50(10.30 am); 114)\$830
115)\$100. Total \$51,591.30

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1578)\$100; 1579)\$50; 1580)\$300;
1581)\$50(Indonesian S.). Total \$1,289,348.16

OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$100; Adelaide(Rev Paauwe) \$50;
Evangelistic Band \$50; Burma \$50, \$800; Tabernacle BPC
\$800; Office Renov. \$200; Dyak Missionaries \$474.04;
FEBC \$500+\$400(Scholarship)(Calvary AF).

BIRTHS! To Mr & Mrs Khoo Wah Ann, a daughter, Khoo Hui Wen, on 12/3/88; and to Mr & Mrs Leong Kwok Whye, a daughter, Ruth Leong, on 18/3/88.

From next Sunday (Palm) we enter Holy Week. Don't miss the special services! Resolve to do something concrete for Jesus in Remembrance of His Death!

Presbyters! Attend special Synod meeting tonight at Life Church, 8 pm!

Baptised today is Charlene Chia Lian Ying, born 19th Jan '88, daughter of Mr & Mrs Peter Chia.

Welcome to our Guesthouse: Mr Menhave of Holland (Dr J. C. Maris, ICC) till Maundy Thursday, and to our worship services!

Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan's new tel. no.: 3521181

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They were a family
torn apart by
temptation...

kept apart by pride...

but brought together
by a miracle!



THE PRODIGAL

GOSPEL FILM NIGHT:

This Friday, 25th March, '88
7.30 pm, at Life B-P Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Celebrate While We May!

One blessing the Lord has showered upon the B-P Church is the Special Celebration we hold for JESUS every year at Easter. Since 1950, we have kept this Holy Tradition of remembering our Saviour--His royal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His Death (either on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday), His Resurrection, with the Sunrise Service at MacRitchie Reservoir, Easter Breakfast in Church, Baptisms, special singing items. Have you come to Church this morning because of our Letter-reminder? "Draw nigh to God and God will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8).

Celebrate while we may! For perilous times, as predicted by St. Paul, will come, and did they not come upon the Chinese Church under Mao's Cultural Revolution? (Remember to pray for Joshua Jamaludin and Dr Poh Boon Sing!) In all my 38 years with you, there was one Sunday when our Church Service at Prinsep Street was suspended because of political upheaval and rioting. Then did Lifers realise the goodness of public worship in Church. The next Sunday almost all came to Church!

Hear what the Psalmist says in Ps. 42. He is one of those most probably taken prisoner by the Assyrians. As he with countless others was forced out of his homeland and led away past the Hermon mountain (Ps. 42:6) northwards to the enemy country, he pined for the previous freedom of worship now snatched away from them. So he mused, "When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitudes, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday" (Ps. 42:4). Will we not appreciate the goodness of celebrating Easter until we become driven away from our country, like the Vietnamese and Kampuchians? How glad the Boat People were to come to our Church at Gilstead Road for special Gospel Meetings under our Refugee ministry some years back (with Rev Goh Seng Fong)! So let us not neglect to come Good Friday and Easter Lord's Day! Let us make it a point to meet Christ early at the Sunrise Service, 6.30 am!

Building a Church on Shepherd's Field,

Where the Angel appeared to announce our Saviour's Birth

It is customary for us to channel our Easter offerings to some new Gospel outreach. This year, Session has decided for Bethlehem! To the Arab Congregation of Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, to branch out to Beit Sahur, to the Shepherd's Field. Let us republish their appeal letter which came to hand early this year as follows:.

"Each year we conduct a special Christmas Eve Service in Shepherd's Field. We gather around a fire and sing hymns, share the Christmas story from the Scriptures, and have special messages and prayers. Usually more than 200 local people and tourists attend this special event. Our members, friends, neighbours, and people from all over the world come to celebrate Christ's birth together.

"It is with special joy that we inform you that we have taken a step of faith to purchase a parcel of land in the Shepherd's Field where we hope to build a church in the future.



Field of Boaz (Shepherd's Field)



Date palm--*Phoenix dactylifera*.

"For many years we have held our meetings--Sunday School, Sunday Morning Service, Wednesday Evening Bible Study, and Youth Groups on Saturday--in the church rooms which are part of the Holy Land Mission property in Bethlehem. We thank the Lord for this facility. We sincerely believe, however, that we should have our own property and a new church building in Beit Sahur where 75% of our members live. We presently worship there in a rented room on Sunday evening and have a Bible Club there on Friday afternoons. At present, we transport most of our people to Bethlehem for all the other services. The need for transporting limits our growth potential because

of our limited number of vehicles. It is a difficult, expensive and time-consuming process to bring everyone to Bethlehem.

"Recently we found a parcel of land in Shepherd's Field near where we hold our annual Christmas Eve Service. It is ideally situated for our church members and adequate to build a church to meet our needs. The church after much prayer and seeking of the Lord's will voted to purchase this land as a step of faith. It is expensive but far more reasonable than other land in the area. The cost of the land is 11,000 Jordanian Denar, or \$33,000. We have used all of our savings to make a downpayment and still we must raise 9,000 JD, or about \$27,000, to complete the purchase. We truly believe that God wants Baraka Church to have this land. We hope that you will desire to be a part of helping to make it possible. Many of you have helped in the past by your prayers and your gifts. Will you pray with us and also share this letter with others so they may also be aware of our need. We are sure that God will bless and provide the way for us to complete the purchase of the land."

Signed: George Awad, Pastor

Issa Bannurah, Elder

Inasmuch as God has given us a good connection with the Arab Christians of Bethlehem through several Holy Land Tours conducted by me, Dr S.H. Tow and Elder Chia Kim Chwee, and Rev K.C. Quek, we believe we have a holy obligation to their appeal. Rev George Awad, a male nurse by profession and their honorary pastor, was ordained by Revs. Drs. S. H. Tow and Patrick Tan. Elder Issa was a student at FEBC for a good part of a year. This is a worthy cause and our blessing too to have a stake in the Shepherd's Field, a Holy Place in the Holy Land!

Incidentally, Dr S.H. Tow and Elder Chia are leading another Holy Land Tour, May 31 - June 12 this year. They will visit Bethlehem and Baraka B-P Church with the Arab brethren to renew old ties. This will be a great boost to their morale in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the Pilgrims and for us as we intend to precede them by a month. Since last year we had planned to spend this time to meditate and write. A chief reason why we've chosen to spend the sabbatical month in Israel is we're en route to USA for the ICCC 40th Anniversary Congress. Alighting en route and climbing on again would not cost us any more on our airticket. May our visit to Israel at this time also be of benefit to the extension of God's Kingdom. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (28th Mar - 3rd Apr)

MON 7.30 pm Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Maundy Thurs. Service at Tg Pinang (Rev Tow)
8.00 pm Maundy Thurs. Service (Sharon)
FRI 10.00 am Seminar on Evangelism (Elder Sng)
8.00 pm Good Friday Service (Dr Tan, interpreted by Mr Peter Chng)
EASTER
SUN 6.30 am Sunrise Service at MacRitchie Rserv. (Rev Tow)
8.45 am Sunday School
10.00 am Easter Baptismal Service
10.00 am Easter Chinese Ser.
6.00 pm Rev Tow at CP Sunset Gospel Hour
7.00 pm Inauguration of 2nd Church of Western Australia at Padbury, N. Perth (Dr S.H. Tow)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

\$1,362 (8.00 am)
\$5,309 (10.30 am)

NEW BPC AT SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$1000

EXTN BLDG FUND 1582)\$100; 1583)\$300; 1584)\$50. Total \$1,289,798.16

1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES 116)\$400. Total \$51,991.30

PSALM 150

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1878

1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! In His
2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise Je - ho - vah For His
3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise Je - ho - vah With the

tem - ple God be praised; In the high and heaven - ly
might - y acts of fame; Ex - cel - lent His might and
trum - pet's joy - ful sound; Praise with harp and praise with

plac - es Be the sound - ing an - them raised.
great - ness; Fit - ting prais - es then pro - claim.
vi - ol, Let His glo - rious praise a - bound.

OFFERINGS FOR: Burma \$200(Grace BPC), \$600(WF);
Missions \$50; China \$100(WF); Aircon Renov.
\$2000, \$25, \$35.
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EASTER TESTIMONIES

Mrs Mabel Heng

I grew up in a family that does not believe in God. I was educated in a Methodist school. In 1963 I was baptised when I got married. Church attendance was as and when I liked. This went on until 1978. It was on the last night of the Billy Graham Crusade that I began to sense a God that was Almighty. I began to search for Him through Bible study, books, tapes and charismatic services.

All this while, even though I began to know Him, I had great difficulty in sharing with others. I wanted so much to tell others about Him but seemed so tongue-tied. Then in April 1984, I had to undergo a major operation. While lying helpless in the hospital bed, the Lord began to minister to me in a very personal way. It is the greatest blessing for me, for I have come to know a Risen Saviour, a Living God, one who walks with me, talks to me. In fact, He is everything that I read about Him in the Bible. The joy and peace which He gave me was for all to see. I was very sick but His grace was sufficient for me. I praise and thank Him for this personal touch and the richest blessing of my life.

The blessings which the Lord has showered on me are countless and I would like to thank Him most of all for leading my family to the Bible-Presbyterian Church through the Sunset Service. We are learning and walking more closely with Him each day. Praise the Lord.

Benjamin Fong Wai Yew

When I was young I would look at the stars and moon, and I was fascinated by these.

A friend brought me to his church and the guest speaker was Rev Philip Heng. Rev Heng spoke about black magic, the occult and yoga. I challenged him (only a fool would challenge a servant of the Sovereign Lord).

I was confused about religion and I was confused about God.

The Sovereign Lord chastised me for challenging Rev Philip Heng. Instead of turning to our Lord Jesus Christ, I went to Chinese mediums. The more I went the worse I got. Finally I went to Rev Philip Heng and made confessions and renunciations, but my heart was not sincere.

I attended Galilee BPC for a short time and after this I attended a church near my home. The more I learnt from this church, the more I got confused. Finally I decided to leave this church and went back to Galilee BPC. Here I learnt the Truth and by the grace of God I became a Christian.

I thank God for the BPC. I also thank God for His providential and sustaining hand. I thank God for His grace, love, protection and mercy.

In my deepest and darkest night, God always delivers. What is man, that the Sovereign Lord should care about him? What is sinful man, that our Lord Jesus Christ would die on the cross for him? This is the agape love. The greatest of all love.

Judith K. D'Silva

I grew up in an Anglican church. I was baptised as a baby and attended Sunday school regularly until I was confirmed at the age of 12. I was a regular church-goer during those years and thereafter. However, since my university days, which I spent in London, I became an occasional visitor to the Church, attending service only at times such as Christmas, Good Friday and Easter. It was only during the last year or two that I slowly began to return to God, very erratically at first, and then only since last December I began to attend the Life B-P Church every week.

My initial return found me visiting Catholic churches for a while and a few times I went back to the Anglican church. I felt uncomfortable in the Catholic churches, as expected, although certain parts of the mass were quite similar to the Anglican services. However, at _____, I found the services very "mechanical" and uninspiring, including the sermons, and I used to come away feeling more unsettled and unenlightened than ever. Maybe something was wrong with myself, but I could never quite figure out what the message was all about. And then, having been away from church for so long, I was not aware of the many changes that had taken place in the Anglican church until I was told about them by a friend. It seemed to me, from what I heard, that it was now very different from what I knew it to be. But I had the opportunity to experience one of the changes when I attended one service at St John's/St Margaret's Church in Dover Road. I came face to face with the charismatic movement. I was taken aback and, to say the least, felt very uncomfortable. Needless to say, I never went there again.

Then, another friend brought me to her church, the Clementi Bible Centre. The service may have been conducted differently, and it did not look like a church to me, but the message was good. The pastor happened to talk about the charismatic movement and he gave a very objective appraisal of it. He did not encourage it, but neither did he condemn it outright. Anyway, I felt good, I heard something solid, I liked what I heard, and it made me think (unlike other times in the past when I never really knew what the message was all about). But it was not until December last year that I began to attend Life BP every Sunday. The pastor's message, about not resisting God, somehow hit me. I think the Holy Spirit must have led me to go that Sunday to tell me something through the pastor

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

MON	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$1,598 (8.00 am)
\$5,121 (10.30 am)

NEW BPC AT SHEPHERD'S FIELD US\$300(CT Hsu),
US\$500(Bethany BPC), US\$260(Lifer USA);
Palm Sunday \$1,598(8 am), \$5,121(10.30am),
\$1000(Sharon BPC), \$100, \$100; Good Friday
\$5,508.

EXTN BLDG FUND 1585)\$400; 1586)\$30.

Total \$1,290,228.16

OFFERINGS FOR: Kijang \$9; Tg Pinang Camp
\$4165; Burmese Student \$100(New Life),
\$40(N Life SS); Easter Breakfast \$240,
\$50(Chinese Lifer); Kiantoro \$200; Missions
\$70(G Friday).

Congratulations to FEBI (Rev Djunaidi)
on their first graduation of two Dyak stu-
dents, April 1, 1988.

Congratulations to BPCWA on their inaugura-
tion of a Second Church at Padbury, North
Perth, this Easter Day, Dr Tow Siang Hwa
officiating.

Praise the Lord for 3 adult baptisms in KL
today (Rev Liew Hon Seng), and for 2 baptised
and 1 transferred at our Chinese Service
(Dr P. Tan).

Mdm Goh Yeong Cheun, 83, (Jacqueline Tan's
grandma) was baptised by the pastor at her
home, 20 Jln Sembilang, on Mar 30, 1988.

Rev Heng Teck Im, 88, Pastor Emeritus of
S'pore Life Church, Prinsep St., was promoted
to glory Mon. Mar 28 (funeral, G. Friday).
Rev Heng was a convert of Rev Ting Li Mei
and had served the Lord over 60 yrs in China,
Thailand and S'pore.

Tan Kim Yong is one of two adults baptised
at Tg Pinang. For several years he had heard
the Gospel by coming to church. Though he
was a believer, he sought a medium. The med-
ium tremblingly told him he could not tell
his future because a very Powerful Person
was with him, much greater than his gods.
He sought baptism after the Lord had deliver-
ed him from being stabbed to blindness by
a mentally-deranged brother.

Expresgram to Dr Masters: Thank you for your
new book "The Healing Epidemic" and latest
no. Sword & Trowel by "special delivery."

EASTER BAPTISMS

- Mdm Au Kee Wah, Adrianna Tour Reservation Control
- Miss Chew Shirley Self-employed
- Mr Cheng Koh Yeu Student
- Mr Goh Chuan Sin Student
- Mr Goh Liang Woei, Daniel Student
- Mr Goh Liang Kee Student
- Miss Ho Geok Wan, Lesley Student
- Miss Ho Linda Audit Asst Trainee
- Miss Koh May May, Eunice --
- Mr Koh Yat Ching Student
- Mr Kong Ling Si, Timothy Shop Assistant
- Mr Kong Ling Chieh, Titus Student
- Mr Kwan Yew Meng NSF
- Miss Lai Foong Ming Teacher
- Mr Lai Yeow Choy Student
- Mr Lee Wai Heng, Christopher Student
- Miss Lee Lai Kwang Student
- Mr Lim Chong Sian Doctor
- Miss Lim Meng Kean Teacher
- Mr Mong Tard Koon, James Technical Writer
- Mr Ng Kah Keng, Daniel Jewellery Designr
- Mr Ng Tze Leong Systems Programm
- Mr Ong Peng Tong, Benjamin Student
- Mr See Teck Hup, Conrad --
- Miss Seetoh Choy Foong Student
- Mr Sim Soon Kiat NSF
- Miss Sng Li Sar Student
- Mr Tam Wvi Huat Student
- Mr Tan Chee Hung, Jimmy Self-employed
- Mr Tan Hock Huat, Johnny Electrical Engin-
eering Assistant
- Mr Tan Poh Hong Student
- Mr Tan Siang Meng Student
- Miss Teng Puay Wah, Marcia Fashion Designer
- Miss Teng Geok Hwa, Shirl Book-keeper
- Mr Yip Meng Fai, Timothy Student

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- Mr Tan Yew Tee, Andrew Student
- Mr Tan Boon Seng, Benjamin Andrew Student

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

- Mdm Choo-Ng Bee Hua, Medical Practitioner
- Mr Chua Kwee Suah Student
- Miss d'Silva Judith Civil Servant
- Mr Fong Wai Yew, Benjamin --
- Mr Heng Boon Lee, Bobby Devlpmt Office
- Mrs Heng Mabel, nee Tan Swee Leng Civil Servant
- Mr Khoo Eng Teck, Jeffrey Student
- Mr Liau Kain Huat, Underwriting Executive
- Mrs Ng Christina, nee Goh Soon Choo Teacher

INFANT BAPTISM

- Heah Ying-Ping, Deborah, d/o Mr & Mrs Heah Eng Lin
- Huang Qing-Hui, Nicolas, s/o Mr & Mrs Ng Kok Beng
- Khoo Li Ren, Aaron, s/o Mr & Mrs Dennis Khoo
- Lee Yong Chu, Jonathan, s/o Mr & Mrs Jason Lee
- Leow Shu-Ting, Sharon, d/o Mr & Mrs Leow Ban Tat
- Ng Wei Ming, Jevon, s/o Mr & Mrs Ng Poh Koon
- Ooi Zheng, Joshua, s/o Mr & Mrs Ooi Boon Aun
- Seah En Quan, Josiah, s/o Mr & Mrs Joel Seah Geok Leng
- Tan Eng Keng, Jason, s/o Mr & Mrs Eric Tan
- Leong Shu Zheng, Ruth d/o Mr & Mrs Leong Kwok Whye

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

On to Batam!



In pursuance of the Lord's Commission to evangelise first our Judea and Samaria (immediate and intermediate environs) before going unto the uttermost part of the earth, Session has now set our sights on Batam Island. To make full use of my trip to Tanjung Pinang last Thursday, I got Joseph Liu to help me scout around Batam on the return journey. What a change has taken place since our last visit three years ago! The latest addition to this Island emporium is a casino. This has attracted hundreds of Singaporeans, especially during weekends. Travellers to other parts of Indonesia save substantially by flying out of Batam instead of from Singapore. Hotels there have increased occupancy from this new clientele crossing over to Batam. Do

not these developing factors beckon us to Batam for the Gospel's sake? We are to go where the people are. And we have Sister Roska!

Two Uttermost Parts--Perth and Bethlehem!

When we have done our part in Judea and Samaria, then the Lord will send us to the uttermost part of the earth. Robin Tan phoned last Sunday night to report on Padbury church in North Perth. One gift of A\$1,000 is much appreciated.

Twice the distance to Perth is Israel where we have a part in purchasing land at the Shepherd's Field, outside Bethlehem, for our Arab Christian brethren. Though they go to Baraka B-P Church on the Hebron Highway skirting Bethlehem, they are convinced God has a second church for Beit Sahur, Shepherd's Field, where most of the congregation live. They have made a downpayment of US\$6,000 for the site, but lack US\$27,000.

Praise the Lord, our Holy Week offerings, including individual gifts, total \$28,000 or US\$14,000. So everyone of our Readers who have given to our Arab brethren has a stake in that holy ground where the angel announced our Saviour's birth. If any Reader feels moved to close the gap, let him or her see the Treasurer before 2nd May! At this point of writing a lady member who visited the Holy Land last year brings to the Lord \$1,000! "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor 9:7,8).

Indeed, the Lord's blessings have abounded in the two trips we've made, 1983 and 1987, through association with Baraka, and surely He has more in store for you who are joining the Holy Land Tour, May 31-June 12, under Dr Tow and Elder Chia.

What is the Genius of B-Pism?

It is that every congregation should own its own property! So, we have given to our grown-up daughters, such as Grace and New Life, their portions, and we have given, through a Sister, a Church in Perth and another in J.B., and loaned substantial sums to Melbourne and Shalom to help them build.

One young Church that has a close link with us is Nazareth, a daughter of Galilee. We have ministered to Nazareth at every Gospel Service in Cantonese and Hokkien beamed on their parents and grandparents. Over 15 have been won to the Lord during the years.

Nazareth has during the last few years been worshipping at Galilee, but they have felt the need to strike out on their own. "Decentralisation" is another B-P genius in the matter of Church growth. Lately, they have discovered a piece of land 21,167 sq. ft. situated on the Pasir Panjang Highway near P.P. Park, at \$50 per sq. ft. As the owner has no other buyer except Nazareth, it seems this deal will come through.

The pastor of Life Church has been consulted and he has personally inspected the proposed Church site. He concurs this is good land for value. Moreover, we have no B-P Church in the Pasir Panjang district, so this is a good opening to an uncultivated field.

Though Nazareth is a small church with 70-80 communicant members, she is a forward giving Church. She budgeted \$10,000 for FEBC last year and has delivered the goods. Her own Building Fund stands above \$100,000 and is steadily growing. Jesus says, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance . . ." (Matt 25:29). Nazareth is a Church worthy of our help, not that we have any of our own, but as stewards entrusted with the Lord's money. As servants given certain talents to trade for the Master, we are required to bring in the highest profits. This has to do not only in the spiritual realm but also in the physical, yea, even in the financial. Jesus requires every Church to run like a trading company or banking corporation!

When Nazareth gets established on the Pasir Panjang Highway with Lifers' contributions, it is like coming round full circle. In 1960 Life launched out to Pasir Panjang to start Galilee Church. As the land Galilee stood upon was requisitioned to develop Singapore Port, she had to shift to Pandan Gardens. Now, Nazareth, Galilee's daughter which has been under the Mother's roof the last several years will shift back to where Galilee was in 1960. Why? To fill the gap left behind by the Mother Church. Perhaps the Lord's encouragement to Paul is relevant to Nazareth going back to Pasir Panjang: "For I am with

thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:10). - T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg; 9.30pm-FEK BOD
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal Mtg
THU 7.30 pm Jeremiah (Rev C. Tan)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
2.30 pm Lynette Chew Tiew Boon-
Gerard Yang Teo Ning Wedding
(Rev Tow)
3.00 pm LBC & CSF; 3.30pm - YF
4.00 pm YAF; 5pm - Servitor
SUN 8.00 am Rev Tow
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Church Choir & Junior Choir
Practices
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia
4.00 pm Tabernacle BPC Baptisms
(Rev Tow)
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Services

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING \$10,137*

NEW BPC AT SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$10,137*,
\$30, \$200, \$200, \$200, \$700(Chinese S.),
\$200. Stop Press! \$1000

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Tabernacle Van
Fund \$2000; Tabernacle BPC \$10; Easter
Breakfast \$30; Rev Djunaidi/Dyak Missiona-
ries \$150.

Expresgram to Rev Paauwe: Warm welcome
to Dr & Mrs Alan Teo and son Jonathan
visiting Life Church mid-April. Also to
Rev & Mrs James White, Apr 25-26; Rev
Ivan Goss, Jul 1; Mrs Meg O'Brien, Jul
27-30. Greetings to Dr & Mrs Siang Yew
visiting Mrs Handy in Adelaide, Apr 25.

Madam Goh Yeong Cheun, 83, went home to
be with the Lord Apr 5. She was laid to
rest at CCK Protestant Cemetery Apr 7,
pastor officiating.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual
Congregational Meeting for 1988 will be
held Lord's Day Apr 24, 10.15 am. Every
communicant member is required by law
to discharge his or her duty by attendance.
We extend a warm welcome to Miss Priscilla
Strom (daughter of Dr & Mrs Dick Strom)
worshipping with us this morning.

When in Perth, worship at 1)Mt. Pleasant,
867-69 Canning Highway, 10 am. 2)Padbury
High School, Giles Ave, Padbury, 7 pm.
Tel. 3649898; 4741200.

Holy Land Study Tour, May 31-June 12,
under the auspices of Calvary BPC, Dr
S.H. Tow and Elder Chia Kim Chwee leading,
\$2,650. Lifers please see Elder Chia.

"A father is starved by many sons" is
a Chinese saying. The ICCC (International
Council of Christian Churches) with which
our church has been affiliated from its
birth is holding its 40th Anniversary
Congress in Cape Canaveral, Florida, June
6-16, '88. Who is that filial son to see
to the needs of an aged father?

THURINGIAN FOLK SONG



TO BATAM ISLAND, ON TO BATAM ISLAND!
Across Singapore Straits to the south
there's a newfound land,
Across Singapore Straits to the south
there's a newfound land.

A new Judean town has sprung up overnight,
But souls there are now groping and sunk in
the mire of sin,
But souls there are now groping and sunk in
the mire of sin.

Arise to the south and go thou My witness,
And tell the saving news to every perishing
soul,
And tell the saving news to every perishing
soul.

To Batam Island, on to Batam Island!
Arise and to the south all ye My witnesses
shall go!
And tell the saving news to every perishing
soul.

"Who will have all men to be saved" (1 Tim
2:4). Calvin comments, "... he (Paul) is
showing that God has at heart the salvation
of all men, for He calls all men to acknow-
ledge His truth ... for the apostle's mean-
ing here is simply that no nation of the
earth and no rank of society is excluded
from salvation, since God wills to offer
the Gospel to all without exception" (P.
208,209, Calvin's N.T. Commentaries, Eerd-
mans). N.B. HyperCalvinists, if you can dif-
ferentiate the Desiderative Will from the
Decretive Will of God!

"The Christian and Chinese Culture" by Dr
Poh Boon Sing is available from CLBC at \$7.
Highly recommended!

"The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Err-
or," a Message on the Charismatic Movement
delivered at the 2nd Conference of the Indo-
nesian Council of Christian Churches in Jak-
arta, by T. Tow is now available in printed
form from Life Church Office, tel. 2569256.
"Freely receive, freely give."

Books by T. Tow available at CLBC: Calvin's
Institutes Abridged, The Gospel of Life,
the Gospel Prophets, John Sung My Teacher,
In John Sung's Steps (the Story of Lim Puay
Hian), The Law of Moses and of Jesus, Pio-
neering in Dyak Borneo by Jason Linn (trans-
lated by T. Tow).

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REPORT FOR 1987 BY REV. LIEW HON SENG



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We thank the Lord and the Women's Fellowship of Life B-P Church for supporting our work. It is nearly five years since we started on Sept. 15, 1983. We feel very indebted to the Lord for the slow progress. Yet we are grateful to Him as He leads us on.

Easter Baptisms

Three women, Wong Ah Lai, 70; Yong Poh Chan, 71; and Lai Kew, 78, were added to the Church by baptism. Though these are late in believing in the Lord, they are the Lord's favoured ones. We hope we have younger ones for baptism this coming Christmas.

The total of baptised ones is 16 in four years--12 adults and 4 children. One of these, Lee Sheng Siang, has joined Chin Lien Bible School.

Transfers

Since early last year the family of Chung Wun Fatt and Stephen Han and his friend have transferred to our Church. Our attendance at Sunday Worship is around 20. Our offerings last year (except Special occasions) totalled \$1,474.26.

Literature Work

One happy addition is Stephen Han who has a burden for the Lord's work. A journalist by profession, he sees a dearth of Chinese Christian publications. Most devotional writings come from Hong Kong and Taiwan. As to books on Bible Doctrine, these are very few. He has therefore decided to give up his news-reporting job and devote himself to translating from the English books on Bible Doctrine into Chinese. He believes readers of books

circles. Such books can enter the readership like "Seduction of Christianity" and "Peace, by CLBC, should be translated into Chinese. room at our new Gospel Station at Selayang stor Liew taking great pains at translating buy a computer to speed up the translation ay for this need.

visitation and nurturing. He has a desire n. Dated April 3, 1988.

BY REV. KEITH COLEMAN

been a very "spiritual" one as wave upon urers came to "rid the land of spiritual States, so they all come here to deceive. ou learn the gift of healing. The National ostal groups gave their endorsements, and false prophets and false teachers. Yet other year, we see that there is no change. f sick, communists, deceived and unsaved. the Anti-Christ will become so popular in easy for the world to believe a lie.

n, has come with seeing a few young men and self in preparing for the ministering ave helped teach at the Fundamental Baptist t three years. The school is celebrating

its 25th Anniversary this year. Through the FBBI some 45 churches in the Metro Manila Area are ministered to by its students. We have also taught at the Center for Biblical Studies during the same period. It provides a graduate level education for pastors (25 are presently enrolled)

Up through the beginning of April we have school here. Naturally that will take most of our time. As in the past we are invited to various churches on the weekends, speaking in the services and other meetings. It has been a joy to see slow but steady growth in most of these churches. To date there are four churches that are presently involved in building programmes, as they are literally bursting at the seams. By God's grace some of the B-P brethren in Singapore have been able to aid in the construction of these structures. It is good to see how the body of Christ (both Baptists and Bible-Presbyterians) functions in a wonderful and much-needed unity

Dated February 1988.

REPORT FROM FEBI, PONTIANAK, WEST KALIMANTAN, BY REV. DJUNAIDI

On Good Friday April 1, '88, we held the First Graduation Service of FEBI which was also a Commissioning Service. We had a sizeable gathering from well wishers coming not only from Pontianak but from out of town. Rev & Mrs Siritongah of the Department of





Religion were also present to deliver a message. We thank God for a good service.

Abel and Sudirman were the first two to graduate, having served one year's internship each. Another three, viz., Sugit, Yusni and Irawaty have completed three years' study. They are now going into internship in preparation for next year's graduation.

As Singapore has terminated support for FEBI, we have reorientated the procedures for admission of new students, etc. We hope there will be progress made, "for all things work together for good to them that love God . . ." (Rom 8:28). Praise the Lord! Dated April 1988

REPORT FROM NORTH SUMATRA BY AGUS SIREGAR

The Lord is great and good, His mercy and grace never cease, especially upon His people who cling to Him and His Word.

The more I serve the Lord Jesus the more I am grateful to Him for Far Eastern Bible College. The truth which I have learned from her is truly just like a strong pillar for upholding my ministry.

Right now I am serving at Talun Kenas--not far from Kuta Baru, only 15 km away. This district consists of 1000 families. Most of them are in deep darkness. The knowledge of being born again is far away from them. How much less to experience it, as what John Sung said!

Recently we held Easter Sunrise Service at Kuta Baru. Six persons dedicated their lives for the Lord. Now it is my task to instruct, train them up, and pass on the torch according to II Tim 2:2 and I Cor 15:58. Pray for me that God may give me wisdom to equip them.

Praise God, the FEBC Magazine sent by sea mail was received on 6th April 1988 which consists of "Passing on the Torch" and Diploma, for which I am thankful.

May God bless us as we serve Him with clean hands and pure hearts. My best regards to FEBCers and Mrs T. Tow.

Dated April 6, Talun Kenas

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

MON 7.30 pm Holy Spirit (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting
THU 8.30 am FEBC Final Exams begin
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
3.00 pm CSF; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Mr Eric Kwan
9.30 am Sunday School
10.15 am ACM (Rev P. Tan)
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
10.30 am Church Choir & Junior Choir Practices
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
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 \$3,625 (8.00 am)

\$5,332 (10.30 am)

BARAKA CONFERENCE CENTRE \$50; \$70; \$30; \$120; \$120, \$100. Total \$490.

BPC SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$5000; \$500; \$50 (8 am); \$200(8 am); \$600; \$160(WF); \$30; \$50.

OFFERINGS FOR: Jess Lim \$40; Missionary Fund \$50; Burma \$550, \$500(WF); Thailand \$100; ICCF \$300(WF); Aircon Renov. \$1030, \$852.35.

The 500 copies of "John Sung My Teacher" arrived at ICCF Hqrs, USA, Mar 29!

At the second Lord's Day Service held at Padbury, N. Perth, the attendance was 60!

Notice is given the second time that the ACM will be held next Lord's Day, Apr 24, 10.15 am.

Congratulations to Sis. Frieda Lee and Sandra Chay for passing Kindergarten Teachers Training!

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We express our deepest condolences to Rev Goh Seng Fong on the home-going of his mother Madam Ma Lee Wah, 71, on 10th April. She was laid to rest at CCK Cemetery, 14th April.

Praise the Lord! 7 adults and several children will be baptised today at Tabernacle BPC, Tampines New Town!

Extending the Gospel to India. Through Rev Burt Subramaniam, two B-P churches have been established in Madras. Bro. Baskaran, an FEBC graduate, is now in charge of a branch at Villiwakam. Having gathered S\$30,000, they are in the process of buying a property at V., but there is a shortage of S\$3,000. If you are interested in India this is one avenue for your service unto the Lord. Yes, we are dedicated to carrying out Christ's Commission to go unto the uttermost part of the earth! Amen.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Selayang Segar

Following last week's report by Rev Liew Hon Seng on Peace BPC at Batu Caves (K.L.), I was "pressed in the Spirit" (Acts 18:5) to renew fellowship with my student (Liew graduated from FEBC 1970) and to survey our northernmost Gospel outpost at Selayang Segar.

To save time and money, I took the 10 pm night "Express" to arrive K.L. 7 am next morning. As there was no sleeping berth in the 2nd class, I was obliged to travel 1st class. Since I'm considered "orang tua" (over 65), I was privileged with a $\frac{1}{2}$ price ticket. My clean and cosy lower cabin berth, airconditioned, cost \$48 and some cents.

My room-mate was a young Teochew merchant of K.L. with business headquarters in S'pore. A Taiwan University graduate, he carries on his father's business in the import and export of dried sea-food. He goes as far as the Maldives Islands to import sharks fins, and send his goods as far as Australia and Japan. What an opportunity to talk business, which ended up with "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mk 8:36). My young friend knows all about the Gospel, including Christ's virgin birth and resurrection. We had further companionship at the Buffet Car where we ate

each a \$2 plate of fried noodles, washed down with Kopi-O - for the night was cold.

While my friend snored away, I sneaked out of the cabin at Gemas, hoping to buy a hot night cap to soothe my sleeping nerves. To my disappointment, the Buffet Car was closed and the cooks were buried in slumberland. Just then I heard a lone Malay woman's voice calling, "Nasi Lemak, Kopi-O panas." That's just the stuff, I purred, and in the murky shadows some distance off the train, I struck a deal, nasi and Kopi all for M\$1/-. When I opened the rice packet I suddenly realised it was meant to be eaten with finger logistics, Malay style, which I was not accustomed to. Just as I hesitated, I discovered two straws for the drink, which became my improvised chop-sticks! How God provides to the last fibre of our needs! Thus satisfied, I betook to my cabin, but the next thing I became conscious of was the train's slowing down sweetly to its final destination - the Grand Central Station which was K.L.

Sure enough, Liew and Stephen Han were on hand to receive me. They whisked me off immediately to Selayang Segar where we consulted our empty bellies with fresh pork broth at my request, the sweetness of my last meal here a year ago still in my palate!

Selayang Segar is a pleasant new town on your right as you drive on the completed super-highway to Ipoh north. What makes it even more important is its becoming a junction for a new highway to Klang, so that southbound traffic to Port Klang can bypass K.L., to reduce congestion. In other words, Selayang Segar has a short cut to the West Coast, so those going north from the West Coast can come here easily.

What disappointed me was that our new corner flat which we intend for a Christian Kindergarten is all finished, all ready, except for water and light. As the estate, along with scores of others I've seen in Malaysia, is "frozen" by the Depression, we must yield to the philosophy of "go slow." This means we have no definite date of opening the new Gospel station.

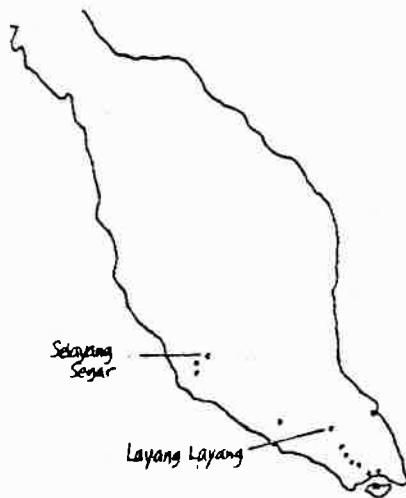
Business done, I asked to be rushed back to K.L., hoping to catch a S'pore-bound coach at the bus station. Sure enough a last seat at the front door was available. Thanking the Lord for the timely provision, I hopped on and said good-bye to our friends. I dozed on and off between meditations on the coming Sunday's messages. Another pleasant ride (the coach was airconditioned) and I arrived back Gilstead Road to join in the FEBC at the evening meal, fresh as a daisy. Praise the Lord for all the journeying mercies. (One further transaction at Selayang Segar was to alert Liew of Colin's visit with him, June 8-13, for some Gospel outreach in this new town.)

Pray for Selayang Segar, our northernmost outpost.

Batam Island

From the far north, let us look across S'pore straits to Batam Island on the southern horizon. With Roska's appointment as of May 1, 1988, we are claiming this "Pearl of Indonesian Development" for Christ while we pray and plan for its "commencement." Meanwhile, Roska will assist in the Indonesian Service at Life Church, and visit Kelapa Sawit and the several satellite towns of Air Bemban and Bukit Batu, Layang Layang, etc.

What shall we do on Batam Island? In conjunction with Deacon Linus (Teck Hock) of Tanjung Pinang, we will most probably rent a house to start a children's and youth work. This station can also provide hospitality to Christians travelling to other parts of Indonesia from Batam. For example, Kimiko, when flying out to



Pontianak, had to spend a night at Batam. By flying from Batam, you pay much less as compared with flying out of S'pore. Batam is most suitable for missionaries leaving Indonesia. Pray for Batam!

Most Hilarious Giving!

Hilarious means extravagantly merry according to Chambers Dictionary. It is used in Church language to mean giving to the Lord most cheerfully and happily. That is the way we should give at all times to the Lord.

The response to helping our Arab Christian brethren buy a piece of land at the Shepherd's Field (Beit Sahour) to build a Bible-Presbyterian Church is particularly hilarious. I can see three reasons--1) They are an underprivileged community - to be an Arab Christian is no joke in a land dominated by heterogeneous religions. 2) Through the Baraka B-P Church in Bethlehem, all our Pilgrims to the Holy Land have been doubly blessed. So we give in response. 3) We have a closer link with them in having sent our B-P ministers, Dr S.H. Tow and Dr Patrick Tan, to ordain their pastor Rev George Awad and elder Issah (who studied at FEBC for a season).

Your total giving to Shepherd's Field touches US\$20,000. There's still a gap of US\$5,000 roughly. If there is any last offer to the Lord, it should come before May 2!

"A father is starved by many sons." In reference to the ICCC 40th Anniversary Congress to be held at Cape Canaveral, Florida, June 6-16, we commented on a genuine need of this 20th Century Reformation Movement that is often neglected by her members. This remark prompted the WF to earmark \$300 for ICCC and Session to decide on US\$5,000 as our portion unto the Lord.

When we think of how the Separatist Movement has blessed the B-P Church all these years, beginning from Life Church, we gave hilariously, as a filial son to a loving father. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor 9:7,8). God increases a Christian's wealth in order that he might do good works, works of relief and mercy, and not works of self-enrichment and selfish hoarding!

A thought from our Saviour when he was on earth: "I must work the work of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (Jn 9:4). Let's hasten on with His work, for soon darkness will be upon us!

Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 25 - May 1)

MON	9.00 am	Rev James White at Guest House. Warm Welcome
	7.30 pm	Holy Spirit Exams
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	9.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
FRI	2.00 pm	FEBC End-of-Year Get-together at 64 Andrew Road
	7.30 pm	Film Show: "My Son, My Son"
SAT	2.30 pm	Tan Choon Chye-Ng Yuet Ling Wedding (Rev Philip Heng)
SUN	8.00 am	Mr Colin Wong
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service at FEBC Hall
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church 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 OFFERINGS: \$1,821 (8.00 am)
\$4,821 (10.30 am)

BPC SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$100; \$100; \$100; \$500; \$300; \$100; \$200; \$1000; \$100; \$30; \$200.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Baraka Conference Centre \$550; Peace BPC \$80; India \$80; \$250; Batam \$50; Rev Paauwe \$50; Y. B. School \$100; Missionaries Fund \$50; Burma \$100 (New Life BPC), \$40(N. Life SS); Jess Lim \$1000; Tg Pinang \$1000; FEBC \$250; Children's Choir \$100.

"MY SON, MY SON"

See it at Life B-P Church, this Friday, 29th April, at 7.30 pm.

Let us be fruitful Christians by bringing our friends for this filmshow.

"THE ASIAN AWAKENING" is a series of lectures by Dr Timothy Tow to the School of Theology, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London 1986, being a commentary on John Sung, China's greatest revivalist. It includes ten testimonies of those who were blessed by his ministry.

In order to give a full-orbed view of the Asian Awakening, the author brings to light the mighty works of Rev Ting Li Mei (1871-1936) who was acclaimed the "Moody of China" in the generation before John Sung. He belonged to the times of transition from the Manchus to the Revolution under Sun Yat-Sen and Chiang Kai Shek. Read the blood-curdling experiences of missionaries in the Boxer Rebellion of 1900!

May this book stir some young man or woman to give up the world and serve the Lord full-time.

This book will be available at the Christian Life Book Centre, Sat. April 30, at \$8.

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The Anguished True Story of a Christian Father and His Wayward Son
Adapted from
the Biographical Novel by
Bernard Palmer.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

When we were on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land last June, it was announced about this time that the ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches) would be holding its 12th Congress (40th Anniversary) at Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA, June 6-16, 1988. Since it was incumbent on me, as Far Eastern president, to attend, we decided to spend a month in Israel this year on our way to the Congress. Breaking journey midway at Israel would not cost extra on our S'pore-USA ticket. To stay at the Missionary quarters at Bethlehem would also be an economic arrangement besides giving us further opportunity to study the Land.

Until early April we were headed for Bethlehem, and we made sure with Mr Herdle, missionary-manager of Baraka, we were coming--despite constant reports of unrest in the West Bank. When things took a sudden turn, however, we were advised by our loved ones not to proceed, while in our hearts we had felt that was the Lord's will. Man proposes, God disposes.



So instead of breaking journey at Amman to transfer to Israel, we are now flying straight to New York, arriving May 3, RJ263, 1920 hours. My son John should be on hand to receive us and take us to his home at Roslyn (N. Philadelphia).

This is partly my annual leave at the end of FEBC's academic year. But it will be a working holiday as I intend to catch up on my writings. I had written 85% of my life story in Perth and I intend to finish it this time. I hope also to resume writings on the Psalms for RPG.

I am looking forward to seeing my daughter Lily and her family in Akron, Ohio, some 400 miles east of Philadelphia. And Rev C.T. Hsu my comrade for the last four decades, who resides in New York. While in Philadelphia I must visit with Dr & Mrs Jack Murray.

We should be in Cape Canaveral a day or two before June 6. I have to deliver an evening message June 9, while editing the Reformation Reporter, a daily news-sheet. Pray for us! May we offer our best to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Prophetic Voice Says, "We're in the Third World War"

That we are prevented from stopping over Israel is a rude reminder that the world is at war! Since the end of WWII, 17 million people have been killed and wounded as a result of civil and regional wars, many with no end in sight. There are 40 wars still going on. We thought things had subsided in Lebanon when another bomb went off at a marketplace in Tripoli. Scores were killed and hundreds wounded! Meantime the numbers of Arabs shot dead in the present uprising in Israel is around 150. Tune to BBC and you'll be drowned by the crackle of machine gun fire, now east, now west, and everywhere.

1988!

Several years ago, Deng Xiao Ping warned that 1988 would be a very dangerous year. Like 1997 for Hong Kong, 1988 which is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Israel has turned out to be so. Whereas Israel had won brilliantly against her Arab neighbours in 1967, and did win again in 1973 in the Yom Kippur War, she got stuck in Lebanon 1982-85. Now, it is the beginning of 1988 that she is fighting a war from within, with ominous reverberations. Jesus says, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falleth" (Lk 11:17).



Do you know that according to the Doomsday Clock in Chicago, it is now 6 minutes to midnight, zero hour for this dark world. This is corroborated by the sad events of 1988 insofar as Israel's future is concerned. Jeremiah sees how the times like these, from Israel's Independence 1948 to this day, will climax with "Jacob's trouble." "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it" (Jer 30:7). There is a silver lining to the dark cloud over Israel and that is the cataclysmic Return of her Messiah, even our Lord Jesus Christ! But before that day, Israel must undergo trouble, trouble, trouble! Daniel sees the same climax of history centering on Israel: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). Reader, are you written in the "book of life" (Rev. 22:19)?



on 1988! Some Lifers have asked me to lead another Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. Frankly speaking, I have no confidence the peaceful times we enjoyed there 1983 and 1987 will return. Maranatha!

What will you do with Jesus, young man, young woman? In a world that will be crashing one nation upon another, more and more with the passing of days, whether old or young, we are in the same boat. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; Only what's done for Jesus will last." Why don't you give your life to serve the King of kings? When He is coming even at the door?

And so I take leave of you in the service of our Lord. We are scheduled to return, D.V., June 20. God be with you till we meet again. Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

Obituary

Darren Chan Jun



Loong, 11, son of Mr & Mrs Chan Ngiap Koon, was called suddenly to be with the Lord on Apr 26, 1988. Funeral service Thurs. 28th, 3

pm, was conducted by the pastor and assoc. pastor at Life B-P Church. "Safe in the arms of Jesus," our young brother was laid to rest at CCK Protestant Cemetery, in hope of the resurrection.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

2nd - 8th May 1988

MON	6.00 pm	RTL Gathering with Session (FEBC Hall)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC/CSF
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Dr Tow Siang Hwa (Holy Communion)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Dr Tow Siang Hwa
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship Ser.
	10.30 am	Church & Children's Choirs
	11.45 am	Filipina F'ship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

\$2,286 (8.00 am)

\$3,887 (10.30 am)

SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$1000 (10.30 am); \$20; \$200; \$100 (SS Jr. Dept); \$100; \$750 (Holland).

Total \$42,204 Stop Press! \$1000*

OFFERINGS FOR: India \$100, \$100;

Jess Lim \$100; VBS \$200; Ng

Sang Chiew \$100; Thailand \$150;

Burma \$150, \$100. *(In loving memory of Mrs Chua Kim Soo)

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The tragic events in Israel this 40th Anniversary of her founding in the 1988th year of our Lord prompts me to preach this Lord's Day on "The Beginning of the End" at the 10.30 am Service. I tell you the truth, we are living less than 6 minutes of zero hour, Midnight! The Hongkongites worry about 1997. Christians, sympathising with both Jews and Arabs, and concerned most about the salvation of their own, need to hear this message

Song to the New Jerusalem

T. Tow

Stephen C. Foster

1. The summer sun shines o'er new Je - ru - sa - lem: Gold - en days of
 2. The au-tumn show'rs fresh-en new Je - ru - sa - lem, Hap - py feasts are
 3. The spring rains drive win-ter's bi-ting cold a-way: Wheat and bar - ley,
 4. The Sun of Right-eous-ness shines o'er earth's Dark Night: No more war, nor

peace so di - vine. Messiah has come to this war-torn earth from Heav'n
 held o'er the land. We wor-ship Mes-siah the Prince of peace-ful Realm,
 o - live and grain. Ten thou-sand flow'rs in the bal-my bre-ezes sway,
 hun-ger nor pain! Christ Je-sus reigns till Right tri-umphs o-ver Might

Besto'ing rest to we - a - ry man - kind.
 Who makes ros - es bloom a - cross the sand.
 While young men and mai - dens praise His name.
 All res - plen - dent in Je - ru - sa - lem.

Is-rael O weep no more to - day We will sing this song to the

new Je - ru - sa - lem To the new Je - ru - sa - lem for aye.

ASIAN AWAKENING, 273 pages by Life Church pastor, price \$8, is specially offered at CLBC at \$5 till May 15! Don't miss a good deal.

MY SON! MY SON!

(In loving memory of my dearly departed Darren)

I've cried myself hoarse,
Questioning God for the cause.
To your sudden homegoing
And the reason for our mourning.

You were the best son, God had favoured us,
Obedient, optimistic, cheerful, clever, loving and robust.
I thank the Lord for 'loaning' you to us for eleven years,
The happy moments we have shared: inspite of some fears
(like the time you were lost in Centrepont; the time you choked
on that fish bone).

The most severe chastisement that God can ever send
Is to whisk our loved ones suddenly into His Presence.
The greatest assurance, comfort and consolation
Is that I am fully assured of your salvation.

Pa and I have come to accept God's will for you, son,
Although our sorrowful hearts are heavy and numb.
Your dying is not in vain, although it caused such pain,
One day our loving heavenly Father will reveal His aim.

We believe you are happier now--safe in Jesus' arms,
Although Pa and I longed to hold you in our arms.
But we have the assurance that when our work on earth is done,
We'll join you in Heaven and be with you, our son.

Meanwhile, life must go on and we thank God we have Daphne,
May you rest in His perfect peace and be happy
Till we meet again on that beautiful golden shore,
And God will wipe away our tears and we cry no more,
Goodbye, our only dearest son!

Your loving Mummy

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THE LORD GAVE, AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY;
BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.



Exactly four years ago, the Lord in His mercy answered my anguished prayer: "O Lord, Thou art the Great Physician! Heal my only son!" The loving Father had a purpose when He saved my son from acute meningitis. If the good Lord had not spared our son's life at that time, I would have turned away from Him because my faith was not strong. God in His merciful plan had allowed us to enjoy our dearest son, Darren, for exactly another four years, so that both Ngiap and I could be drawn closer to Him. We blossomed into a family that prayed together. Above all, we love to come to the Lord's House to seek His face every Lord's Day. We have also found much blessings in attending Prayer Meetings and studying the Bible in depth through attending Basic Theology Lectures. God has infused in us the love to read and study His Word. God indeed had a marvellous purpose when He restored our son to let us have four more years of togetherness as a happy Christian family.

Unfortunately on 26th April as I drove to the hospital, the Lord did not answer my anguished cry: "Don't let him be badly injured, Lord." This time God had revealed that He could not spare our son to us anymore, for it was time for Him to take away our son to be with Him in glory. I thank God that I've kept our promise to the Lord--which is to bring him up and nurture him in the Word of the Lord, when Rev Tow baptised Darren when he was barely four months old. As young as 2½ years we sent our son to the Sunday School Nursery class taught by Mrs Gladys Sng and Mrs Tay. My son loved to attend Sunday School so much that throughout his short life of eleven years, he had always been awarded the "SPECIAL PRIZE" for his perfect attendance for every year except the year when he had to be hospitalised for meningitis.

My son had also always loved to go to Church camps, and from as young as 3 years old he had been attending all our church camps. I have hoped and prayed that he would accept the Lord as His Saviour in one of the camps. Praise the Lord, I have the full assurance that my son is now safe in the arms of Jesus, because last year at our Family Port Dickson Camp, he made a public confession in front of the roaring campfire and Rev Tow was his "loudspeaker" because his childish voice was drowned by the loud angry waves. Ever since Darren accepted Jesus as His Saviour, he was an even better boy. I believe my son was not only very dear to us but also to Rev & Mrs Tow and those of you who knew him. When the 8 am Service started, we trained him to listen to the messages so that when the time came for him to partake of the Holy Communion, he would be ready to tell me. But the Lord has a higher purpose for him in heaven (Romans 8:28).

The suddenness of his homegoing really shocked not only us, but I believe many of you too. Ngiap and I were so overwhelmed by the big turnout of caring Christians as well as non-Christian friends at our son's Vigil Service and the Funeral Service. I know my son would have been very happy to know that so many people loved and cared for him.

Ngiap and I take comfort in that the Lord has shown His will and we are not to question Him but to trust fully in Him. We also have the wonderful assurance that one day we will meet our beloved son on that beautiful shore . . . in the sweet bye and bye.

We thank the Lord that He has given Darren to us for eleven happy years. To accept the fact that our son is now absent in the body but present with the Lord is indeed difficult by our own weak physical strength. Only Jesus knows our great grief and He has made the suffering more bearable by moving all of you to be our earthly comforters. Just as no words can describe our grief, likewise no words can describe our sincere thanks to all of you, especially to Rev Timothy Tow, Mrs Tow, Rev Patrick Tan, Mrs Anne Tan and all the FEBC students who, inspite of their exams, came forward to help in one way or another. May God bless all His faithful full-time servants mightily!

One word of advice to all Christian mothers with young children. Remember your baptismal vows to the Lord and do not deprive your children of a Christian education due to the stress of work, education and the humdrums of daily life. May you all take the trouble to bring your children to be nurtured in the Word of the Lord and may you pray constantly for their souls to be saved. May all of you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, continue to pray for us as we need comfort, courage and strength to regain our normal life. I believe God will in His good time bring us out of our grief and reveal His purpose to us. Thank you.

Trusting in Him,
Mrs Linda Chan, 29/4/88
James 4:14b

CONTINUE STEDFASTLY

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was a fulfilment of the prophecy from Joel 2:28. The Holy Spirit did a powerful work of reproofing the hearers "of sin, and righteousness, and of judgment." This was spoken of by our Lord Jesus in John 16:8. Three thousand souls were saved and added to the Church. They were then baptised. What followed conversion was important. "They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). It is the responsibility of the Church to do the work of evangelism. It is equally the Church's duty to nurture and to build up the converts in the most precious faith.

We see then in the apostolic church the twin pillars for the local church ministry, namely, evangelism and discipleship. The good news of salvation through Jesus Christ was communicated by word of mouth. Personal evangelism was probably the most effective. This was clearly shown by the dispersion of the Christians as the result of persecution: "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). This method is to make evangelism a part of daily living--in our vocation, in recreation and in family life. It is a thrill to hear our young people requesting prayers for their unsaved parents and relatives. There is also the outreach of the evangelistic band. This was the method used by Dr John Sung, and Rev Ting Li Mei before John. It was the Lord's method to send His disciples out two by two (Luke 10:1). A backslider was brought back to the Lord by the witness of the LBC at the Tampines area. He and his family are now actively serving the Lord.

Disciplining the converts has often been neglected by the local church. The new Christians need to grow and mature spiritually. Someone said that by attending the worship service faithfully one would receive all the teaching necessary for spiritual growth. There is always the element of evangelism and teaching in all pulpit messages. A worship service is most often inspirational. Therefore Sunday services should be supplemented by systematic teaching of God's Word, as in the Sunday School. I urge Church members not just to send your children to Sunday School, but to attend it yourselves. We provoke one another to love and good works (Heb. 10:24). Disciplining must surely mean discipline. We need discipline to grow spiritually. We need a plan for spiritual growth, beginning with worshipful and meaningful quiet time with the Lord daily, to systematic study of God's Word through the Sunday School, and fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters. Strong disciples make a strong church. A spiritually strong Church will be a giving Church, in the giving of our tithes, our talents, and our time.

The apostle Paul has a deep concern for the ministry of teaching in the Church. God gives the Church men of ability such as prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The goal is that the Christians may "come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph 4:13). "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Cor 3:6).

- Rev P. Tan

MR J. P. DAVID WRITES

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb 12:2)

Since July 1986, I have been assigned to assist Pastor Tow as a full-time church worker. My work involves taking care of the visitors and prayer requests and other duties that may arise.

On visitation, I normally collect all the visitor's cards after each Sunday morning service. The following day I send out letters to them from our pastor, "A Letter of Welcome" and any other information they may need. Some of the overseas visitors have written in for Prayer Requests and some have attended the Tuesday Prayer Meeting.

For the local visitors, I ring them up to make appointments to visit them. I meet some of the visitors after the church services and then get the leaders of the various fellowship groups to contact them. Sometimes, I visit their homes and get to know their families as well. We have a time of sharing on God's Word followed by a prayer for various needs. Where there are parental objections, I meet the visitors either in the void deck or in coffee shops, getting to know them and their problems, sharing God's Word and praying for them.

As for the prayer request cards, there has been a great response and many have attended the Tuesday Prayer Meetings.

The Elders will be given specific prayer items to be prayed for continually, as the need arises. Our pastor, associate pastor Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan, Preacher Colin Wong and myself will be praying for all the prayer items during the week. Those who give their telephone numbers will be contacted for encouragement to trust in the Lord for their prayer requests. Some have given testimonies in the Tuesday Prayer Meeting of answered prayers, to God's glory.

Apart from the visitation and prayer request cards, I am also involved in counselling sessions. They vary from personal problems, family affairs and doctrinal issues. Those which are of serious nature I refer to our pastors. These counselling sessions are held at any time convenient. To God's glory many have been blessed and are back with the Lord. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to serve the Lord faithfully.

MR COLIN WONG REPORTS

The Life B-P Church Evangelistic Band was inaugurated on 13th Sep. 1987. The present outreach of the Band is to evangelise the people in Toa Payoh Estate. Since its inception, God has been challenging many young people to respond to the call of the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. To date, by God's grace, the Band has brought five persons to Christ. God has also given us many contacts, and many of them have enrolled with the Bible Correspondence Course. We also offer courses for Christians who desire to know more about the teaching of the Bible.

Every Sunday at 12.30 pm, the Band meets at the FEBC Hall for worship, instruction, exhortation and prayer. For newcomers, they meet separately for a five-week course on "How to Share Your Faith with Others." The others meet for exhortation and prayer. At 1.30 pm, the Band leaves for its destination.

Every first and last week of the month, some of them will join me for the Judean ministry upcountry to Malaysia. We have testimonies and song presentations. The purpose is to encourage the brethren in the faith. Come and help fulfill the Great Commission!

MY MOTHER

by Grace Tow

Should I ever write about my mother, I would certainly be able to write enough to fill a book and perhaps more. Undoubtedly, she has been, and continues to be, a most important person in my life. Her concern for her children, of whom I am the youngest, extends beyond that of our physical well-being; it is her greatest wish that we may find new life through the same Jesus who is so precious to her, and she has done much to show us the way. As a child on my mother's knee, I first heard of the love of Jesus. Each night she would read me a story from the Bible, teaching me to always turn to Jesus in prayer, to obey His Word and seek His will. By her own example she showed me the meaning of patience, of goodness and gentleness. I can truly say my mother is the most longsuffering person I know, for never once has she ever lost her temper in spite of my frequent show of ingratitude, rudeness or impatience. Never has one been so willing to forgive me as she--in the face of my disobedience she still tells me she loves me. On Mother's Day it is my prayer that, while I have the chance, I will be able to show her all the love I owe her, for it is but the least I can do.

God bless you, mom, and I love you.

A PSALM OF BROTHERLY LOVE

(To tune of 'Auld Lang Syne')

Behold, how good and how pleasant,
When brethren dwell in peace.
What heav'nly sweetness and fragrance,
This Christian Unity.
How gracious is the Saviour's love,
That binds our hearts in one:
It flows like streams of sacred oils
Down Aaron's beard and gown.
Behold, how good and how pleasant,
When brethren dwell in peace.
What heav'nly sweetness and fragrance,
This Christian Unity.
How gracious is the Saviour's love,
That binds our hearts in one:
It rains like Hermon's dew above
Upon the hills of Zion.
Behold, how good and how pleasant,
When brethren dwell in peace.
What heav'nly sweetness and fragrance,
This Christian Unity.
How gracious is the Saviour's love,
That binds our hearts in one:
'Tis life abundant from above
To love both foe and friend.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (CONT'D)

SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Keith Coleman (Elder E. Tay)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
	10.30 am	Church & Junior Choir Practices
	10.30 am	Junior Worship Service
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon B-P Church Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS (for Shepherd's Field):

\$1,523 (8.00 am); \$9,088 (10.30 am)
SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$600; \$100; \$80; \$1700; \$400;
\$50; \$200; \$500; \$1000; \$900(AF); \$4000(In loving
memory of Darren Chan Jun Loong). Total: \$63,345
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1587)\$466(Chinese S.); 1588)
\$200. Total: \$1,290,894.16
OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missions \$50, \$150;
India \$50; China \$50; Pastor \$400; ICCC \$500,
\$50, \$30; FEBC Library \$330, \$30, \$1200; Baraka
Conference Centre \$100.

Birth. To Mr & Mrs Yiew Pong Sen, a son, Lucas
Yiew Jin-Liang, on 26th April 1988.

We welcome to our pulpit the following guest
speakers in May: Rev Keith Coleman - 22/5 (8
am & 10.30 am services), 24/5 (Tues. Prayer Mtg,
with slide show); Rev Robert Thawm Luai - 29/5
(8 am); Rev Dan Ebert III - 29/5 (10.30 am).
Camp: Serdang Bahru Yian Church Camp will be
held at Life Church May 14-18.
Call: Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Church Office
2569256; Lim Florists 3369011.
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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(9th - 15th May 1988)

TUE	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tan)
	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Mr David)
THU	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (ERCS)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC/CSF; 3.30pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	7.30 pm	Sharon BPC Anniversary (FEBC Hall)

AMERICOURIER NO. 110

My dear Readers, I am glad to send this to you from Amman Airport, May 3, 1988

Another Sign of the End-time

Our hearts were uplifted when Session members, FEBCers and Lifers came to send us off and Elder Chia committed us to the Lord. And were not our spirits further uplifted when, as we boarded the aircraft, we were ushered upstairs into the 1st Class Cabin! It seems the bookings were so heavy that they had to channel some up, but why both of us? Perhaps this was due to our straight-collar formal attire, or did the ticketing officer recognise I was of ambassador class according to II Cor 5:20? As we enjoyed this sudden windfall, the Word of the Lord came to me: "The blessings of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov 10:22). This is a happy side of our travels.

Now, we are told that half of all Singaporeans travel. This statistic is borne out by our crossing the paths of two Lifers: 1. Miss Ho Siew Lan, hurrying up the Czechoslovakia Airline to get back to London where she is taking her Ph.D. 2. When we came into the Restaurant at Amman Airport to transfer to another aircraft for New York, lo and behold, here came Dr (Miss) Adela Tow, my cousin's daughter, in company of three other doctors on a tour of Europe. While we greeted one another, I thanked the Lord for sending me a timely doctor, for I was overtaken by a headache. Two headache pills, praise the Lord, restores me to perfect health, so I can write this letter.

The meeting with two Lifers in travel brings to mind Daniel 12:4: "... even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro" So, despite a shaky world economy, every airline is flying high. As for us, we should be looking up!

"I must work the works of Him that sent Me,

while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (Jn 9:4)

Jesus knew His time was limited! He had but 3½ years to preach before He ascended the Cross to die for our sins. For my sermon last Sunday, I showed how Israel's 40th Anniversary and her internal turmoil since the beginning of 1988 should awaken us to the lateness of the hour. Hongkongites worry about 1997. Christians have less time on their hands.

That the ASIAN AWAKENING had been pressed out of the press has been due to a concerted effort with CLBC. As this book has come about by the illumination from the Lord, and presents a full-orbed view of the Holy Spirit's work in East Asia from 1900 to 1945, particularly the mighty acts of a forgotten Ting Li Mei, it will do you well to get a copy of it (at only \$5) or more copies. Read it and give a copy to your friend. This is one good deed you can do for the Lord Jesus everyday! If Jesus is coming so soon, shall He tarry even until 1999? Does it not behove us to redouble our efforts to witness for Him? Better give both "John Sung My Teacher" and "Asian Awakening" as a set (only \$10 until May 15)! The Sunday School should stock it up for Christmas prize giving!

Shepherd's Field Land for an Arab BPC Oversubscribed!

The sudden avalanche of giving from hearts evidently touched by the Spirit of the Lord at last Lord's Day Service has caused the Shepherd's Field to be oversubscribed! How wonderful if Lifers can buy them the Holy Land Stones to build them their church, and how thrilling to be able to worship in it at the next Holy Land Pilgrimage, if the Lord has mercy! This holy exercise of giving to the Lord's people in the Lord's Land should keep us all in good spiritual stead. Truly, God loves every cheerful giver and God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you always having all grace may abound to every good work!

To See My Son and Rev C. T. Hsu at JFK Airport

As I conclude this letter at the Transit Restaurant, we turn our eyes westwards, anxious to meet with our loved ones in the Lord. Before we left S'pore we phoned John, but he was out. The next ring got me Rev Hsu right on the line. So he would inform John accordingly.

My dear Bro. Hsu is one I must look up whenever I get to the States. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother (Prov 18:24). He is one of the founders of the BPC. He went with me to Malaysia to evangelise 60 New Villagers on several trips, amidst the Communist Uprisings. He sent US\$300 for the Shepherd's Field, one of the first to respond! The Lord will reward us with a rich time of recalling past blessings together. So, let us say Salaam now, till the next Courier! Affectionately, T.T.

Deception of the Devil

The apostle Peter calls the devil our adversary. The devil is compared with a lion which hunts first by stealth and then by brute might. Animals that are not vigilant fall prey. Like the proverbial lion, there are three main ways in which the devil deceives the church as a whole and the Christian in particular. Firstly, he lies to us that there is no such person as a devil. He does not exist. He cannot be scientifically proven. In this day of rationalism and the age of science, the enlightened man cannot

subscribe to a personal devil. If we are tempted and commit sin, it is due to our environment. People steal because of poverty; they murder when provoked and they rise in rebellion because of unequal distribution of wealth. When we can solve the problems of poverty, inequality and oppression, then we reach a state of utopia. Rational man also cannot believe in revelation and miracles. The so-called supernatural can be explained scientifically. God can use the natural means to effect His purposes. All these are the devil's deceptions.

In the second place, the devil draws undue attention to himself. The devil is responsible for our bodily illnesses. The demented are possessed by devils and need to be exorcised. The devil is attributed more power than he possesses. He is the prince of this world. This has resulted in pastors being led into a spiritual ministry of casting out demons. The devil may give some pastors some successes, only to divert them from evangelism and feeding the flock. These pastors become very popular but their congregations are spiritually starved for lack of a ministry of the Word. Exorcism and faith healing are twin pillars of the Charismatic Movement. They claim the Holy Spirit's power when in fact they are skilfully manipulated by the Spirit of Error. Abuses abound in the Charismatic churches.

There is a third group of Christians who believe that the devil is a personal being. They accept that trials and temptations originate from the evil one. But they make the mistake that they can handle the devil by themselves. They underestimate their own spiritual capabilities and surely underestimate the powers of the devil (1 Cor 10:12). The devil is a roaring lion and does not discriminate between the different types of Christians. Naturally, the stronger Christians will survive the devil's attack. Spiritual self-conceit will cause the Christian to fall from the faith.

The Spirit-filled Christian is not immune to temptation. But we have God on our side. Our spiritual battles are also His battles. The Holy Spirit protects us. The Holy Bible gives us spiritual strength. Coming to Church for the Lord's Day Worship and taking the Lord's Supper are all valuable to maintain faith. "Casting all your care upon Him: for He careth for you" (1 Pet 5:7). - P. Tan

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 16 - 22)

TUE 11.00 am Terence Lu-Jessie Teo Wedding (Rev P. Tan)

2.30 pm Michael Soh-See Chai Lee Wedding (ERCS, Mahtani)

8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Mr David)

SUN 8.00 am Rev Keith Coleman

10.30 am Elder Lim Teck Chye

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,221 (8.00 am)

\$4,816.83 (10.30 am)

SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$50; \$50. Total \$63,445

ICCC \$150; \$165 (FEBC); \$160; \$200 (Boxes)

\$120 (Boxes); \$90.

EXTN BLDG FUND 1589) \$150; 1590) \$100.

Total \$1,291,144.16

OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$70, \$50; Batam Island \$50; Burma \$500 (WF), FEFST \$200 (Grace BPC); KL Missions \$250 (WF); FEBC Library \$900.

Mr Leo Chin Fatt, 77, father of Mr Thomas Liaw, Mr Leo Boon Kheng and Miss Leo Kah Loon, was baptised at home by Rev Patrick Tan on 12th May 1988.

We welcome Rev & Mrs Keith Coleman and son Jeffrey. They are missionaries of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions to the Philippines. Rev Coleman's appointments with Life Church: Sun 22nd, 8 am service; Tue 24th, Prayer Mtg (8 pm) - Slides on Philippines; Thu 26th, 8 pm - Seminar on "Combating Counterfeit Christianity."

The Far Eastern Beacon is available at the Church counter today.

Rev Tow's address in USA (until end of May): 2452 Avondale Ave, Roslyn, PA 19001, USA.

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On Losing A Son

My mind refuses to accept,

that he is really gone.

It still clings to that hope

that he is away on sojourn.

His physical absence, so deeply felt

In his vacant room, many a time, I've silently wept.

Why did he have to go like that?

Without saying 'Goodbye' to his mum and dad.

An untimely death! A wasted life!

My husband grieves and deeply sighs.

We've stopped questioning God 'Why?'

Lord, give us that understanding,

that strength from on high!

My puny short-sighted mind cannot

fathom God's mysterious ways;

But like Job of old, I can bravely say

That my faith is severely tested all the more,

I'll never forsake Him, but await His call!

As I look into the heavens,

By faith, I know I can see my dearest Darren

Nestling in Jesus' bosom, drinking in all

that beauty and peace.

O what a beautiful sight! What heavenly bliss!

I wish I could behold His glory!

Why, O Lord, why do you tarry?

When the world You've created has become

War-torn, wretched, wicked, woeful and weary.

May Thy Second Coming draw nigh,

So that we can all be caught up into the sky.

O what joy then to be reunited with our loved ones!

Meanwhile, we'll wait until our work on earth is done!

- Mrs Linda Chan

Job 23:10; Rev. 21:3,4

My dear Readers,

"Count Your Blessings, Name Them One By One"

In Homiletics, i.e., the art or science of preaching, we say this is a "positive re-statement" of Ps 103:3, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits"--which are: 1. Safe & smooth flight all the way. 2. Smooth clearance at Customs. A senior officer himself came to me, and after two questions, waved us on. (Last time, I had to turn my bags inside out.) 3. Rev C.T. Hsu and my son were both on hand to welcome us. Rev Hsu pressed an angpaw into my palm, but I said the Lord had provided enough. He smiled broader! He showed me this ad,

**JEWISH HISTORIAN CONFIRMS
JESUS'S RESURRECTION**

"3. Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was (the) Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the Cross (A.D. 33, April 3), those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; (April 5) as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day." (Quotation from "Life and Works of Flavius Josephus", Page 535, Chapter 3)

Rev. C.T. Hsu
541 W. 49th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10019

which he had placed in the New York Times last Easter. It is a paragraph from Josephus the Jewish historian, testifying to Christ's Resurrection. This ad was admitted because the New York Times has this slogan on its masthead: "All the news that's fit to print." This ad cost Rev Hsu US\$1035 for just one day! 4. The dry spring air has cleared my throaty throat, as the Chinese advise, "Have a change of water and earth," i.e., go to another place or land for a natural cure.

"He Leadeth Me Beside the Still Waters"

As Cape May will not open until May 30, Dr McIntire has lodged us at the B-P Home at Delanco. At the Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting at Collingswood where I was asked to speak, I jocularly said, "Forty years ago when I came to US, I joined Faith Seminary. Now I qualify to enter the Delanco Home (for Senior Citizens)!" As this home sits on the bank of the Delaware River, it is an ideal setting for meditation and writing. Staying at Delanco which is about 15 miles from Collingswood makes it easier for me to get around. Thursday morning I was invited

to speak to 120 students of the Faith Christian School of Collingswood Church. After this I had an appointment with Dr McIntire's Telecast. It is a one-hour programme where I spoke for 12 minutes. After that he got us to drive up with him to New York (125 miles north) where he had a deal to put up an ICCC Statement on Israel in the Wall Street Journal. Returning, we were invited to Faith Seminary's Graduation Dinner. So, our first two days in US have been crowded with "official business."

Cape Canaveral vs. Moscow

by God's Appointment on Mt. Carmel

When it was decided a year ago that the ICCC 12th Congress (40th Anniversary) be held at Cape Canaveral, June 6-16, '88, little did our leaders know Moscow would be celebrating the 1,000th Anniversary of Russian Christianity, June 5-17, '88! The media reports that the Pope would send a high-powered delegation to this hypocritical celebration under Communism, while Billy Graham would go to Moscow as chief Protestant spokesman. The timing of these simultaneous meetings of Ecumenism and of the 20th Century Reformation by the Lord with such exact coincidence brings them in direct confrontation--like Ahab's 450 false prophets and Elijah on Mt. Carmel. O Lord, grant the ICCC holy boldness to speak against today's Baalism, that the whole earth may know that "the Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God" (1 Kings 18:39).

Incidentally, the Gateway to the Stars Conference Centre at Cape Canaveral was the former Hilton, now taken over by Dr McIntire. Here the astronauts to the moon stayed before their space shot. That should remind conferees of the Rapture any day now when we will be taken up by a greater Power in the air to meet with the Lord. During the Congress the documentary film of Man's Landing on the Moon will be screened. This educational movie is one fringe benefit of such an international meeting.

Shelton Graduation, Saturday May 7, 1988

As we have been involved in speaking and attending functions, including Shelton's Graduation at Cape May today, my time devoted to writing has been curtailed. Nevertheless, I'm working my best. My message to the Graduands based on II Tim. 2:2 is "Passing On the Torch" to men of FAITH who 1) Obey their Lord Jesus Christ; 2) Revere His Holy Word; 3) Are loyal to their leaders; 4) Manifest integrity in their life; and 5) Manifest trustworthiness to their friends. Faith begets many virtuous sons and daughters.

John comes tomorrow to fetch us to worship at Collingswood B-P Church. We intend to do as much visiting as we can Sunday afternoon. Shalom, your affectionate pastor, T.T.



ARE YOU A PRAYING CHRISTIAN?

A child's first vocabulary is to call "papa" or "mama." He recognises the persons to whom he is intimately related and from whom he draws security and comfort. When a Christian is born again, the process of spiritual growth similarly follows the physical growth. The young Christian recognises his heavenly Father. When he addresses his Father in heaven, he has begun to pray. Prayer is spontaneous and personal. There should be no inhibition in our private prayers, for God receives us as we are. He delights to hear us when we pray and He joyfully answers our prayers. As the Christian grows spiritually, he desires to pray with other members of the family of God. Christians worship God as the Church of Jesus Christ and we pray together corporately. Our Heavenly Father desires that His people meet in His name, and agree together in prayer (Matt. 18:19,20). Often God's children say, "I don't know how to pray. I don't know what to say." The disciples of Jesus were in a similar position. They asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." A "66 Pocket Prayers" booklet has been written by Dr Tow Siang Hwa, pastor of Calvary B-P Church, to help Christians pray. Let Dr Tow introduce his pocket prayer guide:

"This most useful and handy POCKET PRAYER GUIDE at last is out! It is the result of five years' dreaming and one year's writing. There are prayers for almost every situation in life: confession, salvation, thanksgiving, backsliding, NS boys' prayer, birthday, wedding, going steady, baby's arrival, before examination, terminal illness, death, depression, etc., etc. For many years I have felt the need for such a prayer guide, but to wish is easy, to write is not. There is also instruction on 'How to pray' and 'How not to pray,' 'How to address God,' etc. Included are Psalm 23 and the Ten Commandments. ALL these '66 prayers' are my GIFT to you tonight! Please come and support tonight's meeting at Sunset Gospel Hour on 'Holy Spirit Filling.'"

Prayer, like the Lord's Day Worship, is not an optional extra in the Christian's life. It is the Christian's spiritual lifeline. Without prayer the Christian becomes spiritually sick and weak. With prayer there is spiritual power to live victoriously and to serve Him effectively. Let all Christians pray. Attend the prayer meeting of the Church. Mean business for Him.

Love, P. Tan

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

MON	7.00 pm	Wedd. Rehearsal (Rev P. Tan)
	8.00 pm	Wedd. Rehearsal (TPBC)
TUE	7.00 pm	Wedd. Rehearsal (Rev P. Tan)
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Slide Show on Philippines Missions by Rev Keith Coleman)
THU	7.30 pm	Wedd. Rehearsal (Rev P. Tan)
	8.00 pm	Seminar on Combatting Counterfeit Christianity (Rev Keith Coleman, FEBC Hall)
FRI	7.30 pm	Film Nite: "Two Brothers" (Mandarin)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
	2.00 pm	Charles Seet-Frieda Lee Wedding (Rev P. Tan)
	3.00 pm	CSF; 3.30pm - YF
	5.00 pm	Daniel Hee-Adriana Ou Wedding (Rev P. Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Robert Thawmluai
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Dan Ebert III
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
	10.30 am	Church & Children's Choir Practices
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	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 \$2,329 (8 am)

\$4,329 (10.30 am)

SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$100; \$120; \$600(BFC); \$1000(Sharon BPC); \$122.69(Boxes); \$50.

Total \$65,437.69

EXTN BLDG FUND 1591)\$300.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Batam \$50, \$550; Rev Paauwe \$50; VBS \$100; Filipino Church \$10; Missions \$50; FEBC Library \$50, \$980, \$35, \$650; Burma(pastor/students) \$100(New Life BPC), \$40(N. Life BPC SS); Office Renovations \$300.

Get your free copy of the "Pocket Prayer Guide" at the Sunset Gospel Hour, 6 pm this evening at Calvary Pandan BPC. Dr S.H. Tow will speak on "The Holy Spirit Filling."

Bring your Mandarin-speaking relatives and friends to this Friday's screening of "Two Brothers," a mandarin gospel film, 7.30 pm at Gilstead Road.

Rev Timothy Tow may be contacted in the USA at (609)-4610020.

Learn more about Missions in the Philippines.

Come to Tuesday night Prayer Meeting where Rev Coleman will screen a slideshow on Philippines missions. Rev Coleman will also be conducting a seminar on "Combatting Counterfeit Christianity," this Thursday 26/5, 8 pm at the FEBC Hall. All are welcome.

The RPG Notes for June are out today. Rev Denis Shelton of Australia writes on Deuteronomy. Make sure you get a copy from the Church counter.

Special Evenings of Sacred Music, June 10-11 and 17-18, at Calvary Pandan. Mr Tim Fisher and Mr Dave Warren, renown music professors from the Bob Jones University, USA, will discuss secular music, sacred music, rock music and its effects, and good Christian music. Special items, songs and musical performances will also be presented. Plan to attend!

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AMERICOURIER NO. 3

Delanco, N.J., USA

May 12, 1988

My dear Readers,

Visit With Dr & Mrs Jack Murray

One duty we must discharge on behalf of Life Church is to visit with the Murrays. As you know, Dr Murray had a bad fall down a flight of steps after he returned to America. As they are located at Hatfield, Pennsylvania, about 20 miles from Roslyn (Willow Grove) where my son stays, we arranged with John to take us there one afternoon.

We were delighted to see Dr Murray well on the road to recovery, so much so that he can move around under his own steam with a walker. Mrs Murray looked as fresh as a daisy. Now they are shifted into their new home with plenty of space for hospitality and holding of conferences. Dr Murray was delighted with our visit and the receipt of a first consignment of "The Asian Awakening." As he is a student on Revivalism, he was thrilled to read the 10 Testimonies on the S'pore Pentecost and, even more, the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 and the ministry of Rev Ting Li Mei, "China's Moody."

The Qualifying Experience of Staying in a Senior Citizen's Home

It is the B-P Home at Delanco, overlooking the Delaware River. At the Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting where I was asked to give a testimony, I said, "Forty years ago when I came to USA, I qualified to enter Faith Seminary. Forty years after I have qualified to join Delanco." This provoked laughter. The Lord has put us here, as I can see, for several reasons. Delanco is only 15 miles from Collingswood, so that whenever Dr McIntire needs me, I'm easily available. To stay with 15 senior citizens, mostly octogenarians and nonagenarians, is a new experience. As they are in the winter of life we try our best to radiate the warmth of summer by our speech and and singing (in worship) and visit with the sick. The best thing to do visiting the sick is to read God's Word, and the best part of God's Word in this instance is the "Royal Balm" of the Psalms. In all our travels we have adopted St. Paul's policy, "For I have learned in whatever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4:11). "For godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Tim 6:6). We have learned for a third reason the importance of waiting on the Lord. "For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matt 6:32).

Shepherd's Field on the Screen by Miss Davenport,Returned Missionary from the Holy Land

Hitherto you who have travelled with me to the Holy Land have been introduced to the Herdles and Creamers. Miss Davenport is another missionary to the Arabs at Baraka. At the Ladies Missionary Society of the Collingswood BPC Miss Davenport was the speaker. She showed a good representation of scenes of the Holy Land, but best of all, the Shepherd's Field site for a new Arab B-P Church at Beit Sahour, 3 miles from Baraka BPC on the Bethlehem highway. Miss Davenport, in answer to questions, stressed the importance of building this new Arab Church at Shepherd's Field because there is a growing Christian community at Beit Sahour, a village of the Shepherd's Field. The Arab Christians

themselves have rented a house for YF meetings, prayer meetings, etc., apart from holding Sunday Evening Worship. To go all the way to the Church on the Bethlehem Highway is not feasible except on Sunday mornings.

I was glad to hear a firsthand Appeal by an American missionary for the Arab Church she is serving. So I asked Miss Davenport how big the Church site at Shepherd's Field is. She says, "1,100 sq. metres." How does this compare with our Woodlands site whose area is 3,940 sq. metres? How does this compare with 500 m² we bought for the Kapitbahayan Church in Manila (Rev Dan Ebert)? At 1,100 m² we have therefore about 12,000 sq. ft. This works out at less than S\$6 per sq.ft.! No wonder Singapore is able to pay for the whole piece of land, practically. Praise the Lord for everyone who has put in your share for the Shepherd's Field Land.

What is Revival?

From Wesley comes the formula: 1. Do all the good you can. 2. By all the means you can. 3. In all the ways you can. 4. In all the places you can. 5. At all the times you can. 6. To all the people you can. 7. As long as ever you can.

Alas! The Church in America, which was once first, is becoming last. The Church is big, but the congregation is small. Few young people are to be seen.

We thank God for sending His Spirit upon our Church so that young people who love the Lord have stepped forward to bear the burden, eg. the Sunday Afternoon Evangelistic Band,

the YAF monthly Gospel Film Night. The WF is taking on Batam, etc., etc. Many of you who have the means have supported the Lord's Work with your gifts, provoking other BPCs also to give.

In this respect, may I urge you to bring in the tithes into the storehouse (God will pour you out a blessing . . . and rebuke the devourers for your sakes. Malachi 3:10). It will be wonderful if you will help the Arab Christians build their Church, too. Miss Davenport says there's not a Protestant Church at Shepherd's Field though there's a Lutheran, but in name. They also have candles and all that savour of Romanism. Sad to say, Protestants have returned to Rome. How good if Life Church can build a Church at Shepherd's Field, and make a special trip to join them at the Christmas Service! God bless.

Faithfully, T.T.

P.S. The sermon I delivered the Sunday before our departure was "The Beginning of the End." This is not only for the fortunes of Israel, but for the whole world. Look at Beirut again! And the non-ending Iraq-Iran War. It is of God's special mercies that Singapore is preserved. So, keep praying! - T.T.

RONALD REAGAN: IN GOD I TRUST

I was rather proud of the fact that there was an American President who was unafraid to declare that he was a born again Christian. He trusted in God. In fact, I promoted the book and had it distributed to some senior military officers. People entrusted with lives of many young men, and whose decisions affect the nation, must have the fear of God in them. It was a tremendous disappointment to read in the Straits Times, Thursday May 19, 1988: "Reagan won't reject astrology but denies he's guided by it." Since the attempted assassination on his life on March 30, 1981, Mrs Nancy Reagan began to consult the astrologer in preparing the President's schedule. This fact was revealed by former White House chief of staff Donald Regan in his recently published book, "For the Record: From Wall Street to Washington." Occultism is forbidden in the Bible. "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God" (Lev 19:31). Christians must keep themselves clean of all occultic influences. Never consult "familiar spirits," not even in moments of crisis. Is not our Lord Jesus Christ sufficient for our every need and will He not respond to all our prayers? "Be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Cor 6:17).

We are fighting "not against flesh and blood." The days are evil. Godly men may fall. A nation founded upon the Word of God, today can deny the God of the Word, the Bible. We are exhorted to pray for "kings, and for all that are in authority" (1 Tim 2:2). Remember, "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). The sin of a leader is more serious than the sin of an ordinary citizen. - P. Tan

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 30 - Jun 5)

MON 10.15 am ERCS Wedding (Rev Lau C.K.)
4.00 pm Andrew Chow-Shirin Ong Wedding (Rev P. Tan)
MON - SAT Bethany BPC Camp
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Mr Colin Wong)
SAT 4.30 pm CNEC Wedding
SUN 8.00 am Mr Colin Wong
10.30 am Rev Peter Chua (Lord's Sup)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2,146 (8.00 am)

\$4,171 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1592)\$200.

Total \$1,291,644.16

OFFERINGS FOR: Rev K. Coleman US\$20; Rev Paauwe \$10; Office Renov. \$200; Baraka Bible Conf. Centre \$30.60(Boxes), \$82, \$50, \$100; FEBC \$20.80(Boxes).

Given free to all who attend this Tues. night's Prayer Meeting (31/5): "66 Pocket Prayers" by Dr S.H. Tow.

Mdm Ong Siew Lian, mother of Rev P. Tan and James Tan is admitted to Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Ward 24 Bed 30. She is due for an operation on Tue 31st May. Pray for recovery.

Teacher needed for the Far Eastern Kindergarten. Interested please apply to Assoc. Pastor or call at Church Office.

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- MY FAITH SUSTAINED ME -

That unutterable, unbearable, crushing sense of loss
Overwhelmed me as I stood on that mound of green moss
A month to that agonising, unforgettable, fateful day,
When the Lord took my only son away.

The deep truth assailed me as I realised
I'll never see him again in this life.

Tears coursed down my cheeks as I prayed,

"O Lord, help me my loss to bear,

For I know in my heart You really care!"

Bereavement cards, letters of comfort, friends'
well-intentioned sentiments

Give little real relief or satisfaction.

Weeping helps purge my feelings and emotions.

"Tears are a healing balm," they say,

"Only time will heal the wound. Be not dismayed."

The compassionate, concerned presence of friends

Gave me some emotional support and strength.

But my greatest source of comfort and strength

Comes from my Resurrected Lord, my Redeemer and Friend.

Knowing that Jesus understands how I feel,

Fortifies me, Comforts me, Strengthens me.

Each day I thank the Lord for giving me the Holy Spirit,
my Comforter,

Who gives me the grace and strength to bear my loss.

For how I bear my suffering is a powerful testimony
to the reality of my faith in the Lord!

Much comforted by the Lord,
Mrs Linda Chan (2 Cor. 1:4)

AMERICOURIER NO. 4

Delanco, N.J., USA
May 15, 1988

My dear Readers,

Autobiography

During my 3½ months in Perth, 1986, I wrote 250 pages amounting to 85% of the story of the Roots of our Faith. These manuscripts have been reread twice since coming here, while Mrs Tow is keep up with making a clean copy. Before we came, I thought I would finish writing that story in USA, but no, I cannot do it! I simply have no inspiration. Perspiration without inspiration becomes exasperation. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun" (Eccles. 3:1). I guess the Lord is telling me the time to finish the book is not yet. So, I shall proceed with my next assignment: The Psalms. So far I have finished writing RPG Notes for 54 Psalms. That is why you have no continuation of the "Royal Balm" series. Pray that I may be enabled to catch up with another 2 months' reading at least.

When a Christian is Not Prepared to Die!

There is a nonagenarian lady who knows more Bible than a seminarian. Whatever Bible portion I read she could tell me the reference. When I said God will bury your sins in the deepest sea (from a chorus) she said it's in Micah. Which chapter? She knows her Bible so well because she was brought up to read the Bible every morning and night. But Satan won't let her go. She has been full of doubts of her salvation. For one week we visited her every night after supper. Every time she raises more questions. We have no way out but to keep reading God's Word that counters her doubts. Praise the Lord, her doubts were all dispersed by the light of the Word. So we could heartily sing: "In the Cross, in the Cross, Be my vision glorious. All my sins are washed away in the Blood of Jesus." How wonderful to see such a broad smile on an angelic face while she utters this prayer, "Lord, take me home tonight, I'm ready to go." Old or young, can you say that? How can you be sure of your salvation? Of heaven and not hell? When by faith in the Lord Jesus your sins have been washed away by His Blood! So, despite the whole Church's mourning for young Darren Chan, 11, we could rejoice to tell his young classmates at the funeral service: "Today is Darren's Graduation Day--TO HEAVEN."

40 Dogwood Trees planted on Faith Seminary Grounds

The Women's Fellowship of Collingswood BPC came yesterday to hold Spring Tea for the Delanco Home. After tea Dr McIntire invited us to go with him and Mrs McIntire to Faith Seminary--to plant 40 dogwoods, 20 white and 20 pink. The pink dogwood, when it blooms in spring, gives us the American "version" of the Japanese sakura. The reason for planting is to commemorate the ICCC's 40 years as well as Israel's. It took us 2 hours with the holes all dug in advance.

After the tree planting we were invited to an Asian Get-together and Pakistani makan under the "Asian Ministries of the ICCC." The idea is to bring migrants to this country, some through the ICCC, to a closer fellowship with our stand. Otherwise they may be sucked into Ecumenical Churches which in USA are worse than pagan. Churches that blaspheme the Name of Christ, that have a female Christ hanging on the Cross, that say Jesus and John were homosexuals, in order to admit a gay clergy. Such blasphemous statements, if they do not make your blood boil Who will stand up for our Lord today except the leadership of the ICCC?

TIMELY Confrontation

Then there is the Celebration of the 1000th Anniversary of the coming of Christianity to Russia under Communist Control and all the hypocritical felicitations that will be heaped upon Moscow by the Pope and WCC and New Evangelicals inside the WCC, Billy Graham being chief Protestant spokesman. Interestingly, the dates of the Ecumenicals and ours at Cape Canaveral coincide, theirs June 5-17 and ours June 6-16. This confrontation will give ICCC a golden opportunity to expose the greatest religious deception thus far of the End-times. There was an Elijah on Mount Carmel versus the 450 Baal Prophets, and there'll always be an Elijah to withstand Baal in any age.

"There is today a tide . . . which if taken at the flood . . ."

In "Asian Awakening," page 218, there is an Appeal after the Boxer Rebellion (1900) by the China Inland Mission which says, "There is today a tide in the affairs of China which, if taken at the flood, should lead on to everlasting blessing to that empire as well as to the world." May I apply this observation to our B-P Church today: "There is a tide in our B-P Churches which, if taken at the flood, should lead on to everlasting blessing to our Church Movement as well as to new horizons we had never dreamed of." For example: Our unplanned latest advance to the Holy Land in buying the Shepherd's Field site for an Arab Church. The strategy is our strong Singapore \$! Which has also helped the ½-Finished Filipino Churches. No doubt the greatest strategy is men and women surrendered to do His will. Hence the FEBC, to train warriors for the Faith and labourers for the Vineyard. (From a close contact with Rev Noah Quasa, author of "A Bird's Eye View of the Bible," two young Ghanians are coming to FEBC for training, so they might return to evangelise Ghana.)

But you who are established, to whom God has given wealth and substance, can play your part for the extension of God's Kingdom before Jesus returns. And I thank God that you have responded heartily to all the openings that Christ has given to Life Church. Hence the building of FEBI in Pontianak (which has become self-supporting), the purchase of Air Bemban which Elder Sng, who visits there regularly, can testify is great gain to the Lord. And so on, as the list is a long one. E.g. The over \$25,000 we spent 4 years ago to build a big church at Nawngkhio, N. Thailand, that has blessed the Frontier Labourers for Christ. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:9). So, work for the night is coming and the Day of Deliverance is at hand. Remember Wesley's words to do the greatest and widest good at the time.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

The Gospel According to Maggie

You must have been wondering what new cult this was when you read the Straits Times of Wed. June 1, 1988. In a rift between the Church of England and the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the issue is "Is becoming rich immoral?" No, said Mrs Thatcher, though the love of money for its own sake is. Britain is today in religious decay when the State Church condones homosexuality even among the clergy. Irreligious and Bible-denying ministers are promoted even to the bishopric. Naturally with an ineffective church the nation suffers. People become lazy and sin openly. The philosophy of Mrs Thatcher is self-reliance and personal responsibility. In a pulpit message to the Church of Scotland, Mrs Thatcher quoted St. Paul: "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thess 3:10). We support her heartily. We are saved by grace through faith. This does not mean that from henceforth we don't do anything to help ourselves or to help others. We bear one another's burdens and at the same time bear our own burdens (Gal 6:2,5). Did not our pastor quote from John Wesley, the founder of Methodism? Mrs Thatcher also quoted John Wesley: "Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can." Christians must learn self-reliance. "Self help, with God's help, is the best help." Love, P. Tan

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

MON - SAT	9 am - 12.30 pm	Vacation Bible School
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
	2.30 pm	Ng Teck Kim-Soon Poh Hoon Wedding (Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church)
	3.00 pm	LBC/CSF; 3.30pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Junior Worship Service (1st Flr, FEK Block)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
	10.30 am	Church & Children's Choir Practices
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$1,416 (8.00 am)
\$4,580 (10.30 am)

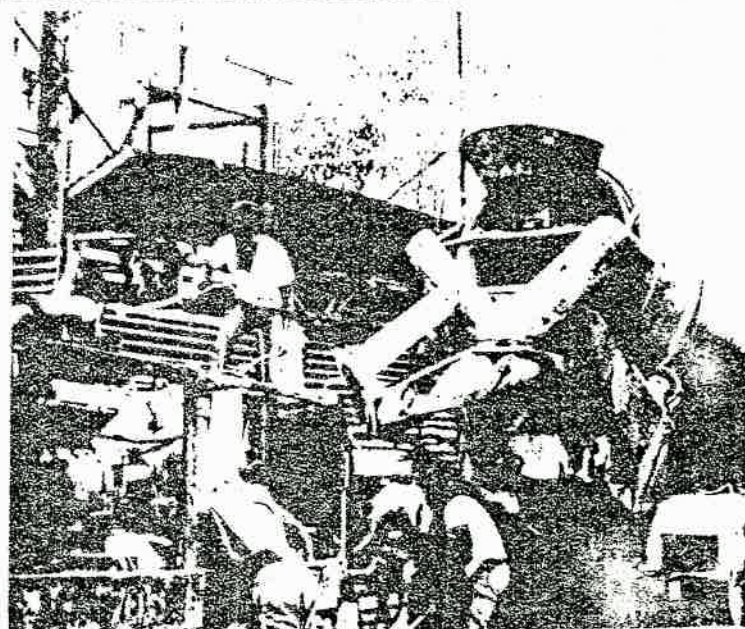
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1593)\$500; 1594)\$200;
1595)\$200; 1596)\$100. Total \$1,292,644.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missionary Fund
\$50; Rev Paauwe \$50; Baraka Conf. Centre
\$13; Kulai Besar \$500.

Born to Jack & Susan Tan, a daughter, Can-
dice Tan Wanxuan, on 18th May 1988.

Preacher Colin Wong heads a mission team to
Rev Liew Hon Seng's church, K.L., June
8-13, 1988.

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1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCH ON ITS WAY TO COM-
PLETION: Cement is poured at the "Blood Bought
Church" as pastor & members lend a hand.

Vacation Bible School welcomes all children
and teens (ages 4+ - 18 yrs) to join them
this coming Mon. to Fri., 9 am to 12.30 pm
daily at Life Church, for Bible stories,
filmshows, songs, games and arts & crafts.
Transport is available for Rowell Court resi-
dents only.

Don't miss the Sacred Music Seminar; this
Fri. & Sat, 7.30 pm at Calvary Pandan BPC,
when music professors from the Bob Jones U.,
USA, will give performances and talks. The
seminar will be repeated the following week,
June 17 & 18, same time and place. This
is a rare opportunity to hear and learn from
renowned & accomplished musicians.



My dear Readers,

Delanco, N.J., USA
May 21, 1988God Has a Better Travel Plan for Us!

As you know, we originally wanted to spend a month in Bethlehem, en route to the ICCC Congress. As times got harder, we were obliged to fly direct to US. We thought of staying at Cape May. Upon arrival, we found Cape May is closed until May 30. So we were asked to stay at the B-P Home (for senior citizens) at Delanco. This has worked out perfect because Delanco is only 15 miles from Collingswood. So I have been able to fill in several appointments with Dr McIntire. The last was to take part in Faith Seminary's Graduation. This Lord's Day, May 22, I am to speak at Dr Ed Gross's church at Fort Washington and May 29 at Rev Carl McIntire's in Pennsylvania. On May 31 we drive south to Florida in the company of Gary Johnson, Edward Paaue and other missionaries in the Independent Board Mission Van (sharing expenses). Meanwhile we have been comfortably provided for here so that I could devote all my time to writing the Psalms for RPG. Pray for the Lord's illumination upon me that the commentary on the Psalms might benefit readers. If you ask me how many, I'd say, I hope 50. Now, what I'm sharing with you is this: Before we came we didn't know how all these things would fall together. As things unfold day by day, we see how God has a better travel plan for us. The secret of following God's plan for our life, whether on a journey or not, is to sit still and wait upon the Lord, "... for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him" (Matt 6:8). "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way" (Ps 37:23).

A Hymn for Our Church

From the Life Weekly of May 8 received here showing how you have responded to Shepherd's Field, my heart is filled with Thanksgiving to God that yours is a sweet savour offering well pleasing to God. If we continue in well doing in every field the Lord has led us, we can be a force for good and for God in these last days. To challenge Life Church to greater attempts for the Lord, I have put my sentiments in these stanzas, to the tune of "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind":

1. THERE COMES A TIDE TO EVERY CHURCH,
If taken at the flood,
'Twill lead to undreamt realms of power,
To show'rs of blessing from above--
The Holy Ghost of God!
2. Comes now a flood-tide to our Church,
Who'll go to meet this hour?
'Twill lead to shores yet unexplored,
This tide that bears thee up yonder--
The flood-gates of our God!
3. Help us to toil for Thee, O Lord,
Upon this flowing tide.
And quicken our hands and our feet,
To snatch the souls of men adrift--
The coming Day of God!
4. Come ye, and hear the Saviour's Word:
This tide for no man waits.
The hour is late, the work undone,
As ebbs the flow below the sun--
The Judgment Day of God!

(Delanco, N.J., May 17, '88)

One Church that has answered in advance this challenge no doubt is BPCWA who launched out to Padbury from South Perth to start a second Church. May this hymn also be dedicated to BPCWA to encourage you to go from strength to strength!

does Fundamentalism in USA today need get involved so much in anti-Communism and rallies, as in Revivalism. People everywhere are starved for the Word of God. Pray for your pastor that he can meet this need.

P.S. "Do something good for Jesus everyday." This is one of our slogans. The best good without much expense of time or money is giving out a tract. Thank God for our Reformed Tract Distributors. One tract give me by an American friend is "God's Simple Plan of Salvation" with Bible quotations in bright red. This tract has run 14 million copies.

The Message of John the Baptist

Let me share with you this message to be preached May 22 at Fort Washington BPC. The text is taken from Matt 3:1-12; 11:7-14. At Jesus' first coming He was heralded by John the Baptist, in the spirit of Elijah. His message was one against SIN and the need of repentance to gain salvation, with fruits to prove. Before Jesus' Second Coming, Elijah is to herald with the same message of repentance preached by John the Baptist. What we need to stress today is: Are you prepared to meet Jesus at any time He returns? Unless you repent of the sinful ways you're in, you will be lost! The message this hour needs therefore is "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

In this respect we who underwent a Holy Ghost Revival at the S'pore Pentecost 1935 have something to tell from personal experience. Dr Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle saw some value in this after reading "John Sung My Teacher," so he got me over to lecture on the S'pore Pentecost. Out of those lectures, my observations of a modern John the Baptist, has come a second book, "Asian Awakening." Believing what America needs today is the true Revival we underwent and not the Oral Roberts and Jim Bakker type, I shall therefore preach on John the Baptist. Nor

- Faithfully, T.T.

On receipt of this, will RTD order a supply from LIFEGATE, Inc., Box 1771, Martinsville, IN 46151, USA. Specify "Creation." Our new hymn "There Comes a Tide to Every Church" should challenge us to intensified tract distribution, for countless millions still have not been given a pointed message on salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. - T.T.

THE PARABLE OF THE ANT

What can we learn from an ant? If we are humble enough, we can learn at least three lessons of DILIGENCE, ORDERLINESS and COOPERATION. These are much desired and needed qualities for the individual Christian and for the Church. The ant is always busy. There is not a moment to waste. She seems to be tireless. Yet her activities are not purposeless. She is "providing her meat in the summer and gathering her food in the harvest." Where there is food in abundance it must be stored for the winter or for bad times. The call today to each one of us is to be diligent. There are so many Biblical injunctions on hard work. How about this advice, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl 9:10)? Students have sometimes failed in exams because they did not study hard. Workers job-hop--one among several reasons is that the work is too hard or demanding. Shoddy workmanship is a constant grumble concerning inferior products. Diligence is the way. Diligence in study, in training, in working and in serving is the answer to success. The ant is programmed to be diligent, yet she knows instinctively that if she does not provide her meat she will perish. Christians all the more must realise this.

The second characteristic of the ant is the orderly way she goes about her business. There is an ant trail that she must follow. She knows her job well and nothing will distract her. I don't suppose we can find her arguing about her role and her task. Whether alone or in a group, the ant is orderly, so different from man. There is a poster which reads like this, "Geniuses are rarely tidy." I can therefore define a genius as one who, in spite of being untidy in his habits, knows where his things are kept. For ordinary people we must have tidy habits and an orderly mind to work and perform efficiently. We need efficiency in our secular work as well as in God's service. Besides skill which will contribute to efficiency, there is orderliness. There is a system of working. In an organisation where there are different people working at different roles but with one ultimate task, the need for an orderly system is altogether important. The organisation is as weak as its weakest link. So in the Church, God has given us men of talents. Individually and corporately we build up the Church of God (Eph 4:11-13).

As we see ants bringing food particles to their nest, they often work as a group. You watch their cooperation with amazement. When the burden gets too heavy, more ants will join in the work to bring the food home. The survival of the colony is dependent on the cooperation of the members. They have no guide, overseer or ruler, yet there is harmony. Work gets done; the ultimate task is accomplished. Because man is given the free will, we have a choice--to cooperate or not. Since we are sinful and selfish, cooperation is sometimes difficult to achieve. Yet by the grace of God and for the love of Jesus Christ, we can serve Him harmoniously, cooperating with one another, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Rom 12:4,5). - P. Tan

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

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Mr C. Wong)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
3.00 pm CSF; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Mr Stephen Khoo (Eld. Koh)
10.30 am Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
10.30 am Junior Worship Service
10.30 am Church & Children's Choirs
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
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 GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,902 (8.00 am)
\$7,855 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND 1597)\$100.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: ICCF \$200; Shepherd's Field \$150, \$1000(Sharon BPC), \$200; Arab Church \$50; Baraka Conference Centre \$20.20(Boxes), \$300, \$250; Thailand \$200;

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Burma \$200; China \$50; India \$50; Indonesia \$50; Malaysia \$50; Philippines \$50; Tracts \$50; Missions \$150; Batam Island \$600(BFC); FEBC \$150.

Calling all tertiary students! The Fundamental Christian Fellowship will be holding a camp for varsity, polytechnic & IE students at the SU Campsite, Sentosa, 29th Jun - 1st Jul, '88. Camp messages are on "Discipleship" by Rev Patrick Tan and "The Spirit of the Age" by Mr Stephen Khoo. Come for a time of learning and Christian fellowship, building a good foundation for your Christian witness and growth at your place of study. Call the Church Office, tel. 2569256, to register.

We thank the Lord for 185 children of all ages who attended the Vacation Bible School at Life Church this past week. Many have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

If you worship at the 10.30 am Service and have young children of 7 yrs & above, why not send them to the Junior Worship Service, 10.30 am, 1st flr FEK block, next to the

19th June 1988

AMERICOURIER NO. 6

May 29, '88

2452, Avondale Ave, Roslyn

PA 19001, USA

My dear Readers,

Like a Shut-in

Staying at the B-P Home at Delanco with 15 senior citizens, mostly in their 80s or 90s, sharing bathroom, can dampen one's spirits. But since we have learned in whatsoever state we are therewith to be content (Phil 4:11), we have profited not a little thereby. As a shut-in I have more time to meditate and write the Psalms. After 24 days' stay I've completed 31 Psalms. Your prayers, I'm sure, have borne me up. Can I attain 50 as I had hoped? When we took leave of the Delanco Home, some tears were shed.

Life in America can be very lonesome, for friends or relatives may live hundreds of miles apart. In view of the long distances separating us from daughter Lily and our leaving for Florida May 31, we will not go to Ohio. We could converse only long distance. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov 25:25). As son John transported us from Delanco to his house at Roslyn, we were glad to read Sis. Linda Chan's affectionate letter and her testimony in verse in the Weekly May 15. The Lord will give you the strength to carry on, but above all through your agonies to alleviate the sufferings of other mothers in a similar situation. Thanks to Colin for your letter too. We met Rev & Mrs Quek at Prayer Meeting of Dr McIntire's Church. They have left already for Florida, visiting niece en route.

Fort Washington BPC, Pennsylvania

In my last letter I said I was to preach at the above Church. The young pastor there is Dr Edward Gross, whose parents and brothers visited us some years ago. We had warm fellowship with 50 church members there (Rev Paauwe is speaking today). After service Dr Gross took us to his quarters at Faith Seminary for lunch. Dr Gross is Assistant Professor of Theology and Missions. He will receive his doctor's degree in Missiology June 10 from Trinity Divinity School. Dr Gross has published a second book, an Abridgment of Charles Hodge's Systematic Theology, through Baker Book House. He also preaches on 3 Radio Stations 5 days every week. This is a means of soul-saving, whereby several have joined his church.

Radio and TV a Must in America

America is like an ocean and Singapore like a pond. Because of the wide expanse of its country, the only way to communicate quickly is through the airwaves. Hence, pastors who have a big membership spreading over a large area would speak through the local broadcasting station. If he is not a good speaker, his broadcast will die a natural death. If he has a message, his one station will become two, three, and more. The Gospel is sounded through the Radio 24 hours a day!

The TV also is needed for quick communication. There are something like 80 to 90 channels. The Delanco inmates are given a view of the outside world by TV. Alas! The Televangelists have disappeared from the screen! But we read that Swaggart is trying to come back.

Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, Pennsylvania

The pastor of this Church is Rev Carl Martin whom we met at Rev Dan Ebert's in Manila. We have become good friends. When he heard that I was "in town," he fixed me up to preach at his Church today. An hour's drive from Roslyn, he came early at 8 am. There I had the opportunity to speak to the Adult S.S. and at the Service. There were about 150 people. After worship we were kindly entertained to lunch at the parsonage.

At Fort Washington BPC Again in the Evening

In USA, Fundamental Churches hold evening services. Rev Paauwe, former pastor of FWBPC, was speaker there tonight where he showed slides of the BPC outreach to Australia. Though most of the slides were on Adelaide, there included some on Perth and Melbourne. The Hope BPC services which were held at the Old Scout Hall are now moved to a school more centrally located and better equipped. Their attendance is around 30. Pray for Adelaide that the Church there will take root downward and bear fruit upward (Isa 37:31).

Visit with the Larry Leongs

Lawrence Leong, an old Lifer, came with John and Roy Lim 24 years ago to go to school at Shelton College. Roy became a banker, but because of hard times has had to transfer to the Philippines. Lawrence became a teacher, while Lee Lin his wife holds a good job. Their two sons are very successful at school. The big son has joined Princeton U . . . Steven Tan of Zion BPC is studying at Biblical Seminary. He now has two kids. He and his family are driving down to Florida for the ICCC Congress. Steven kindly phoned me up.

Memorial Day, May 30, in America

This Day is set aside to commemorate America's war dead. Instead it becomes a sort of grand holiday. This reminds us of the Jews who kept their memorial days during their exile to Babylon, not in mourning, but in having a good time. "And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" (Zech 7:6).

So here we find Memorial Day specials in sales and sports, etc., etc. I pray I might use this day wisely to continue with the Psalms.

Tuesday 7 am (May 31), a group of missionaries including ourselves will head south for Florida, driving time 24 hours. For economy we go by the Mission's mini-bus. Somewhere mid-way we must pass the night at a motel. Pray for our safety in this overland travel. Pray for the ICCC 12th Congress (40th Anniversary) that there will be a revival to the movement. That the Congress might bring glory to God and establish the Church. Pray that God will speak loudly and clearly that all might heed His Word. Pray that the Lord will give me His Word in the edition of the Daily Reporter. We're praying for the safe arrival of our Singapore contingent. May the Lord also direct the President of the ICCC that we might follow closely our Lord Jesus Christ in these crucial battles of the last days.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

Rev Dan Ebert III Writes to Rev Patrick Tan

We arrived back in Manila safely and thank the Lord for His graciousness to us. As always our time in Singapore was one of encouragement and blessing.

My wife and I both want to thank you for your hospitality and kindness in caring for us on Sunday. We enjoyed being able to fellowship with your wife even for the short time we had between meetings.

Our hearts are much encouraged by the extreme generosity and Christian love displayed by all of you at Life Church toward the brethren in the Philippines. With your latest gifts we look forward to seeing the latest two churches you have helped nearing completion by the end of this year. By the time we returned to the Philippines the typhoon season had already started. The heavy rains and strong winds at this time of the year sometimes slow up construction. However, both churches are still moving along quite well with the buildings.

Enclosed are two receipts. One for the latest bank transfer which I failed to bring with me. And the other for the gifts I brought back from Singapore.

After our busy time on Sunday I realised we had not really finished discussing the proposed trip of some of the men to Manila. I'm sure Dr [Timothy] Tow will communicate with us about this on his return. We always look forward to his yearly teaching ministry with us at the graduate school. He is a great encouragement to everyone by his years of faithful service to the Lord. I'm sure if some of you could see the churches that have been built through your joyful giving to us it would be a joy to your hearts. And we trust a number of you will be able to come with Dr Tow when he comes again.

Please greet all the brethren at Life BP Church for me. And thank them again for their concern and active Christian love.

We remember you in our prayers and know the Lord will continue to bless as you serve Him there in Singapore.

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

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
FRI 7.30 pm Film: "The Cross and the Switchblade"
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
2.30 pm Tan Lay Hean - Phang Fong May Wedding (Rev Tow)
3.00 pm CSF; 3.30pm - YF
SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Timothy Tow
10.30 am Junior Worship Service
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Church & Junior Choir Practices
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
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 GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,928 (8.00 am)

\$4,480 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1598)\$30; 1599)\$30.

SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$50; \$100; \$500; ARAB CHURCH \$550, \$250.

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OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Tabernacle B-P Chapel Bldg Fund \$10; Bataam Island \$20, \$400(WF); Jess Lim \$100; FEBC Library Renovations \$1030, \$900; Burma \$450(WF); FEBC Scholarships \$900(AF).

Basic Theology for Everyone evening classes. Our pastor Rev Timothy Tow will be offering a course on "The Doctrine of Man," every Monday, 7.30 - 9.30 pm, beginning 25th July '88. Rev Charlie Tan will teach the Book of Deuteronomy on Thursday evenings, beginning 21st July. Come and study God's Word at FEBC. Brochures are available at the Church counter today.

"God-centred Evangelism" is the theme of a seminar on evangelism, Mon. 25th July (public holiday), 10 am to 12.30 pm, organised by the Evangelistic Band. The seminar will be held at Life Church. Rev Philip Heng, pastor of Galilee BPC, will be speaker. Forms are available at the Church counter.

Salesgirl & General Clerk needed for Christian floral shop. Interested please call Jimmy at tel. 7320586/2236050.

Rev Patrick Tan will speak on "The Holy Spirit Interceding" at the Sunset Gospel Hour, this evening 6 pm, Calvary Pandan BPC.

Call Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Church Office 2569256; Lim Florists 3369011

AMERICOURIER NO. 7

Gateway to the Stars Hotel
Cape Canaveral, Fla., USA
June 15, 1988

My dear Readers,

On the American Road

The ride in the Independent Board Missions mini-bus was both comfortable and pleasant. It is a new vehicle with plenty of power, an 11-seater. As there were 9 of us, the last row was occupied by our luggage. So there was comfortable space, but just enough, for the party. The journey of slightly over 1,000 miles was made in two days, and one night spent at a motel at Fayetteville, N. Carolina. It cost both of us US\$35 excluding food. This was a safe arrangement in my view, for it is reported quite a few others make the trip non-stop in 17 or 18 hours. That is the American way of life.

Our Congress Site

is the former Hilton of 200 rooms spaciouly spread out over several acres. It was bought over by Dr McIntire in 1974. The Hotel did a booming business when the US Space Programme was at its highest. Here the astronauts stayed before their space shots, and Room 315 is where Neil A. Armstrong, "the first man to walk on the moon," slept. When the US Government slowed down its Space Programme, the Hilton lost out, and Dr McIntire took over. I'm not sure the former Hilton which he names "Gateway to the Stars" is doing as well as he thought, but this one thing I know: Every room is occupied by the 12th Congress of ICCC, so that a good number of delegates and visitors are obliged to overflow to nearby motels.

We have a big hall that accommodates the Congress, seating 1,000, and air-conditioned. A huge blue and white tent is pitched alongside to give shelter to overflow meetings, such as prayer groups according to language and space for displays. Some of the groups like the Filipinos and Haitians bring arts and crafts from their countries to sell in order to help pay for expenses. Others display literature, e.g. Rev Andrew Losier of Christian Literature and Bible Centre that have distributed one billion pieces in 50 languages. As for Singapore, we have effectively distributed hundreds of RPG and Banner and 400 copies of "John Sung My Teacher," and the 66 Prayer Booklets. These are disseminated especially to Third World countries in Asia and Africa. The ICCC is represented at this Congress by about 45 nations.

A Banner and a Beacon

The ICCC is a Banner that rallies those Churches that are of the same stand to witness for the Truth. It is a standard, a flag, hoisted high to give inspiration to lonely and beleaguered forces. It is a Beacon, a searchlight that casts its beams in a dark night to guide mariners on the right ship lanes, away from treacherous seas.

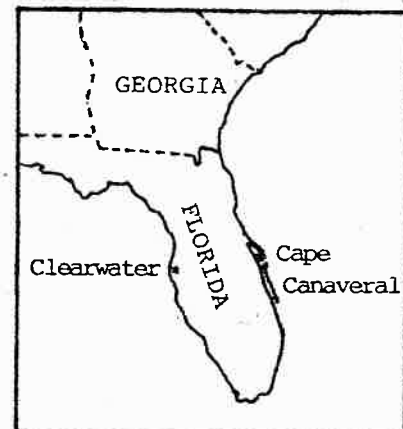
During this Congress, the media has given a fair coverage of the activities of the ICCC, both TV and newspapers, even the Voice of America broadcast. More important, I believe, are the Statements and issues of the day which will be published in Christian magazines and newspapers around the world.

ANTHEM FOR ICCC 12TH WORLD CONGRESS

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| 1. From north and south, from east and west,
We've come to this great Land.
We've crossed the seven air-oceans
To meet at Christ's command. | 3. Through forty years of sweat and tears,
Through many a trial of strength.
We've lift Thy Standard 'gainst the Flood,
O save us now at length! |
| 2. Today we're gathered in Thy Name
To pledge our love anew:
Thy Word is Truth and ever sure
Though faithful men be few. | 4. We're one in Christ and one in faith,
We're one in hope and love.
We'll fight Thy battles to the end,
Till b'taken up above. |

JFK Airport, New York City, June 18, 1988

The day after Congress was over, delegates scattered like birds back to their nests (Prov 27:8). As for us we had one full day to spare. Dr Arthur Steele my old schoolmate came over from Clearwater to lodge us at his home and to visit with his children and grandchildren. How graciously they received us! If you look at the map you will notice that Clearwater is on the west coast of the Florida Peninsula while Cape Canaveral is on the east. Dr Steele has gone the second mile, yea, the third mile, to entertain us. It was a home away from home to meet with the Steele clan. After a restful night, Dr and Mrs Steele sent us personally to Orlando from where we enplaned for New York. As we have some spare hours we make use of the time to conclude this series of Americouriers. We spend the whole of Sunday on the Royal Jordanian 747, a good time for reflection on His grace.



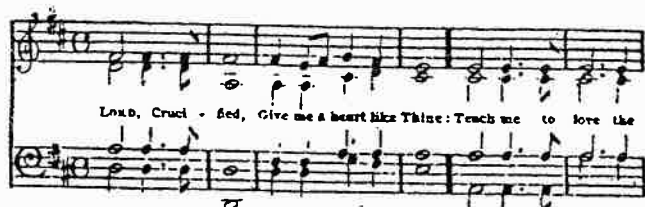
We thank God for journeying mercies, for provisions all the way, for good health and strength, for new insight into His work. We cannot do less than rededicate ourselves to the ministry at Life Church and FEBC until He comes. Amen.

There Comes a Tide to Every Church

1. There comes a tide to every Church,
Which taken at the flood,
Leads on to undreamt realms of power,
To showers of blessing from above--
The Holy Ghost of God!
2. Comes now a flood-tide to our Church,
Who'll go to meet this hour?
'Twill lead to shores yet unexplored,
This tide that bears you up yonder--
The flood-gates of our God!
(May be sung to tune of "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind")
3. Help us to toil for Thee, O Lord,
Upon this flowing tide,
And quicken our hands and our feet
To snatch the souls of men adrift--
The coming Day of God!
4. Come ye, and hear the Saviour's Word:
This tide for no man waits.
The hour is late, the work undone,
As ebbs the flow below the sun--
The Judgment Day of God!

- T.T.

Lord Crucified.



- O Risen Christ, give me Thy power divine!
Help me to triumph o'er self and lust
and sin.
- O keep my heart in closest touch with
Thee,
And give me power, Thy risen power
to lift the dying to Thee.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27th Jun - 3rd Jul 1988)

MON	10.00 am	FEBC Lecturers at Parsonage
TUE	6.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsals
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
SAT	2.30 pm	Elgin Tay - Lim Seen Seen Wedding (Rev Tow, Rev Tan)
	5.30 pm	Richard Teo - Lim Kim Tee Wedding (Rev Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Mr Colin Wong (Dn P. Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,304 (8.00 am)
\$5,176 (10.30 am)

SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$20; \$300; \$40; \$200;
\$2.40.

TESTIMONY OF THE LATE MR SEAH ENG TUCK (father of Elder William Seah) who went home to be with the Lord, Monday, June 20, '88:

"Thank God that I can testify of the Lord's goodness and mercy to me and my family. At a late age of 70 years, I became a Christian. I realised my need of Jesus Christ as my Saviour, for He died on the Cross for my sins. I learned at a later point in time that my sons who are Christians had been praying for my salvation. When I was converted the Lord changed my life completely. He gave me a new meaning and purpose to life. I gave up my bad habits--drinking and gambling. I had given up smoking several years before because of a bad cough. Thank God for giving me the joy of salvation and the assurance of eternal life. I am no more afraid of death. I am prepared to meet my God any time, 'for to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord.'

"Thank God for giving me good health, for at 78 years, I am reasonably healthy. Thank God for my family--children and grand-children whom He has blessed me with. My constant prayer is that we may be a happy family and that all of them may love and serve the Lord all the days of their lives."

1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES \$235; \$300(Thanks-giving for journey mercies).
EXTN BLDG FUND 1600)\$400.

OFFERINGS FOR: Burma \$50; Adelaide(Rev Paauwe) \$50; Batam \$100; VBS \$220; FEBC Library Renov. \$1800; Mr & Mrs Charles Seet \$100; Kiantoro \$100; Peter Chng \$100; RPG Notes \$50.

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Dr Rev Timothy Tow informed me that the S'pore Church donated the sum of US\$31,600 toward the cost of the land in the Shepherd field for Baraka Bible Presbyterian Church in the Holy Land of our Lord.

". . . On behalf of Baraka BP Church Session and members of the congregation in Bethlehem I send my greetings and good wishes to you all and may God our Father keep you all and protect you for His glory till the coming of our Lord."

- Pastor Goerge H. Awad, June 6, '88

Session mtg is postponed to Wed. July 13, '88.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN opens this term with Mrs Tan Poh Yok as the new principal. Pray that the Lord will guide us to new heights in the Christian training of young children (Prov 22:6). Eld. & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat were given a rousing send-off last Fri. night to Melbourne to pastor Bethel BPC for the next 3 months, succeeding Rev Bob Phee who has just returned after 6 months' duty. Mr Loke Tat Luen sends greetings and appreciation for Life Church's part in Bethel.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers, ". . . and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15)

Last Monday afternoon I received the shocking news from Bro. Hai Seng (FEBC graduate now serving with Bethel BPC, Melbourne) of the tragic homegoing of Mr Jeffrey Gan and Mrs Eric Choong in a motor accident, which also involved Mr Choong and Mrs Gan with serious injuries. Our prayers immediately went out to the bereaved. As for us, we could only repent in sorrow "and weep with them that weep," for we had personally met the Choongs when we ministered in Melbourne, 1986.

My brother Dr S.H. Tow and his wife called the same afternoon to give further information. As he had to speak at a Bible Camp and had other important appointments, we agreed Rev Bob Phee, who has just returned from Melbourne, should fly Tuesday night to comfort the loved ones and bury their dead. In fact, Bob offered to go before we asked. This is in accordance with the Apostles' teaching: "That members should have the same care of one another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it . . ." (I Cor 12:25,26). Elder and Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat, newly arrived on the scene, are our representatives to serve. Truly the Church is one big family, and the cord that binds us is love.

This valley of tears reminds me of Easter Monday 1965 when the Lord took my wife Nancy and youngest daughter Le Anne and Aunt Mrs Tow Keng Chuan at the foot of Cameron Highlands. I could only submit with Job, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). May those who go through the same valley be comforted, knowing that our lives are in God's hands. "But the very hairs of your head are numbered" (Matt 10:30). "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, . . . nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:28-39).

The Depraved Tendency to Judge

It is our depraved tendency to judge those who suffer in a bad light. That was the attitude of some Jews who told Jesus of those Galileans "whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices" (Lk 13:1) and of "those eighteen upon whom the tower of Siloam fell and slew them" (Lk 13:4). Jesus retorted, "Think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Let us get rid of that "holier than thou" spirit (Isa. 65:5), for we are all sinners saved by grace. Pastor or people, elder or younger, senior or junior, we are all in the same boat.

The tendency to judge is depraved, but doubly depraved is the tendency to say "serve him right," to gloat over someone trodden down who is our enemy. King Solomon warns, "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth; Lest the Lord see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him" (Prov 24:17,18). "Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker; and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished" (Prov 17:5).

And further hear what the prophet Obadiah says, "But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress" (Obadiah 12).

"Ye have not because ye ask not" (James 4:2)

Why is the Prayer Meeting Night so sparse in attendance? There are many legitimate reasons to offer. The main reason is our prayerless spirit. As prayer is earnest asking (1st definition by Chambers) and we are "rich, increased in goods, and have need of nothing" (Rev 3:17), what is the necessity of attending Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting?

In God's eyes, however, we are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Rev 3:17). We are advised to buy of Him (without money - Isa 55:1) "gold tried in the fire." Matthew Henry says, "Come to Christ with a sense of your poverty and emptiness, part with sin and self-sufficiency, that you may be filled with His hidden treasure." And when Christ begins to fill our empty hearts, then will we by the anointing of His Spirit see things in the right perspective and be clothed with His righteousness, and not be exposed in our shame and guilt.

How many a heavy burden upon our hearts we carry, day in, day out. Come to Prayer Meeting and cast upon Him all our cares.

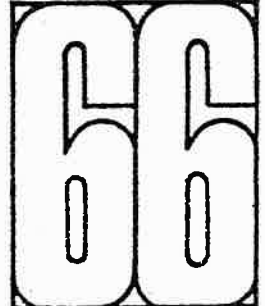
Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel:
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light of the straying,
 Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
 Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
 "Earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from above:
 Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
 Earth has no sorrows but heav'n can remove.

(Trinity Hymnal, # 518)

Prayer is a great lesson to be learnt, even for the Apostles. So Luke tells us of a disciple who asked our Lord, "Teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples" (Lk 11:1). The 66 POCKET PRAYERS from the pen of S.H. Tow, compiled after years of meditation, have come to His Kingdom for such a time as this. It is fulfilling a vital need, the hungering and thirsting souls of God's children who know not how to pray. The prayers in this booklet are not meant to be mechanically repeated but are a stimulus to prayer in the right direction and for the right objectives. We therefore heartily recommend our Readers to get a copy--from CLBC or Tabernacle. And come to Prayer Meeting Night wherever it is held by your Church! - Yours faithfully, T.T.



**POCKET
PRAYERS**

... keeping you near
to the heart of God.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK
(4th - 10th July 1988)**

TUE 12.15 pm Peter Mitchell & family
arrive SQ15 from USA
8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
3.00 pm LBC & CSF; 3.30pm - YF
4.00 pm YAF
5.00 pm Pastor at Shalom BPC Land
Claiming Service
(Rev Tan Choon Seng)
SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's
Supper)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan
10.30 am Rev Tow at Chinese Service
10.30 am Junior Worship
10.30 am Church & Junior Choir
Practices
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church 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, Calvary Pandan
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,511 (8.00 am)
\$4,303 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND 1601) \$200.

SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$10.50 (Boxes); \$480;
\$20.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Frontier Lab-
ourers, Thailand \$300; Missions \$150;
General Fund \$300; Ng Sang Chiew \$300
(AF); Life Teens \$200; Aircon Renovation
\$400, \$2200, \$630, \$3000, \$1080, \$1000;
Tabernacle BPC Bldg Fund \$1100.

Dr Arthur Steele, founder and principal
emeritus of Clearwater Christian Col-
lege, Florida, and Mrs Steele will arriv-
ing July 13 to teach "Contemporary Theo-
logy" (4 credits) at FEBC and speak at
Sunset Gospel Hour, culminating with an
FEBC Bible Camp at Awana, Genting High-
lands, Sept 5-9, '88. Dr & Mrs Steele
will stay at our Guest House.

**Advance Notice: FAR EASTERN
BIBLE COLLEGE** reopens Mon. July
18, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer
at East Coast Park (Bird Sanctu-
ary before reaching Kentucky
Fried Chicken) N.B.! Dr Arthur
Steele, visiting professor,
will deliver the Message.

William Burns is the spiritual ancestor of our
BPC. The full story of this modern St. Paul is
told in "5 Pioneer Missionaries" (Banner of
Truth Trust). Get yours from CLBC! Limited stock.
Gigantic Bible Verse Posters (imported from
England) for display in Church environs. Get
yours from CLBC! "Preach the Word, in season,
out of season."



This is Rev George Habib Awad
whom Dr S.H. Tow and Dr Pat-
rick Tan ordained pastor of
Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem,
1986. Rev Awad is a male-
nurse by profession and min-
isters to the Arab Church
in an honorary capacity.
Roska has returned to Medan
for a short visit. Kimiko
is granted visa to W. Kali-
mantan.

Sunset Gospel Hour Programme for the coming
months:

Theme: "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

Jul 3	God's Holy Law	Rev Timothy Tow
10	The First Commandment	Rev Timothy Tow
17	The Second Commandment	Rev Timothy Tow
24	The Third Commandment	Dr Arthur Steele
31	The Fourth Commandment I	Dr Arthur Steele
Aug 7	The Fourth Commandment II	Dr Arthur Steele
14	The Fifth Commandment	Dr Arthur Steele
21	The Sixth Commandment	Dr Arthur Steele
28	The Seventh Command- ment I	Dr Arthur Steele
Sep 4	The Seventh Command- ment II	Dr Arthur Steele
11	The Eighth Commandment	Dr Arthur Steele
18	The Ninth Commandment	Dr S.H. Tow
25	The Tenth Commandment	Dr S.H. Tow

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

A Time to Study

Since the founding of FEBC in September 1962, we have without let-up been running a course of BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE every Monday and Thursday evening when the school-term is on. This is to kill two birds with one stone. While it contributes to the College Curriculum, it affords members of the B-P Church and for that matter, any others who are interested in studying God's Word, an opportunity to upgrade themselves.

FEBC reopens July 18, but our first Monday evening class does not begin until July 25, 7.30 pm (when the public holiday is over by 6 pm; by Hebrew calculation!). Our first Thursday evening class, however, begins on July 21, 7.30 pm. Rev T. Tow teaches the Doctrine of Man according to Buswell's Systematic Theology Bk II on Monday evening, while Rev Charlie Tan, Deuteronomy, the Fifth Book of Moses, on Thursday evening. The course descriptions are widely advertised in a pink leaflet, which has been distributed and is being distributed. Pray for your lecturers that they may reverently impart God's Holy Word to a generation that needs to know the Bible as never before.

FEBC Acknowledged a Missionary College



This is so according to the 1986 Edition of "Operation World," published by STL & WEC. Not only are some of our S'pore graduates sent to regions beyond, we have a high intake of foreign students who train with FEBC and who return to their homelands to teach or evangelise. Some of our recent graduates are Michael Koech, Richard Kivai, Stephen Masila (Kenya); Jess Lim-Tamee, Prachan (Thailand); Dohar, Agus, Haposan (Medan); Esther Djunaidi, Kimiko (Kalimantan); Roska (Batam); Kim Kah Teck and Pauline (Kuching); Baskaran and Kumar (India); Peter Clements and Anne Gradussov, Mark Heath and Grace Lauw, Brutus Balan, Lim Hai Seng (Australia); etc., etc. In West Malaysia there are Ng Sang Chiew, Liew Hon Seng, Tiew Ah Tuan, David Wong, Elder Koa, (Elder John Ling), Esther Tsai, Stephen Khoo, Eric Kwan, Deacon Mani, Colin Wong, etc., etc., serving in what we call our Judean ministry. Though Thawm Luai of Burma was with us for only one semester, he is an outstanding one heading a whole denomination of over two thousand members. We mention these, "because that for His Name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles" (III John 7).

Over a Dozen New Students

This academic year sees the enrolment of over a dozen new students, of whom a third are from B-P Churches. Outstanding among them is a young man from Calvary BPC who has just graduated from NUS with an LLB(Hons.). We have some who, after finishing FEBC, go to study law and back to the secular world. Here is one who has given up a legal career to embrace the cross. Pray for this young man that he may not look back, "having put his hand to the plough" (Lk 9:62). His name is Chng Nai Yee.

Another worthy of mention is an Australian young man, having served eleven years in the Police. When he heard God's call, he sold his house and took off to USA with wife and three children. After a year in the States, he is transferring to FEBC to accelerate in theological training. When he gave up all to follow Christ, like Peter in the episode of the Rich Young Ruler, Jesus promised this Australian brother he would receive a hundred-fold, yea, even in houses! His joining FEBC would not be possible without adequate housing for his family. But God has one in readiness for him at New Life BPC, an unoccupied second parsonage. His name is Peter Mitchell. So, God knows your every need too! Trust Him to provide.

Dr & Mrs Arthur Steele

We have had eminent visiting professors from abroad to lecture at FEBC, but none has stayed with us for two months, which is the duration Dr Steele will spend, lodging at our lowly Guest House with his wife. Dr Steele will teach 4 credit hours in "Contemporary Theology" while ministering weekends and on the Lord's Day at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan. We at Life Church will hear him too.

Dr Steele is one of my bosom friends from Faith Seminary, 1958-59, where he was a Senior and I in graduate study. After Faith, Dr Steele served as Shelton College President for a season. From there he was called to found Clearwater Christian College at Clearwater, Florida, where he has served and taught until a year or so ago. Having laboured at Clearwater for well over two decades, the Lord is giving him a wider ministry to speak at Conferences. His coming out to the Far East is God's seal of approval upon his faithful service. His Chinese friends call him "Mr Stainless Steele."

Dr Steele is not new to Singapore. In fact, he visited us in 1961 in the days FEBC was struggling to be born. We look forward to a time of wonderfully serving the Lord together. Pray for Dr & Mrs Steele as they plan to work amongst us for His Name's sake.

Dr Steele will culminate his ministry with speaking at FEBC's Bible Conference (open to all) at Awana, Genting Highlands, September 5-9, '88. FEBCers, especially, take note!

Kebaktian Indonesia

The Indonesian Service that worships at the Jerusalem Court, which physically is more like a Tabernacle in the Wilderness, needs your prayers and support. Founded Feb. 7, '82, it has carried on without a break to this day. Deacon & Mrs Charlie Chia play uncle and

aunt to the infant church. Rev Frank Low comes once a month to administer the Lord's Supper. Kiantoro, an Indonesian young man from Tanjung Pinang now entering fourth year FEBC, is chairman of the pulpit.

As the congregation is highly mobile, being composed of FEBC and some other students, and temporary residents in Singapore, it is always in flux. We thank God, however, for the souls saved through the Kebaktian. Happily, we have Sis. Roska returning soon from Medan to take a special course under Dr Steele, before going over to Batam. Since Batam is not ready, her stay here may be more than 2 months. Meanwhile, she will be a great help to the Indonesian Service by her ministry with Indonesian compatriots working or staying in our City. Pray for this vital work with a people that dominate SE Asia! Remember also our three stations in Indonesia--North Sumatra, West Kalimantan and Riau Islands.

As for Batam, we thank God for a sister who is moved to support \$100 a month, with further \$140 for FEBC, her tithes. The Lord bless every cheerful giver! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(11th - 17th July '88)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 12.30 pm Dr & Mrs Steele arrive SQ1
8.00 pm Session Meeting
SUN 8.00 am Rev Tow
10.00 am Dr Arthur Steele
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset
Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,673.00 (8.00 am)

\$12,326.60 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1602)\$500;
1603)\$50; 1604)\$500; 1605)\$30;
1606)\$410(Chinese S.).

½-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES
\$100; \$50; \$500; \$600; \$1000.

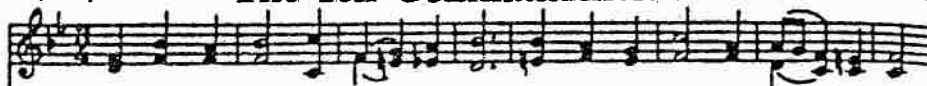
SHEPHERD'S FIELD \$150; \$100;
\$200; \$50.

OFFERINGS FOR: Jess \$800; RTD
\$10; Missions \$3000; BPC in Ad-
aide \$200; Burma \$50, \$70, \$200
(Grace BPC); China \$50; India
\$50; Malaysia \$50; Tracts \$50;
Batam \$100; Filipino Bible
College \$500(AF); PA \$500(Sha-
ron BPC); Bethel BPC Disaster
Fund \$1800.

Adapted by T.T.

The Ten Commandments

GERMANY L. M.



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



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



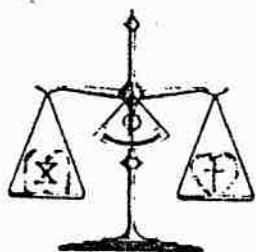
Expresgram to 1) Rev Hsu: Many thanks for yours thru' Sis-ter. 2) Rev Carl Martin: Congratulations on the arrival of daughter M.J. June 8! God bless!

Elder & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat send greetings from Perth.

FEBC Reopens Mon. July 18: Students leave Gilstead Rd 8.15 am for Day of Prayer at East Coast Park. Clean-up & room assignment on Fri. July 15, 8.30 am, at campus.

Announcing the latest...

THE LAW



OF MOSES & OF JESUS

TIMOTHY TOW

I count it a privilege to contribute a Foreword to this work, which I commend to preachers and all serious Christian readers with great enthusiasm...

This book was originally compiled as a scholarly critique of the attitude of many "popular" dispensationalists to the Law of Moses and also to the Psalms. Its value will be obvious from a glance at the Table of Contents, which literally bristles with topics of vital interest to Bible students... Dr Tow examines the grounds on which many dispensationalists reject the Moral Law of Moses, and with clear and powerful arguments he shows that the Reformed position is scripturally correct.

In these pages the ideas of teachers such as C.I. Scofield are repeatedly contested. One high point in the study occurs where Dr Tow brilliantly contrasts Scofield's attitude to the Law of Moses with the attitude of the Lord Jesus.

This book undoubtedly fulfills a great need. While it takes the form of a serious study, yet because the author is by nature and calling a preacher, and because of his stature as a communicator, the pace and flow of the book draws the reader into each argument, to provide a very stimulating "read".

from the Foreword by Dr. Peter Masters

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

A Lover of God

We have had eminent Christian teachers from the West visit us in years past, but here is one whom I can introduce with all my heart. For he was my schoolmate in Faith Seminary 30 years ago, and he was one of the few I've come to love and respect. Dr Arthur Steele is a man of God, yea, a lover of God.

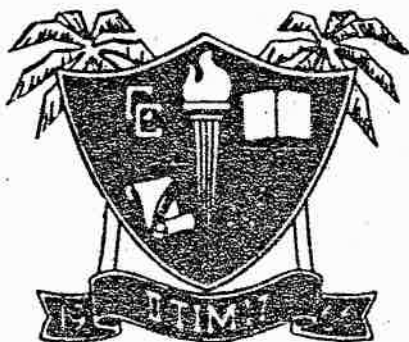
An engineer by profession, he heard the Lord's call after he was married and a father of several children. He became president of Shelton College, and visited us in 1961 in conjunction with the founding of FEBC, September 1962.

In 1966 Dr Steele founded Clearwater Christian College on the west coast of Florida. For twenty years he held the reins of this Fundamental Christian Liberal Arts College. When he retired in 1987, the College had an enrolment of 246.

For a man like Arthur Steele, retirement from 20 years of educational service is the beginning of a wider ministry--preaching God's Word at Bible Conferences and many a national pulpit. That the Lord has called him now to the Far East is His seal of approval upon His servant.

We welcome Dr Steele to our 10.30 am pulpit this morning. From now on for two months he will teach at FEBC in the late mornings on "Contemporary Theology." He will also speak at the Sunset Gospel Hour on the Ten Commandments and at a Seminar on Preaching at Calvary Pandan on two Saturdays, July 30 and August 6, 2.30 - 6.00 pm. He will climax his ministry by speaking at our Bible Conference at Awana, Genting Highlands, Sept 5-9, 1988 (All are welcome, elders and deacons, S.S. teachers, especially). Pray that the Lord will put His Spirit upon His servant. Mrs Steele accompanies her husband. They are lodged at our little Guest House, "your servants for Jesus' sake" (II Cor. 4:5).

A Message from the President Emeritus



At Clearwater Christian College our desire is that graduates be effective witnesses for the Lord, not only in churches, in Christian schools, on mission fields, but in every walk of life. So-called secular fields of work are not secular for the Christian; instead, they are fields for witness and service. We believe that every graduate should be concerned about lost souls and have a love for those who are saved. We believe that the basic solution to the problems in our nation and in our world is "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

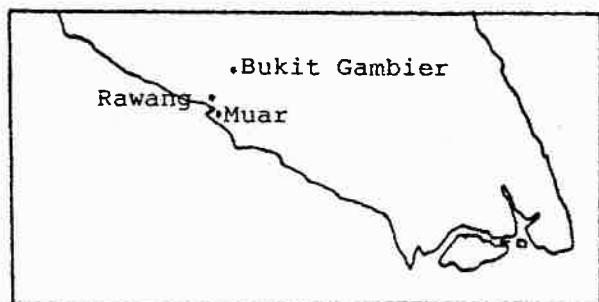
Part of the total programme of the College is the academic, spiritual and character development of our students. They are equipped to discern unbelief and sin which creep into our churches, institutions and homes. As true soldiers of the cross, Clearwater students are expected to effectively oppose the world and those who have rejected the authority and inerrancy of God's Word.

We commend Clearwater Christian College, its board, administration, faculty, staff and student body to pastors, parents and friends for prayer and support. We invite prospective students to prayerfully consider the unique programme and emphasis of the College.

Arthur S. Steele

The Story of Bukit Gambier

Gambier is a familiar Malay word for some tropical plant, but few among us urban dwellers know how it looks and what it is for. Chambers says it is an astringent substance prepared from the leaves of a shrub of the East Indies, and largely used in tanning and dyeing. Gambier was grown in Singapore by the early settlers.



is a thriving one at that.

Bukit Gambier is 13 miles inland from Rawang. In 1972, we helped Rawang build a handsome brick building seating 200 on two acres of prime land. A spirit of revival came upon the younger generation.

In 1983, the youth fellowship of Rawang Church started a children's work and Sunday School in a member's home at Bukit Gambier. As the work grew they obtained permission from this Church member to build an outhouse for a worship place. This cost Rawang Church

M\$12,000. For the last 5 years the work at Bukit Gambier, sustained by Rawang, has grown steadily. Today Bukit Gambier has a good-sized kindergarten and a worship attendance of 30-40. The new congregation has branched out further, with Rawang's cooperation, to start a Sunday School at Kundang Ulu, another dozen miles inland at the headwaters of the Muar River.

Coming back to Bukit Gambier, we see a spirit of self-reliance reflected in the congregation's gathering of a Building Fund that touches M\$46,000. Their desire is to grow out of the cramped outhouse whose lease is running out in two years. They have found a new corner two-storey terrace house in a nearby housing estate. This corner terrace house which was priced at M\$99,000 is today reduced to \$80,500, as Malaysia is everywhere overbuilt. As Elder Koa of Muar was returning to Muar last Tuesday, we took a quick lift with them. We went right up to the aforesaid new housing estate to make an inspection. We are well satisfied this was a good deal. Alternatively, there is another corner terrace house with extended land on the side, but the deal depends on how much extra we have to pay for this. If the price is favourable, this would be the choice. The view from this second terrace house is simply exhilarating.

At Session Meeting, it was decided we should help Bukit Gambier with a grant of \$10,000, and loan the rest free of interest. With this little effort, there will arise yet another Church and kindergarten in our Judean ministry. Meanwhile, Calvary Pandan has sent one of her Chinese members, a graduate of Chin Lien, to station at Bukit Gambier. God's Kingdom marches on!

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

When They Ring the Golden Bells

1. There's a land be-yond the riv-er, That we call the sweet for-ev-er, And we
 2. We shall know no sin or sor-row, In that ha-ven of to-mor-row, When our
 3. When our day shall know their number, And in death we sweetly slumber, When the

on-ly reach that shore by faith's decree; One by one we'll gain the portals, There to
 barque shall sail beyond the silver sea; We shall on-ly know the blessing Of our
 King commands the spir-it to be free; Nev-er more with anguish laden, We shall

dw-ell with the im-mor-tals, When they ring the golden bells for you and me.
 Fa-ther's sweet ca-ress-ing, When they ring the golden bells for you and me.
 reach that love-ly al-den, When they ring the golden bells for you and me.

D.S. - yond the shi-ning riv-er, When they ring the gold-en bells for you and me (you and me).

CHORUS

Don't you hear the bells now ring-ing? Don't you hear the an-gels sing-ing? 'Tis the

D.S.

glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah Ju-bi-lee (Ju-bi-lee). In that far-off sweet forever, Just be-

SUN 12.15 pm Korean Church Service

3.00 pm Thai Service

4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesia

6.00 pm Tamil Service

6.00 pm Dr Steele at Sunset Gospel Hr

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,427 (8.00 am)

\$3,740 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND 1607) \$100; 1608) \$50.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Shepherd's Field

\$200, \$200; Burma \$280 (Cal-Pan), \$100 (New Life), \$40 (N. Life S.S.); 1/4-Finished Filipina Churches \$75, \$500; Missions \$20; Batam \$30, \$100, \$70, \$20, \$400 (WF); Jess Lim \$50; China \$55; Missionaries \$50; KL Mis-sions \$370 (WF); Aircon Renovations \$3000, \$1800, \$700.

FEBC reopens Mon. July 18, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at East Coast Park, Dr Arthur Steele speaking. First Mon. night lecture on Doctrine of Man begins July 25, 7.30 pm. Dr Steele lectures 2 hrs on Contemporary Theology Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 10.30 - 12.30 pm. All welcome!

Hear Dr Arthur Steele at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC, every Sunday from 24th Jul. to 11th Sep.

Pray for Madam Han, mother of Deacon Han Soon Juan, now recuperating at Blk 5, Ward 58, Room 20, General Hospital, after a successful operation. Thank the Lord!

Thank the Lord also for Elder Ang Kheng Leng, Architect of Life Church and FEBC Gilstead Rd., for quick recovery after a successful operation (Life Church's photo is included in Singapore's well-known buildings and places, a new publication obtainable at CLBC).

Corrigendum: the S.S. programme in "Fellowship Update," July '88 issue, should read: II Peter (Adult II) by Eld. Chia Kim Chwee, Miracles of the Bible (Adult I) by Eld. Mahadevan.

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

MON	8.30 am	FEBC Day of Prayer at East Coast Park (Dr Steele)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Elder William Seah
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Church & Junior Choir Practices
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship

Kneeling buffalo spared from slaughter in HK

HONGKONG — Workers at an abattoir here refused to slaughter a water buffalo, forcing its owner to sell the animal to a Buddhist monastery, newspaper reports said.

The buffalo, imported from China, apparently knelt down on its forelegs and shed tears, refusing to be dragged into the slaughterhouse.

The 540 kg animal stood up only after butchers indicated that it would not be killed, the reports added. — AFP.

Such a tearful animal story reminds of what I've heard of China from Grandpa's own lips. It brings to mind also this paragraph from the Works of Mencius:

There was a King Hsuan of the kingdom of Tse who, while sitting high in his palace, saw a man leading an ox past. The King asked the man, "Where is the ox going?" The man replied, "We are going to consecrate a bell by his blood." The king said, "Let it go. I cannot bear its frightened appearance, as if it were an innocent man going to the place of death. The man answered, "Shall we then omit the consecration of the bell?" The King said, "How can that be omitted? Change it for a sheep."

Now, this should remind us all of what the prophet writes of "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:27). Isaiah says, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa 53:7).

Reader, there is also a day of execution waiting for us, "... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27). Indeed, "the wages of sin is death..." (Rom 6:23). The only way of reprieve from execution is to repent of our sins and look to the Saviour, like the kneeling buffalo spared from slaughter in Hong Kong because it "knelt down on its forelegs and shed tears."

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn 1:9). Reader, have you ever knelt before the Lord and plead for mercy so that you might live?

FEBC Latest

Far Eastern Bible College has the highest intake of students this year as we enter our second quarter-century, July 1988. Our students hail from the following countries:

1. Singapore : Martha Ellen Chan (Calvary BPC)
Chng Nai Yee (Calvary BPC)
Chong Gek Eng (Calvary BPC)
Heng Jee Seng (Galilee BPC)
Serene Ng Lee Peng (Faith BPC)
Tay Miang Seng (Sembawang BPC)
2. Malaysia : Steffen Han (Peace BPC)
Carol Teh Lip Choon
3. Sarawak : Marilyn Nanta (Sharon Rose BPC)
4. Thailand : Prateep Cheepnirand
Deeram Tamee
Suthida Muangson
5. Indonesia : Jusuf Sujono (Zion BPC)
6. India : Sam Lovelyson
N. Rajan
7. Korea : Jeong Un Gyo
8. Australia : Peter Mitchell
9. Liberia : Joshua Wonsia (arriving July 27, '88)

Total Fulltime Students: 58 Part-time: 6 Total Countries represented: 10. Pray for us!

Graduands for 1988: 1. Peter Chng (Life BPC, Chinese); 2. Chang Chian Hui (Faith BPC); 3. Roska Sihombing (Batam, Life BPC); 4. Quek Suan Yew (Calvary BPC); 5. Shirley Liem. Students are reminded of our Bible Conference at Awana, Genting Highlands, September 5 - 9, 1988 (Dr Arthur Steele speaking). FEBC students will be subsidised accordingly.

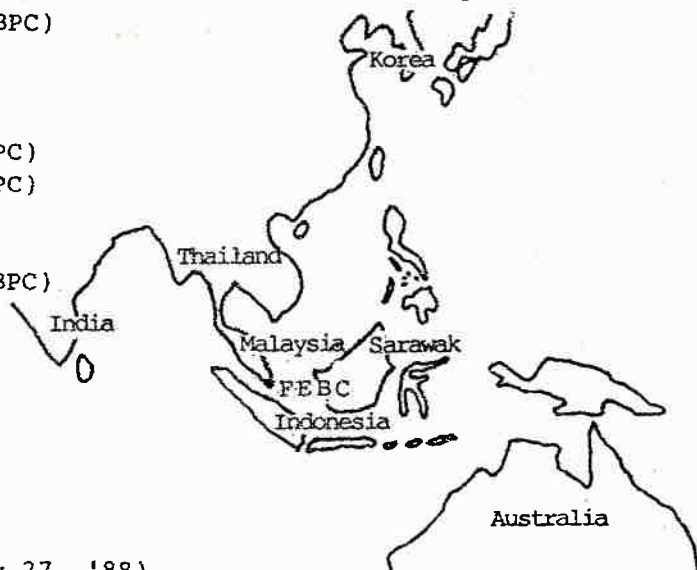
Thoughts on Extension Again

After the deal to acquire the property across the road was called off some 10 months ago, a slump has come upon our Church-College Extension Building Fund.

But the Lord continues to add numbers to our Church and Sunday School (400 latest), and again to our College. Our College dormitories, if we take back some rooms used otherwise, can accommodate another 10 students. After that limit is reached, where shall we go?

There is another property opposite our Church of better standing and value. Though not available at the moment, if it is of the Lord's appointment, we should not neglect to accumulate for "that day and hour." That we should receive \$1,000 for the EBF this week from a sister is a good sign.

We are told the Sunday School is bursting at the seams. Who knows the S.S. might not rise to 500 attendance? If this property we are viewing should come to hand, all accommodation problems, S.S. or College, will be solved.



Meanwhile, let us pray. Let us bring every petition to the Father, for every need, Church or family.

With all the reserves we have for the EBF, we should aim to give to the Lord another \$2 million! "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 1:8). Amen. - T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm Doctrine of Man
(Rev T. Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Steele)
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
THU 7.30 pm Deuteronomy
(Rev C. Tan)
SAT 3.00 pm David Wang-Serene Loi
Wedding (BFC)
SUN 8.00 am Elder Lim Teck Chye
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Junior Worship
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon BPC
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Dr Steele at Calvary
Pandian BPC

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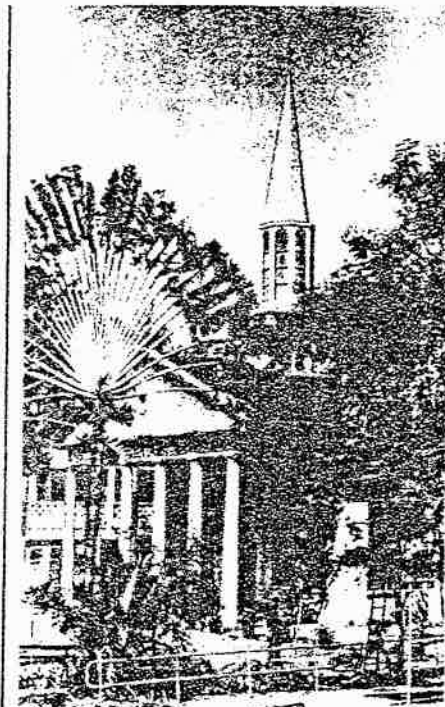
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This very eclectic, yet simple, straightforward design in Classical vein, not Gothic, is reminiscent of the early Coleman Georgian period of Singapore. The pedimented portico is an accurate copy of other examples of Classical work but the spire is not: it is simple to the point of being almost naive.

(From "Singapore: A Guide to
Buildings, Streets, Places"
pg 100. Available at CLBC,
price \$23.75.)



LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,294 (8.00 am)

\$4,272 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1609)\$1000; 1610)
\$170; 1611)\$20. Total \$1,296,234.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missionary
Fund \$50; Batam \$35; PA System \$2037;
2-Finished Filipino Churches \$250, \$43
(Boxes); Dr Jack Murray \$200; Burma \$200
(Grace BPC); Rev Paaue \$201.60(Holland
via FEBC).



CHRISTOPHER CHIN KONG BEN
passed away peacefully on 21/7/88
leaving behind:
Wife
Tan Ze Kheng
Daughter
Gloria Chin Oi Lin
Son
Jeremy Chin Chi Yong
Body lying at Parour 022, Singa-
pore Casket, Lavender Street. Vigil
Service at 8.00 pm on Saturday,
23/7/88.
Cortege leaves Singapore Casket
on Sunday, 24/7/88 at 1.00 pm for
Chua Chai Kang Cemetery.

Bro. Christopher Chin
was taken home peace-
fully in his sleep
July 22, '88. Vigil Ser-
vice was held last
night, Rev Charlie Tan
and Pastor Tow officia-
ting. Cortege leaves
Singapore Casket this
Lord's Day 1 pm sharp
for CCK Protestant Cem-
etery, Pastor Tow offi-
ciating. Lifers are
urged to attend funeral
by driving directly
to CCK to encourage
the bereaved family.

Special Announcement. Basic Theology
for Everyone, "Doctrine of Man," is on
Monday night, 7.30 pm. Meet at the air-
conditioned FEBC Hall!

Pray for Madam Han, mother of Deacon
Han Soon Juan, and for Bro. Yew Kowng
Poy, both at SGH, for their quick reco-
very. Elder Ang Kheng Leng is now out
of hospital, praise the Lord.

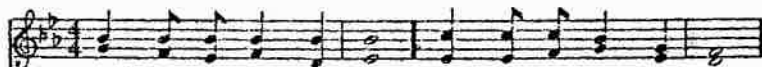
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My End, Lord, Make Me Know

PSALM 39

AMBROSE (DULCE DOMUM) S. M.

Robert H. Ambrose, 1878



1 My end, Lord, make me know, My days, how soon they fail;
2 To Thy e - ter - nal thought My days are but a span;



And to my thought-ful spir-it show How weak I am and frail.
To Thee my years ap-pear as nought, A breath at best is man.



[Selected Verses]

3 O Lord, regard my fears,
And answer my request;
Turn not in silence from my tears,
But give the mourner rest.

4 I am a stranger here,
Dependent on Thy grace,
A pilgrim, as my fathers were,
With no abiding place.

Plan to attend FEBC Bible Conference at AWANA,
Genting Highlands, Sept 5-9, '88. Dr Arthur
Steele of the Clearwater Christian College,
USA, will be the main speaker. Theme: "Decla-
ring All the Counsel of God in Perilous Times"
--Part 1: As in the Days of Elijah; Part 2:
As in the Days of Elisha. All are welcome,
especially elders, deacons, leaders and S.S.
superintendents & teachers. Coaches leave Singa-
pore Mon Sep 5, early morning.

Birth! To Mr & Mrs Baskaran of BPC in India,
a girl, Friday June 17, 1938.

FEBC Board Members & Faculty are reminded of
their meetings at 64, Andrew Road, tonight,
8.15 pm.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Calling the troops again to drum and colours"

Everyone with whom I've talked concerning the better property across the street agrees it will best meet the growing needs of our Church and College. But faith without works is dead! Unless we revive our long dormant EBF we are going to be caught flat-footed. Remember how a year before we won the tender to Woodlands, we launched the New Life B.F. God honoured our faith. And in four years the Lord prospered us to give almost \$3 million. Today, we have \$1.2 million roughly after loaning \$475,000 to help build two BP Churches. We need another \$2 million if we are to make it.

Praise the Lord, since our "calling the troops again to drum and colours" last week, according to a Chinese saying, over \$7,000 has come into the Lord's Treasury. Once again we pray the Lord's richest blessings on those who have rallied. From our experience those who have given liberally to the Lord have not decreased but increased.

I have been your pastor for 38 years. If we should attain our objective across the Street in our 40th year, will it not be a wonderful climax?! Will it not be thrilling to enter our Second Promised Land? If we count New Life, it will be our third!

"Christian Sorcerers!"

When Paul and Barnabas came to Paphos in their first missionary journey, they were confronted by a sorcerer and false prophet called Bar-jesus (or Elymas). As he came upon the Apostles in a frontal attack, he was easily spotted and immediately exposed.

Today, Satan comes as an angel of light. He comes not opposing Christ, but in the Name of Christ. Hence we are warned by our Lord of false Christs. They quote the Bible profusely, but they misapply and twist the Word to fit their own philosophy. Claiming to believe in His death for our sins, they preach not Christ's way of salvation but their own. They use Christ to further their own interests. Of such are great names like Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller. Dave Hunt in "The Seduction of Christianity" (available from CLBC) exposes Schuller to be a Christian sorcerer. He says on p.15, "What does Schuller find wrong with the old gospel? Although Paul wrote that Christ came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. 1:15) and Christ Himself said that He came to call "sinners to repentance" (Lk 5:32), Robert Schuller writes:

"I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality and, hence, counter-productive to the evangelism enterprise than the often crude, uncouth, and unchristian strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition."

Read Schuller's brand of Christianity above again! He does not oppose Paul like Bar-jesus frontally. He stabs him in the back. He is rightly called by Dave Hunt a sorcerer.

Dr. Cho Yonggi

What we are more concerned about, however, is Dr. Cho Yonggi, Korean pastor of the biggest Church in the world, who has visited Singapore. He comes under Dave Hunt's searchlight, and he is exposed to be another Christian sorcerer alongside Schuller. Avoiding the Cross he is another of the "Think and Grow Rich" preachers. He is a so-called faith healer who uses the Name of Jesus to build up his ecclesiastical empire. He does not serve Jesus his Lord, but lords himself over Jesus. He rides Jesus like the donkey getting on top of the Saviour when it entered Jerusalem.

Dave Hunt observes, "Anyone who imagines that because he thinks certain thoughts or speaks certain words God must respond in a certain way, has slipped into sorcery, and if not playing God, is at the very least attempting to manipulate God... Yonggi Cho declares:

"By the spoken word we create our universe circumstances... You create the presence of Jesus with your mouth... He is bound by your

lips and by your words..."

Paul Yonggi Cho declares: "Through visualisation and dreaming you can incubate your future and hatch the results." Dave Hunt comments: "Such teaching has confused sincere Christians into imagining that "faith" is a force that makes things happen because they believe. Thus faith is not placed in God, but a power directed at God. (p.24).

Dave Hunt's "The Seduction of Christianity" is a must for every Christian who is involved with present day faith healers and tongues rattlers (Cho Yonggi is another forefront charismatic). It is sad to learn that because he has the biggest Church in the world, it has become a sort of Mecca for Christians. We have heard of Singaporeans going to Korea with the purpose of seeing his Church.

How Cho Yonggi became the big man that he is today may be traced from his own words in his book "The Fourth Dimension, a guide to successful living", p.14-17. Briefly, he was praying for a Philippine mahogany desk, a roller chair and an American bicycle. After reading Romans 4:17, "God raises the dead, and calls those things that be not as if they



were", he announced to his congregation that he had received these things! When three young men demanded to see the items, he confesses in his book, "I was taken aback and frightened because I had not counted on having to show any of those things. These people were living in a slum area, and once they knew I had lied, it would be my last time to minister there..."

To get out of this quandary Cho Yonggi invented what he has called the "incubation" doctrine. He says that as it takes nine months for a baby to be born, so his idea of having got his desk, chair and bicycle would also take that period to materialise. He admitted that he had lied, but ended double-talking on "incubation." Read "The Seduction of Christianity" to be informed of today's false prophets and false Christs.

As we pen these observations of Dr. Cho, there comes to CLBC a consignment of Dr. Peter Master's latest book "The Healing Epidemic." In Ch.2 of this book where Dr. Masters writes on Cho Yonggi, he sums up his occult healing that builds the world's largest church:

"Korea has also for centuries been heavily influenced by Buddhism, particularly the form already mentioned which places great stress on healing and divining. It is taught that people do not need to be in bondage to their circumstances; they can by right attitudes, by concentration, and by uniting with the eternal realm, get above suffering and sickness. The religious disposition of the Koreans is both harrassed and exploited by the 'Christianity' of Paul Yonggi Cho in his blatant mix of sorcery, mind-over-matter, self-interest, Sinkyo, Japanese Buddhism and Christianity. But to mix pagan ideas and practices with the pure religion of Christ is condemned in Scripture as the heinous sin of idolatry. It is a marriage of Christianity and the occult, and it is forbidden by Paul's words - What communion hath light with darkness? And what agreement hath the temple with idols? What has built the largest church in the world? The answer is, an idolatrous mixture of Biblical teaching and pagan mind-techniques..."

Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(1st - 7th August 1988)

MON 7.30 pm Doctrine of Man
(Rev T. Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Deuteronomy
(Rev C. Tan)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
3.00 pm LBC/CSF;
3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Dr Ang Beng Chong
9.30 am Catechism Class
(Colin Wong)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev T. Tow
(Lord's Supper)
10.30 am Chinese Service
(FEBC Hall)
10.30 am Church and Junior
Choir Practices
10.30 am Junior Worship
Service
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 am Korean Church
Service
3.00 pm Thai & BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Rawang
4.30 pm Sharon B-P Church
Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening
Service
8.00 pm Rev Tow at Muar
(1st Anniversary)

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,713 (8.00 am)

\$4,088 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1612)\$20;
1613)\$100(Tony Chan); 1614)
\$5,000; 1615)\$1,000; 1616)\$22
(Sharon BPC). Total \$1302376.16

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow,

GIVE ME A BURDEN

I have a confession: I lack compassion for souls.
Especially for unsaved next-of-kin, relatives,
friends, colleagues and neighbours.

"Let others do the labour,

Let the Pastor pray for them!"

"I'm saved. I'm content."

I have another confession: I am ashamed

I have no 'trophies' to lay at His feet.

Alas! empty-handed the Lord, my Saviour, I'll meet,
If He were to come today!

O Lord! Give me a compassion for souls.

Give me patience and perseverance,

To pray for their salvation,

Even if it takes ages and ages

For You to answer my oft-repeated prayers.

How I marvel those whose prayers for the salvation
of their next-of-kin,

Have been answered when You heard their plea;

Even if it takes You, dear Lord, a decade or three,

To ultimately grant their loved ones

Salvation, so rich and free.

How can I be happy in that Celestial City,

When I know my loved ones are condemned to eternity?

O Lord, fill my heart with a burden deep within me,

A compassion to pray for my unsaved next-of-kin,

Even when thoughts and hopes of their salvation
seem impossible,

I know with You, dear Lord, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

BURDENED LIFER, (Matt. 19:26)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Malaysia \$80; Burma \$550;
FEBC Library \$1,500; FEBC \$500(Galilean); ~~4~~-Finished
Filipino Churches \$150, \$160.

Pray for Madam Han and Bro. Yew Kowng Poy for their
quick recovery at SCH.

Catechism Class preparing for Baptism Oct. 23 begins
today! Venue: 'Forest of Lebanon.' (Colin Wong).

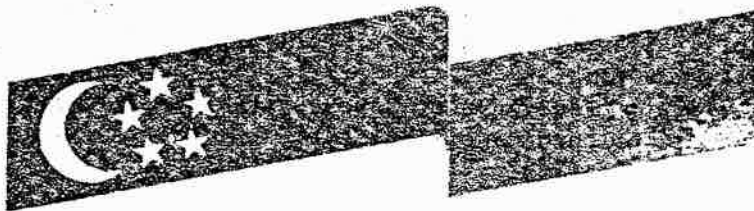
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Singapura

T. Tow

Samuel A. Ward

1. O Fair-est Isle of South-ern Seas, Thy wa-ters are so blue; Waft by a bal-my
2. Our fa-thers 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 - First 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.



Prime Minister's Office.
Singapore.

Proclamation of Singapore

WHEREAS it is the inalienable right of a people to be free and independent;

AND WHEREAS Malaysia was established on the 16th day of September, 1963, by a federation of existing states of the Federation of Malaya and the States of Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore into one independent and sovereign nation;

AND WHEREAS by an Agreement made on the seventh day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five between the Government of Malaysia of the one part and the Government of Singapore of the other part it was agreed that Singapore should cease to be a state of Malaysia and should thereupon become an independent and sovereign state and nation separate from and independent of Malaysia;

AND WHEREAS it was also agreed by the parties to the said Agreement that, upon the separation of Singapore from Malaysia, the Government of Malaysia shall relinquish its sovereignty and jurisdiction in respect of Singapore so that the said sovereignty and jurisdiction shall on such relinquishment vest in the Government of Singapore;

AND WHEREAS by a Proclamation dated the ninth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five the Prime Minister of Malaysia Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj Idris Almarhum Sultan Abdul Halim Shah did proclaim and declare that Singapore shall on the ninth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five cease to be a state of Malaysia and shall become an independent and sovereign state and nation separate from and independent of Malaysia and recognised as such by the Government of Malaysia.

Now I LEE KUAN YEW Prime Minister of Singapore, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE on behalf of the people and the Government of Singapore that as from today the ninth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five Singapore shall be forever a sovereign democratic and independent nation, founded upon the principles of liberty and justice and ever seeking the welfare and happiness of her people in a more just and equal society.

Lee Kuan Yew
Prime Minister, Singapore

Dated the 9th day of August, 1965.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Do We Love Singapore?

From the two greatest commandments, that we love God with all our hearts and our fellow-men as ourselves, let us ask ourselves, as National Day approaches, whether we love our country Singapore? While Christians owe their first allegiance to God Almighty and Jesus Christ His Son, we have a bounden duty to our nation. Or are we like some called ugly Singaporeans? These have no sense of belonging. They are go-getters. They love only themselves. Worst of all, they try to feather their own nests by mouthing a high sounding doctrine called Liberation Theology, but play into the enemy's hands.

Christians should be model citizens by the command of the Lord. Paul is most articulate on this subject. Read Romans 13:1-8; I Tim. 2:1-4. Even as a people subject to the Roman Empire, the Jews of Jesus' day were taught by our Lord to render unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's (Matt. 22:17-21).

As lovers of our country, it goes without saying that we pay taxes willingly, while young men join the Army and other national services gladly. I have often counselled young men to so condition their mind and heart as to embrace N.S. cheerfully. Of course there will be sweat and tears in the training, but, remember this, there are our neighbours who have to flee as boat people and many have perished on the high seas. Why? Because they have no ability to defend themselves. To carry a gun to keep your flat and home intact is righteous self-defence.

Do you love Singapore? As Christians, we have the highest contribution to make to our nation by invoking God's mercies. Do you love Singapore? Then pray for your leaders, especially our beloved Prime Minister. We should be proud of him who has set a personal example of integrity, diligence and brilliance, so that he can represent us before the rulers of the greatest powers. That he should command respect even from Mrs Thatcher, whom we also respect, whose visit so recently augurs well for our future.

Do you love Singapore? Then love the Almighty the more who has protected and prospered us since our independence on August 9, 1965. We should pray daily for our Government and thank God always for being Singaporeans. Amen!

Man's Kingdom comes, and Man's Kingdom goes,
But God's Kingdom goes on forever.

While we thank God for Singapore our homeland under God's Almighty Hand, and we are exhorted to pray "for all that are in authority" (I Tim. 2:2), we are to exert our utmost for God's Kingdom "who will have all men to be saved" (I Tim. 2:4). God's Kingdom today is His Church on earth. It has no boundary of nations; it transcends race and colour. Its realm is in the hearts of men who believe in Jesus Christ His Son, who gave His disciples these marching orders, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt 28:18-20).



This photo of a new church built at Kumpai on the Kapuas River in West Kalimantan should encourage our Readers in the missions outreach of our Church. That Rev Djunaidi has not only become self-supporting but self-propagating is a cause for great rejoicing.

This Lord's Day we're called again to our Judean ministry in Malaysia--to Rawang to confirm the new officers of the Church and to Muar's 1st Anniversary Thanksgiving (Elder Koa). The two churches are within five miles of each other and 130

from Singapore. It takes 3½ hours to reach these destinations. Nearer to Singapore are Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban and Bukit Batu. These vineyards of the Lord are regularly visited by Elders Sng and Tay and Preacher Colin Wong.

Up, up to K.L., at the new town of Selayang Segar (Batu Caves) our long-awaited new gospel station seems to be opening up. It is learned that utilities are being connected to the premises.

South across Singapore Straits to Batam Island may you join us in prayer for a suitable site to establish another station with Sister Roska. While waiting on the Lord, Roska has returned to FEBC for another semester. She is helping around, and bending her energies on the Indonesian Service, every Lord's Day 4 pm. She helps also across the Causeway Will you not uphold each one in prayer? "Lord, revive us again, that the Cause of Thy Kingdom may continue to advance through Life Church and through other B-P Churches."

Now, what we have briefly recounted above are immediate fields. We will not forget Burma, N. Thailand, N. Sumatra, Riau Islands, the Half-finished Filipino Churches, Australia, and last but not least, the Holy Land.

"O Zion, haste, Thy mission high fulfilling . . .

Publish glad tidings of Jesus--

Redemption and release!" Amen.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(8th - 14th August)

MON 7.30 pm Doctrine of Man (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.30 am Sunday School Staff Retreat
(No Prayer Meeting)
TUE Dr. Steele with Tamil Seminar
THU 7.30 pm Deuteronomy (Rev C Tan)
SAT 3.30 pm Rev Tow at YF
SUN 8.00 am Dr. Steele
SUN 10.30 am Rev Tow at Chinese Service
SUN 3.00 pm Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,791 (8.00 am)

\$6,460 (10 30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1617)\$430; 1618)\$200;
1619)\$50; 1620)\$500; 1621)\$1000(Sharon
BPC). Total \$1303556.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: ½-Finished Filipino Churches \$200, \$130(Boxes), \$50;

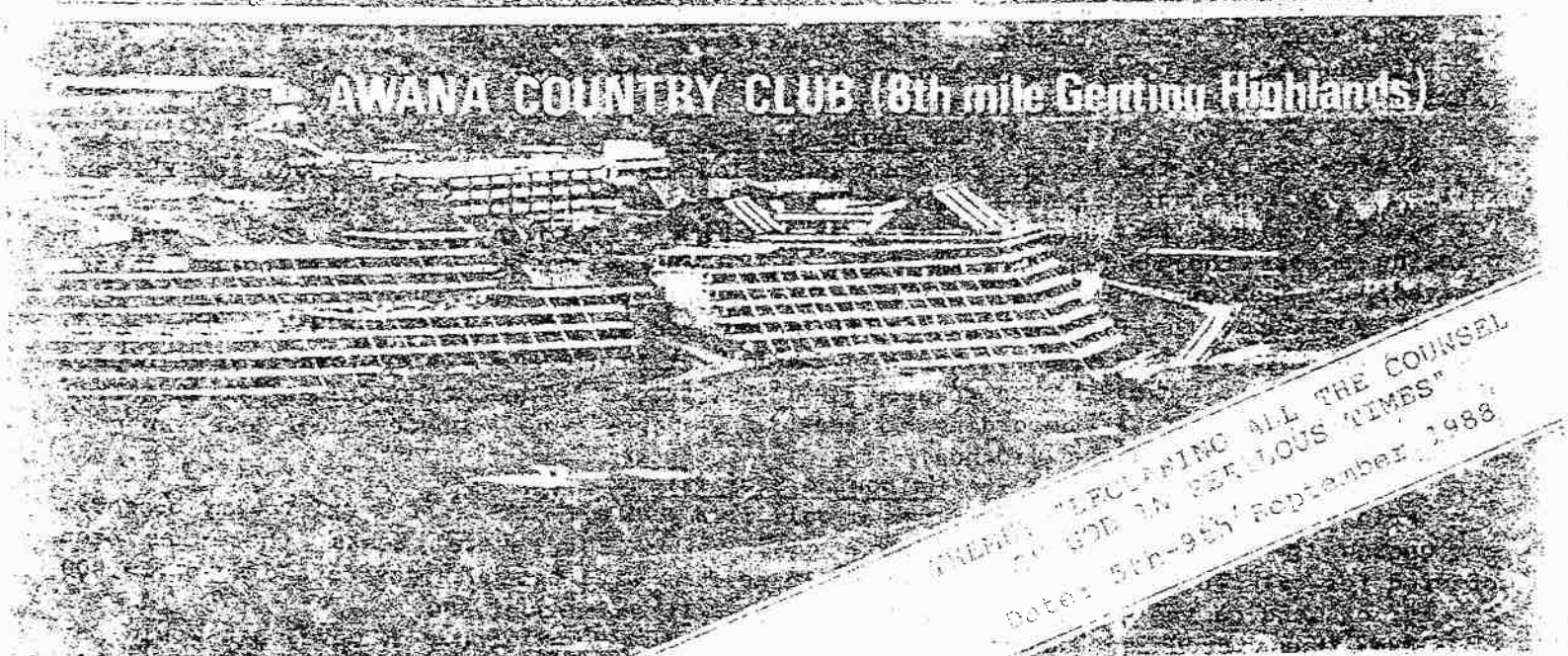
China \$50; Burma \$50; India \$50; Malaysia
Tampines \$50; Tracts' \$50, \$40; Shepherd's
Field \$300, \$1000; Asian Awakening \$100(Sharon
BPC); John Sung Books \$110(Grace BPC), \$75
(sale); FEBC Scholarship \$900 (Adult Fellowship);
FEBC \$200(Chinese Service), \$1000(Chinese
Service), \$140, \$500(Sharon BPC); Batam \$100;
Mtce-July 88 \$150.

Continue to pray for the speedy recovery of
Mdm Han and Bro. Yew Kowng Poy at SGH.

Attend FEBC Bible Conference at Awana, Genting
Highlands, Sept. 5-9 '88 (Speakers Dr. Arthur
Steele and Rev T. Tow). Coach leaves Mon.
Sept. 5 early morning.

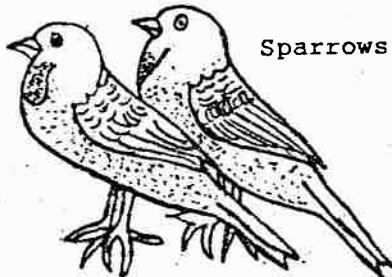
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This year's Bible Conference at Awana Country Club, 3,000 ft. above sea level, is much easier on our coaches than last year's spinning up Cameron Highlands. The distance is short. The hairpin bends are few. Awana is only an hour-and-a-half from K.L. Neither too cold, we also have the clouds floating around us. What an experience, to have a bit of Switzerland in the tropics!

But it is the spiritual dimension we are looking for! We thank God for sending Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Steele here all the way from Florida. Dr. Steele and myself will speak on "Declaring all the Counsel of God in Perilous Times!" He will dwell on "Elijah, Prophet of Fire" and I will speak on "Elisha, Prophet of Water." Every other pastor coming will also play a part. Come with your family! Special meetings are planned for your children. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." Hurry! As the Conference in the clouds will be held Sept. 5-9 (during the school vacation) we must have your application by August 15! Please ring the parsonage 2560617 or Church office 2569256 anytime from now. Watch for more details next Lord's Day.



Sparrows

One theological principle that has blessed my life is the doctrine of "particular providence" - God's special care of His children, who are "of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:29-31). And of the sparrows Jesus says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." The doctrine of "particular providence," God's special care for me, is one principle I apply in making big or small decisions. Particularly, when going on a journey!

For it is then, as we leave the security of home, that we need God to guide us at every crossroads. Shall I proceed when I am not sure of which way to turn? The knowledge that God watches over me and has a plan for my journey, fills my heart with confidence.

Last May we were booked to fly to Amman, en route to spending a month in Bethlehem to do some writing. When the situation there became red-hot, it was only sound common sense to by-pass Bethlehem and fly direct to New York. A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished." (Prov. 27:12). "Particular providence" requires also our making the right decisions in the light of God's Word. Our direct flight to New York proved very fruitful and profitable.

Last Lord's Day we were to launch out to Muar and Rawang immediately after the 10.30 a.m. service. But events before Sunday, one after another, seemed to deter our going upcountry. First, the Toyota Station wagon developed carburettor trouble. Second I had a left knee swelling which subsided by Friday. Came Saturday afternoon and the swelling started again. It became so bad Saturday night that I had to phone Muar to cancel our appointment. Sunday morning saw the swelling subside by 60% but still it ached at every movement. Sunday afternoon, it got worse again! Had I persisted to drive on after service, there would be great deficiency working on the clutch. While God has promised to take good care of His children, it would be hazardous to drive without full response of nerve and muscle.

All in all, this episode has taught me to respect the Law of Nature and to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom (Ps. 90:12). I hope this sharing of my

understanding of God's overall rule in our lives and our responsibility to our actions might help you make your daily decisions.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Prov. 3:5-7). Amen.

If you want further elucidation on "particular providence", read Calvin's Institutes (Abridged) Bk I. Ch. 16+17. Available from CLBC.

EBF Begins to Stir Again

Since "calling the troops to drum and colours" again three weeks ago, our EBF has rallied five figures in! I have good feedback from the S.S. The S.S. especially is crying for space. So is FEBC crowding out. As we look to Jehovah Jireh, we seem to see Him pointing across the road! When we bring our petitions to Him, our fainting hearts are revived, our problems are solved, our eyes are brightened.

If you agree the Promised Land will be entered in God's appointed time, then bring your tithes into the Storehouse. There is no doubt that the sums we've loaned to Melbourne and Shalom will be returned when we need them. The sum we loaned Melbourne at S\$1.40=A\$1.00 has made over 17% profit according to today's exchange rate! Whatever we have expended for the Lord has made good dividends.

Melbourne Stop Press!

Friday morning 10 a.m. there comes a call from Sydney. It is from Dr. Tow my brother, announcing the good news of clinching a good deal. For several weeks, there has been offered for sale an AOG Church, a 25-year-old edifice with two outhouses standing on 26,000 sq. ft. of land on the border of the inner city. It seats over 300.

A Japanese Buddhist Association responded with A\$1 million. A developer would pay A\$750,000 for immediate occupation. We offered the same sum, abiding by the seller's condition of vacant possession after one year. We got our quarry! Praise the Lord, this is all of His doing! "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." (Ps. 16:6).

Hitherto, our Melbourne Church has acquired a five acre site. As land has appreciated the sale of this site would help pay for the Church. "I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons." (Ps. 16:7). Amen. Hallelujah. - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(15th - 21st August)

MON 7.30 pm Doctrine of Man (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI 7.30 pm E.B.F. (Colin Wong)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
3.00 pm LBC/CSF;
3.30 pm YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Rev Timothy Tow
9.30 am Catechism Class
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev T. Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
10.30 am Junior Worship Service
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 am Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai and BFC Services
4.00 pm Kebaktian Indonesian
4.30 pm Sharon B-P Church
6.00 pm Tamil Service
6.00 pm Dr. Steele at Calvary Pandan

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,724 (8.00 am)

\$5,223 (10.00 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1622)\$20; 1623)\$458
(Chinese Service); 1624)\$150; 1625)\$600.
Total \$1304784.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Burma \$100
(New Life BPC); Batam \$400(W.F.), \$260
(W.F.), \$20; \$80; Renov. FEBC Library
\$490, \$500, \$2200; 1/2-Finished Filipino
Churches \$360; Thailand \$200; Kimiko
\$100; Missions \$30, \$70; Jess Lim
\$500; Pauwe \$100.

Pray for Madam Han and Bro. Yew Kowng Poy
at SGH for their quick recovery!

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM CREW . Seven Life Church
Members (18-35 yrs) needed. Must be willing
to be committed to a demanding job which
requires setting up and operating the PA
System for two services on Sundays as well
as Weddings on Saturdays. Experience in hand-
ling sound systems preferred. On-The-Job
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days, Fridays, Sundays and on Mondays, Wed-
nesdays, Saturdays after 9.30 pm. Cheap
rental.

Pray for Rev. Thawm Luai and the Far East
Fundamental School of Theology with the
Ev. Presbyterian Church of Burma during this
present turmoil.

Attend Kebaktian Indonesian every Lord's
Day 4 pm at the Jerusalem Court. Pray for
a new station on Batam Island.

Elder and Mrs Khoo send greetings from
Melbourne.

During the week we had a pleasant visit from
Dr. and Mrs R. W. Oliver of the Old Baptist
Chapel, Bradford on Avon - lovers of Dr.
John Sung through reading his book obtained
from Spurgeon's Tabernacle.

Expressgram to Linda, Holland; Many thanks
for your kind letter.

Call: Church Office 2569256; CLBC 2541223;
Rev Patrick Tan 3521181.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15)

This devotion by Joshua expresses also the wholehearted dedication of former Deacon Robert Ong of Life Church and founder of Mt. Carmel BPC (1960). Robert visits the Mother Church once in a while. When he came to see me last Monday, he gladly reported that his youngest daughter had given up a 4-figure job in order to become a missionary. She would soon enter a Bible College for training, so I gave her a number of my publications which would encourage her heart. The Lord has heard Robert's prayer that at least one of his children should serve Him fulltime.

Take note that Robert's youngest daughter has given herself to missions as a result of the father's prayers. How many of our fathers and mothers reading this have made a similar vow?



Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay!

"We have no resources, but we have a good location"

So says our Prime Minister. So has our nation capitalised on this geographical advantage to make a living. So have we utilised Gilstead Road to the uttermost to trade for the Lord.

At a welcome party for the Steeles last Monday afternoon when representatives of the FEBC Student Body presented items in Chinese, Japanese, Indonesian, Tamil, Korean, Liberian, etc. (10 countries were counted in their constituency), it came as a reminder to us how we must redouble our efforts in our training programme. For missions is fastest if we can teach more of these young men and women from across the seas and send them back to their homelands.

We have a young Arab brother, son of Pastor George Awad, coming direct from the Shepherd's Field, Beit Sahour (Bethlehem), Israel. He will raise the international family to eleven! As "the Trend is Toward the Trained," so more and more are coming to our College. In this connection, we must not only capitalise on our good location, but increase our teaching capability. We must keep our faculty clean from any liberal contamination and human philosophy. We must teach an infallible and inerrant Word of God, and forget not to put every faculty and board member on oath at every graduation service.

As the College Dorms now have almost full occupancy, the Trend is not only toward the Trained, but to the Strained. This is the third time I'm constrained to call the concerned to action. Elder Sng Teck Leong who drove me to Kelapa Sawit last Lord's Day agrees heartily with me in these sentiments. So we must make preparation NOW to acquire another Promised Land. To start making the Bomb when War is declared will be too late. As we advanced together to Woodlands in 1979, so let us now do so for the prize that sits before us!

Testimony from a New Student from India

I was a nominal Christian until 1987 when I was saved by the Lord. When I first entered theological college in 1985, I went to study God's Word with great expectations that I would be a full-fledged believer, having the thirst for God's Word and having the burden for perishing souls. It was not until I attended a pastoral counselling seminar last year that I was saved by reading Psalm 73 and Psalm 119. Earlier, I had only been a casual reader. The Lord now reminded me that I had gone astray like a lost sheep. I felt a heavy burden in my heart and the need for repentance and forgiveness from the Lord. I realised that I was spiritually decaying. I was a lost sinner.

Reading Psalms 73 and 119, I asked the Lord to forgive me of my sins and to come into my life as my Lord and personal Saviour, and not as a heavenly guest. I asked Him as Lord of my life to guide me at every step. I would obey Him and be in the centre of His will. Only then did I feel the warm conversion in my heart and was born again.

Since then, the Holy Spirit has been transforming my life for God's Glory. Only at this point did I find reading the Word of God exciting. I learn the spiritual concepts which fill the Bible and how to apply them in my own life. The Lord has said that we are the salt and light of the earth. We are to permeate this world by bringing the Gospel to the unreached and perishing souls.

I realised how precious salvation was and how the Lord had bought me for a price. These verses from the Holy Bible always ring and echo in my heart and mind: Titus 3:5, Rev. 3:20 and I Peter 1:22. I realise that the Lord is my kinsman and mediating Redeemer.

Ed. Note: This testimony is by N. Rajan who is recommended by Baskaran, FEBC graduate serving a BPC in Madras, to join this semester.

Session Supports Pastor's Call to Revive EBF

At last Wednesday's meeting, Session unanimously joined pastor to call for a revival of our Extension Building Fund. This is the only way to cater for increasing numbers worshipping at Gilstead Road as well as to an influx of students to FEBC. Our target is S\$1 million for 1989 and another for 1990, hoping that in our 40th year, the Lord will

lead us to our new Canaan! So let us give and pray and be of service one to another. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). - T.T.

Out of the Valley of Tears

by Mrs Linda Chan

During the past four months, I've gone through various stages of grief when the Lord took my dearly beloved Darren into His Everlasting Arms. The initial shock gave way to numbness, inertia, depression and feelings of guilt, because I did not give my son much "quality time" when he was on earth. Many a time I've felt an intense and almost intolerable longing for Darren to return to earth. Once I even wished that the Lord were here to raise Darren up, just as He had raised Lazarus. Yes, when one is grieving, one fantasises.

If you've been to Prayer Meeting regularly you'll recollect how I've been overcome by tears each time I testified. Today I'm able to thank our Creator who has provided an outlet for our grief. Yes, "tears have the ability to cleanse wounds that grief has inflicted and so healing can the more readily take place" (Jim Graham's Dying to Live, pg. 144). Trying to force oneself to be brave will not heal the heart. Today I've reached the stage of "Acceptance." I know that "whatever the Lord doeth, He doeth all things well."

Throughout my experience, I've been very much comforted by the Holy Spirit. "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you" (John 14:18).

Right now, I can say that my "wound" has been "stitched up," but a "scar" remains. I've been able to withstand the tragedy because the Lord has given me the strength to carry on.

As I read about the young Malay mother who had to quit teaching because she had been painfully reminded of her five-year-old who was beaten to death by his stepmother, I thank the Lord that I need not take such a drastic step as to quit teaching so as not to be reminded of Darren. The Lord has not only brought me out of grief, but has provided a way for me to be on study leave for three years.

After the first two weeks of returning to student life, I was overcome by illness and depression. So I spent some time on my knees, praying to the Lord for encouragement. I thank the Lord that He pulled me out of depression and I've regained my confidence. With my Lord's help, I know I will be able to proceed with my course.

I also want to thank the Lord for the series of messages that has been preached the past four months. Rev Tow may sound "hectoring" when he reminds us constantly of the reality of death, but I believe we must wake up from our complacency, or, as Dr Lim put it last Sunday, our "comatose" state. The messages have indeed been encouraging and comforting to our grieving hearts. I've "weathered the storm" well because my faith has been strengthened by attending Elder Chia's Adult Class and the various church camps throughout the years. I look forward to an even closer walk with my Lord as I prepare for the Bible Conference at Awana. Yes, life must go on, and attending Bible camps, with or without Darren, will continue to be part of our lives. I can echo Bro. Eric Choong's words when he said that his faith had been strengthened by the Bible Camp held in April before his wife's homegoing.

On this note, my brother or sister, may I urge you to grow in faith by seeking the Lord through prayer and feeding upon the "meat." Do not wait until a tragedy strikes before you seek the Lord, for then your faith, unnurtured and weak, would be uprooted and you might not be able to come out of the "valley of tears"!

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

MON 7.30 pm Doctrine of Man (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI 8.00 pm Family Worship at new home of
Dn & Mrs Benny Chng, Blk 3
Toh Yi Dr., #10-189 (2159),
tel. 4672182
SUN 8.00 am Rev Tan Choon Seng
9.30 am Catechism Class
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING:

\$2,142 (8.00 am)

\$4,168 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1626)\$30; 1627)\$100
1628)\$100; 1629)\$120; 1630)\$3500.

Total \$1,308,634.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC Library

Renovations \$30, \$800, \$2500, \$780, \$810;

Evangelistic Band \$200; Jess Lim \$50, \$200,

\$200, \$50; Aust. \$100; Thailand \$50; Burma \$100;
\$560; China \$50; 1/2-Finished Filip. Churches
\$150, \$50; Tabernacle EPC \$270, \$1100; Mis-
sionaries \$50.

Corrigendum: Under last week's Offerings Des-
ignated column, \$260 given by WF toward Burma
was incorrectly placed under Batam.

Continue to pray for Madam Han's quick recov-
ery as she recuperates at Ward 58, SGH.
Praise the Lord for Bro. Yew Kowng Poy's
discharge.

Pray: 1) for Rev Robert Thawmluai and the
F.E. Fundamental School of Theology in Ran-
goon; 2) for the BPCWA (Mt Pleasant) as they
submit plans for renovation; 3) for Padbury
the northern church in Perth; 4) for Roska
and the Batam work.

Attend Kebaktian Indonesia every Lord's Day
at 4 pm.

Send your child to Far Eastern Kindegarten,
principal Mrs Tan Poh Yok.

Call Pastor 2560617; Assoc Pastor 3521181;
Staffworkers 2569256; Lim Florist 3369011.

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My dear Readers,

PASTORAL CHAT



SALE, SALE, SALE (ONLY BUYERS NEED ENTER)!

Singaporeans are confronted by SALE, SALE, SALE slogans at the superstores all seasons of the year. But have you seen one that has a restrictive note: "Only Buyers Need Enter!" That would be tantamount to Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People" being turned into "How to Lose Friends and Infuriate People."

There is a Church in Singapore that claims to be fundamental, but teaches that when Jesus offers the Gospel to all in John 3:16, He offers it only to all the elect, and not to all mankind. Is this not like saying SALE, SALE, SALE (ONLY BUYERS NEED ENTER) at the sale premises? Is this how people trade, and for that matter how we do business for the Lord (Matt. 25:14-30)?

When we teach that John 3:16 is a universal offer of the Gospel to whosoever would believe, we are condemned as four-point Calvinists. We are branded as being weak on "limited atonement." But what does Calvin, whom these critics claim to be their spiritual ancestor, say on John 3:16?

On page 74 of Calvin's Commentary on John's Gospel (W. B. Eerdmans Publ. Co.), he says, "And he has used a general term, both to invite indiscriminately all to share in life and to cut off every excuse from unbelievers. Such is also the significance of the term 'world' which he had used before. For although there is nothing in the world deserving God's favour, He nevertheless shows He is favourable to the whole world when He calls all without exception to the faith of Christ, which is indeed an entry into life."

Of John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," Calvin's remarks are these: "And when he says the sin of the world, he extends this kindness indiscriminately to the whole human race, that the Jews might not think the Redeemer has been sent to them alone. From this we infer that the whole world is bound in the same condemnation; and that all men without exception are guilty of unrighteousness before God, they have need of reconciliation. John, therefore, by speaking of the sin of the world in general, wanted to make us feel the misery and exhort us to seek the remedy. Now it is for us to embrace the blessing offered to all (not to the elect only), that each may make up his mind that there is nothing to hinder him from finding reconciliation in Christ if only, led by faith, he comes to Him" (page 32).

How can a person know he is elected to salvation? Answer: When he believes in the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. To believe and to be elected are two sides of the same coin. Cheer up, you who say "ONLY BUYERS NEED ENTER." According to your reasoning Christ should say, "For God so loved the elect that He gave . . .," which is not John 3:16.

Evangelism Begins in Every Pew

We have a Sunday afternoon evangelism that goes to Toa Payoh. We have a Sunday morning evangelism that goes with the Sunday School. But we seem to switch off evangelism at the big Church services! We can see an increasing number of new faces at both the 8.00 am and 10.30 am services.

Evangelism should begin in every pew! Old Lifers, that is your duty! Everyone of you! The pastor has his job, the elders and deacons theirs. So does every member of the Church according to Ezekiel 34:17, "And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats."



What does God require of you? You who are stronger and senior members of Life Church? Every Sunday, new friends are joining Life Church who sit either on your left or right. Being new, they need guidance. Since we purposely do not provide Bibles in the pews and newcomers may come without them, do you share your Bible with them? Since they are new, do you speak a word of welcome and encouragement to them when Service comes to an end? Do you know that such a personal touch goes a long way to win souls for Christ?

Is Life Church known as a warm and friendly Church, or as a cold and friendless Church?

While pastor stands at the door to shake hands with worshippers leaving, he can catch only a small percentage since there are four other exits downstairs and one upstairs via the open corridor. It will do well for Session members to stand at the two big side doors at least to inquire the names of newcomers. Both Mr J. P. David and Mr Colin Wong are there also to offer the warm handshake of welcome! Evangelism should begin in the pew for every Worship Service. - T.T.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

(Hebrews 12:2)

Only three words, but in those three words is the whole secret of life.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS in the Scriptures to learn there what He is, what He has done, what He gives, what He desires; to find in His character our pattern, in His teachings our instruction, in His precepts our law, in His promises our support, in His person and in His work a full satisfaction provided for every need of our souls.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS crucified, to find in His shed blood our ransom, our pardon, our peace.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS risen, to find in Him the righteousness which alone makes us righteous, and permits us, all unworthy as we are, to draw near with boldness, in His Name, to Him Who is His Father and our Father, His God and our God.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS glorified, to find in Him our Heavenly Advocate completed by His intercession the work inspired by His lovingkindness for our salvation (I Jn 2:1); Who even now is appearing for us before the face of God (Heb 9:24), the kingly Priest, the spotless Victim, continually bearing the iniquity of our holy things (Exo 28:38).

LOOKING UNTO JESUS Who gives repentance as well as forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:31) because He gives us the grace to recognise, to deplore, to confess, and to forsake our transgressions.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS Whose certain return, at an uncertain time, is from age to age the expectation and the hope of the faithful Church, who is encouraged in her patience, watchfulness and joy by the thought that the Saviour is at hand. Philippians 4:4,5; I Thess 5:23. - Theodore Monod, quoted in "Lively Hope" Weekly, Adelaide (Rev Paauwe)

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN



We take pride in our own Kindergarten now that we have our own members on the staff, headed by Mrs Tan Poh Yok. They are, Lifers: Miss Lucy Koh, Mrs Frieda Seet, Misses Sandra Chay and Karen Chua. Miss Sherida Wong is from Sharon BPC. Can we find a better team, all of the B-P family?

Besides, Frieda and Sandra are FEBC graduates, and we have other FEBCers who make up a Gospel team to preach to the tiny tots. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not

depart from it" (Prov 22:6). Enrol your child in FEK now! - T.T.

4-Finished Filipino Churches

The rains have begun to fall in earnest here as it is now the typhoon season. However, the church of Pastor Bona continues to slowly rise in that mass of humanity that is the Pandacan area of Manila. Pastor Manzano's church is completed on the outside so they are able to work at the needed inside construction even when it rains. Both churches continue to experience rapid growth as the buildings progress. Please once again express out heartfelt thanksgiving to all at Life Church who have made these building programmes possible. And we trust on your visit this year some of the elders might come to see what God has wrought through the missionary vision of His people. - Rev Dan Ebert III

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 29 - Sep 4)

MON	7.30 pm	Doctrine of Man (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	6.30 pm	FEBC Mid-semester Get-together at Bethany BPC
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm-LTF; 3pm - LBC
	3.00 pm	CSF; 3.30pm - YF
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at YAF
	6.30 pm	Rev Tow at ABC get-together at 3 White House Rd
SUN	8.00 am	Mr J. P. David
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Dr Steele at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,594 (8.00 am)
\$4,370 (10.30 am)
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1631)\$100; 1632)\$200;
1633)\$200; 1634)\$300; 1635)\$400.
Total \$1,309,834.16

4-Finished Filip. Churches \$80; M\$100; \$50 (Tamil Churches); \$100(Boxes).

OFFERINGS FOR: FEBC Library \$5000, \$350, \$250, \$35; Subsidy for FEBC (Awana) \$1700; Burma \$100(N. Life), \$40+\$40(N. Life S.S.), \$200.

PASTOR'S NEW PHONE: 250-2138!

Expresgram to 1) Rev Ebert: Shall I come Nov 14? And till when? 2) Robin Tan: 6 tall windows on either side of main entrance an unnecessary blow on original structure. Four tall windows top floor should conform to windows facing main highway. Respectfully submitted, T.T.

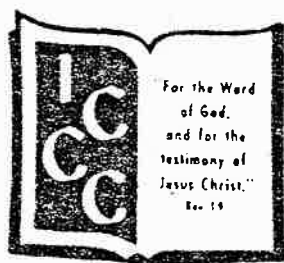
Call Rev P. Tan 3521181; Staffworkers/Office 2569256; Lim Florist 3369011; CLBC 2531223.

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DR J. C. MARIS, GENERAL-SECRETARY, ICCC, WRITES PASTOR TOW

Garderen, Holland, Aug 22, '88



Dear Timothy,

How often have I planned to write you a letter of appreciation when I received one of your publications on John Sung, or when reading your weekly. But our daily occupations seemed to have priority. A Congress does not leave much opportunity for personal talks, and in that respect, is always disappointing. I would have loved to see you in Amsterdam, and I certainly missed you, though I could hardly expect to have time for refreshing our bonds of brotherly love--we were so very busy!

On coming back home I found a pile of letters and papers that demanded my attention. Among them was an article in the paper "Truth and Unity," a conservative Reformed publication. It represents a group of concerned members of the Reformed Churches (to which Mr Warnaar belonged). Earlier they had published a contribution from Mr J. P. de Klerk (New Zealand) about your churches in Singapore. This caused a reaction from a Mr K. Koers, who had visited Singapore about a year ago. The Editor then asked him to send a contribution telling about his experiences. I was thrilled to read it and I am enclosing a photostat. If I had time enough, I would love to translate it for you. And, indeed, if desired, I shall be most happy to do so later on. For the time being I must limit myself to a general survey.

The main heading is, "GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD." The heading "Amazing Grace" refers to one of the pamphlets Mr Koers received when he visited your church. Under that caption you find some introductory remarks by the Editor, Rev J. B. van Mechelen.

Mr Koers' article follows under the heading, "A Living Church in Singapore." He first gives a description of the city of Singapore, its modern buildings, skyscrapers, beautiful parks, and outskirts. The highway to the Airport is called "a jewel." Singapore is a very clean city. The population is mixed. First impression: an Islamic town. But Mr Koers is surprised to discover that there were so many Christians.

Upon entering a department store, he noticed a photoshop owned by a Chinese. On the counter was a box with flyers "God Cares." The proprietor did not offer his merchandise, but . . . one of the flyers. (I see that on re-reading the whole I am tempted to give you more than a summary, so I had better go on!!)

Mr Koers did not expect to find any reformed church, so he thought he would worship in a Baptist Church, or even a Pentecostal group, as he hoped to find a purer exposition of the Word of God than in the usually liberal ecumenical Anglican or Presbyterian churches. But in the same department store on the 5th floor he discovered a Christian bookshop. When looking around he saw a booklet written by Dr Tow dealing with the difference between Calvin and Arminius, published by Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, and indicating that this was a Reformed Church.

The girl at the counter told Mr Koers that she used to go there herself, and she even designed a plan, so that he would be able to find the church. It was quite a distance, but he easily got there. The girl at the desk of the hotel wished me a good service, and on my return she asked whether I had enjoyed the meeting, Mr Koers says. Then follows a description of the building with some 500 seats, a number of large annexes, and an open square for parking.

"I was early, and in the hall I was received by a number of people who shook hands with me. A man, who evidently originated from India, handed me a church paper and some other literature, and then showed me my seat. The church was already filled for two-thirds, part of it was separated by a curtain. Apparently there was a catechism class for young people of about twenty, some in Chinese, others in Malay, and others in English. It was revealing to me. I could not count the number of Chinese-speaking youngsters, but the number in front of the partition was, I think, between 100 and 120. They held the Bible in their hands, listening to the teacher, and taking notes.

"Round about ten o'clock the partition was removed. The Chinese group went to a Chinese service. Then the church became filled. Though there were elderly people, I think that about 60% of the audience was made up by young people. No children. There was a special service for them in one of the annexes. There were only two other whites. Just like in The Netherlands, the service was preceded by announcements. The order of the service was almost as in The Netherlands. There was a choir, but they did not wear gowns. Singing was from a Hymn Book. Rev Tow did not wear a gown either. The church did not have embroidered carpets or other decorations.

"Rev Tow read John 1. The Bible (which I had received from the girl in the Christian bookshop, and who was sitting behind me) had verses in red and black. The pastor would read the black, and the congregation said the red ['responsive reading is unknown to the Dutch,' JCM]. The text was John 1:29 (on the Lamb of God). The preacher pointed to all the places in the Bible that deal with the lamb, and closed with referring to the Lamb

in the Book of Revelation. By way of application, he asked whether our names were written in the book. I cannot repeat the whole sermon, but I have been strengthened by it. It is marvellous to experience the communion of the saints. I noticed that the majority of the Scripture references were looked up by the youngsters.

"The service lasted for about two hours. After the meeting I made my acquaintance with the pastor and some of the elders. A great deal of the congregation spread over the annexes, where youngsters under the age of 20 were still being taught. I met again with the girl from the Christian bookshop who had given me the address of the church. She was busy selling Christian literature.

"In the annexes there was also a restaurant where many Chinese people were eating. It appeared that the whole of the church life for the English- and Chinese-speaking members took place between 0900 and 1300 hrs, and that in the afternoon services were held for Koreans, Thais, and some other nationalities.

"I also had a talk with the other white couple that attended the service. They came from Australia. The man was an Anglican priest. He said he was strongly attracted by the doctrine of the Reformation. Back in the hotel awaited another surprise. The reading room was occupied by an evangelistic group and there was a church service in the nightclub. Another church meeting went on in the hotel from 0900 to 1300 hrs.

"All in all an unforgettable day, which gave hope for the Church. Later on I heard that a great number of doctors and teachers of secondary schools in Singapore were Christians."

So far Mr Koer's story. I translated it to the best of my ability, though somewhat hurriedly. But I myself enjoyed reading it. It strikes me, however, that the author did not say anything about the other B-P churches in Singapore. Nor did he mention the ICCC. Yet we found that he has been reading our paper Getrouw for a number of years, and has often sent us a little gift.

Timothy, you brethren have been greatly blessed by the Lord. You may well realise that the Christians in this part of the world are now more familiar with a situation like yours. Praise the Lord!

Expresgram to Dr Maris: Thank you very much for your kind letter and translation of the report on Life B-P Church by Mr Koers your countryman. - T.T.

Ed. Note: Our warm reception of overseas visitors is commendable. Let us show same courtesy to local worshippers who are new-comers.

"The Blessings You Have Missed!"

That's the word of exhortation by Mrs Helen Eio at last Tuesday night's Prayer Meeting. She testified how God had heard our prayers for her sister-in-law, so that she was spared of a scheduled operation! "Is there any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14,15). Another had asked the Church to pray for his baby and the Lord graciously granted his heart's desire. He was so grateful he brought a 4-figure thank-offering. The Lord has answered so many prayers, but "ye have not because ye ask not" (James 4:2). - T.T.

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

MON	9.00 am	Coaches leave for Awana from sharp Life Church
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Elder Mahadevan)
FRI	5.00 pm	Awana's return
	7.30 pm	Evangelistic Band F'ship
SAT	6.00 pm	Sharon BPC Anniversary Dinner
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	9.30 am	Sunday School
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	10.30 am	Dr Arthur Steele
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
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	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,509 (8.00 am)
\$4,705 (10.30 am)
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1636)\$200; 1637)\$400;
1638)\$50; 1639)\$500; 1640)\$150.

Total \$1,311,134.16

1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CH.

\$60(Boxes).

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Postage \$100; FEBC Library Renov. \$696.65; RTD \$20; Burma \$50; China \$50; India \$50.

1/2-Finished Filipino Churches. Offerings are received until Nov 13 before Pastor Tow leaves the next day to teach at the Centre for Biblical Studies (Rev Dan Ebert III).

PASTOR'S NEW PHONE: 250-2138!!

During the week (Sept 5-9), the pastors are engaged at FEBC Bible Conference (Genting). Mr Colin Wong may be contacted at the Church Office, 2569256. Pray for the Lord's Spirit upon Dr Steele and Pastor Tow the chief speakers, and on all participating pastors.

Rev Thawm Luai wires that the Theological School at Rangoon has closed for the Sep-Oct vacation. Meanwhile, he has returned to his home in Chin State. Pray for Burma.

Born to Francis and Doris Chen, a baby girl, Charmaine Chen Pin Ying, on 20th Aug '88.

Praise the Lord for Deacon Han's mother's quick recovery! (Ward 58, SGH)

Pray for our nation and government "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim 2:2), that the Gospel may have free course through the redou-

Join the Evangelistic Band every Sunday afternoon!

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FEBE BIBLE CONFERENCE REPORT

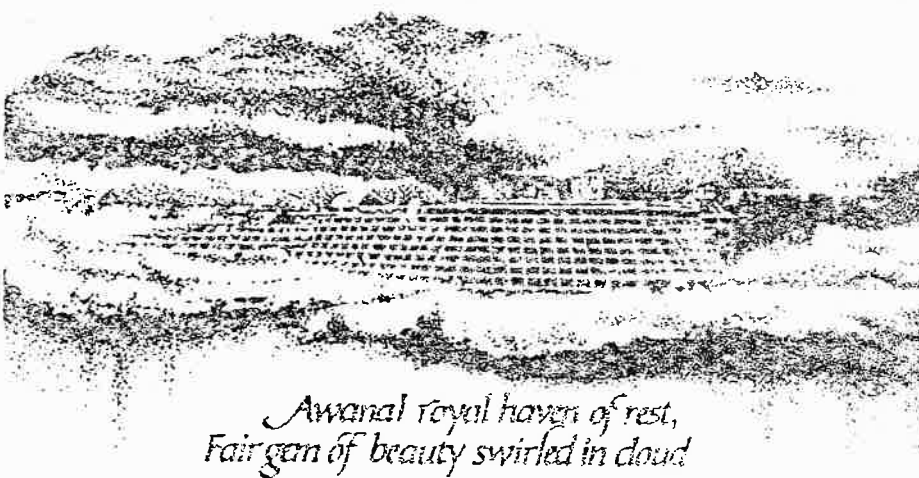
by Mrs Linda Chan

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
(Psalm 133:1)

Two hundred and forty campers set out on Monday morning, September 5, 1988, via coach, train and plane to converge at the beautiful Awana Country Club, 8 miles Genting Highlands, to spend five days of sweet fellowship with one another and with our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Praise God for journey mercies to and from Awana. Our hearts are thankful to the Lord for the spiritual grounding in matters pertaining to "Declaring All the Counsel of God in Perilous Times," through the study of the great prophets of old, namely, Elijah and Elisha. Messages on "Elijah--the Prophet of Fire" and "Elisha--the Prophet of Water" were expounded by Dr Arthur Steele and our dear Pastor respectively.

We started each day with an hour of "Prayer and Devotions." Pastors from the various participating B-P churches led us in these "sweet hours of prayer." After being physically nourished by the buffet-styled breakfast, we were spiritually fed on the "meat." Dr A. Steele's messages on "Elijah" specially thrilled and warmed our hearts as he related Elijah's experiences to his own real-life experiences. Dr Steele shared how, like Elijah, he had trusted the Lord who had ordered his steps, ordained the circumstances, and protected and provided for him and his family, ever since the day he resigned from his secular job as a chemical engineer to serve the Lord fulltime. Dr Steele also exhorted us campers to be like Elijah who was powerfully motivated by God's Word and whose faith was triumphantly rewarded at Mt. Carmel because he obeyed God each step of the way. After a half-an-hour's break, Pastor Tow would speak on the miracles performed by "Elisha" and how the latter extended Elijah's ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. I've come to treasure dear Pastor's "pearls of wisdom" as I realise that like our PAP old guard, his days are numbered, and I dread to think of the day when I cannot hear him preach from the pulpit. Yes, we have to face reality, dear brethren. Dr Tow S.H. exhorted his fellow pastors and church leaders to study God's Word diligently, to be steadfast in the faith, and to feed their "precious flocks" purchased with a great price. They should not only feed them with a fully balanced Gospel, but also open their spiritual eyes to enemies attacking our separatist stand. Dr Tow also reminded the young leaders that one day, the "old guard" would not be around to guide them. In perilous times, they (the young pastors) have to echo Elijah's stand--"How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21).

For the early part of the afternoons, we were divided into five groups under various pastors and church leaders for group discussions. The topics discussed were "Neo-evangelicalism," "Biblical Separation" and "The English Bible--Which Version?" Many of the questions raised by the participating campers were competently answered and I believe most campers would agree with me that we have been spiritually enlightened on the various issues dis-



*Awana! Royal haven of rest,
Fair gem of beauty swirled in cloud*

cussed. Regretfully, the discussion sessions were short. I pray that we may not forget what we learnt from the various messages, but continue to hunger for the Word of God and study it diligently so that we may hide it in our hearts and in perilous times, our faith may not waver. Dr Tow left us with a thought-provoking question, "In 5 or 10 years' time, can you stand faithful to the Gospel?"

Finally, I want to thank God for the sweet fellowship we had one with another as we gathered to "tuck in" the buffet-style, sumptuous meals (4 a day), as we went on excursions by cable-car, as we wallowed in the jacuzzi and swimming pool, etc. Physically, we were well-rested and the Awana "ale" and "air" did wonders for our bodies. Above all, it was the satisfying of our spiritual hunger for the Word of God and our closer walk with the Lord that was most edifying, enriching and rewarding. The conference, as Dr Lim Teck Chye put it, was great value for money because nowhere else could we get to enjoy five days of fresh and cool mountain air, plus good food and first-class facilities, as such a considerably cheap rate. Credit must be given to our "Colonel," the camp-master Dr Patrick Tan, for running the conference with military precision, and we showed ourselves to be well-disciplined soldiers of Christ. If it is God's will, it would perhaps be good to have our Family Camp at Awana next year. As a veteran camper, this has been the best camp ever. Praise God for His many blessings!

"Declaring All the Counsel of God in Perilous Times"

by Elder Edmund Tay

To God be the glory, great things He has done. Yes, He has done great things for us at the FEBC Bible Conference held at Awana Country Club, 8 miles Genting Highlands (5th to 9th Sept, '88).

As far as I can remember of previous conferences, this conference has been voted the best in terms of spiritual food, physical surroundings and facilities available for a big Bible Conference. The convention hall where 240 conferees, made up of adults and children, could sit comfortably was in a wonderful place. All the meetings were held here, including the workshop sessions every afternoon. Truly the Lord has been good to us all in that nobody was taken seriously ill and there was no accident, even among the children. The Lord had protected all of us. Surely His grace was upon us.

Although some of the participants may have been attracted to the conference due to the venue, most of them realised that the task of "declaring all the counsel of God in perilous times" was now their responsibility. Each of them promised to God that they would go back to their own churches and encourage them to be faithful to God and His Word, and that the separatist stand has to be upheld by all those who call themselves fundamentalist. To remain separate is "to declare all the counsel of God" now, because we are in the midst of perilous times. The enemy is already in our midst and we have to fight a good fight to remain loyal to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The climax to the whole conference was on the morning of our departure, when Dr (Rev) S. H. Tow gave us a revision lesson on Elijah on what we had learnt during the morning devotions. The revision challenged us to be courageous, to be obedient, to be faithful and to be zealous for the Lord.

To those who had not been able to attend, I must say that you really missed much blessing. We who were there would surely remember much of the things that God had shown to us.

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

MON 7.30 pm Doctrine of Man (Rev T. Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Rev P. Tan)
THU 7.30 pm Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI 7.30 pm Blind Korean Pastor Film
at Sembawang BPC
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - YF
3.00 pm CSF; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Rev Tow
9.30 am Catechism Class
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
10.30 am Junior Worship
10.30 am Church & Junior Choir Pract.
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
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 GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,243 (8.00 am)

\$6,491 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1641)\$100; 1642)\$20;
1643)\$310(Chinese S.); 1644)\$150. 1645)\$400;
1646)\$19,200.

Total \$1,331,314.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: 4-Finished Filipino Churches \$150, \$560, \$50; FEBC Library Renov. \$500, \$200; Batam \$400(WF); Burma \$360(WF); Evangelistic Band \$200; Missions \$70; FEBC \$150.

We say farewell to Dr & Mrs Arthur Steele who are leaving us Wed. Sept 14, 5 pm by SIA. Meanwhile, Pastor Tow will take them on an overnight trip to Tg. Pinang (Tue-Wed), with the view also of inquiry into Batam. Pray for Batam.

FILM THAT HAS TOUCHED OUR LIVES! Four years ago we were invited by the Korean Church to see the story on film of Blind Korean Pastor AHN YO-HAN. The film so touched us that we had it shown at Life Church to full house twice.

Ahn Yo-han was a successful teacher of French in a public school. Happily married, he suddenly found his eyes blurring. In spite of strenuous efforts to find a cure, he succumbed to total blindness. But instead of finding solace from wife and family, he became the butt of complaint from wife and in-laws.

Driven from home, he found shelter at the railway station. Here, in the "underworld," he found sweeter comfort from sympathising urchins. Hearing the Gospel from the air, he was converted and called to serve. He found a scholarship that gave him a seminary education. He became pastor for a blind church that he founded.

Pastor Ahn Yo-han appeared live at Life Church at the first showing. He still keeps in touch with bulletins issued from his blind church in Korea. (This film is offered us again by courtesy of the Korean Embassy.)

Dates of Ahn Yo-han Film

Fri. Sept 16, 7.30 pm: Sembawang BPC

Fri. Sept 23, 7.30 pm: Grace BPC

Wed. Sept 28, 8.00 pm: New Life BPC

Fri. Sept 30, 8.00 pm: Life BPC

Sun. Oct 2, 6.00 pm: Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour

Call: Rev Tow 2502138/2569256; Rev P. Tan 3521181/2569256; Colin Wong/J.P. David/Peter Chng 2569256; Church Office 2569256; Bookroom 2541223; Lim Florist 3369011.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

I want to thank the Lord that I was enabled to press into the last two days of the Steeles' ministry with us an overnight trip to Tanjung Pinang. This was to kill two birds --let him see Tg. Pinang and Batam where we're planning a missions outreach.

As for Batam, we have not made headway, perhaps because the Lord wants us to learn patience. Tanjung Pinang, on the other hand, has increased in attendance.

What I'd like to report about specially is a great fire that destroyed 100 homes over a fortnight ago. Two of our deacons live in this houses-on-stilts village on the sea. One, Deacon Kuan the boat master, lost everything save the kitchenware. The other was spared as the fire burnt right up to his door front. It was good to hear Mrs Kuan's testimony and her gratefulness to the Lord for sparing their lives. Fortunately, the fire broke out early in the evening and not at the dead of night. This fire was started by an old woman who burnt joss papers to the hungry ghosts. May some victim of this holocaust "turn from idols to serve the living and true God" (I Thess 1:9). We were well received by several other homes which we entered to visit and pray.

I want to thank the Lord for restoring me to perfect health by the seafood and briny breezes under a hot sun. Also for bringing us back in good time to send the Steeles to the airport. Truly the Lord is good to His own children.

I try to introduce new songs as much as possible, and we have one from Awana. However, "Each Step of the Way," published this week, lacks something. That something I've tried to bring up by adding stanzas 3 & 4. I have our struggling younger generation in mind. Lord, help them through this new song as they sweat it out in school, junior college or N.S. - T.T.

DR ARTHUR STEELE'S FAREWELL LETTER

"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" (I John 1:7).

I am writing this from Tanjung Pinang on the last day of our 8-week ministry in the Far East. Yesterday and today we have again seen the evidence of the blessed fellowship in Jesus Christ. As our boat from Singapore docked at Tanjung Pinang, Dr Timothy Tow, my wife and I were met by Pastor Joseph Liu and his wife Esther of the Presbyterian Church, and two other members. We had a time of fellowship at a seafood restaurant which was most enjoyable. Of even greater blessing to my wife and me was our meeting Christians at their shops as we walked through the town and then visited in their homes. Precious were the times of prayer with them when the Holy Spirit bore witness with our spirit that we are one in God's family.

In Indonesia, as at Singapore, we have been impressed again that those whom we have never met before came to know Jesus Christ as Saviour just as my wife and I have--half-way around the world! What a testimony to the truth of God's Word and evidence of the Lord of Calvary.

The privilege of ministering the Word at FEBC was an opportunity, honor and joy that I would not have expected the Lord would give to us in our retirement years from Clearwater Christian College. We have been greatly enriched, blessed and encouraged by the choice students God directed to FEBC. My wife and I love them dearly. We sensed keenly their love for us as we sensed their love for their Principal. I trust every member of the FEBC Board, and every pastor of the B-P Churches will always realize the strategic importance of the College in its far-reaching ministry. The testimonies of the students from so many nations and their burden for their people made a great impact in us. Again, what great confirmation of the truth of I John 1:7.

We are grateful for the many invitations to speak in sixteen B-P Churches during our time in Singapore. There was great freedom to preach and I believe I know the reason why. These churches have been faithfully taught the Word so the congregations were of a ready heart and mind to receive the Word. The same was true at Awana and at the Sunset Gospel Hour meetings.

Lord willing, my wife and I will return next July to teach at FEBC. We want to say thank-you to the FEBC Board for the invitation.

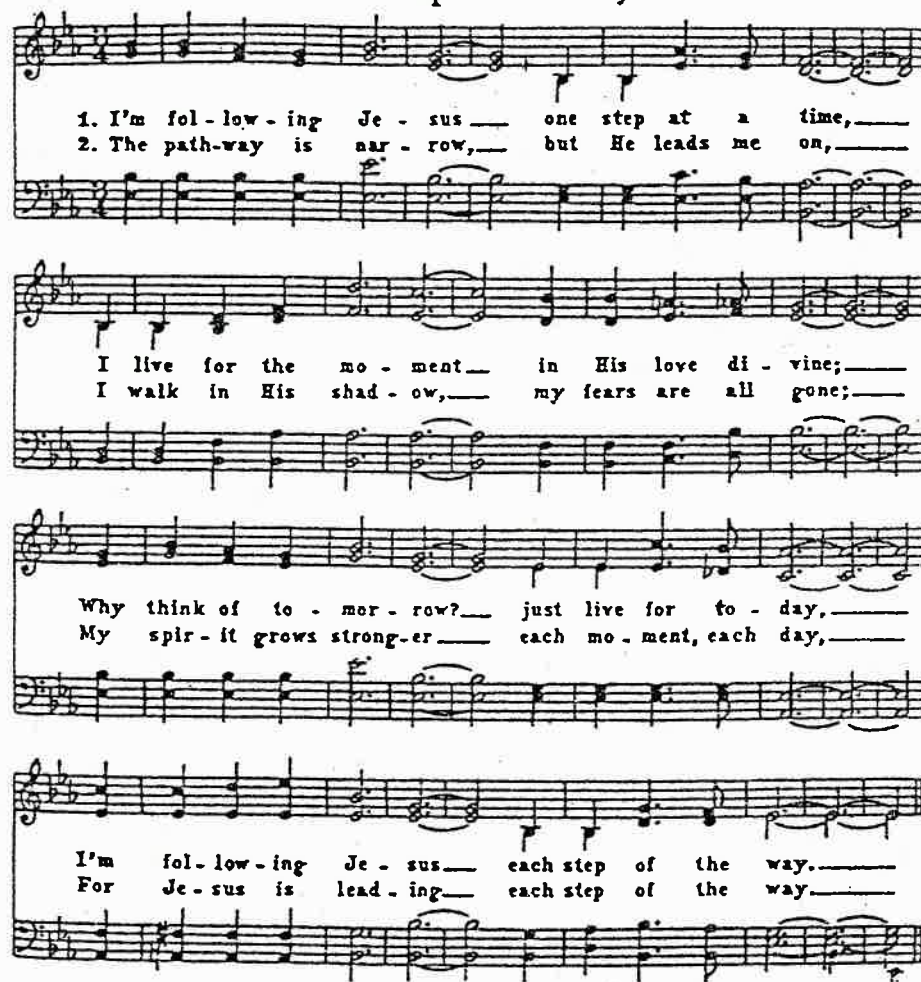
Last, and of particular significance, was the providence of God in bringing Dr Timothy Tow and me together in 1958, 30 years ago, at Faith Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. I had left the business world, at age 36, with 4 children, and enrolled in seminary. I almost quit, but God spoke to me and brought me into close fellowship with Timothy Tow. I feel a real debt of gratitude to him and now the Lord has given me the privilege of serving together with him and with so many other Christians in the fellowship of His Word. I John 1:7 is indeed true.

"A FAMINE IN THE LAND . . ."

of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). Thus writes Linda Kwee-Harlim, B.Th.(FEBC) 1975, from Holland: "Till now I myself have not found a fundamental church to join as a member. The WCC movement here is enormous. The spiritual life is dry. It is a very

sad situation indeed. I often miss the fellowship of the past when I was still in Singapore. That's why I'm always glad to receive B-P Weekly as supplement to spiritual good. (Linda also sends gift to FEBEC.)

Each Step of the Way



1. I'm fol-low-ing Je-sus — one step at a time, —
 2. The path-way is nar-row, — but He leads me on, —

I live for the mo-ment — in His love di-vine; —
 I walk in His shad-ow, — my fears are all gone; —

Why think of to-mor-row? — just live for to-day, —
 My spir-it grows strong-er — each mo-ment, each day, —

I'm fol-low-ing Je-sus — each step of the way. —
 For Je-sus is lead-ing — each step of the way. —

3. Help me, Lord, to press on
 O'er each hill and dale.
 Help me, Lord, to conquer;
 With You I'll not fail.
 A task You have given
 Each child of Your care;
 Give me strength and courage
 My burden to bear.

4. Soon life's jour'n'ying's over
 And our work is done;
 I can hear my Saviour
 Calling all and one.
 Leave me not behind, Lord,
 Till my race is won;
 Help me do my homework
 Till the task is done.

Showing of
BLIND KOREAN PASTOR FILM
 by popular request!

Film that stirs the depths of
 your soul
 What will you do with Jesus?

Friday Sept 30, 8.00 pm
 in Church

BRING A FRIEND!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th Sep)

MON	7.30 pm	Doctrine of Man (Rev T. Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film at Grace BPC
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	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,465 (8.00 am)

\$4,247 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND 1647)\$500; 1648)\$50.

OFFERINGS FOR: 1/2-Fin. Filipino Ch. \$600,
 \$50; \$200, \$40, \$120; J.P. David \$50; Bur-
ma \$100(N. Life), \$40(N. Life S.S.), \$200
 (Grace); Missions \$550, \$20; Batam \$30.

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Elder & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat send regards to the Session, Church & Sunday School. Catastrophes named by our Lord as a sign of His coming, which include famines, pestilences and earthquakes, surely have floods and hurricanes in view. Do you know that the floods in Sudan have affected 4 million people? And those in Bangladesh, a quarter of the population! Now Hurricane Gilbert has flattened Jamaica and is raging over Mexico and Texas. In the wake of these disasters come diseases which are called pestilences. As millions are crying out from "the depths of water and fire," we in S'pore are spared by the grace of God. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" (Lam. 1:12).

The first question I must ask begins with myself. If the Lord should come tonight, will I be ready to meet Him? The second Q. is, What have I done for Him before He comes?

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt 24:37-39).

Praise the Lord, another idol is removed from the home of Colin Wong's mother-in-law, a catechumen of our Chinese Service. Call Lim Florists at 3369011.



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

It is later than you think!

Last week I wrote about Sudan, Bangladesh, Jamaica and Mexico, and the deluge that has come upon these lands, overturning ten-thousands of homes with loss of lives in thousands. If we live in these lands and become numbered among the victims, we will wake up to the nearness of His coming.

Because we are favoured with peace and plenty and are smiled upon by nature, we are oblivious of trouble ahead. We need to be reminded by the Prophetic Word! Hear what Paul says to the Thessalonians: "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" (I Thess 5:2,3). Let me ask you, dear Reader, if you will be "caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thess 4:17) at His Second Coming? Let us examine ourselves if we are working resolutely for Him as Jesus worked for His Father, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (Jn 9:4).

Blind Korean Pastor's Film

As we realise that night is fast approaching, we must concentrate on the work of soul-winning and extension of His Church! For soul-winning we thank God for the Blind Korean Pastor's Film specially flown in from Korea. We hope scores will be won to Christ through our showing in Church, Friday September 30, 8.00 pm. (Thanks, YAF, for your labour of love in the projection). This film is being shown to 10 constituencies in our B-P Church. May God give every Church souls for hire!

In my sermon on Noah last week at the 8.00 am service, I mentioned how he and his family put all their resources into the building of the Ark. If we realise how short-lived our future is in the light of Christ's return, we will also throw in our lot with the Lord. Wherever there is need to extend His Kingdom, we will not hold back.

Two Unfinished Filipino Churches

For our immediate needs, there are the two unfinished Filipino Churches in Manila that require our sustenance. We need another US\$20,000 to finish the job! May God's Spirit speak to your heart to give before I leave Nov. 15 for the Philippines to lecture at Rev Dan Ebert's School of Biblical Studies.

We commend Elder and Mrs Chia Kim Chwee to the Lord as they head for Melbourne to relieve Elder and Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat who are soon returning. The Chinese saying, "Those who have money give money, those who have strength give strength," expresses the spirit of our service.

Lastly, there is the recent revival of our Extension Building Fund. If the Lord should grant us the choice property across our street by His appointed time, we will not deserve our heritage if we do nothing until then! Faith without works is dead! To make the bomb only when the War is declared is to lose for sure!

Redoubling FEBC's Training Programme

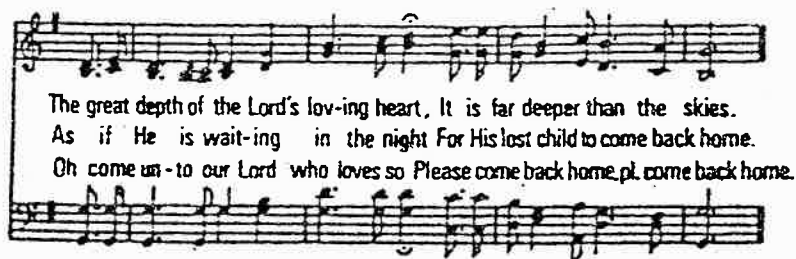
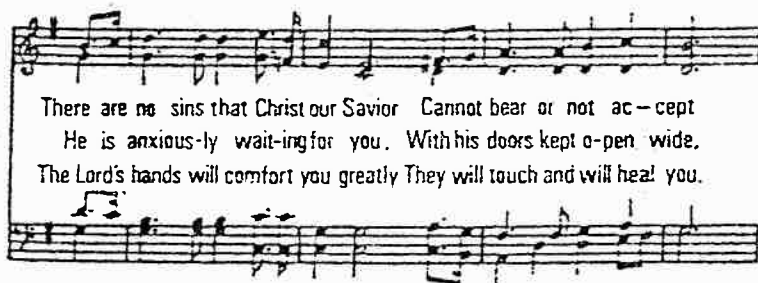
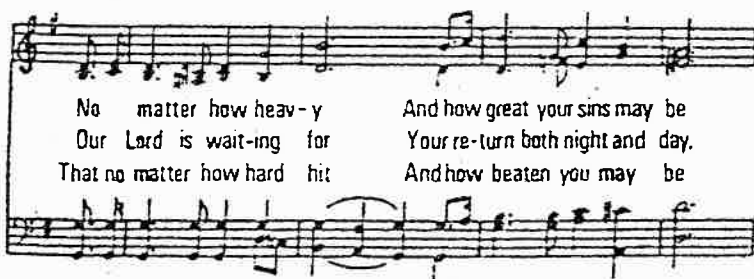
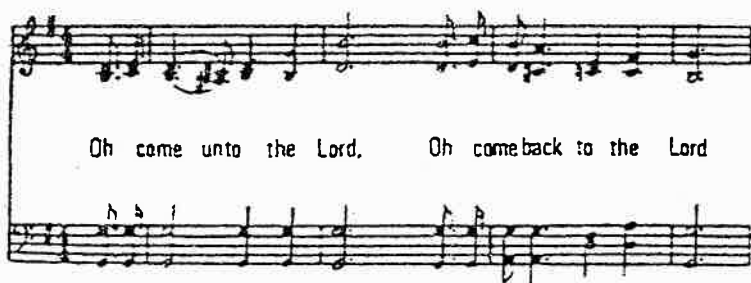
Because the Lord is coming soon, we are redoubling FEBC's training programme. We have sixty students from ten nations. Won't you pray with us and for us that each year we may graduate an increasing number and send them back to their respective countries?!

Last week I mentioned Linda of Indonesia now studying music in Holland and also her loving gift to the alma mater. This week let me give you this paragraph from Michael Koech, FEBCer 1987. Writing from Kenya, he says, "I praise the Lord that I was able to study at FEBC. The Lessons that I learned are very helpful in my ministry, even the informal instructions you occasionally gave either in class or around the table during meals. I share some of these tips with our students and other friends.

"The Reformed Tract Distributors of Life BPC printed some Swahili tracts for us and Charles Seet who initiated this work has mailed some to us; some are now in the mail. These tracts have been helpful to us in evangelism and our thanks be to RTD for what they have done.

"Our Bible institute is now 1½ years old; we have six students and three fulltime teachers and one part-time. In our current term I teach Christian Doctrine, Church History and Homiletics. The Lord has so far provided basic physical facilities needed. We have two classrooms, an office cum library, a dormitory (partly used as staff house) and a newly completed dining hall, kitchen and store. The hall also serves as a venue for a local church. Early this month we had students from America visiting. They were invited by Rev Ray Carlson who works with us. Two of them are students of Dr Steele at Clearwater. I showed them what you wrote in the weekly about him. One of them, a young man, is interested in coming to FEBC. P.S. If possible, may I have a copy of your recent book THE ASIAN AWAKENING."

Ed. Note: Two other students from Kenya that have made good are Stephen Masila who has two churches and a Bible School, and Richard Kivai, now a member of the faculty of the Bible College of East Africa. Pray for Joshua Wonsia, a new student from Liberia!



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 26 - Oct 2)

MON	7.30 pm	Doctrine of Man (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film at New Life B-P Church
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	8.00 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film at Life Church
SAT	4.00 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film at Emmanuel B-P Church
SUN	8.00 am	Mr Peter Chng
	9.30 am	Sun. School & Catechism Cl.
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai & BFC Services
	4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film at Calvary Pandan B-P Church

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,728.00 (8.00 am)

\$4,699.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1649)\$120; 1650)\$50;
1651)\$200; 1652)\$133; 1653)\$50; 1654)\$100.

Total \$1,332,517.16

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: 1/2-Finished Filip-
ino Churches \$100, \$3500, \$100, \$37(Boxes);
Peter Mitchell \$450(AF); FEBC Library Renov
\$2000, \$40, \$830; Missions \$50.

This is one of two songs made popul-
ar by the Film on Blind Korean Pastor
Ahn Yo-han. It brings the film to
a climax when this is sung by the
Blind Church led by the Blind Pastor.
"O Come Back to the Lord" is the Eng-
lish translation of the Revival Hymn
composed by a Korean evangelist.

Evidently, it is a hymn calling
the prodigal son to repentance. When
this hymn was sung, Ahn Yo-han's wife,
who chased him out of the house in
his hour of greatest need, hovered
in the shadows watching. A prodigal
wife, did she return to him and to
the Lord? It is for you to find out!

"And everyone that hath forsaken
houses, or brethren, or sisters, or fa-
ther, or mother, or wife, or children,
or lands, for My name's sake, shall
receive an hundredfold, and shall inhe-
rit everlasting life" (Matt. 19:29).
Today Pastor Ahn Yo-han not only runs
a Blind Church, but also a widening
ministry outside his Church. He ap-
peared live at the first showing of
his film at Life Church 4 years ago.
He still keeps in touch by sending us
his Korean bulletins. Half of the
freewill offerings collected at Life
Church will be channelled to Rev Ahn
and the other half to Dr Jack Murray
who had recently suffered a bad fall
and is now recuperating. God bless!

Warm Welcome to our Guest House: Mrs
Diane Parman of Adelaide from London,
Sept 26-27 (Paauwes).

Mrs Jess Tamee is now seconded to serve with
the Thai Service, every Lord's Day, 3 pm.

Congratulations to Mr Albert Ong who is head-
ing a new branch of Carmel, Mt. Horeb, at
Lengkok Bahru.

Born to Mr & Mrs Robin Tan of BPCWA: A daught-
er, 8 pounds 5 ounces, on Sept 23, 1988.

The Chinese Version of "O Come Back to the
Lord," translated by Rev K.C. Quek, is avail-
able from Faith BPC, tel. 2884786.

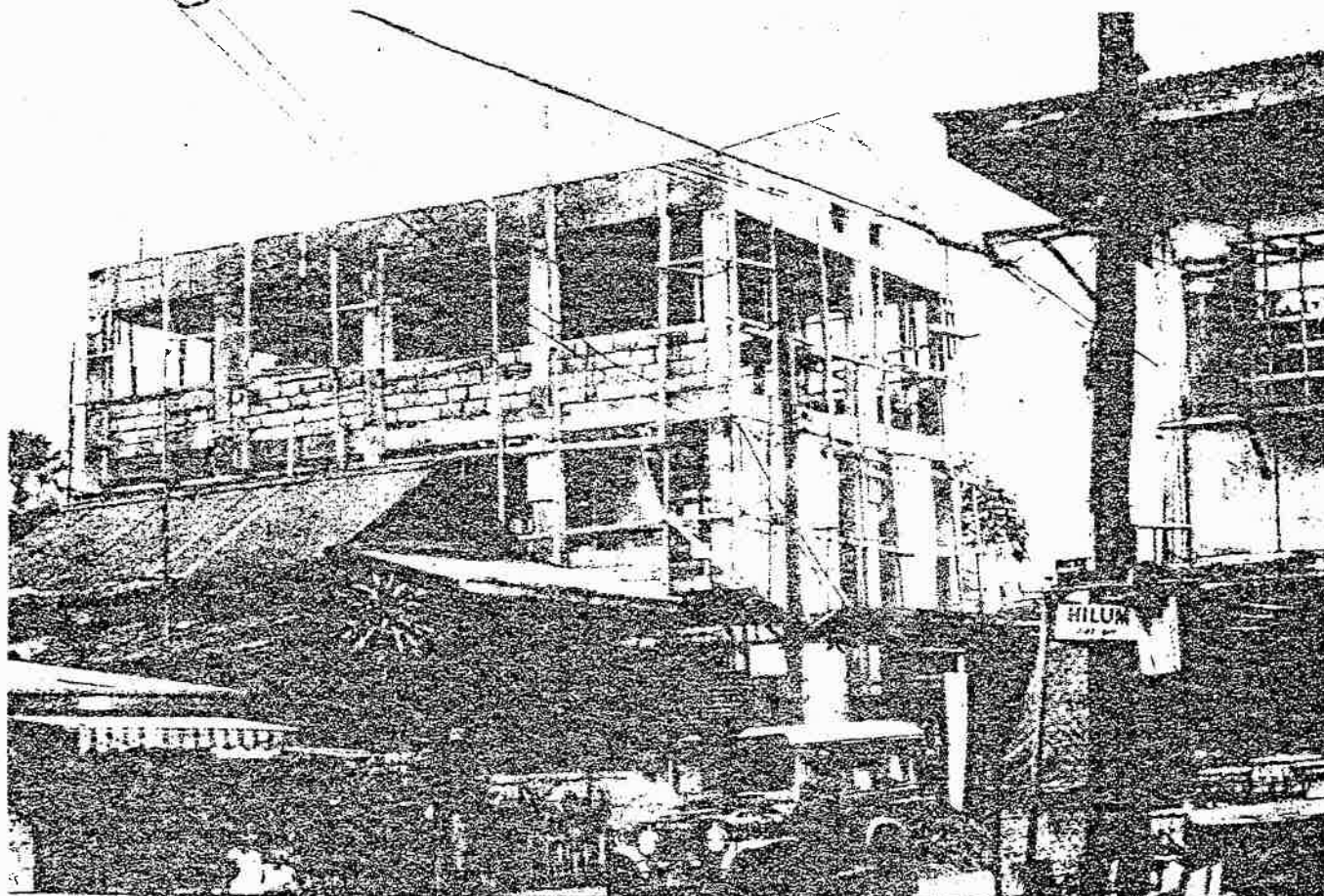
Hear Pastor Tow at Calvary Pandan Sunset
Gospel Hour on the X Commandments. Climax
of this series on the X is sale of his book,
"The Law of Moses and of Jesus" @ \$5 only.
All proceeds to Melbourne Church Building
Fund.

If you regretfully missed seeing the Blind
Korean Pastor's Film, here's your second
chance at:

1. New Life: Wed Sept 28, 8.00 pm
2. Life-Sharon: Fri Sept 30, 8.00 pm
3. Emmanuel: Sat Oct 1, 7.30 pm
4. Calvary Pandan: Sun Oct 2, 6.00 pm
5. Mt. Carmel: Wed Oct 5, 7.30 pm
6. Calvary Jurong: Thur Oct 6, 8.00 pm
7. Galilee-Nazareth: Wed Oct 12, 7.30 pm

Call: Rev Tow 2502138; Rev P. Tan 3521181;
Church Office 2569256; Staffworkers: J.P.
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Pastor Willy Bona of Blood-Bought Church of Christ, Manila, Writes Pastor Tow

We, the members of the Blood Bought Church of Christ, Manila, Philippines, are truly grateful to you for your prayers, which have greatly encouraged our hearts to continue

in His vineyard. Words are not enough to express our thanks to our God for all His goodness which He showered to us. For many years we have asked the Lord to give us a building for His name, and indeed He answered our petition through you. An edifice is being built, a monument of His unfailing love to His work and His people, for the glory of His own name.

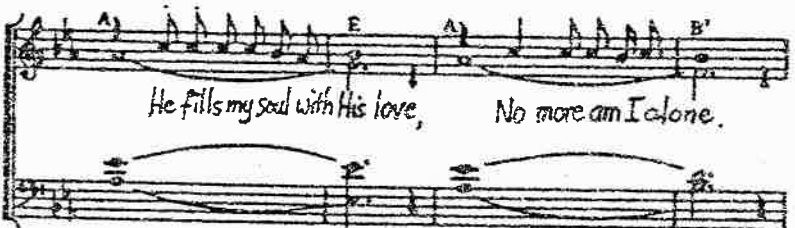
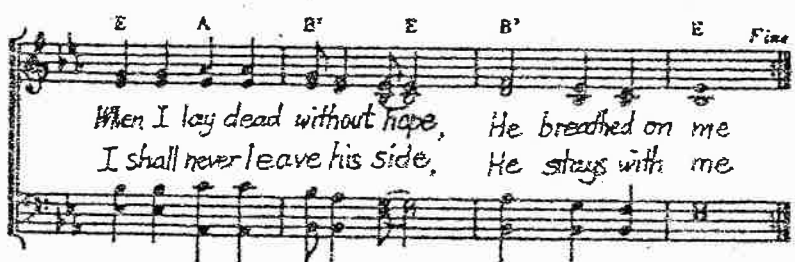
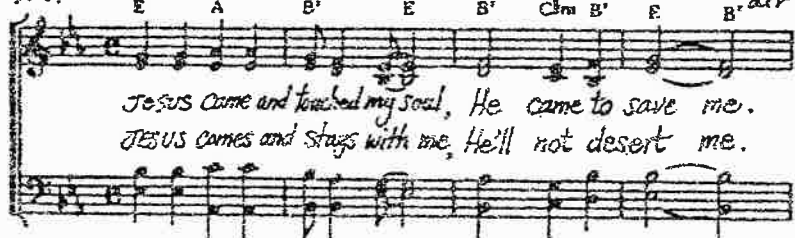
We are happy to report the work is now halfway. The structural is already finished up to the third floor until the roofing. The ground floor is already rough finished, and we're using as the storehouse for our materials. Enclosed herewith are some pictures of the project for you to see how far we have gone.

We're looking to the time when this building is finished, and the timetable is up to November as the Lord will prosper, and also as the hearts of His people continue to be stirred and give for it. Again we thank you for being a father to us not only in things spiritual, but also in financial matters. We keep praying that God will continue to enlarge your heart, in order to help not only us but all our work here in the Philippines.

Altogether Building Three Churches in the Philippines

The first one at Kapitbahayan, Manila, has long been completed with a two-storey parsonage and fellowship

T.T. JESUS Came and Touched Me Korean





Oh come unto the Lord. Oh come back to the Lord



No matter how heavy And how great your sins may be
Our Lord is wait-ing for Your re-turn both night and day.
That no matter how hard hit And how beaten you may be



There are no sins that Christ our Savior Cannot bear or not ac-cept
He is anx-ious-ly wait-ing for you. With his doors kept o-pen wide.
The Lord's hands will comfort you greatly They will touch and will heal you.



The great depth of the Lord's lov-ing heart. It is far deeper than the skies.
As if He is wait-ing in the night For His lost child to come back home.
Oh come un-to our Lord who loves so Please come back home, pl come back home.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3rd - 9th October '88)

MON	7.30 pm	Doctrine of Man (Rev T. Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
	8.00 pm	"Blind Korean Pastor" at Calvary Jurong BPC
FRI	7.30 pm	Rev Tow at Evangelistic Band F'ship
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School & Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	12.15 pm	"Blind Korean Pastor" Film at Mt. Carmel BPC
	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 GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$1,546 (8.00 am)
\$7,080 (10.30 am)

BLIND KOREAN PASTOR \$500 (Faith-Zion BPCs);
\$193 (Sembawang BPC); \$276.20+M\$3 (New Life BPC);
BLIND K. PASTOR & DR JACK MURRAY \$2146.30+M\$2
(Life-Sharon BPCs).

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1655)\$50; 1656)\$200; 1657)
\$500. Total \$1,333,267.16

OFFERINGS FOR: Jess & Deeram \$550; Kelapa Sawit
\$200; Batam \$100; FEBC \$140.

A Time to SAVE Sale at Christian Life Book Centre
ends Oct 31. Give Christian gifts!

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,



hall. This Church seats 250. When they held an evangelistic meeting upon completion last year, they had an overflow of 300! This Church now runs a kindergarten of 100 and is self-supporting. God bless you, Lifers and Readers, who have built His House by building your house.

Now there are two 3/4-finished Churches, also under Rev Ebert's hand, in the struggling process. All they need is US\$10,000 each. The photo of the Blood Bought Church shows the last one to complete. As we shall be teaching at Rev Ebert's School of Biblical Studies mid-November, won't it be timely to bring another gift from your hands to help them finish the job?

There comes a tide to every Church
Which, taken at the flood,
Leads on to undreamt realms of power,
To showers of blessing from above--
The Holy Ghost of God!

Comes now a flood-tide to our Church,
Who'll go to meet this hour?
'Twill lead to shores yet unexplored,
This tide that bears you up yonder--
The flood-gates of our God!

Help us to toil for Thee, O Lord,
Upon this flowing tide,
And quicken our hands and our feet
To snatch the souls of men adrift--
The coming Day of God!

Come ye, and hear the Saviour's Word:
This tide for no man waits.
The hour is late, the work undone,
As ebbs the flow below the sun--
The Judgment Day of God!

(May be sung to tune of "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind")

BARLEY FIELDS

One day I was walking
And wandering through the Barley Fields
I heard a voice calling, calling, call-
ing me . . .

For old times I whistled a tune
O how sweet the notes in my ears
Looking around, I saw no one
Looking around me, I saw no one
Only the twilight of an evening glow--
Twilight of an evening glow.

A dying sun, a fading light,
That dims, that dims my eyes . . .

(The music score of this first of 3 songs in the Blind Korean Pastor film is obtainable from CLBC free of charge).

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING DINNER

22nd Oct, 6.00 pm: Tickets at \$16 (Adults) & \$10 (Children/Students) are on sale today at the Church counter.

Teacher required for Far Eastern Kindergarten. Contact Rev Patrick Tan (tel. 2569256) or Mrs Tan Poh Yok (2513676).

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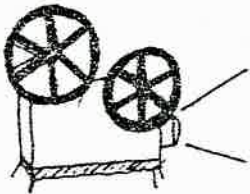


PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"By All Means Save Some" (1 Cor. 9:22)

When over 800 (according to a Calvary Pandan elder's estimation) saw the film of the Blind Korean Pastor last Sunday night, I can safely say that my expectation of 3,000 for 13 showings in all BPCs is exceeded. (There were 600 at Life BPC.) Many who came to see this Gospel film were first-timers, who had never entered a Church before. Whether Christian or non-Christian, practically everyone left the Church with tear-washed eyes and in sombre mood. Yes, tears were profusely shed in sympathy with the Blind Pastor in his deepest sorrows. And mingled with the tears were no doubt tears of repentance and of consecration or reconsecration. Man likes the outward appearance of a showing of hands, but God looketh on the heart (1 Sam 16:7).

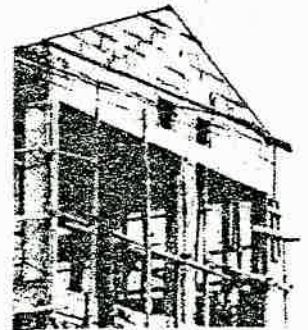


Though there was the hang-up of a picture of Jesus with the sacred heart at the shack where the Blind Pastor started his Church, the Gospel was powerfully preached through his return to the Lord from a prodigal life, and his dedication to minister to the blind and distressed. The first song, "Barley Fields," which was composed during the Korean War, told of a life lost without Christ, like wandering in the Barley Fields in the twilight. The Second Song, "Jesus Came and Touched Me," tells of the Blind Pastor's deliverance after his abortive suicide attempt. The Third, "O Come Unto the Lord," a famous hymn composed by a Korean Evangelist, is Korea's interpretation of the Story of the Prodigal Son through music. "The Precious Blood of Jesus Christ that pardons sins" was sung by two blind girls. O Lord, continue to use the two new Korean Hymns mightily, as they are being sung in our Churches--a new breath of life fusing into many a languishing heart!

The debut of the Film at the Sunset Gospel Hour, with a give-away of John Sung Revival Sermons Vol. I, was a tremendous boost to a new series of Gospel messages planned for the last quarter of the year. Pray that the Lord will anoint the lips of every Gospel messenger, and for me as I deliver the opening message this evening under the theme, "The Great Invitation."

Concrete Evidence of Your Gospel Investment

"By all means save some"--and one solid means is the building of God's House. The photo of a half-finished three-storey church erected by the members of the Blood Bought Church of Christ, Manila, appearing on this page last week, is concrete evidence of your Gospel investment. I can assure you that your offerings of a sweetest savour to the Lord are bearing fruit ten times more than your giving, say, to charitable projects locally. For there our money goes a long way where labour is cheap and needs are basic, where fans are counted a luxury and a piano is like a harp descended from heaven.



In this connection, let those who desire to do something for the poor give to the completion of the two unfinished Filipino Churches. For they are among the poorest, living from hand to mouth. The surplus clothings we've been sending periodically have been appreciated by both pastors and laity--these which rich Singaporeans will not wear because they are out of fashion? Plenty brought in are practically new.

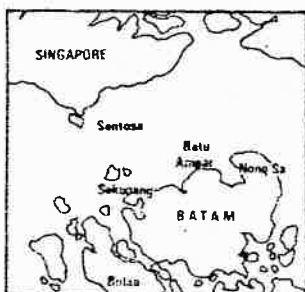
We thank God that the offerings for the Filipino Churches are heartfelt offerings, not from the rich and mighty, but from the ordinary and even from children. God can use a little to become much? God bless every cheerful giver, and God is able to make all grace abound toward you that you, always having all sufficiency, may abound to every good work (II Cor. 9:8).

In this regard, we have a sister just returned from a vacation in Perth. She worshipped at the Church at Mt. Pleasant which has an attendance of 230-250. She was thrilled to see the auditorium fully packed. Isn't this a ten-fold dividend from the A\$140,000 offered by a sister of Life Church for its purchase 2 years ago? As the Church has reached its saturation point for accommodation, the committee has felt the time has come for extension and renovation. Lifers are taking an important part in the leadership of the Perth Church, and I hope Lifers in Singapore will not forget their brethren downunder. Every help will be appreciated by our brethren holding the fort there.

Our Stepping Stone to Batam Found!

When Rev Kim Kyung Soo my (FEBC) student informed me of a multinational shipyard taking shape on Batam Island under the management of Mr Hwang Kyu Tai, a Deacon of the Korean Church, I was persuaded here was our stepping stone to Batam. We spent half a day Oct. 5th exploring the Island in the Shipyard's car, Mr Hwang himself leading the way. After going through several sprouting townships, he finally took us to his domain, P.T. Batamas Bala Nusantara at Tanjung Uncang.

Starting operations but a year-and-a-half ago, the colony now has 13 Korean (9 are Christians) and over 40 Indonesian labourers.



By next January, the total workforce should exceed 200.

Our visit to Batamas Shipyard seemed timed of the Lord to answer a Macedonian call. Mr Hwang is delighted that Roska could come to evangelise in their midst. For, situated at a beautiful spot overlooking the sea is a pocket-sized church he had built, before anything else. This little church is airconditioned. Every Lord's Day the Koreans worship here. But he would see Indonesians converted and join in the service of the Lord. He offers our missionary free quarters and every assistance. Batamas Shipyard is 20 minutes' drive from Sekupang, one of two ports of entry to Batam. Pray that if it be the Lord's will, Roska would start work on Batam Island January 1989. (The advantage of location on Batam is that Roska can henceforth come to Singapore without paying that exorbitant exit tax of S\$350. The sea-trip between Singapore and Batam takes 40 minutes.) - T.T.

COURT GRANTS DETAINEE'S APPLICATION

KUALA LUMPUR — The High Court here yesterday granted an application by detainee Jamaluddin Othman for a writ of *habeas corpus* to be freed from detention under the Internal Security Act.

Justice Datuk Anuar Zainal Abidin, in allowing the application, said the detention order was null and void as it was made against the Federal Constitution and outside the purview of the Act.

Jamaluddin, who is also known as Yeshua Jamaluddin, had been detained at the Kamunting detention centre in Taiping on five charges under the Act in relation to his alleged activities which it was said would cause tension and enmity between Muslims and Christians and could endanger the country's security.

In his oral judgment, Justice Datuk Anuar held that Article 11 of the Federal Constitution gave every person the right to profess and practise his religion and, subject to Clause (4), to propagate it.

Clause (4) states that the state law and, in respect of the federal territories of Kuala Lumpur and Labuan, federal law may control or restrict the propagation of any religious doctrine or belief among persons professing the religion of Islam.

The judge said that this article was conspicuously absent under Article 149 of the Constitution pertaining to the legislation against subversion, action prejudicial to public order.

"I understand that whatever law that is enacted under Article 149 shall not be inconsistent with the

provision of Article 11 and no act under the law enacted under Article 149 can be done inconsistent with the provision of Article 11," the judge said.

"That is to say, to my understanding, the ISA does not cover or have the power to restrict the provision under Article 11."

The judge said if power was exercised under the ISA which affected the rights and freedom of a person exercising his religion and propagating it, "to my mind, it would be on illegal exercise of such power".

Earlier, in his submissions, defence counsel Lee Min Choon, for Jamaluddin, contended that his client was detained because of his personal religion and his religious activities and that he would not be released until he renounced Christianity and converted back to Islam.

Tension and hostility

Mr Lee added that in the circumstances, the act of detaining Jamaluddin was unlawful, *mala fides* (bad faith), outside of the scope of the ISA and a blatant violation of not only his constitutional right to liberty but also his right to profess, practise and propagate the religion of his choice.

Senior federal counsel Mohammed Raus Shariff submitted that the detention order was valid, claiming that Jamaluddin's involvement in an organised plot to Christianise Malays could cause tension and hostility among the two religions. — Bernama.

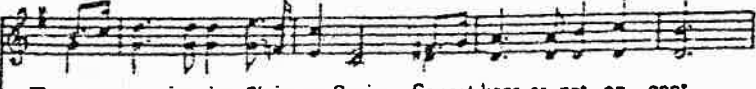
Life-BP Wely O Come BACK to the Lord... Korean Hymn



Oh come unto the Lord. Oh come back to the Lord



No matter how heavy And how great your sins may be
Our Lord is waiting for Your re-turn both night and day.
That no matter how hard hit And how beaten you may be



There are no sins that Christ our Savior Cannot bear or not accept
He is anxiously waiting for you. With his doors kept open wide.
The Lord's hands will comfort you greatly 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 un-to our Lord who loves so Please come back home, pl. come back home.



LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS \$2175 (8.00 am)
\$7096 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND 1658)\$500; 1659)\$20; 1660)\$50;
1661)\$474(Chinese S.); 1662)\$300; 1663)\$1000
Total \$1,335,611.16

4-Finished Filipino Ch. \$500(WF); \$30; \$100;
\$100; \$170; \$100; \$200: \$100; \$1000(Sharon BPC).

OFFERINGS FOR Missions \$150, \$70; Batam \$400(WF);
FEBC Library-\$500, \$1800, \$1000, \$40, \$100; China
\$10, \$50; Burma \$10, \$50; India \$10, \$50; Blind
Pastor \$20; Rev Paauwe \$100; Jess \$40.

Register your infants for baptism with any Session member from today.(give date of birth).

All Elders are to meet catechumen next Sun 16/10 at 9.30 am at Forest of Lebanon. Name list from Colin Wong.

Anniversary Dinner, Sat 22/10: Tickets at \$16(adult), \$10(non-earner), \$5(children) are on sale.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 10 - 16)

MON	7.30 pm	Doctrine of Man (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Evangelistic Band F'ship
FRI	8.00 pm	Family worship at new home of Mr & Mrs Francis Sng, Blk 850, #07-102, Yishun Ring Rd, tel. 7537896
SAT	2.00 pm	Harry Ng-Lily Tan Wedding (Bethany BPC, Rev C Tan)
	8.00 pm	Family worship at Mr & Mrs Phee Kim Tee's, 1-F Chatsworth Ave, S1024 (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tow
	9.30 am	Elders meet with catechumen
	10.30 am	Rev Tow



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

38th Anniversary Reminiscences

As our Church is celebrating her 38th Anniversary next week the Lord seems to lead me with a purpose to read of another 38th anniversary! It relates to Israel and Moses leading them in their Wilderness Journey: "And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the Lord swore unto them" (Deut 2:14). These 38 years of the Israelites were years of oblivion, like serving a prison sentence, because of Israel's unbelief that stalled their quick entry to the Promised Land. They are a warning to the Church today, and by God's grace Life Church has been spared from aimless wandering. By God's grace, since we started out at Prinsep Street 38 years ago, we have followed rather in Joshua's footsteps to conquer our Promised Lands.

Now, as Moses also recounted how the Lord led them to victory over the Amorite kings this side Jordan, it behoves us also to review the outreaches of our Church since 1950. Can you follow these milestones?

I. SINGAPORE

Life 1950; Sembawang 1957; Zion 1957; Galilee 1960; Jurong 1960; Mt. Carmel 1960; FEBC 1962; Life (Chinese) 1965; Calvary 1970; Sharon 1971; CLBC 1976; Grace 1976; Life (Indonesian) 1982; Life (Tamil) 1983; Life (Thai) 1983; New Life 1983; Yap House Church, Woodlands 1985; Tabernacle 1987.

II. MALAYSIA

(Our Judean Ministry)
Kelapa Sawit 1954; Rawang 1972; Kulai Besar 1973; Bukit Gambir 1983; Taman Sri Melati (KL) 1983; Bukit Batu 1983; Ayer Bemban 1986; Layang Layang 1987; Word of Life Book Centre, J.B. 1987; Selayang Segar (1989).

III. ASEAN COUNTRIES

Tanjung Pinang (Indonesian) 1973; North Sumatra (now under Galilee); West Kalimantan 1977; Philippines; Batam (Indonesia) 1989.

IV. BURMA (1987)

V. AUSTRALIA

BPCWA, Perth (with Calvary) 1986.

VI. ISRAEL: BPC (Arab) 1988

Now, our latest outreach to ASEAN Countries, Indonesia particularly, involves Batam Island, only 40 minutes by motor launch from Singapore. This has fired the imagination of a sister who is contributing regularly to Batam.

As our report on Batam has sparked further interest in other Lifers, so may the milestones above encourage others to pray and give to their support. Our immediate needs are the two 3/4 Finished Filipino Churches under Rev Dan Ebert's supervision, which should see completion by Christmas this year!

Report on Layang Layang by Deacon Mani (FEBC Graduate)

Thanks be to God for giving me the privilege to serve Him in Layang Layang. Thank God also for strength and safety in travel over the months. I also want to thank you, members of Life Church, for your prayers and financial support for this ministry. Indeed, God, in answer to your prayers, has shut the mouths of the Hindu temple authorities and Malaysian Indian Congress officials who had vehemently objected to our preaching of the Gospel to the Tamils in the estate. Moreover, God has also provided helpers in the persons of Pastor Burt [Subramaniam]

who administers Holy Communion, John Kanna from Ulu Tiram who helps in the children's work, Preacher David Wong of Kulai Besar and other Bethlehem Jurong and New Life Church members who go up with me regularly.

At present, the children, 10 to 15 of them, meet at 2 pm every Friday. The Worship Service, on the same day, is held between 5 pm to 6.30 pm every week except on the second Friday. Due to the fact that the Catholics use the church premises on this day, worship service on the second week is delayed to 6 pm. The regular attendance is about 20. Recently we had two new-comers, namely, Mdm Arokiamary and Mrs Harikeran.

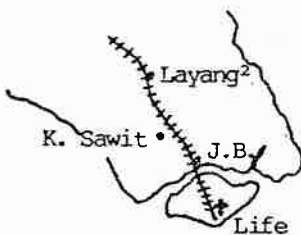
I do covet your prayers for the spiritual growth of the children as well as the adults. Do also pray for the salvation of more estate-workers, especially for George, Vilayan, Harikeran and Manoharan.

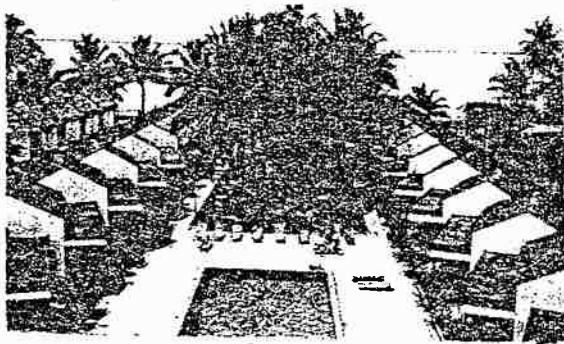
TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

Life Church Family Camp, March 13-17, 1989

Last March we had a wonderful time at Tanjung Pinang. Next March (1989) we have, after much searching, decided upon Shah's Beach Resort, 6 miles out of Malacca Town, a Shangrila little known to us before. We've booked all 50 chalets en bloc, so for 5 days it will be a Christian village.

The brochure avers: "The setting is as delightful as you could dream of, with the sea so close, the gently swaying palms and colourful luxuriant gardens to put you in that





carefree holiday mood. 50 comfortable chalets in traditional "kampong" style--the rich warmth of natural timber, delicately woven rattan panels and palm-thatched roofs"

Tariff: For the five days inclusive, S\$120 for triple-sharing, S\$145 for twin-sharing, S\$190 for single occupancy. Children between 3 and 12, S\$100. (Fully airconditioned, 3 meals plus 2 refreshments per day.) Hurry! First come, first served. Special children's meetings by FEBC students. Chinese-speaking parents, aunts and uncles specially catered for!

Visits to ancient Malacca Town included. Pray for the Lord's messengers! Pray for safety in travel. (Distance from Singapore. = 160 miles.)

"Do Something Good for Jesus Everyday"

This is Life Church's slogan. It has reminded Lifers to daily action for our Lord, that His Kingdom be speedily increased.

Now that we're showing the Blind Korean Pastor film the second time at Life Church in response to popular request, this is your second chance to bring someone to Christ--the date, Friday Oct. 28, 8.00 pm. Many hearts have been touched, and many more will be blessed.

Why not do some work on the phone? By ringing up your friends, you will bring more dividends for the Lord. Can you bring 10, 15, 20? If you love Him, serve Him! - T.T.

THE PRODIGAL SON

One day I ran away from home,
From my Papa--I'm a prodigal son.
I spent all that he gave me;
I spent, I spent all.
A prodigal son--I was lost in sin,
O what shame to my father's name.
Papa, Papa, I'm coming home;
Papa, O Papa, I'm coming home.
Where are you, my son, O my long lost son!
Here he comes all tattered and torn;
My son was dead, he lives again!
My son, my son, come home!
(To the tune of "Barley Fields," obtainable from CLBC)

By Popular Request

BLIND KOREAN PASTOR

Last showing at Life B-P Church
Friday, Oct. 28, 8.00 pm

Bring a friend to Jesus!

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$2,091 (8.00 am)
\$4,081 (10.30 am)

1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES \$200; \$200(Indonesian S.); \$200; \$151; \$600; \$100; \$100; \$15; \$50; \$400(Bethany BPC); \$20; \$40.50(Norway).

Stop Press! \$100

EXTN BUILDING FUND 1664)\$100; 1665)\$250.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC Scholarship \$900(AF); FEBC Library \$300, \$50, \$2400, \$25, \$30; Blind Korean Pastor \$871(Mt Carmel BPC); Batam \$500; Burma \$100+\$40(N. Life BPC); Ronny Khoo \$100; Colin Wong \$50; J.P. David \$50; Rev Paauwe \$50; To FEBC for China \$400.

Expresgram to 1) Rev Andrew Bo: Many thanks for your letter and gift; 2) Dr & Mrs Steele: Your gift to FEBC gratefully received and to dispense accordingly.

Today is your last chance to purchase tickets for the 38th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner, Sat. Oct. 22, 6.00 pm. Adults-\$16, Students/Non-earners-\$10, Children under 10 yrs-\$5. The tickets are available at the Church counter.

Telephone nos. for Church Staff:

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Rev Patrick Tan - 2569256

Church Office/Staff-workers - 2569256

After office hours: Rev Tow - 2502138; Rev Tan (& Reformed Tape Library) - 2569051; Mr J.P. David - 2569534; Mr Colin Wong - 2569256.

Jess Thua Tamee is teaching in the Far Eastern Kindergarten with effect from 3rd Oct '88. She is also helping in the Thai Service at Life Church.

Don't miss the film on the life of John Hus: He was the accused but . . . his life put a whole civilisation on trial. One hundred years before Martin Luther, he planted the seeds of the Reformation. See this film at Life Church, this Friday, Oct. 21, 7.30 pm.

Infant Baptism next Lord's Day: Parents please register by today with any Session member, giving the child's date of birth, and the service attending.

We say "Thank you" to Roska for rendering "The Prodigal Son" this morning. A recent graduate of FEBC, she is seconded to Batam, Jan '89. Pray for our Batam Outreach.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 17 - 23)

MON	7.30 am	Doctrine of Man (Rev T. Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Film: "John Hus"
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC/CSF; 3.30pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	6.00 pm	38th Anniversary Worship & Dinner
SUN	8.00 am	38th Anniversary Thanksgiving (No Sunday School)
	10.00 am	38th Anniversary Thanksgiving
	10.00 am	Chinese Service 23rd Anniversary Thanksgiving
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

38th Anniversary Resolutions

We noted last week another 38th anniversary, recorded in Deuteronomy 2:14, viz., the coming of Israel to the end of their Wilderness Wanderings. The old generation that had come out of Egypt had passed away and a new generation, born in the desert, rose up to take their place. Figuratively speaking, let our old man also die, and let us "put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created" us (Col. 3:9,10). Reader, have you been born again since joining Life Church? Are you a new creation in Christ, old things are passed away?

As Israel steps into the 39th year, it was with a new surge of energy that conquered the territories of Sihon, King of the Amorites and of Og, king of Bashan, i.e., the lands on the outer banks of the River Jordan. As we enter the 39th year, let us see a "break-through of faith" in our service of God, in one big concerted effort! And, inasmuch as God has blessed Israel in their devotion, He will surely bless you and yours if you will take part in the following:-

1. Bring some non-Christian friend (or relative) to the BLIND KOREAN PASTOR FILM SHOW in Church, Friday Oct. 28, 1988, 8 pm. Have you led a soul to Jesus?



2. Bring a gift to help complete two 3/4 finished Filipino Churches. We need \$22,000 to make up the US\$20,000 we've previously reported. The total collected thus far is \$18,000. How glorious to see the two Churches Rev Dan Ebert is helping our Filipino brethren to build, all painted and ready for dedication for the new year 1989! One at Pandacan was shown on this page three weeks ago. We'll show you the other at Tay Tay when we receive their photo.

3. Attend Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting. No Prayer, no power; Much Prayer, much power!

4. Join the Evangelistic Band in their Sunday afternoon witnessing at Toa Payoh.

5. Help our Perth Church, whose attendance overflows 250 and needs immediate extension and renovation. More about Perth when we get their details.

If we will help build and extend God's House and come forward ourselves to Prayer and Evangelism, we will have made a good spurt into our 39th year!


On the Church's part, we're giving out 500 copies of "Asian Awakening" to everyone who promises to read. In case you have not known the blessing this book will bring, read this testimony:

A Theologian from USA Writes of His Appreciation of "Asian Awakening"

I want to thank you for your most gracious gift of several books during my visit to Singapore. Today I read the book you gave me on Dr John Sung. I was so touched that I knelt on my bed immediately and--with tears in my eyes--rededicated myself to God. May God use me, like John Sung, to stand true to Him, to condemn sin, and to live a pure Christian life.

I am writing you now to thank you for your part in ministering to me. Please continue to write on John Sung, and uphold the memory of this Man of God before the world. May God bless what you are doing.

The Reviving Power of Hymn-singing

 Writing on Luther and German Hymnody, Philip Schaff the Church historian discusses the place of music in the Protestant Church, "It introduced congregational singing in the place of the chanting of priests and choirs. The hymn became, next to the German Bible and the German sermon, the most powerful missionary of the evangelical doctrines of sin and redemption, and accompanied the Reformation in its triumphal march. Printed as tracts, the hymns were scattered wide and far, and sung in the house, the school, the church and on the street. Many of them survive to this day, and kindle the flame of devotion."

Believing with Luther that sacred music is next to theology, we have endeavoured to introduce new hymns and songs on this Weekly sheet in order to bring refreshing and reviving to our parched souls.

The showing of the Blind Korean Pastor has introduced three new songs to our Singapore Churches. Most familiar is "O Come Back to the Lord," which we have taken from the English translation of the Korean Hymnal.

With the writing of lyrics in English on our part for "Jesus Came and Touched Me" and "The Prodigal Son" to the tune of Barley Fields, we have now the three new songs in print. A good number of you have got both lyrics and music from CLBC.

In order to further popularise these three songs, we have got Sister Roska our missionary to Batam to sing into the microphone. Now they are being taped by CLBC and should be available to Church members, October 28, 8 pm when the Film will be shown. The price per tape (with words in print) is \$3/-.

As I pen these words there comes from New Life a phone call ascertaining the next show. This brother is bringing his unsaved family members to the show. As for the songs, Mr Sng Jin Seng liked the one he knows best so much that he distributed it to be sung at his House-Blessing last week. We have the same song in Chinese taught to Life Chinese Service, and they too are singing.

The power of singing sacred songs we've learnt from the John Sung Revival since 1935. We will endeavour to publish them on this Weekly sheet with your help. Send us sacred songs that have touched your heart and they will be published. - T.T.

8.00 A.M. SERVICE

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10.00 A.M. SERVICE

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50. Mr Teo Gee Chee, Richard Public Health Inspector

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

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

FRI 8.00 pm Blind Korean Pastor Film

SUN 8.00 am Pr. Colin Wong

10.30 am Rev Tow

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: \$2,313 (8 am)

\$4,868 (10.30 am)

4-Finished Filipino Ch. \$200; \$80; \$200(Kel-apa Sawit); \$600(Rev C.T. Hsu). Stop Press! \$2000.

OFFERINGS FOR: 2 Burmese Students \$960(S.S. Jr Dept); Rev Paauwe \$193.10; Burma \$200; Missions \$50; Jess Tamee \$20.

EXTN BLDG FUND 1666)\$20; 1667)\$550.

Praise the Lord for 12 Adult Baptisms at the Chinese Service.

The Pastor & his wife cordially invite the Filipina F'ship to Lunch at the Parsonage next Lord's Day, 12 noon. Tapes of Eddie Me-sa's songs & testimony will be distributed. (The Blind Korean Pastor will be shown by the Thai Service.)

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

A New Promised Land in Our 40th Year!

In my sermon last week, I noted that the 38th Anniversary of our Church has a parallel in Israel's 38th year of wandering. Having "served their sentence" the nation was rid of the older generation and their unbelief. Now, there had arisen a new generation, born in the desert, full of life and vitality to do battle for the Lord. At God's command, they sprang to action. Numbers 21:21-35 tells the epic story of Israel's blitzkrieg over Sihon, king of the Amorites and Og, king of Bashan who occupied the eastern lands outside Jordan. This was followed by war with the Midianites in Numbers 31 whom Israel vanquished without loss of a single man.

Now, as we enter the 39th year, there is also a parallel between us and Israel! We have two 3/4 Finished Filipino Churches to help complete. All we need, after an influx that came into the Treasury last Lord's Day, is only \$18,000. Can we find this sum in the next three weeks?

Then I told you of a pressing need in Perth--to extend the present Church auditorium which is much too small for a congregation of over 250, and more new arrivals will find no space to worship. A brother reading of Perth's plight handed me \$1,000 after service. So, there are Lifers mindful also of Perth!

Our New Promised Land is just across the road. Will the owner sell us by 1990? The answer depends a great deal on whether we are quick to respond to the Lord's call today. Tomorrow is what we make of it today, or need we have to take another 38 years to learn it?

One blessing I can assure you, concerned Reader, is that long life and good health, as was bestowed on Joshua and Caleb, will be yours when you serve Him wholeheartedly. That's my experience through the last 38 years as your pastor. - T.T.

A Page of Church History for Reformation Sunday

(From Philip Schaff)

Tetzel travelled with great pomp and circumstance through Germany, and recommended with unscrupulous effrontery and declamatory eloquence the indulgences of the Pope to the large crowds who gathered from every quarter around him. He was received like a messenger from heaven. Priests, monks, and magistrates, men and women, old and young, marched in solemn procession with songs, flags, and candles, under the ringing of bells, to meet him and his fellow monks, and followed them to the church; the papal bull on a velvet cushion was placed on the high altar, a red cross for the indulgence money. Such chests are still preserved in many places. The preachers, by daily sermons, hymns, and processions, urged the people, with extravagant laudations of the Pope's bull, to purchase letters of indulgence for their own benefit, and at the same time played upon their sympathies for departed relatives and friends whom they might release from their sufferings in purgatory "as soon as the penny tinkles in the box"

There he provoked the protest of the Reformer, who had already in the summer of 1516 preached a sermon of warning against trust in indulgences, and had incurred the Elector's displeasure by his aversion to the whole system, although he himself had doubts about some important questions connected with it.

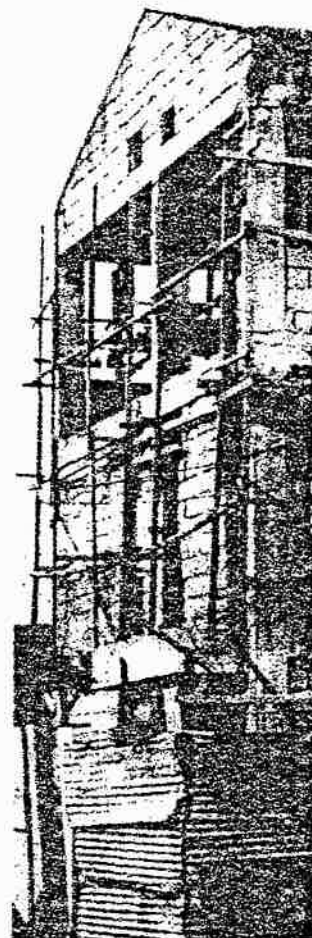
Luther experienced the remission of sin as a free gift of grace to be apprehended by a living faith. This experience was diametrically opposed to a system of relief by means of payments in money. It was an irrepressible conflict of principle. He could not be silent when that barter was carried to the very threshold of his sphere of labour. As a preacher, a pastor, and a professor, he felt it to be his duty to protest against such measures: to be silent was to betray his theology and his conscience.

After serious deliberation, without consulting any of his colleagues or friends, but following an irresistible impulse, Luther resolved upon a public act of unforeseen consequences.

Accordingly, on the memorable thirty-first day of October, 1517, which has ever since been celebrated in Protestant Germany as the birthday of the Reformation, at twelve o'clock he affixed (either himself or through another) to the doors of the castle church at Wittenburg, ninety-five Latin Theses on the subject of indulgences, and invited a public discussion. He chose the eve of All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), because this was one of the most frequented feasts, and attracted professors, students, and people from all directions to the church, which was filled with precious relics.

The Theses were copied, translated, printed, and spread as on angels' wings throughout Germany and Europe in a few weeks.

We have thus set before us in this manifesto, on the one hand, human depravity which requires lifelong repentance, and on the other the full and free grace of God in Christ,



which can only be appropriated by a living faith. This is, in substance, the evangelical doctrine of justification by faith (although not expressed in terms), and virtually destroys the whole scholastic theory and practice of indulgences. By attacking the abuses of indulgences, Luther unwittingly cut a vein of mediaeval Catholicism; and by a deeper conception of repentance which implies faith, and by referring the sinner to the grace of Christ as the true and only source of remission, he proclaimed the undeveloped principles of evangelical Protestantism, and kindled a flame which soon extended far beyond his original intentions. (Extracted from History of the Christian Church, Vol. VII)

HOW A TAXI DRIVER FINDS CHRIST

By Tan Kim Huat

I am an NTUC Comfort Taxi operator, 40 years of age, married, with two children, a boy aged 10 years and a girl, 5 years.



I began attending Life B-P Church about five months ago, through a church member, Mr Koh Chin Chong who is also a taxi-driver (SHA 1175).

Initially, I attended the Mandarin Section of the Sunday school and worship service under the pastorship of Peter Chng.

After attending only three Sunday Services, thank our Lord Jesus Christ, I decided to give up the idol I had been worshipping for over twelve years. I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour.

My previous life was without direction and spiritual guidance. I was a lost sheep until I found the Lord Jesus as my Good Shepherd. I am born again, a happier, less burdened and more diligent taxi-driver. My path to eternal and everlasting life is sure and growing brighter.

Blessings Received on Accepting Christ

1. Through the mercies and grace of the Lord Saviour, I overcame my financial difficulties caused by major repairs carried out on my taxi. His Almighty hand led me through the obstacles.

2. Praise the Lord for granting me the opportunity to share the Gospel with my wife Sim Guek Teng (Judy) and children, Boon Chuan (Colin) and Xiu Mei (Crescendra).

3. With blessings received from the Lord, my work attitudes improved, resulting in its being discovered by NTUC Comfort. I was selected to the Comfort Club membership for two years, an award given to taxi-operators with outstanding track records. This membership entitles me to a package of benefits over and above those enjoyed by ordinary taxi-operators.

My wife noticed the change in me after accepting the Lord, and now joins me in the acceptance of Jesus as her personal Saviour.

Praise Almighty God who has showered His lovingkindness upon my whole family and me.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 31 - Nov 6)

MON 7.30 pm Doctrine of Man (Rev T. Tow)
 MON - WED 7.30 pm Korean Revival Meetings
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting at FEBC Hall
 FRI 7.00 pm FEK Concert
 SAT 6.00 pm New Life Anniversary Dinner
 SUN 8.00 am Elder Lim Teck Chye
 10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
 6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

ANNIVERSARY GENERAL OFFERINGS (for Church

Extension Fund): \$2,320 (8.00 am)**

\$19,811 (10.00 am)*

EXTENSION FUND 1668)\$2320**, 1669)\$19811*,
 1670)\$500(WF); 1671)\$20; 1672)\$15000.

Total \$1,374,182.16

1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CH. \$20; \$200; \$50;
 \$100; \$100; \$100; \$40; \$40; \$50; \$50;
 \$50; \$200; \$200; \$200; \$100; \$100; \$100;
 \$1000; \$200; \$25; \$380; \$500(WF); \$80.

Total \$3,885.00

OFFERINGS FOR: Burma \$1000, \$100+\$40(N.
 Life); Perth \$500, \$1000; Adelaide \$200
 (Tamil S.); Rev Paauwe \$196.20; FEBC Libr.
 \$600, \$330, \$3400, \$200; Anniv. Dinner
 \$2000; Missions \$150, \$50, \$100; Jess \$500;
 Batam \$200; Blind Korean Pastor \$100(Mt.
 Carmelite), \$50(Ling Kwang Baptist), \$1000
 (Calvary); FEBC \$140.

Vacancy for General Clerk: Contact Mr
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Melbourne, Australia



When in Melbourne get in touch with Mr Lim
 Hai Seng (FEBC graduate) for assistance.
 Phone 544-2208.

The offering at the Blind Korean Pastor Film
 was \$2,724.85, including \$500 solely to the
 Blind Pastor. The rest is divided equally be-
 tween the Pastor and the 3/4 Finished Filipino
 churches. By special request, the last show
 is presented at FEBC Hall this evening at
 5.15 pm for BFC, Thais, Indonesians and Fili-
 pinos. (Tapes of the 3 Korean songs available
 from CLBC at \$3/-.)

What better Christmas gifts can you find than
 those that exalt Christ? Get them, including
 Christmas Cards, from Christian Life Book Cen-
 tre! Give Christian Gifts!

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STATEMENT ON DISSOLUTION OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SINGAPORE

The Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore (B-PCS), at its 38th Synod Annual General Meeting held on 30th October 1988 at Life B-P Church, considered the recommendation made earlier by the Synod Standing Committee and other B-P ordained ministers that the B-PCS be dissolved. This recommendation had earlier been referred to the individual B-P Churches for consideration at their respective Boards of Elders, Sessions or Congregations.

The Synod accepts this recommendation by the required majority vote and hereby declares the B-PCS voluntarily dissolved.

The decision was arrived at after much prayerful consideration and discussion over certain protracted issues. These issues centred mainly on strong differences in interpreting the Doctrine of Biblical Separation, Fundamentalism, and Neo-Evangelicalism. Concerted attempts were made during the past two years at reconciliation through personal discussions and formal meetings. Even a moratorium failed to resolve these differences and break the impasse. Dissolution is accepted as the last resort.

With the dissolution of the B-P Synod, each B-P Church nevertheless continues to retain its autonomy by virtue of its individual registration with the Government. Each B-P Church is answerable to God Almighty and to the Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church Universal.

May this parting of ways bring an end to the deadlock that has hindered the progress of the BP-CS. And may God help each individual B-P Church hold fast to the precious Biblical Separatist and Fundamentalist position, till He comes. Amen.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Let Dr Buswell, My Teacher, Comment

The dissolution of BP-CS may come as a shock to you, younger members of the Church and to our overseas Readers. Some lament it like attending a funeral. As for me, I praise the Lord for the solution of an impasse that has blockaded us the last two years. For me, dissolution is not only solution, but resurrection! Now, dissensions in the Church, from time immemorial, is not an uncommon thing.

In this matter Dr Buswell my teacher, in his Systematic Theology on the Church, comments: "Dissensions, aireseis, are regrettable (Gal. 5:20). Thayer defines aireseis as 'Dissensions arising from diversity of opinions.' But Paul plainly says that dissensions, as choices of opinion, are necessary. Doubtless he means to say that they are necessary in view of the frailty of our minds, but he says they are necessary in order that the approved may become evident (I Cor 11:19). It was far better that Peter and Paul divided the territory and did not seek to rule over one another when they separated in Jerusalem

"To imply that the existence of denominations recognising one another as branches of the Church, is a sin, or a reproach, is to voice a wholly unscriptural opinion. [On the other hand] the word 'schism' whenever it refers to the Church in the N.T., refers to quarrelsomeness and never applies to a peaceable division among Christians who cannot see eye to eye in all matters which they consider important. As the word is used in Matthew 9:16 and Mark 2:21, it refers to a literal tear in a piece of cloth

"In I Corinthians 1:10ff, Paul is rebuking silly partisanship within the Church of Corinth, caused by the false loyalty to different personalities, all of whom agreed on the great principles of the Gospel

"But Paul continues, 'It is necessary indeed there be choices of opinion (Buswell) among you in order that those who are approved may become apparent among you.' . . . If as Paul so plainly says, 'Those who are approved' are, by the dissensions, 'made manifest,' it would appear that those who are disapproved are to be judged and blamed as the cause of the dissensions."

Leaving Buswell's valuable commentary, and returning to our Synod's dissolution, I will not say which side in the struggle within the BP-CS is right or wrong. Let time be the judge. Let history be our guide, as it is recorded, "But David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker" (II Sam 3:1). - T.T.

How the Taxi Driver's Wife Also Believes

by Mdm Judy Sim Guek Teng

I am a housewife aged 33 years. I have two children, a boy aged 10 years and a girl, 5 years.



I started attending Life B-P Church about 3 months ago, on learning about my husband's experiences after he had found the Lord as his Saviour. He shared the Gospel with the family and related to us the blessings he had received.

My faith grew and the urge to experience the Lord's blessings increased. Finally my family of four started to attend the Church's Sunday Services.

I persuaded my husband Kim Huat to dispose of the idol he had been praying to. Praise the Lord, he readily agreed. Thereafter our home has become very bright.

Blessings received: I applied for a cashier's job with the National University Hospital, although I had not been working for nearly seven years. There were many obstacles in my way, during interviews and three medical examinations. However, the Lord has been merciful to me for I succeeded in the application.

Timely Testimony by the Taxi-Driver's Son

by Colin Tan Boon Chuan, 10 years old

Jeremiah 17:14: "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise."

On Saturday evening (Oct 29, '88), I suddenly fell ill and was very worried that I may have to miss the Sunday School on the Lord's Day. Worst of all, my year-end exam was on Monday Oct 31.

I developed a fever on Sunday morning and had to visit a doctor and after that stay at home. My mother and sister brought me to a doctor, and as such did not attend Church.

My family, especially my father, prayed to the Lord to heal me. I prayed and my weak body was strengthened. Praise the Lord for answering my prayer.

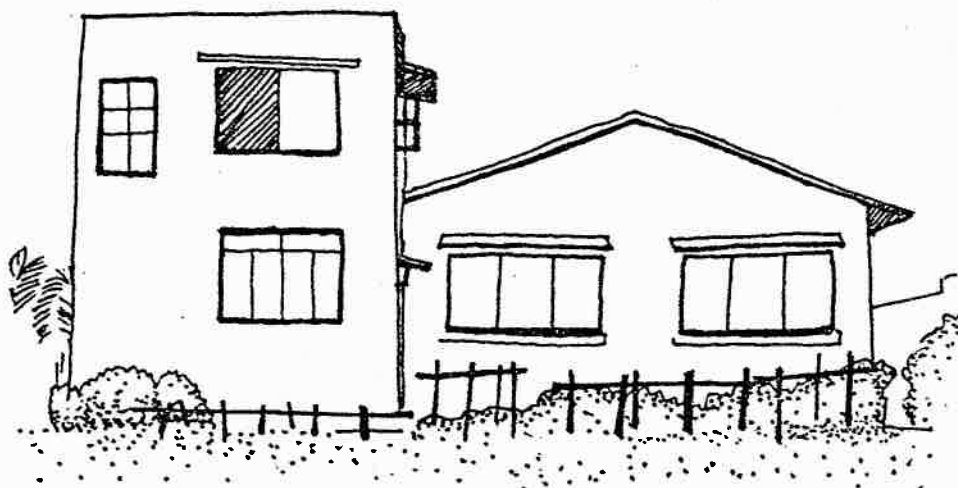
Call to the Individual B-P Churches for the Formation of a
Council of Bible-Presbyterian Churches

In the wake of the dissolution of the B-P Church of Singapore, it seems good for those B-P Churches which are of the foundational stand of the B-P Church established in 1950, to be linked together in a Council of Churches.

This call is therefore issued to those B-P Churches of like mind to come together to form a Singapore Council of B-P Churches in order to continue the Biblical witness and further extend the Gospel ministry in a new age of overwhelming apostasy.

** BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT
IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL
TOGETHER IN UNITY! (Psalm 133:1) **

Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow
Founding Pastor, B-P Church of Singapore



Artist's impression of
KAPITBAHAYAN CHURCH, MANILA

THIS IS THE FIRST Filipino Church we helped to build last year. The two-storey wing houses parsonage and fellowship hall. Concrete evidence of God's Kingdom extended to the Philippines by your sacrificial giving. This Church seats 250. It runs a Bible Kindergarten for 100 children. It has a membership of over 100. This Church is in a slum district, so attracts many from the poor. The two ½-Finished Churches are located at Pandacan and Tay Tay.

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

MON	8.30 am	FEBC Exams on
	7.30 pm	Doctrine of Man Final Exams
TUE	11.00 am	Kor Lai Soon-Grace Wong Wedding (Rev John Cheong, TPBC)
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	FEK Committee Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Deuteronomy Final Exams
FRI	5.30 pm	FEBC End-of-semester Dinner at 64 Andrew Road
SAT	3.30 pm	Han Haan Kwong-Anna Ng Wedding (TPBC, Rev Paul Chang)
	6.00 pm	Sembawang BPC Anniversary Dinner
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Sup.)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit

SUN	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,068 (8.00 am)

\$6,862 (10.30 am)

½-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES \$50; \$100; \$550(AF); \$20; \$700; \$33(Can\$20); \$500; \$270(1st month pay); \$37(Boxes); \$50; \$300; \$100; \$200(Young Teens); \$200(Bethel BPC); \$162(Adelaide); \$200.

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1673)\$200; 1674)\$50.

OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$150, \$200; FEBC Library \$800; Tabernacle BPC \$50; Burmese Students \$15; China \$20; Blind Korean Pastor \$50.

Sunday School Renovation: Owners of cupboards located beside the FEBC Hall please contact Mr Colin Wong immediately.

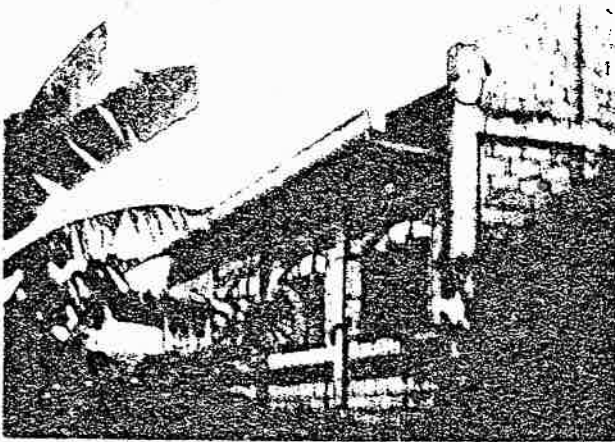
BIRTH To Dr & Mrs Tan Yew Ghee; a boy, on 22nd Oct '88.

REV DAN EBERT III Writes from the PHILIPPINES

Nov. 1, 1988

I trust this letter arrives before you leave for the Philippines. We had difficulty getting the picture and mailing it because of the storms that have been passing by. This is the end of the typhoon season and there have not been many sunny days of late.

The last typhoon to pass by came very close and quite strong. Electricity was down and travel was difficult. The Post Office was closed for a number of days. We had hoped to mail this on Monday but the President declared Monday and Tuesday as non-working holidays so the Post Office will not open at least until tomorrow.



As you can see from the picture Pastor Manzano's church [at Taytay] is coming along quite well. Most of the work however has been done on the inside. They are now meeting up stairs and construction is continuing to progress.

We have not yet heard from the provincial churches concerning storm damage. But the city churches seem to have come through all right.

We look forward to your visit with great anticipation. I realise that your schedule is very heavy and we do appreciate your love for the

Philippines in coming to minister to us again.

I have been laid aside for a little while and been able to re-read your two books on John Sung. There is no question, of course, that he was a man especially called of God for a particular ministry. Yet in this re-reading some thoughts have formed in my mind concerning the effectiveness of his work. I notice three things strongly effecting all that he did. First, the simplicity of his message. Perhaps marked by the throwing away of his secular diplomas. Second, the simplicity of life. This was surely marked by his lack of concern for worldly possessions. From what I read he was totally uninterested not only in this world's goods but in prestige as well. Finally, a simplicity of commitment. His message seemed to ring with the idea that the believer has no choice but to live fully for God. He did not make excuses. All may not be preachers or missionaries but all must be a witness in life and action. We might do well to pray that all of us, our young men in particular, might learn this Christ-like simplicity and once again turn Asia on fire for God.

I will close for now. Our prayers are with you as you travel. We will be waiting expectantly for you at the airport. We are praying that the pastors might find a greater understanding of commitment and faithfulness as you minister to them through your teaching and testimony.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

On October 30 we presented you the snapshot of the fast-rising Blood Bought Church at Pandacan. Last week you had the artist's impression of the Kapitbahayan Church, the first Church you helped build 1987. Today we have Rev Ebert's latest of the other unfinished church at Taytay.

Now, helping our Filipino brethren to finish their churches was not our idea when we were first invited to the Philippines 4 years ago. My job was to teach, especially graduate students, most of them young pastors. When I saw some struggling to put up their own houses of worship, I felt the Lord's call to give them a helping hand. As we bring to them whatever you are entrusting us, we can assure you every dollar will yield ten times more than what it can do here. While we might use it on luxurious items such as carpeting the FEBC Library, there it is used to buy hollow blocks and cement, with free labour supplied from their own bare hands. Praise the Lord, your response last Lord's Day was overwhelming! This Lord's Day is your last opportunity to give to the two 3/4 Finished Churches, for we leave tomorrow Nov. 14. We return Nov. 24. Pray for us, for Ivy also has a ministry with the women. The 17 cartons of surplus clothing recently shipped, care of the Eberts, have all arrived.

Singapore Council of Bible-Presbyterian Churches

The Call I had issued as founding pastor last week has good response from 12 out of 17 churches. A new Constitution is now being written. The pastors and ordinands of the 12 churches will meet again Nov. 28, for the King's Business requires haste (I Sam. 21:8).

We have also a dozen younger churches in Malaysia who look to us for guidance or sustenance. Then there are four B-P Churches in Australia that have sprung up the last three years. All these are our responsibilities. As for Burma, we hope to hear from Rev Thawm Luai soon. Indonesia's newest opening is Batam, only 40 minutes away by motor launch. Batam will soon be entered by none other than Roska, whose singing of the three Korean songs from the Blind Korean Pastor's film is now heard in 300 homes! Pray for Roska.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

My Testimony
by Hoh Ee Ling

In July 1987 when I was in JC 2, we discussed the topic "religion" in our GP (General Paper) lessons. I had this belief that religion was a creation of man. But God proved me wrong.

One Saturday afternoon someone came to my house to share the Gospel with me. I invited him in. I asked my brother out too as I was afraid that this man might be a crook. I told him my view and he started quoting some verses. I didn't bother to listen and left him talking to my brother instead. After he left, my ear lobe began to feel painful later in the day. I ignored it. But it began to swell and a cyst formed. It grew to a diameter of 1.5 cm; it hurt and I had trouble sleeping every night. A doctor referred me to SGH for an operation to remove the cyst, but it burst before the date of operation and blood and pus flowed out. My brother suggested that I had perhaps offended God and this was punishment for me. I was frightened. He then handed me a rosary and told me to put it under my pillow that night. Thinking this would appease God, I took it. I had a very peaceful sleep that night.

The following morning I went to a hospital and the doctors decided I should have an operation. I insisted against it, for I believed that God would heal it. It was cured by itself after some time.

My brother brought me to his church, the Blessed Sacrament Church. The whole process of the mass attracted me, for it seemed so holy. I thought I had found God. I continued attending the Catholic church, not realising I was in darkness. My life was very sinful and I got worst during the vacations when I led a very materialistic life. I kept this from my classmates, some of whom were from the Life Bible Class, because I knew that Protestants and Catholics were "not on good terms." I didn't want to lose their friendship. But it slipped out of my tongue one day. The sisters from LBC were very worried for me and one of them called me up. I refused to listen to her and was very persistent in my "faith."

The Lord, however, was very gracious to me. One of the sisters invited me to the Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary Pandan. There the Lord opened my heart. I began to ponder over the verse, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." I searched for the truth.

Although I read many books concerning the differences between Christianity and Roman Catholicism, I only got more confused. One day, however, it came to me that I had not read the Bible yet. I prayed that the Lord would help me, and He did through the Gospel of Luke. Things seemed to get clearer and brighter. I finally accepted the Lord as my Lord and Saviour in June this year. I thank the Lord for bringing me out of darkness into the Light, and electing me to be His child, giving me life so abundantly. Amen.

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

MON 9.00 am FEBC Washing Day
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Mr Colin Wong)
FRI 12.50 pm Dr P. Tan leaves for Perth
enroute to Melbourne
FRI - MON LJBC Camp (Raymond Yeo)
SAT 2.30 pm LTF; 3pm - LBC/CSF
3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Rev Anthony Tan
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Mr Lim Jui Kai (Elder Tay)
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,433 (8.00 am)
\$5,883* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1675)\$400(Chinese S.);
1676)\$450.

1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES \$400(WF); \$500;
\$200; \$2000; \$500; \$35; \$50; \$200; \$50(In-
donesian S.); \$5883*; \$50; \$600; \$150;
\$80; \$120; \$500; \$51(Boxes); \$3000; \$600;
\$1000; \$150; \$300; \$500; \$500; \$500; \$1000.
OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Batam \$400(WF),
\$200; Extn of Gospel \$100; B-P Missions
\$550(S.S.); FEBC \$150, \$140; Tabernacle
BPC Bldg Fund \$2200.

Praise the Lord, the 1/2-Finished Filipino
Churches Fund is Oversubscribed!

We calculated we needed \$18,000. The Lord, through your hearty response last week, gave \$18,919. We will be careful to apportion to the two 3/4 finished Filipino Churches what is urgently needed. The Kapitbahayan Church, which was completed in 1987 with a 2-storey wing added, might need some assistance.

Today the popular subject in discussions on Missions is Church Growth. We do not want to discuss (empty talk), but rather to dispense our dollars on soul-saving projects that could not get off the ground, e.g. in the Philippines, whereby hundreds will hear the Gospel when their 1/2-finished churches are completed. The Lord bless every item of love-gift offered last week, and bless each giver as your sweet-savour offering comes up to Him "for a memorial" (Acts 10:4). The Chinese Service has decided to give their worship offering today to the Philippines!

Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu: Thanks for your cheque for Philippines Church.

Read about George Bush, Man of Integrity, new US President. Visit CLBC. Also get your Korean sacred songs at \$3.

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KELAPA SAWIT LENGTHENS HER CORDS (ISAIAH 54:2)



Last Lord's Day (November 13) it was our bi-monthly visit to Kelapa Sawit. We invited Rev Bob Phee to come along. The stretch of 43 miles from Gilstead Road to our destination took 1 hour 15 minutes.

This was a happy occasion to baptise two young persons (from Bukit Batu) and an infant. The Young Peoples' Choir surprised us with the singing of "O Come Back to the Lord," the celebrated hymn sung at the climax of the Blind Korean Pastor Film. O to realise the power of sacred music and to use it more in our evangelistic work!

Sensing this was an occasion also to remember Mrs John Ling who was taken to glory three years ago, I preached on "The Preciousness of a Good Reputation" (Eccles. 7:1). "A good name is a man's second life." This was what I had learnt from my father. A good name is especially vital to a Church leader, for "a bishop must be blameless . . . More-over he must have a good report of them that are without . . ." (1 Tim. 3). It is sad to note how even a pastor might exude a bad name who is not careful in the handling of church funds, and in conducting himself before the opposite sex. As for Mrs John Ling, she is a fragrance in the church she had served faithfully for 25 years. By her devout upbringing, her four children have become lively stones, while her husband has served as elder. What glory and praise is the Ling family to the Father Almighty.

Kelapa Sawit not only has a flourishing Church but also a bubbling kindergarten. The Church and kindergarten are served by Sisters Sang Chiew and Esther Chai, both FEBC graduates. (Elder John Ling has just completed three semesters at FEBC and should be ordained in days to come.) Fifteen members of Life Church Evangelistic Band visited Kelapa Sawit last fortnight under Mr Colin Wong. They not only had sweet fellowship with the young people there but also branched out to Bukit Batu to the Sunday Morning Service. Kelapa Sawit has an ideal parsonage which gives adequate shelter to many.

At present renovation of the Kindergarten is going on full-steam. Two more classrooms are added on top of the old ones. When completed, Kelapa Sawit can serve as an ideal campsite. A loan of S\$50,000 from Life Church helps expedite the lengthening of her cords (Isaiah 54:2). Amen. - T.T.

JESUS, MY SAVIOUR!

(The Testimony of a Christian from China)

by James Lu



I accepted the Lord Jesus in 1970 when I was 30. It is not an early age for a sinner to be delivered; for I have seen many much younger brothers- and sisters-in-Christ experiencing the joy of re-birth in Jesus Christ. My case is quite different, as I could not be delivered any earlier. God knows His time. He had his purpose for me before I came to know Him. This purpose I did not realise until quite a few years after my salvation.

My 17 years' experience as a Christian tells me that a sinner will get closer to God, or, at least find it less difficult to accept God's truth, when he is obliged to follow in his lifetime journey a rough, narrow path prepared by God, full of hardships and impediments. For the narrow path leads to life, whereas the broad way leads to destruction.

When I was young I pursued the "broad way"; for, born and brought up in a fairly good family background in China, I indulged thoroughly in worldly pleasure. Being a sinner, I was proud, self-conceited, jealous, selfish, keen on seeking wealth and fame. What could I have expected if I had actually gone on living like that? Nothing else but total destruction, for "the wages of sin is death."

Had it not been for God's salvation, there wouldn't have been any more of me. God loved me too much to leave me alone. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near. Repent ye, and believe the Gospel." So God carried out His Plan of Redemption for me.

The first step in God's plan was taking away all my worldly pleasures. The Communists came; and my family became destitute almost overnight as our property was confiscated. Then, before my graduation from the university, I was politically persecuted on a false charge, labelled as a "reactionary student," and rusticated to the outskirts of Shanghai for three years' "reform" through hard labour at the age of 25. To crown it all, the cultural revolution came shortly before my exile-term expired, and I was further persecuted in an unbelievably horrible manner. In despair I attempted suicide, but God saved me from the clutches of Satan. Miraculously I survived, but in 1969 was "banished" down to the countryside in Anwei Province in the same year, where I was supposed to live as a peasant making a living by toiling in the fields.

It was many years after my rebirth in Christ that I came to understand that none of these things happened to me by chance; for they formed part of God's plan for my salvation.

Having led me so far on the such a narrow path, God carried out the second step in His plan: He looked for me, the lost sheep, by sending His servant to bring me word of salvation.

Driven together to the remote rural areas in Anwehi was a multitude of ex-convicts, scoundrels, thieves and other dregs of society, among whom, wonderfully, was God's servant, a sister-in-Christ, and a missionary too, Elsie Qiu by name. Her fiance, John Zeng, was also a missionary, who was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment late in the fifties on a charge of preaching Christianity in close intrigue with Nee Tuo-sheng's (Watchman Nee) "Counter-revolutionary Clique." God strengthened Elsie's faith. She decided to wait for John to be his bride when his prison term expired. The year when we were sent to exile to Anwehi was in fact her last year of earnest waiting.

She brought me God's message of salvation, urging me passionately to repent and receive Jesus' blood to cleanse my sins. At first I argued, protesting against the injustice and complaining bitterly, but before long the Holy Ghost began to work in me. God's word touched me, and I became quiet; and the bitter heart so tightly locked was made slightly ajar.

As could be perceived, the process of a sinner's delivery is by no means a process of reasoning, arguing, proving with evidence and at last concluding. It is a question of God's breath of life that opens a sinner's eyes and heart so that he will readily accept the truth of salvation. At that time, I was just undergoing such a wondrous process.

God continued to work wonders. Out of 300 exiles, Elsie and I were assigned to settle in the same village! So at every weekend, Elsie, another exiled workman and I would get together in her small, dilapidated hut to hear her preach. Everything was dark in that hut except for the flickering candlelight and God's Word that lit up our souls and spirit. With the passage of time, my obstinacy gave way; streams of life began flowing into the heart of desert that longed for irrigation

Then came the day when Elsie was to leave us to join her fiance for their wedding. Two sisters of hers came all the way from Shanghai to fetch her. They were busy packing up for the journey.

That night I experienced both bitterness and joy. I felt bitter in my heart because Elsie was leaving and I would be left all alone in the world; I felt joyous soon, for that night God opened my eyes and my heart. When I was all alone in my small hut, I went down on my knees and prayed. Never did I expect I could be so fluent, for the words just came pouring out from behind my tongue. I saw how sinful I was for the first time, and actually repented, crying out my earnest request for Jesus' blood to cleanse all my sins. Then, in the utter stillness of the night, I heard God tell me to follow Him. Though not audible, the voice was so clear and so encouraging that I distinctly perceived it. I opened the door of my hut and saw, amid the utter darkness before dawn, a trail brightly lit, encouraging me to take it. It was a path leading to Elsie's hut! I followed the path bravely, and, being led all the way by the light, reached the door of the hut. I heard the three of them singing the hymns "More Love to Thee" and "Follow, Follow," which touched the very depth of my soul! I could wait no longer! I threw the door open without knocking and said earnestly that I needed God. The next moment I joined them in prayer. Instantly, I felt my heart was filled with such joy as I had never felt before. I felt, at the same time, a new life reborn in me; for God transferred me from the clutches of Satan to His grace of salvation.

Seventeen years have passed, and all along I have experienced the joy of rebirth in Him. Although material life is always hard and Christians in China are so constantly shadowed with persecution, yet I fear no fears; for I believe that "though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." Amen.

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

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Mr David)
THU 6.35 pm Pastor Returns (SQ81)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
3.00 pm CSF; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am Mr Peter Chng
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,531 (8.00 am)
\$4,704 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1677)\$200; 1678)
\$200; 1679)\$250; 1680)\$140.

Total \$1,376,072.16

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1/2-FINISHED FILIPINO CHURCHES \$1525(Chinese S.); \$100(YF); \$200; \$200; \$20; \$50; \$100; \$1000(AF); \$81(Boxes).

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC Library \$880, \$1000, \$500, \$490, \$880; Burma \$550; LJBC Library \$20

Do you have a friend who is interested in knowing more about the Gospel? Give him a copy of "The Reason Why," a study booklet edited by Dr S.H. Tow. Copies are available at the Church counter today.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,



When Rev Dan Ebert III founded the Centre for Biblical Studies four or five years ago, he started with 6 students. These students were graduates from Rev Ormeo's Bible Institute and were beginning to pastor small churches in and out of Manila. Today, the student enrolment has risen to 23. On the first day of my lectures, there were 36!

What has added to this year's teaching in Manila is the Blind Korean Pastor's life story in Video, plus the singing of the three songs, bolstered by the distribution of 30 cassette tapes. Filipinos are natural musicians. So they are singing "Prodigal Son," "O Come Back to the Lord" and "Jesus Came and Touched My Soul" all over the city! We have discovered the film ministry to be a vital part in the work of the Lord.

Sunday morning we were invited to speak at the Church at Taytay, 25 km from the City. Though only 9 years old, it had an attendance of 100. Sunday Evening we showed the Korean Film at Pandacan, the second Unfinished Church. There were 50 - 60 at the service. Earlier in the week we showed the Korean Film at Tondo Baptist Church. There were 80 that night. A copy of the Video was also given to my old friend Dr Chung to show at two other churches.

Since we had two free days after Sunday, we took off to the beach at Azul. This was with the view also of exploring the possibility of holding a family camp in Manila. As the rooming arrangement at the hotel and its atmosphere are not conducive to a Bible Camp, we dropped the idea. But our going to Malacca to the Shah Beach Resort, March 13-17, '89 is ideal!

Since Manila is not suitable, the thought of Perth comes like a flash! Will the Lord lead us there March 1990? Our Annual Family Camp is a vital part of Life Church which demands the pastor's closest attention. We have invited Rev Ebert to speak at our Malacca Camp next year.

In regard to the Funds we've brought to Manila, they should help the two 3/4 Finished Churches to complete in the next few months: Our funds are used to buy the materials and pay for carpenters and masons in making finishing touches. Otherwise, it is free labour contributed by Church members. The US\$3,000 extra I had brought along under a compelling urge went to help three other unfinished churches of a smaller size. Each got a US\$1,000 windfall. How their hearts leapt at this unexpected help from Heaven! "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you." (II Cor 9:12-14)

Yours faithfully, T.T.

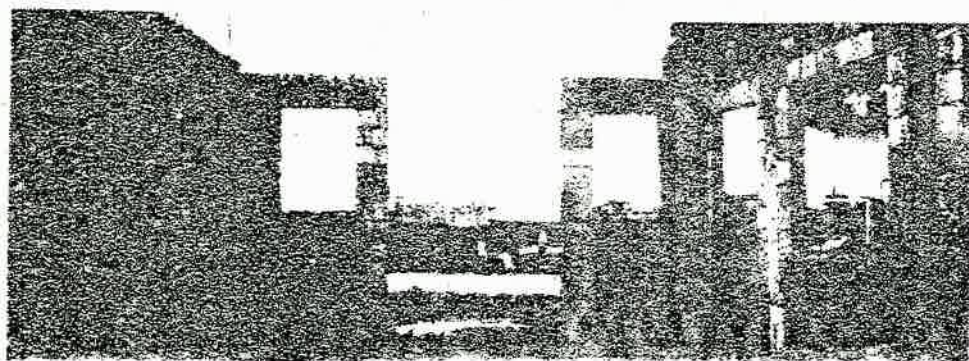
Rev Dan Ebert III Writes Life Church Session

Nov. 24, '88

We Christians in the Philippines send greetings to you from hearts filled with joy for all that God had done in our midst. There is really no way we can adequately express our thanks for your love and concern in once again sending your pastor, Dr Timothy Tow, to minister to us. The seal of his ministry has been evidenced in many ways, including the exceptional attendance. Some men travelled 4 or 5 hours round trip to attend Dr Tow's lectures.

Your generous offering to support half-finished Filipino churches has been a tremendous encouragement to us, to the pastors, and to their congregations. This year we expect to see added to the finished Kapitbahayan Christian Fellowship the churches of Pastor Wilardo Bona in Paco, Manila, and of Pastor Arsenio Manzano in Taytay, Rizal. Along with this we have been able to help three small churches, which brings to six the number of churches touched by the mission outreach of Life B-P Church, Singapore.

Though few of you have personally visited the Philippines, your love and concern have enabled each of you to share in our ministry here. May in some way the Lord share with your hearts a measure of the joy we have experienced in seeing these churches rise up as a testimony to God's faithfulness.



This is one of three smaller churches that have each received US\$1,000 to give their feeble efforts a boost. See how after the shell is completed, it is left sitting cold in the wind. Our offering helps to restart the building process.

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A Word on Christmas Shopping to Our Members

As Christmas draws nigh, the whole commercial world of Singapore is trying to cash in on your pocket. With all-out advertising and creating of an atmosphere to induce you to buy for the happy season, they offer you all the good things of this world.

Christmas is giving time. So you are planning to buy gifts for your loved ones and friends. May I exhort you to buy gifts that will bring a message of salvation, gifts that honour our Saviour--Bibles, Christian books, Christ-honouring cards, Jesus Saves Clocks, and the like. We have a good range of King James Bibles which I can recommend to all Readers. Give Christ this Christmas! Give gifts of everlasting value! - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 28 - Dec 4)

MON	8.00 pm	Meeting of pastors, ordinands from 12 BPCs
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
FRI	8.00 pm	House Blessing at Bro. & Mrs Tan Eng Hin's, Blk 716, Clementi West St. 2, #09-51
SAT	10.00 am	Ng Kok Kwang-Sally Chan Wedding (Rev Tow)
	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC
	2.30 pm	Tan Hock Huat-Ong Phei Hong Wedding (Rev Tow)
	3.30 pm	YF; 4pm - YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Preacher J. P. David
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	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 GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,869 (8.00 am)

\$3,586 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1681)\$300; 1682)\$500.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Burma \$100(New Life BPC), \$40(N. Life SS); Melbourne/Perth Mission \$1000; FEBC Library \$1000, \$35.

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A word of commendation to the Renovation Committee. See what a transformation has come to the Outhouse behind FEBC Hall! That's your new Sunday School classroom.

News has just come from Bro. Robin Tan of our two Perth Churches (Mt. Pleasant and Padbury) that the tenders for renovation of the main church have closed with the lowest price of A\$271,000. The award to the successful contractor must be made in 30 days. "Trade briskly and wisely for Christ!" Elder & Mrs Chia Kim Chwee are now ministering to the congregation in Perth. Elder Chia preaches today at Mt. Pleasant, 10 am, and at Padbury at 7 pm.

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Immediate Vacancy: General Clerk in KFC. Tel. 2685811/2643526.

Join the "Basic Theology" Evening Classes for the next semester, Jan - Apr 1989, held right here at Gilstead Road. Details of courses are given in brochures distributed today.

Have you changed your address? If you have, please inform the Church office (2569256) promptly so that you'll continue receiving church correspondence.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES

A young Christian from another Church, being bombarded by Jehovah Witnesses, needs clarification on the following questions. By answering him here, may our Readers also be benefited.

QUESTION 1: Is there any Bible verse proving that there is TRINITY (Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One)?

ANSWER: Read Matthew 28:19 where "name" is singular, which comprehends "Father, Son and Holy Ghost." In Jesus' Baptism according to Matt 3:16,17, the Trinity--Father, Son, Holy Spirit--take part in unison. B. B. Warfield comments: "God in heaven, God on earth, God descending from heaven to earth."

Q. 2: The J.W. preach that our Bible is inaccurate because the words Hades and Sheol are translated as Hell, Grave and Pit in the KJV.

A.: Hades (Greek) = Sheol (Hebrew) is translated "hell" in Luke 16:23. Hades is the place of the departed dead. KJV in Luke 16:23 renders Hades as Hell apparently from the context of "tormented in this flame." Jesus in Mark 9:43-48 talks of gehenna (Greek) = hell where there is also "fire that shall never be quenched." Whether hell or hades, that's the place of suffering for the wicked, those who reject Christ in this life. KJV is as accurate as it can make us understand the terror of leaving this world without Christ.

Q. 3: J.W. claim that KJV is inaccurate because I John 5:7 is not found in the NIV, NASB and TEV.

A.: This is a textual problem, one of just a few in a library of 66 Books. This verse, though not found in earlier manuscripts, nevertheless, states the truth of the Trinity.

Q. 4: J.W. do not believe that there is a Soul living after we die. They believe that from dust to dust we return as stated in Genesis. The question is: Does the Soul sleep after we die and await judgment? Is paradise here on earth or in the heavens?

A.: Jesus' account of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16) shows there is life after death (not soul-sleep). Paradise is in the heavens, not on earth, for because of sin it is withdrawn.

Q. 5: Why does Jesus say He is doing the will of the Father, when He is God Himself? And in Psalm 110:1 (NIV), what is meant by "the LORD spoke to my Lord"? Are the Father and Son two distinct personalities?

A.: Because the Son is a distinct personality from the Father, so he refers to doing His will. For Psalm 110:1 read Jesus' own commentary in Matthew 22:41-45!

Q. 6: J.W. do not believe in blood transfusion as stated in Genesis, Leviticus and Acts. Is this true?

A.: In none of these books is blood transfusion prohibited.

Q. 7: As a Christian, can I carry arms or serve in the Armed Forces since it would contradict the commandments of God: Thou shalt not kill and you shall love your neighbour?

A.: The 6th Commandment forbids murder, not judicial killing as in hanging a murderer. Nor does it forbid righteous self-defence as in Jesus telling His disciples to arm themselves (Luke 22:36-38) in face of great trials. To carry arms to defend the nation is in the same spirit as the Ruler that "beareth the sword" not in vain (Romans 13:4).

Q. 8: If God created Adam and Eve, does this mean that their children committed incest?

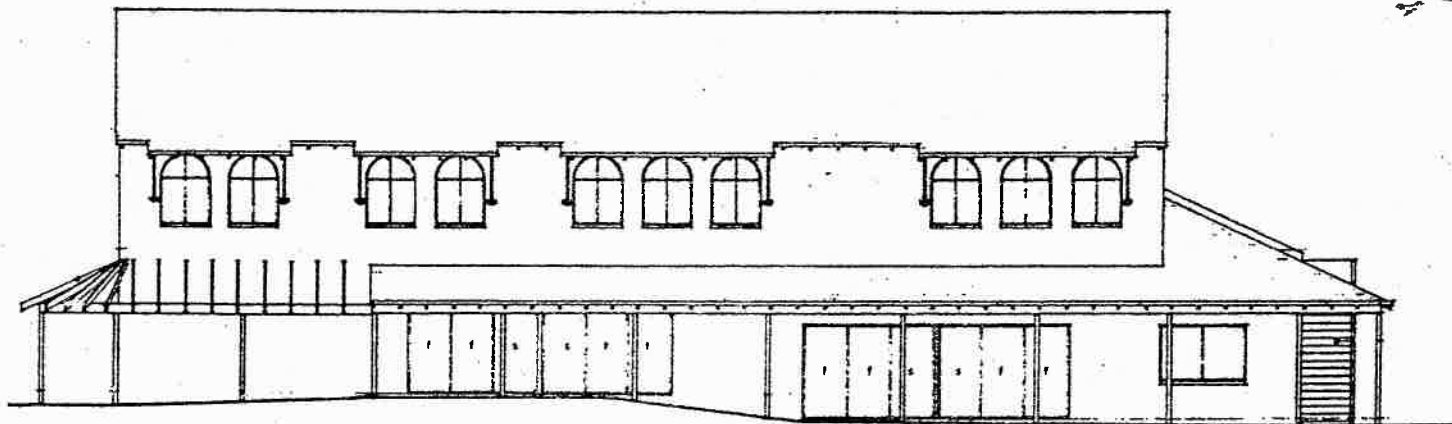
A.: This is the usual "Where did Cain get his wife?" question! We must be fair in judging life in a special stage of development. But to marry one's sister now is incest.

Q. 9: Is tongues speaking true in our present Christian era?

A.: If it comes upon you without your trying to learn it, and it is a language, then it is true! If not, you know the answer.

Q. 10: Which translation of the Bible should I believe now? King James Version, NASB, NIV, RSV, TEV or none of these translations?

A.: KJV is most accurate and loyal to the text. NASB and NIV are allowable for comparative study. RSV, TEV, translated by modernists, are to be shunned and exposed!



PROPOSED RENOVATION TO OUR PERTH CHURCH

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BPCWA, Mount Pleasant, Perth

The architect's drawing of a renovated Fellowship Hall and S.S. rooms on the front page, hiding the Church Sanctuary, at Mount Pleasant, Perth, substantiates last week's report from Bro. Robin Tan. Now that the award to the successful contractor must be made by Christmas, and work will commence in the new year, they have need of financial help. As A\$271,000 is price of the basic contract, fixtures, furnishings and many smaller items not included will cost another A\$90,000. Since the congregation is made up mostly of students and newly-arrived immigrants, our Session has decided to advance them a grant of A\$100,000 = S\$165,000, an expression of our sincere good wishes. Designated gifts for Perth thus far, plus gifts for "Missions and Missionaries" add up to about \$10,000. Therefore, we need \$155,000 to fill the gap. May we commend this holy need to Readers, and may your offerings "come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). If you have not given your tithes, here's one channel through which you can send in the service of the Almighty. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:7,8). "Build God's House and God will build yours" is a lesson from King David!

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 5 - 11)

MON - TUE Kebun Bahru (Muar) Pri.
School Camp
MON - WED LBC Pre-NS Camp
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal at Nazareth (Rev Tow)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF;
2.30 pm Yong Kiang Chin-Shirley Low
Wed. at Nazareth (Rev Tow)
3.00 pm LBC/CSF; 3.30 pm - YF
4.00 pm YAF
SUN 8.00 pm Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Goh Seng Fong
(Elder Khoo)
10.30 am Rev Tow at Chinese Service
10.30 am Junior Worship
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
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 GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,165 (8.00 am)
\$5,493 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1683)\$100; 1684)\$70.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: $\frac{1}{2}$ -Finished
Filipino Ch. \$50, \$100; Perth Renovation
\$200(YF), \$400(Boxes); FEBC Library \$50,
\$800, \$35, \$500; Jess & Family \$100;
China \$10; RTL \$10; RTD \$10; Missionaries
Fund \$50.

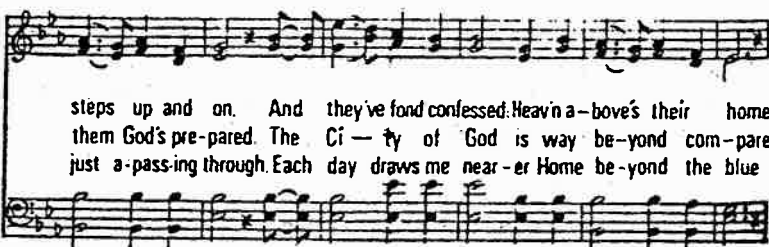
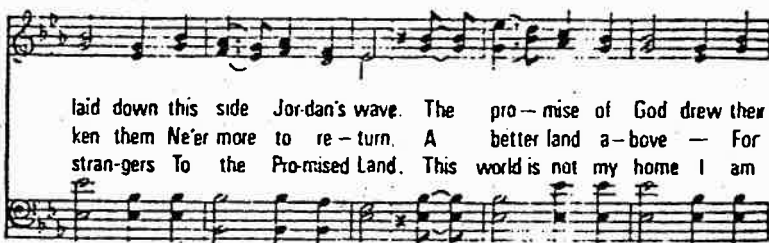
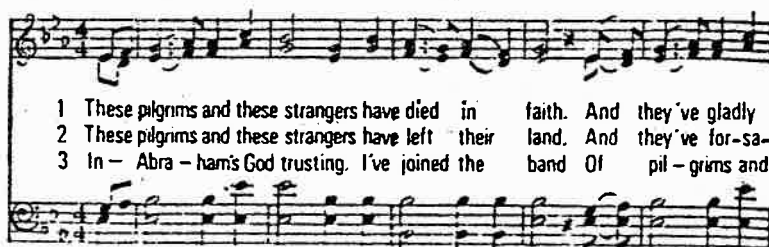
News of other mission fields: Burma:
Rev Thawm Luai writes of plan to shift
the Far Eastern Fundamental School of
Theology from Rangoon to Falam, Chin
State, in the NW. Pray for wisdom.

Kimiko returns from West Kalimantan Dec
27. Rev Peter Chua is visiting Kuching
Dec 10-13. Kelapa Sawit (Elder John
Ling) Addition of 2 classrooms to Kinder-
garten in full swing. Batam Island:
Pray for Roska and our Kebaktian Indone-
sia. Pray for Rev & Mrs Paauwe and Hope
BPC and Fundamental Bible College of
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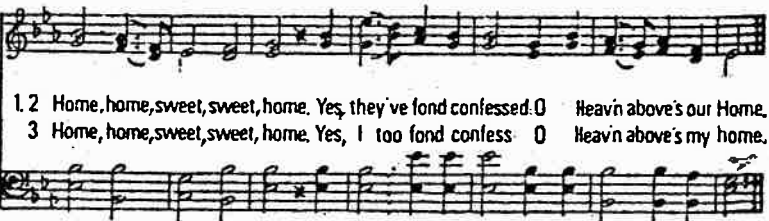
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The Pilgrims' Home Sweet Home

by Rev Timothy Tow



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23rd Dec, '88, 8.00 pm

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Tapes on the 3 Korean Songs
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

With Due Respect to Dr John MacArthur, Jr.

In my sermon last week touching one of 4 points of the Jerusalem decree to the churches, viz., BLOOD, which the Gentile Christians are forbidden to eat, I mentioned also the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. In this regard, I regretted such an eminent Bible expositor and pastor as Dr John MacArthur, Jr., whose tapes and books are carried by our Church, should take a contradictory view of the Blood of Christ. In a Statement dated Apr. 30, 1986, according to Wilson Edwin, Dr MacArthur said:

"Obviously, it was not the blood of Jesus that saved . . . When Romans 3:25 speaks of 'faith in His blood,' everyone understands that to be a reference to His death--not the blood running through His body . . . Yes, the blood of Christ is precious--but as precious as it is, it could not save . . . I admit that because of some traditional hymns there is an emotional attachment to the blood . . . I can sing hymns about the blood and rejoice with them--but I understand that reference to be a metonym for His death."

With due respect to Dr MacArthur's eloquence, St. Paul never made such contradictory remarks about the Blood of Christ, nor did any other Apostle. Wilson Edwin, in an article titled "The Literal Blood of Christ," quotes the following verses to refute MacArthur, which we also quote:

"being now justified by his blood" (Romans 5:9),

"ye . . . are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13),

"How much more shall the blood of Christ . . . purge your conscience" (Hebrews 9:14),

"boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Hebrews 10:19),

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7),

"Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5),

"These . . . have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14),

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 12:11).

Now, apart from Wilson Edwin's article, I have before me also relevant material received from Rev Jim Turner. Here's an excerpt from a paragraph in Calvary Contender's "News, etc.," to warn and inform:



"In several 1986 letters, Dr John MacArthur said the blood of Christ 'could not save.' He put a dangerous dichotomy between Christ's blood and death. In the ensuing confusion, which his later letters compounded rather than clarified, several preachers and Bible teachers called his teaching 'heresy.' Some Fundamental Baptist Fellowship and Southwide Baptist Fellowship preachers warned about his teachings which had

evoked a strong resolution on the Blood of Christ from the 8/86 World Congress of Fundamentalists. The Fall '87 Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary (PA) Journal said: 'John MacArthur's discussion of the blood allows for misunderstanding. By his strong emphasis on equating blood with death, he leaves the impression that only the death and not the blood was essential.' The Sword of the Lord editor (1/8/88) said, '. . . his teaching on the blood of Christ, salvation and soul-winning are a cause for great concern.' The Baptist Bible Tribune editor (1/11) said MacArthur is 'out of step' with 'all the great theological and expositional authorities of the last 500 years.'

Calvin on Christ's Blood

On p. 560 of "Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, Vol. I" (John Allen Translation), Calvin says, "For we certainly could have no confidence that Christ was our redemption, ransom and propitiation if he had not been a slaughtered victim. And for this reason it is, that when the Scripture exhibits the method of redemption, it so often makes mention of blood; though the blood shed by Christ has not only served as an atonement to God, but likewise as a laver to purge away our pollutions." Calvin's treatment of Christ's Blood is opposite to MacArthur's. And Jesus, desiring us to remember Him in His death, said to His Disciples at the institution of the Lord's Supper: "Drink ye all of it. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt 26:27,28). And if "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb 9:22), for Christ to die in any other way, such as by hanging, that death cannot save us. So why, Dr MacArthur do you reject the Blood of Christ which you drink at the Lord's Supper?

Another Vital Question in Theology

Dr Buswell was my teacher in theology. With due respect to my teacher, I'd ask him this question. He says the Greek monogenes "only begotten" means unique, one and only, rather than involved with the process of begetting. Now, if the same word monogenes is used in the context of the father-son relationship between Abraham and Isaac in Heb 11:17, is there any involvement in the process of begetting? The NIV throws out the words "only begotten" in its translation of John 3:16, substituting with "one and only." Of course,

Christ is the one and only Son of God, but to throw out a word of Holy Scripture to pander to one's self-esteemed knowledge of Greek, Greek, Greek can result in treading theological thin ice. The Greek Fathers that formulated the Nicene Creed (325 A.D.) surely knew more Greek than our modern pundits, and they specially treasured and upheld the word "begotten" as exclusively expressive of the Son-relationship with the Father. Praise the Lord for the KJV. While new-fangled translations cast out God's words left and right, such as throwing away "only begotten," KJV sticks to it, and New KJV dares not remove it.

Yours humbly, T.T.

HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP

I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left your best friend out."

And so I scanned my list again
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there,
That Friend who died for you."

And then I clearly understood
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take long
To change the list about.

And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most - because
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!

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

MON - FRI	Sembawang YF Camp
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
SAT 9.30 am	Rev Tow to Tanjung Pinang
2 - 5 pm	Sunday School
	Christmas Party
7.30 pm	Tg Pinang Christmas Eve Service
SUN 8.00 am	Rev Joseph Ong
10.00 am	Rev Tow at Tg Pinang thereafter officiating a Wedding
10.30 am	Rev Bob Phee (Eld. Mahadevan)

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,719 (8.00 am)
\$5,612 (10.30 am)

Come and Dine

C.B. Widmeyer
Arr. by S.H. Bolton

C.B.W.

4-FINISHED FILIPINO CH. \$100, \$200, \$20, \$78.20(A\$50), \$50, \$200, \$20. PERTH CHURCH RENOVATIONS \$500, \$100, \$300, \$100, \$100(Indonesian S.), \$200, \$1200, \$500. EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1685)\$510. OFFERINGS FOR: Batam \$450(WF); Burma \$360(WF); FEBC \$200; China \$50; India \$50; Malaysia \$50.

Infant Baptism, Christmas Service: Parents please inform Pastor or Church office (tel. 2569256) as soon as possible, giving name of parents/child and birthdate.

Fellowship groups presenting items for Christmas services are to inform Pastor early, for better planning.

Joshua Jamaludin is now in London under care of Dr Peter Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle.

BLIND KOREAN PASTOR Fri. 23rd Dec., 8.00 pm!

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"One Woe doth Tread upon Another's Heel"

The other day I was musing on the quick succession of disasters that befall this poor earth--the cyclone and flood upon Bangladesh, earthquake in Yunnan, Monsoon flood in South Thailand--and I said to myself, "This is God's reminder that our Lord's coming is near." For Jesus said, ". . . and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places" (Matt. 24:7). And no sooner had I said to myself again, "Perhaps another earthquake will strike? . . ." than the worst disaster of all overtook Armenia with the loss of 60,000 lives. "One woe doth tread upon another's heel, so fast they come," so we read of a twin air disaster that follows in the rescue operations.

What is our reaction to all this? Jesus says, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Or, can we take Singapore's peace and prosperity for granted, and be carried away by the commercial Christmastide of Orchard Road to their shopping spree, with not a thought for our Saviour? "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies . . ." (Psa. 103:2-4).

The 21st Showing (3rd at Life Church) of the Blind Korean Pastor

As half of Lifers have not seen this soul-cleansing film, for your sakes, we are screening it for the last time, Friday Dec. 23, 8.00 pm in Church. Come early for a good seat and not be left standing! I hear the whole Tamil Church is coming! Kelapa Sawit will invade with a vanload! And who next? That 400 tapes of the Three Korean Songs (put into English) have been sold should indicate to you the power of the film. Souls have been saved by the scores and as many backsliders have come back to the Lord! So here is an opportunity for you to bring some lost soul to Christ. Bring your unsaved loved ones! Bring a friend!

Kebaktian Indonesia

Founded Feb. 7, 1982, our Indonesian Service has gone on without a break. With the vacating of FEBC Hall by BFC, our Indonesian members have been promoted from their rain-exposed "Jerusalem Court."

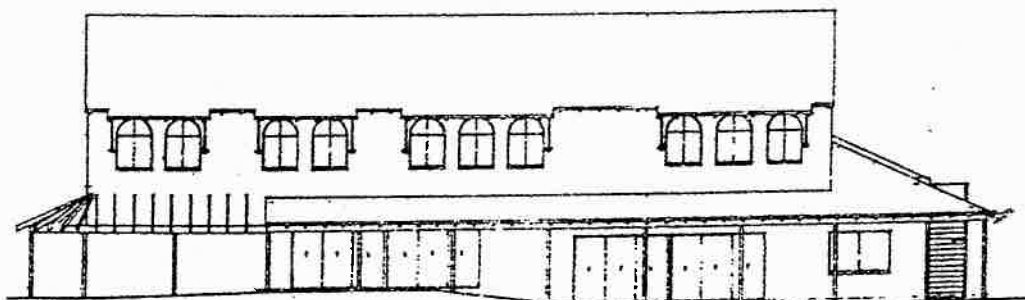
The Kebaktian is maintained mostly by our Indonesian students. There were Agus and his brother Haposan, both from Medan. Now it is Kiantoro from Tanjung Pinang and Roska, seconded to Batam. We're asking Sharon Church to release Marilyn, Iban girl from Sarawak, to join in the Kebaktian that she might learn the Indonesian way of worship so she might be more effective when she returns. Her bahasa is more akin to Indonesian than to Malay.

Do you have Indonesian domestic servants? Do you give your employees one day off for God-ordained Sabbath? Why don't you send them to our Indonesian Service? Or do you have Indonesian young people boarding with you while staying in Singapore? I believe if we all make a concerted effort to bring them in, our Indonesian Service will mature into a full-fledged Church.

"Self Help, with God's Help, is the Best Help"

Our B-P Church in Perth is doing her level best to self help in a big renovation project, as displayed on our notice boards. This big renovation is necessitated by the saturation of the auditorium in Sunday attendances, not to mention the Sunday School. During peak periods the hall is literally filled to the last seat. The capacity is 250 - 270.

As the total renovation costs are A\$360,000, we have made them a grant of A\$100,000 and a free loan of the same sum. This immediately cuts down



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their financial burden to A\$160,000. From Robin Tan's report, BPCWA has A\$25,000 deposit in bank. A grateful member pledges A\$30,000. Another good news item is that the Australian Government has approved this project for income tax exemption. Trusting the Lord, the renovation will begin, most assuredly, January 1989. The work can complete within a few months--that's the way jobs are tackled in western countries.

Insofar as Life Church is concerned, our advance of the gift of A\$100,000 must be made good by your tithes and offerings. That \$3,000 in gifts were spontaneously offered last week makes a good start. "Build God's House and God will build yours" is what King David learnt from the prophet Nathan. (Read II Samuel 7:1-17.)

Yours faithfully, T.T.



REV. JOHN ANH, blind pastor of New Light Church of the Blind, 838-39, Pangbae-1, Dong, Seocho-ku, Seoul, 137-061, Korea (Tel. 533-9863)

SEE THE TRUE STORY OF HIS CONVERSION this Friday, Dec. 23 8.00 pm at Life Church!

From The Straits Times, 14th Dec. 1988

Religious orientation of Singaporeans

	1980	1988
Buddhism	56%	41.7%
Christianity	10.3%	18.7%
No religion	13.2%	17.6%

Note: Percentage of population who are Muslims and Hindus remained stable from 1980-88

Christianity and education

	Christians	No religion
A-level	30.8%	28%
University	41%	23%

25% of English-educated are Christians

Catholics.....	10%
Protestants.....	15%

7.5% of Chinese-educated are Christians

Catholics.....	2%
Protestants.....	5.5%



READY FOR CHRISTMAS



"Ready for Christmas," she said with a sigh, As she gave a last touch to the gifts piled high, Then wearily sat for a moment and read, Till soon, very soon, she was nodding her head.

Then quietly spoke a voice in her dream, "Ready for Christmas? What do you mean? Ready for Christmas when only last week You wouldn't acknowledge your friend on the street.

"Ready for Christmas, while holding a grudge? Perhaps you had better let God be the judge, Why, how can the Christ-child come and abide In the heart that is selfish and filled with pride?

"Ready for Christmas when only today A beggar lad came and you turned him away Without even a smile to show that you cared? The little he asked--it could have been spared.

"Ready for Christmas? You've worked, it is true, But just doing the thing that you wanted to do. Ready for Christmas? Your circle's too small-- Why, you are not ready for Christmas at all!"

She awoke with a start and a cry of despair, "There's so little time and I've still to prepare. O Father, forgive me, I see what You mean, To be ready means more than a house swept clean."

Yes, more than the giving of gifts and a tree, It's the heart swept clean that He wants to see; A heart that is free from bitterness, sin-- Ready for Christmas--and ready for HIM.

Alice Haneche Mortensen

FAITH

TRUE or FALSE?

FAITH - True or False?

This tract written by Pastor had a 1st printing of 10,000. Now we have given out the last tract. Who'll offer \$600 for a 2nd printing? (Permission to reprint is given to an American Mission.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19th - 25th Dec)

MON - THU	Shalom B-P Camp
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
FRI 8.00 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film
SAT 8.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
SUN 10.00 am	Christmas Service (Combined, Infant Baptism)
4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Tabernacle BPC Baptism

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,417 (8.00 am)

\$5,568 (10.30 am)

PERTH CHURCH RENOVATIONS: \$100; \$200; \$300; \$80.

1-FINISHED FILIPINO CH. \$20; \$200; \$78; \$30, \$100, \$100, \$1000.

EXTN BLDG FUND 1686)\$400.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Jess & Deeram \$100; Burma \$100(New Life), \$40(N. Life S.S.); J.P. David \$100; Adelaide(Hope BPC)

\$100; Missions \$80; FEBC \$50.

'A' Level Divinity: The FEBC Department 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. 1989 intake. Call tel. 2569256 for more information.

We express our deepest condolence to Mr Gerald Lim and Mrs Veronica Lee on the home-going of their mother, Mrs Kay Lim Chew Swee, Dec. 13, '88. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

Members who wish to invite carollers to their homes this Christmas night, 25/12, or those wishing to join the carollers, please contact Seen Seen at tel. 2569256.

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS PEACE IN COMMEMORATION OF OUR
SAVIOUR'S BIRTH, AND PROSPERITY IN THE NEW YEAR



IF JESUS HAD NOT . . .

CHRISTMAS

If Jesus had not loved mankind,
Would He care whether we live or die?
If Jesus had not humbled Himself
Would He leave Heaven to sacrifice His life?
If Jesus had not come down as a lowly babe,
There would be no Christmases to celebrate.

We were the reason for His First Coming,
And we are the reason for His Second Coming.
It must sadden our Lord to see the common run of men
grow callous in heart, carnal in flesh and
carefree in spirit
As they question: If God is omni-benevolent, all-loving
and all-good,
Why are there typhoons, famines and earthquakes?

If Jesus had spared us Singaporeans from all those natural
disasters,
It is because He has favoured and blessed us.
Today as the world wallows in a "Sodom and Gomorrah,"
caring not that our Lord's Second Coming may overtake us,
Let us not take our bonuses and blessings for granted
And dole out what is left from our Christmas spending
To the Master-Giver Blessed.

The best gift that I can give this Christmas
is to reconsecrate my love to serve Him till He comes!
Maranatha.

by 'NUS Undergraduate'
15th December 1988

No sheep in the folds,
No Star in the West,
No Babe lulled to sleep
On His young mother's breast.
But sheep of God's flock
Straying far from His love,
And a glorified Man
Interceding above.

No gold and no myrrh,
No sweet frankincense,
But the gift of the heart
When the sinner repents.
No music on earth
From the angelic bands;
But the praise and prayer
Of the saved of all lands.

Apart from the Christ--
No joy at His birth,
Though merry and gay
All the feasting on earth;
The candles burn out,
And the feasting is done,
But the Glory of Heaven
Shines forth in God's Son.

Betty Scott Stam
Yang Chow, China, 1931

Testimony by Roland Tay

My name is Roland Tay. I am a businessman. Before I became a Christian, I was an idol worshipper. Due to my association with my friends, I was later influenced by them to worship Thai gods. And I worshipped them for many years. I was so carried away that I even joined a religious trip to Thailand to meet the King Monk of Thailand. He gave me many idols and amulets for protection and good luck in business. However, I did not find peace when I returned to Singapore. But still I continued to devote myself to these Thai gods in order to seek for a brighter future. I also enjoyed myself in many worldly entertainments such as drinking, smoking and gambling. However, I could not really enjoy the fun in them and found them very meaningless.

Early this year, I was invited to New Life B-P Church. I went with an ulterior motive to seek for business opportunities. However, at the service, Rev Patrick Tan preached from the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). I did not understand what a Samaritan was. But the message created a great curiosity in me. When I reached home, I immediately looked up the parable and read it. Then I began to flip through the Bible to see what I could learn. I read about Jesus cleansing the Temple. The passage so struck me that I realised my motive of coming to Church was wrong. In order to prove that I had repented, I bought a box of Bibles for the Church. Since then, the good Lord directed my footsteps and brought many Christian friends to me wherever I went.

As I continued to attend Church and read His precious Word, I began to know more about Jesus. Having heard the message of life, I accepted Christ by faith that He came into the world to die for my sin.

Since Christ came into my heart, I began to give up all my idols and worldly habits. There is real peace in my heart. I thank God for delivering me from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. He is truly gracious and merciful to me.

Titus 3:3 clearly depicts my former life: "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another."

My prayer to God is that He will guide me in this pilgrimage till I see Him face to face. Amen.

Tanjung Pinang, Ahoy!

The first time we visited Tanjung Pinang was in 1973. It took us five hours by slow boat to make the sea trip of 48 miles. The church started by Rev Tan Peng Koen (now de-



Christians, however, are on the go for a different purpose. We come here in obedience to the Great Commission. In conjunction with our Tanjung Pinang outreach, we are now poised for Batam . . . Ahoy!

"Owe No Man Anything!" (Rom. 13:8)

This is a Chinese commercial virtue, or rather, was? Before the New Year dawned, the last days of the old year were set for the race of abacuses, click-click-click-click, all day, all night, to clear the fiscal year of all debts. A Christian who has borrowed from another should pay up before the year is out. (There are still a few days left.)

If we should not owe any man, neither should we owe the Lord God Almighty--". . . for ye have robbed Me!" (Mal. 3:9). But ye say, "Wherein have we robbed Thee?" "In tithes and offerings!" (Mal. 3:8).

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, . . ." (Mal. 3:10,11).

"Ye have sown much, and bring in little . . . and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(26th Dec '88 - 1st Jan '89)

MON 11.00 am Quek Kai Huan-Eilynn
Ng Wedding (TPBC)
7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
(Bethlehem Jurong)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
(Rev Tow)
THU 9.30 am Roska to Batam
SAT 8.00 pm Sharon BPC Watchnight
10.45 pm Watchnight Service
(Lord's Supper)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

8.00 am Eld. Lim Teck Chye
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Junior Worship
11.45 am Filipina Fellowship
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Nazareth BPC
6.00 pm Tamil Service
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,869 (8.00 am)

\$11,421 (10.30 am)

PERTI CHURCH RENOVATIONS: \$100; \$1600; \$50;
\$500 (Boxes); \$100.

1-FINISHED FILIPINO CH. \$100; \$400; \$50;
\$1,500; \$100; \$200; \$200.

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1687)\$100.

ceased) worshipped in an old wooden classroom.

Today the Church has a new three-storey brick building, beaming bright. Over 200 have been added to the Church by baptism. This time we baptised five adults and four infants. A Christian couple, whose parents are heathens, were married in Church right after the Sunday morning worship. This is the 8th couple married in Church.

A change has also come over the ferry system. Fast launches now make the trip in three hours, and that with a break at Sekupang, Batam. Hordes of tourists are now patronising Tanjung Pinang who enliven the local economy with their spending. Hotels are overflowing during weekends and during this Christmas season.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC Library \$720,
\$1200, \$1400, \$457.25, \$800; FEBC Bldg Fund
\$350; Kelapa Sawit BPC \$200.

CHRISTMAS INFANT BAPTISM

01. Chan Wei Keong, Daniel, (Chen Weiqiang),
s/o Mr & Mrs Chan Weng Lock
02. Chen Pinying, Charmaine
d/o Mr & Mrs Francis Chen
03. Chia Shu Ming, Joanne
d/o Mr & Mrs Chia Boon Siong
04. Foo Xiang Jie, Joel
s/o Mr & Mrs Foo Chee Hoe
05. Heah Yi Ting, Samanah
d/o Mr & Mrs Heah Eng Siang
06. Leong Li Fen, Rachael
d/o Mr & Mrs Leong How Yin
07. Lim Wei Xiang, Benjamin
s/o Mr & Mrs Lim Kwang Seng
08. Ong Xin Yi, Charmaine
d/o Mr & Mrs Ong Leck Keong
09. Tan Kiat Tze, Ian
s/o Mr & Mrs Ivan Tan Kim Song
10. Tan Shu-en
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Kian Sing
11. Zheng En Yong, Joshua
s/o Mr & Mrs Roland Tay Chye Kwee

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Mr Tay Poh Wah, Roland Manager
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