

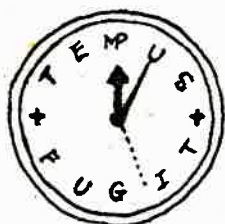
## TREASURE TIME!

(Translated from Wang Ming Tao's "Admonition of Christians")

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:16)

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." (Col. 4:5)

Treasure time. There are many lessons in life to learn, and many things to be done. Should we labour day and night, we would not be able to learn what we ought and to finish the things we ought to finish. How dare we spend time carelessly, wastefully? Treasure time!



Treasure time. Do not waste precious time in chit-chatting. This is a common malady, most despicable. To discuss a problem of value whereby we polish one another's knowledge of the Scriptures or of some academic subject, is no idle talk of course. Idle talk brings no benefit either to our faith or character, nor to our knowledge and work. To ramble along without any objective and without limit wears away a lot of time. It ties up proper work. This is a common malady, and more so with those who like to prattle. Let us take heed to do away with this bad habit by exhorting and supervising one another. Those who fail in this matter can never attain to anything. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Don't waste time on novels that entice you. Generally, most people like to read novels. If we have time on hand, let us use our leisure reading up on religion, ethics, education, history and those novels that edify our character. In these we can find something good. But let us flee those that purvey immorality and violence, that speak of weird things, that are not only of no value but are injurious to the reader. Take your eyes off them! Do not read novels that have some value but so take up one's time as to hinder proper work. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Do not play overtime. After work, take up some game or exercise that is not hurtful to the body for recreation. This is in order to recover from fatigue. Such relaxation is essential. But if we are immersed in these things at the expense of time and work, how pitiful! Do not spend too much time in exercise, such as playing ball. Do not spend too much time on music or on chess. Let there be a limit of one or two hours for such recreation. When on vacation, this limit might be stretched a little. At any rate, let there be a cut-off point. Let not anyone be so engrossed in these recreations as to hinder proper work. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Do not patronise any crowded places unless it is necessary or for the sake of buying something. The things you find there play on your senses. They glue you down, and dissipate your time. They drag you into the world and away from God. Do not go there lest you fall into temptation. If you treasure time, don't go!

Treasure time. Keeping birds and fish, nurturing flowers and trees, collecting antiques, are hobbies not absolutely forbidden to Christians. To have such recreations as give restfulness to the body and take away fatigue is not without benefit. But if one has to spend much time and money on these things, then it becomes a loss. Never waste big money on these things. The money God has entrusted to you is not to be used on these things, neither your time. To live is to work for God, not to play for your own sake. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Don't sleep beyond your bodily needs. For some adults, seven hours, more or less, is enough. Ordinarily it is eight hours. Those who are weak might need nine to ten hours (this does not include children or the sick). Oversleeping is a waste of time. The lazy bones who like to slumber should cut down. Treasure time.

Treasure time. No matter how busy, cease not to pray and read the Bible. To stop these two exercises, our spirits become dried up. Our spiritual growth is retarded to our great loss. Except for official business or some unavoidable matter, "Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves as the manner of some is." When a Christian neglects these things he begins to backslide. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Everyday, whether at home or at work, finish up everything that is to be done. Don't say, Tomorrow! Do not shirk your work over to another. Don't fight shy of responsibility. Don't be afraid of work. The more the work, the stronger the muscles. The more trading of your talents, the more your gain of experience. Although you could not do it at first, if you're a willing worker you will succeed in the end. The unwilling worker, though talented, will be laid on the shelf. "For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Matt. 25:29).

Treasure time. Apart from diligently fulfilling our duties each day, we need to take time to read. Read books on the Christian faith and on good character, books helpful to your work and knowledge. We have no opportunity to meet personally the saints whom God has mightily blessed to be taught by them, nor have we the resources to employ the learned and experienced to be our teachers. But we can learn from them through their books. Apart from reading let us learn from the people we meet each day, and add to our knowledge from every experience. Each day we live on earth is a day in the school of life. Treasure time.

for Proverbs  
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## BATAM OCCUPIED FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

Through Rev Kim Kyung Soo (my Korean student), we found a foothold for Roska at the Batamas Shipyard. The date determined by the Lord for our advance, however, was one week before our original plan. So, on Thursday Dec. 29, Rev Kim, Mr Jeong (another Korean student), Mrs Tow and I "escorted" Roska with all her paraphernalia to Finger Pier to take the 40 minute ferry across to Sekupang. Elder Khoo and his whole family were there to see us off. Mr Choy, representing Mr Hwang Kyu Tae the Shipyard manager came in the shipyard's car to receive us. (The return boat ticket is now reduced to \$30.)



An half-hour's drive brought us to the shipyard which now has 12 Koreans and 60 Indonesian employees. We were received with a big Korean lunch, famous for big bowls of rice and Kimchee, with broiled prawns, Japanese style.

Roska stays with two Indonesian girls in quarters, for a start. She was asked first of all to explain in Indonesian the film of the Blind Korean Pastor to the Indonesian workforce. She would have a busy time hereafter evangelising the Indonesians and helping out the Koreans as interpreter and letter writer. Her coming here, observed Mr Hwang the manager, is a Godsend! Pray for God's Kingdom in Batam.

### I NEED SOMEONE

I may not be a child,  
I may seem grown and strong,  
But sometimes on the inside  
I need a loving arm.

You may think I can handle things,  
Things that are strange and new--  
I need a shoulder to lean on,  
A sympathetic ear would do.

I may not be that small,  
I may be old in years,  
But sometimes on the inside  
I find me close to tears.

I need someone to hold me,  
To rock me to and fro;  
To listen to my problems,  
And help me while I grow.

While few are this caring,  
This much, I understand:  
I know someone who loves me  
And extends His nail-pierced hand.

His name is Christ Jesus;  
The Way, the Truth, the Life;  
My Prince of Peace; my everything,  
He comforts in my strife.

He'll always be there for me,  
In so many perfect ways.  
My love for Him and His for me  
Is growing day by day.

He gives my life direction  
With love and certainty.  
He will be with me always,  
Through all eternity.

- Kimberly Joy Donelson

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2nd - 8th Jan 1989)

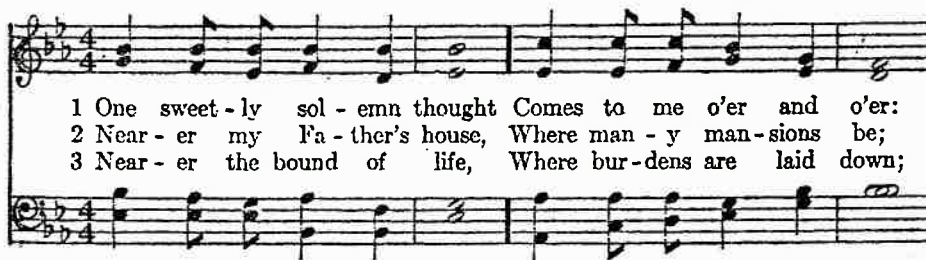
MON 8.30 am FEBC reopens with  
Day of Prayer  
11.30 am Lun Chee Leong-  
Wendy Wong Wed-  
ding (Rev Tow)  
3.30 pm Ng Gee Wah-Tho  
Swee Siong Wed.  
(Rev Subramaniam)

### One Sweetly Solemn Thought

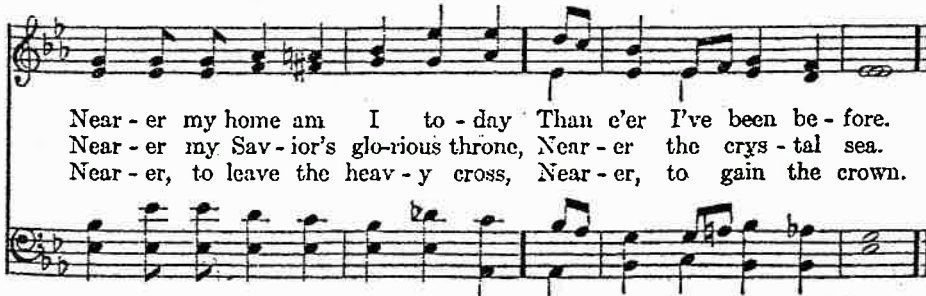
Phoebe Cary, 1852

AMBROSE (DULCE DOMUM) S. M.

Robert S. Ambrose, 1876



1 One sweet-ly sol-emn thought Comes to me o'er and o'er:  
2 Near-er my Fa-ther's house, Where man-y man-sions be;  
3 Near-er the bound of life, Where bur-dens are laid down;



Near-er my home am I to-day Than e'er I've been be-fore.  
Near-er my Sav-ior's glo-rious throne, Near-er the crys-tal sea.  
Near-er, to leave the heav-y cross, Near-er, to gain the crown.

4 But, lying dark between,  
Winding down through the night,  
There rolls the deep and unknown stream  
Beyond which shines the light.

5 Father, perfect my trust!  
Strengthen my power of faith!  
And let me lean on Christ alone  
Upon the shore of death.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Cont'd)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Gospel of John)  
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal  
THU 7.30 pm Isaiah (Rev Tow)  
FRI 8.00 pm Houseblessing for Dn & Mrs Edward Heng,  
73, Farrer Drive, #05-04 (1025).  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF; 3 pm - LBC/CSF;  
3.30 pm YF; 4 pm - YAF  
4.30 pm Daniel Ng Kah Keng-Marcia Teng Puay Wah  
Wedding (Rev Tow)  
SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Catechism Class for Easter Baptism begins  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan  
10.30 am Rev Tow at Chinese Service

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: \$11,078 (24/12); \$11,215 (25/12)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1688)\$200; 1689)\$300; 1690)\$1500  
(AF). Total \$1,380,052.18. (\*+\$2000) (\*\*+\$400+\$150)

OFFERINGS FOR: China \$20, \$50, \$1000(AF); India \$50;  
Batam \$500, \$117; Missions \$20; Missionary Fund \$100;  
Blind Korean Pastor \$1174.20; New Life Renov. \$1000; Air-  
con Renov. \$500, \$880; Melbourne\*\$2000; Filipino Ch\*\$50.

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

That Batam has opened its door

to our Church so quickly and smoothly is of the Lord, "and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3:8). We thank God that while some fold their arms and look on derisively, others rally to the Lord's help. The Anniversary offering of the YAF and YF totalling \$666 is a great encouragement. A New Year cheque earmarked for "Expansion of God's Kingdom" goes to sustain our supply lines to the following 9 outreaches: The Philippines, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Burma, Kenya, Bethlehem, K.L., Kelapa Sawit (where a second-floor two-classroom extension is nearing completion).



Meanwhile, Roska has returned to Medan to register her transference of residence to Batam. Flying Batam-Medan costs half what you'd pay S'pore-Medan. This is one reason for Batam suddenly coming alive! As Singapore's invasion of Batam mounts, bigger and faster ferries are built. The latest is one that can take 4-500, a marine Jumbo!

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

(May be sung to tune of "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind")

The Lord's \$ Doubles under Wise and Faithful Management

There are those who criticise our Church as being understaffed and underpaid. But pay is not counted only in hard dollars. More than dollars are an uninhibited and pleasant environment, and fringe benefits. As to "understaffing," like not having a full-time caretaker, those who say so are not in residence. They have not seen how the whole campus is being maintained by the FEBC student body. And there are Amir and Kamala, gardener and sweeper. By being stringent on expenditure, and following the Apostle Paul to work with our hands (rather than jogging) we have conserved not a little. With the liberal and loving giving of the faithful, and the regular tithing of the God-fearing, we have surplus to help those B-P Churches that have a genuine need. Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

By loaning to Melbourne, e.g., at a time when the Australian dollar was low, they have made a substantial amount in foreign exchange. The land they had bought partly with Life Church help has greatly appreciated. When we trade for the Lord with a desire to see His Kingdom extended, He blesses with further increase. As you have contributed to the building of God's House so has He responded to build your house. But those who withhold their tithes put it "into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6).

By God's grace we intend to press on through every door God has opened to Life Church. We need not seek one our own, such as "going to China on a mission trip" when there are calls from all over Southeast Asia and Australia and we can hardly keep up.

### "Insights into a Short Stint at FEBC"

Here is an exemplary deacon's testimony on what he has received from FEBC after one academic year. Deacon Charles Fong, who comes from Nazareth BPC, writes:

November 11, 1988 was the last day of my second semester at FEBC. It marked the end of a 6-day examination trial, which was concluded with a traditional gathering at Dr Tow's residence. Looking back at my year at FEBC, I would like to convey to you some of my insights into a Bible college education:



Academic Studies - "The half of knowledge is to know where to find it." The key benefit of a Bible-based education is that it provides us with the tools to study God's Word. The Bible contains its own rules for interpretation - this was explored in our study of Hermeneutics. I was made aware of where to locate background study materials in Bible Encyclopaedias, Dictionaries, Bible Introductions, Surveys and Atlases. Other subjects of vital importance are Systematic Theology, O. T. History, N. T. Survey, Bible book studies.

Personal Growth - FEBC has a healthy emphasis on character building and the cultivation of a devotional discipline. Each morning began with prayer and the chapel hour which gave prominence to God's Word. There were some specific areas of sin in my life which I had to confess before God, to be replaced with Biblical values.

Fellow Students - There was also much to learn from the lives and aspirations of fellow students. They came from all walks of life (and age ranges too), and it was eye-opening to learn of the different ways in which each individual was called of God to train at FEBC for His service.

Finally, I wish to thank the LORD God, members of Nazareth Church, my parents and my wife for supporting me in my studies at college. Praise God for FEBC, its faculty, and its devoted stand on the Inerrant and Infallible Bible. To borrow the words of Ps. 118:23, "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes."

#### Basic Theology for Everyone

This new semester sees the offering of two evening courses, "Discipleship and Church Growth" by Rev Goh Seng Fong, Mon. evening, and Isaiah by Rev Charlie Tan, Thursday evening (7.30 to 9.30 pm). Being given on our premises, Lifers have a double advantage. May I urge members to spend these two evenings in self-improvement in Bible knowledge, especially S. S. teachers and Departmental leaders. "The Gospel Prophet," an applied commentary on Isaiah and Micah, is a recommended text book.

Our Tuesday evening Prayer Meeting is "fortified" with the study of the Gospel of Life (John) where you can see Jesus vividly portrayed as the Word of Life, Wine of Life, Breath of Life, Water of Life, Physician of Life, Bread of Life, River of Life, Light of Life, Sight of Life, Door of Life, Resurrection and the Life, Seed of Life, Ablution of Life, Vine of Life, Truth of Life, Mediator of Life, Shield of Life, King of Life, Peace of Life, and Great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. Come and meet the Saviour!

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Church Growth (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Pastor & Choir leave for SBC
	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Charlie Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	4.30 pm	Wedding of William Kok & Nah Siew Hoon (Pastor Burke, Maranatha Baptist Church)
SUN	8.00 am	Mr Colin Wong
	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
	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
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service
	8.00 pm	FEBC Board/Faculty Meeting

#### GENERAL OFFERINGS:

Watchnight Service - \$4,096.00

Last Lord's Day - \$2,625.00 (8.00 am)

- \$7,295.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1691)\$250; 1692)\$200; 1693)\$500; 1694)\$250; 1695)\$552(Chinese S.); 1696)\$3000. Total \$1,384,804.18

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: 1/2-Finished Filipino Churches \$200, \$30, \$200, \$50, \$100, \$100, \$500, \$2000, \$200; Perth Renov. \$100, \$500(Boxes), \$100, \$445; Melbourne Church Bldg Fund \$2000, \$400, \$150, \$380(WF); Batam \$500(WF), \$200, \$200, \$250, \$666(YF & YAF Anniv.); Expansion of God's Kingdom \$9000; Shalom BPC Bldg Fund \$1000(Sister in London); FEBC \$200; Rev E. Paauwe \$204; M/M Charles Seet \$25; Chng Nai Yee \$50.

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Welcome to our Guest House: Dr Laird Harris my former teacher at Faith Seminary, and Mrs Harris, Jan. 9 - 12. The Harrises are en route to Perth to minister in the Lord's Vineyard there for a short duration. While in Singapore Dr Harris will lecture to our students at FEBC.

Praise the Lord for Bro. Lee Fong Seng, principal of Raffles Junior College, for promotion to Superscale Level.

Faith - True or False? Second printing of 10,000 tracts now paid for by a thanksgiving received by post. Praise the Lord!

Christmas Baptism at Taman Sri Melati (KL): Rev Liew Hon Seng reports baptism of 3 adults and 3 infants. Bro. Steffen Han of the same Church is now studying at FEBC.

Expresgram to Miss Britto, Medan: Welcome to study at FEBC!

From a young Malaysian visitor: "Thank you so much for allowing me to stay in FEBC. During these few days FEBC has really opened my eyes to the Word of God. I've learnt that the Word of God is most important to my spiritual life. I hope to come back again. Thank you so much."

Study 'A' Level Divinity at FEBC. Come for an Orientation session this Tuesday 10/1, 4.00 pm, at Lecture room 2.

#### JOY IN SERVING THE LORD

(to tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers")

'Tis great joy to serve the Lord,  
May we do our best!

For our God is coming,  
There's no time to rest!  
As we consecrate our love,  
He will give us strength  
To advance His kingdom,  
Serve Him to the end.

Onward servants of the Lord--  
Give Him all your best;  
For our God is coming,  
There's no time to rest!

- by 'NUS Undergrad'





## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

There is this motto of the New York Times: "All the news that's fit to print." By the same principle we have striven to put the most essential in this Weekly sheet. Since the writings of Wang Ming Tao, living Chinese martyr still going strong at 88, are much sought after by the English speaking, I shall try my best to translate from his "Admonitions to Christians." How about this week's "Spiritual Life Thermometer"? Here's the contrast between the healthy and unhealthy as follows:

Spiritual Life Thermometer

by Wang Ming Tao

Healthy Spiritual Life

1. Fervent in prayer.
2. Bible-reading tasteful.
3. Fully trusting.
4. Loving God more than everything else.
5. Resisting and hating sin.
6. Giving God the glory in all things.
7. Fully at peace.
8. Giving thanks in all things.
9. Always happy and singing.
10. Peaceful and patient in trouble.
11. Much consideration of others.
12. Seeking God's pleasure in all things.
13. Yearning for spiritual things in the heart.
14. Speaking words that edify others.
15. Happy to witness for Christ.
16. Cheerful to give to the Lord's work.
17. Rejoicing in others' good success.
18. A helping hand to those in trouble.
19. Willing to forgive others.
20. Character first.
21. Happy to keep close to devout Christians.
22. Happy to hear faithful admonition.
23. Thirstily hoping for the Lord's return.

Unhealthy Spiritual Life

1. Lethargic in prayer.
2. Bible reading insipid.
3. Anxious and doubting.
4. Loving worldly things more than the Lord.
5. Compromising with sin.
6. Seeking self-glory in everything.
7. Much worrying.
8. Much murmuring.
9. Always sad and sighing.
10. Easily provoked to anger.
11. Much consideration of self.
12. Seeking men's pleasure in all things.
13. Coveting earthly things in the heart.
14. Speaking words that criticise others.
15. No power to witness.
16. Stingy and unwilling to give.
17. Jealous of others' good success.
18. Nonchalant at others' misfortune.
19. Not willing to forgive others.
20. Clothing first.
21. Happy in the company of worldly friends.
22. Happy to hear words of flattery.
23. No thought of things touching the Lord's return.

Hear Wang Ming Tao over Radio Singapore this Evening, 6.30 pm

Incidentally I had a first translation of Wang Ming Tao on "Treasure Time" in this Weekly a fortnight ago. This article, plus his proverbs for Christian living, will be broadcast this Lord's Day evening from SBC, with the support of our Church choir.

As Wang Ming Tao is considered "Chief of the Three" of China's greatest saints, the others being Watchman Nee and John Sung, it will do you well to read his writings that are beginning to be translated. His autobiography, "These Fifty Years," now translated as "A Stone Made Smooth" by A. Reynolds a retired CIM missionary, and published by May-

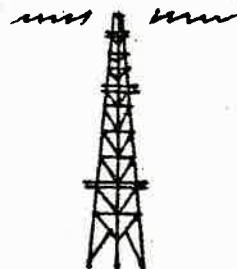
flower of England, and 20 articles of his under "Spiritual Food" by the same publisher should be read by every Lifer. Our Book Centre imported a goodly number a few months ago, but these have been snapped up. Let us have another consignment, N.B., CLBC!

Do you know that Wang Ming Tao and his wife were imprisoned for Christ--his wife for 15 years and he 23 years? Is Communist China more relaxing on Christians today? Here's the latest from Christian Beacon:-

**For Churches in Red China — This Year's New Regulations**

1. All places for religious worship (including Christian "meeting points" or house churches) must register with the Religious Affairs Bureau or be closed down.
2. Pastors and theological students from the TSPM college must get permission from the municipal or provincial government authorities before taking up leadership positions in the churches.
3. Pastors and other Christian workers must get permission from the Religious Affairs Bureau before they can go outside their area to take a meeting.
4. No one, except registered Christian workers, can evangelize or preach.
5. All religious literature must obtain approval for publication from the Religious Affairs Bureau (which as a party organ is staffed by atheists).
6. Donations from visiting overseas Christian delegations or individuals have to be approved by the higher provincial authorities before the official TSPM churches can use them.
7. Those who disobey these regulations will be "criticized and reeducated" by the Religious Affairs Bureau, or in serious cases dealt with by the Public Security Bureau.

What a contrast with the freedom of religion we have in Singapore! Under a just and good government, Christianity in Singapore has increased to 18%. There's a saying, "Make hay while the sun shines." Jesus says, "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). Let us double our evangelistic effort this year. We have a gospel film, "No Longer Alone," Sat. Jan. 21,



end



7.30 pm. Come, bring a friend to Christ!

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

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

MON 7.30 pm Discipleship & Church Growth  
(Rev Goh Seng Fong)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting  
THU 7.30 pm Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC  
3.30 pm YF; 4.00pm - YAF  
4.00 pm James Khoo & Lily Foo Wed-  
ding (Sharon BPC, Dr P. Tan)  
7.30 pm Film: "No Longer Alone"  
SUN 8.00 am Mr Peter Chng  
9.30 am Sunday School  
9.30 am Catechism Class  
10.30 am Rev Tow  
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  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service  
6.00 pm Tamil Service  
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr  
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,444 (8.00 am)

\$4,391 + \$1,000 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1697)\$20; 1698)\$100;  
1699)\$379. Total \$1,385,303.18

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Adelaide -Hope  
BPC \$500, -Van Fund \$1200, -Rev Paauwe \$50;  
Bethel BPC \$1000; Aircon Renov. \$300, \$880,  
\$750, \$150, \$35; 1/2-Finished Filipino Ch.  
\$100(Indonesian S.), \$300; FEBC \$379;  
Perth Church Renov. \$300; Philippines \$50;  
Batam \$100, \$500; Kimiko \$500; China \$10;  
Burma \$10; India \$10; Missions \$80; M/M  
Charles Seet \$25.

Expansion of God's Kingdom at Kelapa Sawit:

The adding of a second floor to the exist-  
ing Kindergarten has greatly enhanced the  
posture of the Church Complex. This addi-  
tion increases the Kindergarten's capacity  
to 168 students. With more rooms and

increased facilities, Kelapa Sawit will become  
a camping site for Christian young people.  
Founded by Life Church 1954, Kelapa Sawit  
has spread now to Air Bemban and Bukit Batu at  
the 29th and 33rd mile. Kelapa Sawit is head-  
quarters of the Malaysian BP Church. Elder  
John Ling is now halfway through training  
at FEBC. Remember K. Sawit in your tithing!  
Pray for us!

Life Church Family Camp at Shah Beach Resort,  
Malacca, Mar. 13-17, '89. Theme: "Signs of  
His Coming." Speaker: Rev Dan Ebert III.  
Limited to 130, first come, first served.  
Register now with Seen Seen, tel. 2569256!

Windfall of blessings to FEBC: A series of 6  
Lectures were delivered by Dr R. L. Harris to  
the College, 4' on the O.T., one on Eschatology  
and one on the Inerrancy of Scripture. The  
Harris were taken on a trip to Malaysia to  
see Kelapa Sawit, J.B. and New Life Church at  
Woodlands, and the Yap House Church. They  
flew to Perth Jan. 12 en route to other points  
such as Brisbane and Melbourne.

Expresgram to BPCWA: Robin, please advertise  
the Blind Korean Pastor Film, to be shown  
full size when we come! T.T.

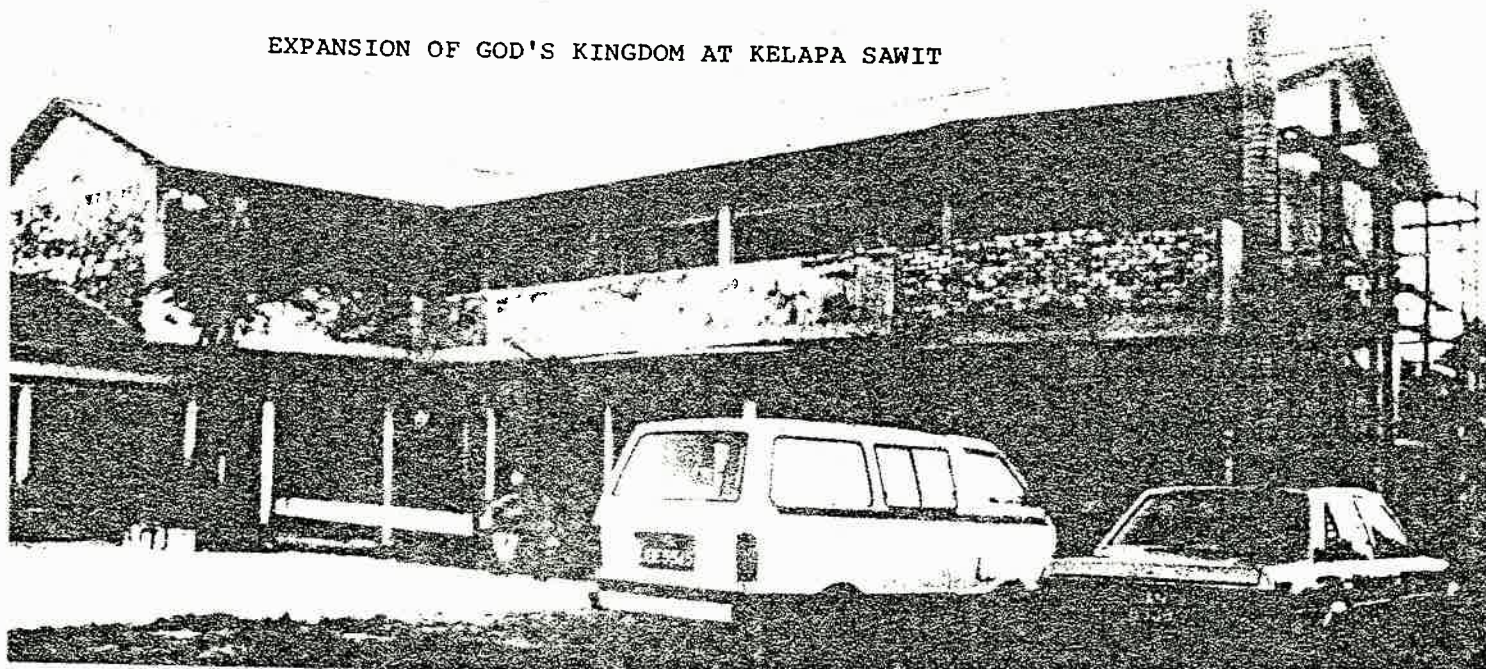
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"Sometimes you have to walk through unbelieve-  
able darkness to reach the light." NO LONGER  
ALONE is the title of a Gospel film to be  
screened this Sat. 21st Jan., 7.30 pm in  
Life Church. Bring a friend to Christ!

Roska writes from Batam on the starting of an  
Indonesian Service for the Shipyard workers.  
Thirteen attended. She also took part in the  
Korean Service (there are 13 Koreans) and  
prayed in English. Pray for Batam!

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EXPANSION OF GOD'S KINGDOM AT KELAPA SAWIT





## CHRISTIAN, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

by Wang Ming Tao

The end of this age is drawing to a close. False prophets are arising in the Church. Many people who are not careful are led astray, some even making total shipwreck of their faith. Having left the pure Gospel, they imbibed an unscriptural doctrine. Since the leaders are blind, their followers must naturally fall into the ditch (Luke 6:34). Christian, take care of yourself.

"The love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." East, west, south, north, we have seen many Christians fall into bitter sorrows because of covetousness. Christian, take care of yourself.

Promiscuous love, unbridled sex, these have ruined both body and virtue, and harmed the family. In the annals of both Scripture and history and by what we see and hear today, countless people have slid into these pits. Christian, take care of yourself.

A little spark can light up a prairie fire. A wrong decision can cast into a grave error. Many enormous sins have sprung from a whim of greed, or lust, of jealousy, or hatred, of pride, or from selfishness lurking in the heart. And who ever knew an evil thought like one of these would lead to such awful crimes, a curse to self and a curse to others. Christian, take care of yourself!

Some people defraud and lie through self-conceit, to achieve fame and wealth, and for a season they prosper. As a result, they become the bolder to lawlessness. In the end, however, their lies are exposed and their fraudulence pierced through. Their credibility becomes bankrupt, their reputation is dashed to the ground. Being cursed by God and abandoned by men, they find that their defrauding of others was defrauding themselves. Christian, take care of yourself!

"Our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Some Christians, by a moment's slumbering, being unawakened to certain matters, come to great grief. Christian, take care of yourself.

When a Christian becomes most fervent in spirit, and reaches the pinnacle of virtue and height of devotion in the work, then they fall into the greatest of sins--pride. Christian, take care of yourself.

A fisherman must use a little bait over the hook to catch fish. So does Satan use money, fame, food, raiment, friends, love, pleasure to bait us. Many Christians, having coveted after these things, are hooked. Christian, take care of yourself!

A word that escapes our mouth does not count very much. But we have seen how by a few careless words they have spread chaos, wounding others and ruining themselves. Proverbs 10:19 says, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise." Christian, take care of yourself!

When a Christian fears men, he will be snared by Satan's net. He will do things displeasing to God. When King Saul feared the Philistines, he did not wait for Samuel, but, exceeding his powers, he sacrificed whereby he brought down God's chastisement on his own head (1 Sam 13). Peter feared the clutches of the Jews, so he thrice swore to deny his Lord (Matt 26:69-75). Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Christian, take care of yourself.

Have you not seen the many Christians fallen by the wayside? How pitiful is their plight! How sordid is their way of life! How painfully bitter their livelihood! How when you see them you will sigh in sympathy. But take note of this--have not some among them also received much grace? They had lived once in good circumstances. Owing to carelessness, they have fallen thus. Christian, take care of yourself! Dated June 12, 1931

## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"It is later than you think"!

As the writer to the Hebrews puts it, "For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb. 10:37). This Person that is standing even at the door is our Lord, and He will enter any moment now! Yet we little hear of any warning message today on His Second Coming. For this reason it is incumbent on us to awaken our members to the imminence of His Return. Therefore we have decided on the theme of our March 13-17 Family Camp: "Signs of His Coming" (speaker Rev Dan Ebert III).

In the same vein we have decided that the theme for our September Pastors and Leaders Conference at Awana, Genting Highlands, Sept 4-8, '89, should be "Witnessing for Christ in These Last Days" (speaker Dr Arthur Steele).

For expediting the Gospel, we will hasten with the belated ordination of the following: Eric Kwan (New Life), Koa Keng Woo (Muar), Yap Beng Shin (Bethlehem Jurong) and Tang Wai Kay (Calvary). The date and venue: July 31, New Life Church. Meanwhile, we extend our best wishes to (Rev) Lim Jui Kai who is scheduled to be ordained Jan 28, '89.

3 Mins to XII



Doomsday Clock

## Batamail



ROSKA writes (Jan 10):-

I spent the opening New Year in Medan. I gave my parents a good surprise by my sudden coming to Medan. I had blessed times with them and on 5th Jan '89, I returned to Batam.

I enjoy staying with the two Indonesian girls. Elizabeth and Priscilla are their new names given by me and they like their new names very much but they do not know that those names are Christian names. Elizabeth and Priscilla are devout Muslims, praying 5 times a day without fail, but I don't see them reading the Quran. I hope and pray that they may one day come to believe in Jesus.

Mrs Lee is the name of the cook (deaconess). She stays with her husband. She does not speak Indonesian at all and very little English. So you can imagine how I communicate with her everyday. She cooks Korean food and puts lots of Ajinomoto in it. Kim Chee is always served during makan time.

Last Sunday I attended the Korean service (5 pm). Of course I could not understand! They requested me to lead in the Pastoral Prayer. I was shocked. I did not know what to pray for. So I prayed for all things under the sun. Thank God! The Lord helped me how and what to pray.

Last Sunday, the Indonesian service for the Indonesian workers was started. It was held in a container where the Indonesian workers stay, not in the Korean Church. Thirteen of them came. All are Bataks. They are very happy to have Indonesian service in the Complex because there is no transport for them to go to church in town every Sunday. Unfortunately, all of them are men, and soon I will become a gentle man!

My Batam I.C. has not come out yet. I hope it comes soon, so that I can go to Singapore without paying so much money for the fiscal (tax).

So far I have not been going down town since the last time, when Mr Hwang the General Manager took me there just before he sent me to the airport. It takes half-hour from the Shipyard to Nagoya town. So these few days I have been in the Complex, helping in the office (translating some letters into English) and in the kitchen (cutting). It is indeed my pleasure to help them.

I am sure you have been praying for me. Thank you for praying. My special thanks for sending me to Batam and for carrying my things. I am touched by your love, care and concern. May the Lord bless and help us. - ROSKA

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform"

Our Batam Mission has been in our prayers for almost a year. We were convinced that with Roska graduating and expressing her keen desire to be sent to Batam, another Gospel Door was opening. At first we thought this Door was to be entered from Tanjung Pinang through Deacon Teck Hock who has some business connections there. This did not work out until we heard from our Korean students that one of their Deacons was General Manager of the Batamas Shipyard. Mr Hwang who heads this new enterprise is a devout Christian. Before building the shipyard he had a little church installed to cater to his Christian staff (9 out of 13).

Upon further inquiry, we were invited to visit the Shipyard and to meet with Mr Hwang the General Manager. It was like love at first sight when we saw the man and the place. Roska trusted us, and here she is, serving the Lord not only among her own countrymen but also with the Koreans. The population at the Shipyard is around 80 now, but soon will increase to 200. "For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zech. 4:10). Pray for Roska! - T.T.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (23rd - 29th Jan)

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Church Growth (Rev Goh S. F.)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Charlie Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	Ng Tze Leong & Esther Lim
	6.00 pm	Shuh Chaang Wed. (Rev P. Tan)
		AF Anniversary (FEBC Hall, Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	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
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,641 (8.00 am)

\$4,583 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1700)\$20; 1701)\$200.

Total \$1,385,523.18

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Burma \$100(New Life BPC), \$40(N. Life S.S.); Melbourne \$300; Perth Ch. Renov. \$100; Reformation Banner \$50; FEBC \$800, \$300; K. Sawit BPC \$100; Batam \$100; Reformed Tract \$200; Missions \$150, \$50; Tabernacle BPC \$5,500; ~~1~~ Finished Filipino Ch. US\$290, ¥8,000, \$75(Boxes).

"The Gospel Prophets," an applied commentary on Isaiah and Micah by T. Tow, is recommended by Rev Charlie Tan for parallel reading in the Isaiah course. Available from CLBC.

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CORRESPONDENCE from N.E.W.S.  
Re: EXPANSION OF GOD'S KINGDOM

The expression "Expansion of God's Kingdom" came to the Life Church Treasury with a \$9,000 cheque three weeks ago. This sum was distributed as widely as possible to 9 outreaches.

Closely linked to Life Church is Far Eastern Bible College. When we named our Bible College "Far Eastern", we thought that was a broad enough horizon in our sphere of service for the Lord.

As we entered the eighties, however, our horizon was expanded to take in Australia, and beyond ASEAN to India and Burma, yea, even to Kenya, Africa.

Kenya sent us three of her sons--Stephen Masila, Richard Kivai and Michael Koech. All three have become Church leaders, as pastors and teachers.

As more and more applications are received from distant lands (this week we have one recommended by Rev Noah Quashi, author of "Bird's Eye View of the Bible," Ghana), the Lord seems to tell us it's time to take in the whole world! As Life Church and FEBC are situated in a global city within easy reach of hemispheres beyond (S'pore is both the 1st seaport and the 1st airport of the world), our congregation must lift up their eyes with their pastor to undertake a much greater task in the days ahead, while He tarries.

To widen your vision, here are four letters received during the week, CORRESPONDENCE from N.E.W.S., re: "Expansion of God's Kingdom."

I. G H A N A

Dec. 23, 1988



This year's ICCC Congress was certainly a blessing to me and my people. This is also the first time we had such a large group from Ghana.

Thanks a lot for the books you gave me, I have given all out. God bless you for your contribution toward the work here in Ghana.

As we discussed, I am planning to build a Bible College in Ghana, if the Lord tarry by 1990, but some of the young men here need further studies to be able to help when our School takes off. As you promise, I am recommending two men for 1989-1990 Academic Year at your school.

They are Pastor Yeboah Gaisie and Pastor Abednego Boye. I am enclosing Pastor Gaisie's application; that of Pastor Abednego will follow soon.

Could you help us with at least 50 copies monthly of the RPG?

II. N E W Y O R K

Jan. 11, 1989

Please find enclosed American Express money order US\$290 for whatever is urgent, may be for Philippines' unfinished church buildings.

Please reply me, just a few words, at once! - C. T. Hsu

III. K U A L A L U M P U R, M A L A Y S I A

Jan. 1989

The Lord had been good to us in 1988. We have altogether baptised nine persons: six adults (five women and one man), one teenager and two children. We expect at least three more to be baptised this coming Easter.

A man by the name of Khor Phek Sing is under severe pressure from his wife who is an ardent Buddhist. Mr Khor loves the Lord and reads our RPG materials for devotions.

Another man is Mr Ang Lian Huan who underwent surgical operation three times. The Lord saves him. He is now completely recovered, driving his newly-bought car and doing his own business.

We do hope you would pray specially for these two men by name before the Lord that they may come to the full knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Financially we did have some improvement. The entire year's offering exceeded \$2,500/= which was about \$208/= per month. At the moment this is given to the pastor for his transport allowance, plus other church expenses such as electrical bills, Sunday School gifts, etc.

IV. A D E L A I D E, A U S T R A L I A

Jan. 8, 1989

Rev Paauwe writes in Lively Hope, the weekly correspondence of Hope BPC. He tells of fellowship with one of his former students at FEBC:-

Today we welcome Brutus Balan to our pulpit. He is a graduate of Far Eastern Bible College in Singapore and the pastor of Wyndham People's Church in Wyndham, Western Australia. We also welcome into our midst Mrs Taya Balan and their two children, Joel and Talitha. May God bless their short visit with us.

In the April-June 1988 issue of the Reformation Banner, the Balans tell about Wyndham and their work there. They write:

"Wyndham, the 'top town of the west' - Western Australia, is quite unknown even in Perth. Once a thriving gold-mining town, then a beef exporting port, which brought in the crocodiles, which brought in the tourists, now is dead with no industry and much unemployment. While the crocs ate the crumbs that were washed off the abattoir, the militant unions swallowed the goose that laid the golden eggs. Now the building is derelict, the crocs migrated to livelier waters and the tourist left standing wide-eyed by the estuary.

"Listed as one of the harshest places in climate and in human isolation, Wyndham spells 'win them' in God's mandate to us. Cyclones, flash floods, sudden rapid creeks, ferocious crocodiles, mosquitoes, flies and heat reaching up to 47°C in the day and 32°C at night consistently from about September to April make life here inhospitable. Yet people live here and so can we. Wyndham was home the moment we touched its soil. After all, being in the centre of God's will and knowing it for sure is home. . . . .

"The aboriginals are in a dream-world of impulsive walkabouts (now Toyota-4WD driveabouts). Almost all of them are alcoholics. Dawn draws them to the town 'water-hole' (the liquor shop) and at dusk they hit the dust drunk, one in body and spirit with their mother land. Grog, drug, disease and dirt are characteristic of this pathetic people. Perhaps in two generations' time, history books will tell a tale of the extinct dinosaur and the Australian aboriginals. There is absolutely no motivation or direction in life. The present dotting government, generous with grants, almost seems sinister in speeding their 'natural' extinction. After much sweat, tears and years the white missionaries brought many to the Lord but are left brokenhearted for many have returned to alcohol and sin. Only a supernatural intervention of God can bring sanity to this race.

"This little church of 12 members and about 30 worshippers was pastorless for 14 years and an elder was sustaining the work . . . . Harsh climate and psychological conditions deter many pastors from serving up here, so we are teaching the priesthood of believers, instead of waiting for a pastor to baptise the saved in obedience to divine command.

"This town is hard to reach for the Lord. The leadership in the church is weak and passive. As much as we prefer to slow down, the Spirit of the Lord stirs us all the more. We started off with a bang in this town of about 1,000 people. The Lord cancelled the invited evangelistic team for the Kimberley district Easter convention in Wyndham and I replaced them. That introduced me to about 400, mainly aboriginal Christians. Since then, we are in full swing with two Bible studies (one in Kununurra 100 km away from Wyndham)--each session two hours, prayer meetings, Bible study for marrieds, etc. These people need to be pushed, for they have no sense of timing or urgency. Many changes have taken place and we thank the Lord for that. The Lord is giving us tears like never before. Nothing can stand in the way of a mighty river of tears. Pray with us, brethren!"

Ed. Note: Hope BPC has a Van Fund of only \$1,278.80. Our Session has voted S\$5,000 for Adelaide from the Christmas Offerings.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 30 - Feb 5)

MON	7.30 pm	Church Growth & Discipleship (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Charlie Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	4.30 pm	Pastor & Mrs Tow leave for Perth
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Forest of Lebanon, behind Bookroom)
	10.30 am	Rev Frank Low (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	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
	7.30 pm	Korean Evening Service

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,825 (8.00 am)

\$6,699 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1702)\$20; 1703)\$50.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Missions \$450; Kimiko Goto \$500; Batam \$500; Aircon Renovations \$2800, \$200, \$400, \$820, \$3000, \$780; 1/2-Finished Filipino Ch. \$1000 ("My Tithe"), \$100(Boxes); China \$20.

Do you know that the bursting of the pipe-line along the churchside carpark costs \$550?

Pray for Mrs Lim Hong Hock for speedy recovery, now at NUH, Ward 44 Bed 18. Also for Mrs William Seah, now discharged from hospital.

Register now for our Family Bible Camp at Malacca's Shah's Beach Resort, Mar. 13-17. Speaker: Rev Dan Ebert III. Application forms are available today. Registration closes Feb. 26!

Sabbath for domestic helps! Please encourage yours to come to Church by granting them the rest Divinely appointed. Join the Filipina Fellowship after Sunday worship and the Indonesian Service 4.00 pm at the FEBC Hall!

- JOY IN SERVING THE LORD -  
(to tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers")

'Tis great joy to serve the Lord,  
May we do our best!  
For our God is coming,  
There's no time to rest!  
As we consecrate our love,  
He will give us strength  
To advance His kingdom,  
Serve Him to the end.

Onward servants of the Lord--  
Give Him all your best;  
For our God is coming,  
There's no time to rest!

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## PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA



My dear Readers,

We are called to minister in Perth again during Chinese New Year to speak at their 3rd Anniversary, the two Sundays of Feb. 5 & 12, and at other services in between, one being the showing of the Blind Korean Pastor. Our visit coincides also with the starting of Renovations to the Church at Mount Pleasant on Feb. 6. I write on Australia this week not only to request your fervent prayers for us in Perth, but also to widen your horizon to other cities shown on the sketch map--Padbury, Wyndham, Cootamundra, Melbourne, Adelaide.

### Perth

Perth was founded exactly 3 years ago at Chinese New Year by Dr Tow Siang Hwa in answer to Mrs Seetor's repeated requests. Mrs Seetor was a convert at Calvary-Jurong (Chinese). Incidentally, I had the privilege of baptising her because she is Cantonese (and there were other Cantonese candidates), and they required a Cantonese-speaking pastor. So, when I was sent to Perth in the early days, wasn't I glad to meet the Seetor family? But I was happier to meet Robin Tan and his wife Patricia, Lifers who had migrated to Perth five years ahead.

Today Perth is managed by a committee comprising Robin and Eng Lam (another Lifer) with Mark Heath and his wife Grace (of Sembawang) both FEBC graduates, and others who are well settled in the Land.

Then there is a second Church founded at Padbury coming soon to one year old. This second church was an outreach to the northern part of Perth, some 20 km from the Mount Pleasant Church. This caters to a fast-growing township and needs the more our prayerful support because it is still young and tender.

As both Perth and Padbury look more to us for succour, let us do our best for them, especially you who have visited these two churches. Though Session has voted A\$100,000 as a gift and another sum on loan, this is still a long way to the total cost of A\$360,000. The Church has so far collected A\$30,519.60 + S\$2,000. Our Chinese Service, hearing that we're going downunder, gives a S\$300 hongbao. "Many a mickle makes a muckle."

### Wyndham

If you have read last week's N.E.W.S. letters, you'd recall the fourth one vividly describing this remote township with a burning desert climate. Here are situated Brutus Balan, an FEBC graduate, and his wife and two children, ministering to the aboriginals, a ministry truly of sweat and tears. We have therefore included them in our "Christmas List." Let us not forget to pray for the Balans.

### Cootamundra

Making a big hop across the continent to the southeast, we come to Cootamundra. In this little city between Sydney and Melbourne, there are Peter Clements and Anne (Gradusov), both FEBC graduates. They are a wonderful couple as you can recall their smiles, full of joy and peace. Peter was a WEC missionary to Indonesia, but being refused entry, was led to study at FEBC. He spoke good Indonesian and was one of seven founding members of our Kebaktian, Feb. 7, 1982. Interestingly, Anne joined the FEBC by first coming to our Indonesian Service. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." Today the young couple have a child and both are happily ministering to a Presbyterian Church with a congregation of 50.

### Melbourne

Melbourne is much in the news with a brochure released by Dr Tow Siang Hwa. This is the farthest outreach of Calvary BPC. According to a Chinese saying, it takes the strength of "nine oxen and two tigers" to maintain this mission. As it has no resident pastor, my brother has to go there several times a year, also to hold Bible Camp. Among the "oxen" sent to Melbourne waters (Isa. 32:20) are Elders Khoo and Chia, Dr Patrick Tan and myself, representing Life Church. Then there is Lim Hai Seng of Batu Pahat (now migrated to Australia) another FEBC graduate serving on the church staff. Hai Seng edits a full church paper, preaches once a month, and drives the church van.

The Church today has an attendance of 70, and worships on the borrowed premises of a school. Nevertheless, they have purchased an AOG Church which should come into full possession by the end of this year. This property costs A\$750,000, half of which is borne by the local congregation.

### Adelaide

There's a saying, "Australia is the driest continent, and South Australia is the driest state," and Adelaide its capital is perhaps the driest city. If not physically dry, I can believe, spiritually driest! Known as a city of churches, you can rarely see a congregation of a hundred. I'm told that a white church, if it has 30 on a Sunday morning, that will be very encouraging.

Into this situation were the Paaupes sent over five years ago to start a Fundamental Bible College of Australia. It was soon after Perth that the Paaupes were led to establish a Hope BPC (affiliated with S'pore). In this city dry like a desert and the ground hard as rock, the Paaupes have been labouring ceaselessly. Today, they have several core families and the Sunday Service gathers between 20 and 40. What makes it harder to work is the lack of public transport. To alleviate this situation, the local church has started a Van Fund. After some months they could gather only A\$1,200. Our Session has therefore voted S\$5,000 from our "Christmas List" to give them a boost.

This is one very needy area where our tithes and thankofferings can go. If you cannot go out with the Gospel to win souls for Christ (note that Gospel is spelt first with GO . . .) you can have a share in the Adelaide Evangelism by giving to their Van Fund.

Let me tell you a little anecdote before I close. As you know, we have a great development at Kelapa Sawit. Now Kelapa Sawit Church is situated on the very top of K. S. village. When our second storey rose above the Kindergarten Complex, the roof could be seen from far below. In order to make Christ known to distant passers-by we suggested a stainless steel cross above the gable. This cross, 8' by 4', costs M\$600 to put up. I said to Elder Sng at the Prayer Meeting, "Perhaps if we announce it, someone might want to have a part in that cross." An hour or so after Prayer Meeting, a phone call came, "Two persons have claimed that cross!" Perhaps another two persons can so give as to let Hope BPC in Adelaide start off with a second-hand van!

Now, I'm sure you have enjoyed visiting Australia with me through this flying Weekly. The Lord is coming soon. S'poreans are living in a southern paradise. How obedient are we to the Lord who has commissioned us to go into all the world? How thankful are we to Him for daily showering us His bountiful gifts--joy of salvation and abundance in livelihood?

Pray for us, that our going to Perth again might be a blessing, not a burden.

Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

REV GEORGE AWAD WRITES FROM

BEIT SAHOUR (Bethlehem)

It is good to write to you now specially as Habib my son has joined FEBC. We had a letter from Habib and it seems he enjoys being with you in the college. I am sure Habib told you many things about us here. The Church paid the whole amount of money for the Church Land. The people here will never forget the help and the love you gave to the Church. It was a dream of our Church to own a piece of land. God blessed us and we pray that God will bless you all and keep you for His glory. Things here are very difficult, but God is good to us. He can protect His children and His Church. The church services and activities are going on as usual.

Ed Note: Ironically, this letter arrives the day before Habib is told by Immigration to leave. Rom. 8:28.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 6 - 12)

MON	8.00 am	Chinese New Year Service (Rev P. Tan, interpreted by Peter Chng)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Rev P. Tan)
WED		FEBC Vacation
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Charlie Tan)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.30 pm	YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
	4.00 pm	LBC 13th Anniversary
	6.30 pm	Sharon YF Anniversary at FEBC Hall
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Bob Phee, Lord's Supper)
	8.30 pm	Pastor & Mrs Tow return GF from Perth

#### Alleged plot to convert Malays to Christianity

##### JUDGMENT RESERVED IN ISA APPEAL CASE

(The Straits Times, Feb 1, '89)

KUALA LUMPUR — The Supreme Court here has reserved judgment on an appeal by the government against the High Court's release of an Internal Security Act detainee accused of involvement in a plot to convert Malays to Christianity.

Jamaluddin Othman, who is also known as Yeshua Jamaluddin, was detained on five charges under the Act.

He was alleged to have been involved in activities which were said could cause tension and enmity between Muslims and Christians and thus endanger the country's security.

Jamaluddin was subsequently released from detention when the High Court allowed his application for a writ of *habeas corpus* on Oct 6 last year.

DPP Mohamed Raus Shariff told the Supreme Court, comprising Lord President Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Omar, Chief Justice of Malaya Tan Sri Hashim Yeop Sani and Supreme Court judge Datuk Ajaib Singh, that Jamaluddin had left the country.

Jamaluddin was, however, represented by counsel Lee Min Choon at Monday's hearing.

After the submissions, Tan Sri Hamid said the court was reserving judgment because the issue had a far-reaching effect.

In his submission, Mr Mohamed Raus argued that the Home Minister had said in his order against Jamaluddin that the detention was necessary to stop him from threatening the country's security.

He said that the order was valid and that Jamaluddin's involvement in an organised plot to convert Malays to Christianity could cause tension and hostility between the two religions.

Mr Lee submitted that to detain Jamaluddin for planning to propagate his religion was to detain him for exercising his constitutional right under the constitution.

The minister had acted in excess of his power and outside the scope of the Internal Security Act when he ordered Jamaluddin to be detained, he added.

When releasing Jamaluddin, High Court Justice Datuk Annar Zainal Abidin had ruled that the detention order was null and void and was made against the constitution and outside the purview of the ISA. — Bernama.

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,074 (8.00 am)	*\$2200 to Church Staff
\$6,260 (10.30 am)	(details next week)
EXTN BLDG FUND 1704)\$20; 1705)\$100; 1706)\$200; 1707)\$220. Total \$1,386,133.18	
*OFFERINGS FOR: <u>4-Finished Filip. Ch.</u> \$50, \$2000 (pastor's hand); <u>Aircon Renov.</u> \$2000; <u>Roska (Batam)</u> \$200, \$200; <u>Missions</u> \$1000; <u>RPG</u> \$650; <u>Perth</u> \$300 (Chinese S.); <u>K. Sawit</u> \$200; <u>VBS</u> \$750; <u>Tabernacle BPC</u> \$150; <u>China</u> \$50, \$20, <u>India</u> \$50; <u>Thailand</u> \$50; <u>Burma</u> \$20; <u>Reformation Banner</u> \$20.	





## Pastoral Chat

My dear Readers,

### What has Happened to the Bukit Batu Fund?

The Bukit Batu Fund was started on the eve of New Life's Inauguration, Oct. 1983. This enabled us to acquire 25,000 sq.ft. of high land in Bukit Batu Village at M\$1 per sq.ft. At that time the exchange rate was S\$0.90 = M\$1.00. This land is held in trust in the names of Elder John Ling and Elder Dr (Dato) Tow Siang Yeow (being Malaysian).



This prime land at the head of a proposed new housing estate was to be developed in a year. By that time, however, the building business began to totter. The recession was on by 1985. The development of the new estate has therefore been held in abeyance to this date. Our plan to develop a Church-kindergarten-campsite complex fell through.

As an alternative, we paid out of the Bukit Batu Fund a sum to lease a terrace house in the town area for 2 years, plus furniture and fixtures. Meanwhile, there was a move to buy over No. 6 Gilstead Road, the property opposite our Church. To rally to this immediate need, we transferred the BBF to our Church Extension Fund. Now that the deal is off (as you can see when you come to church), the BBF is naturally preserved. When the day comes to revive the Bukit Batu Project, Life Church will release the sum designated to make full payment. Cannot a Mother Church thus manage the affairs of an infant Church?

The openness of our Weekly receipts, designated or otherwise, has inspired full confidence in our givers. As the Lord has led Session to promote certain worthy projects, so have members spontaneously responded. Another reason why support to these Gospel enterprises has been so fervent is the assurance that we have managed our funds prudently and cost-effectively. Our accounts are open to any member to investigate, yea, everything is bare before you at every Annual Congregational Meeting. Whether the Bukit Batu Fund or the latest Batam Fund, it is administered with utmost care by our honorary and honourable treasurers. Amen.

### Questions From a Young Christian

**QUESTION 1 :** "I'm 15 years old and I have some questions which I really need help. So I thought of seeking the FEBC for help. I am from Yio Chu Kang Gospel Hall and we not practise tongues-speaking.

"A year ago, my friend invited me to her (Charismatic) Church. When I saw them speaking in tongues, I was very frightened, as this was my first time. She then told me that the Bible did mention the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. For example, John the Baptist told the crowd that someone greater than him would come to baptise the people with the Holy Spirit and fire. However, there doesn't seem to be any interpretation.

"I also attended a part-time camp organised by the Assembly of God. Each time after they sang, they would start tongues-speaking again. However, when the song leader said, "You may sit down," they stopped immediately and sat down. I don't understand why they stopped so abruptly.

"I would like to know more about tongues-speaking and should we practise it? In what circumstances?"

**ANSWER:** Proper tongues-speaking came from God at Pentecost. Proper tongues-speaking is the speaking of a foreign language not learnt by the speaker. The tongues of Pentecost have ceased (I Cor. 13:8).

The type of tongues-speaking you heard is the confusion heard at the Corinthian Church. No interpreter (I Cor. 14:5). One qualification of God-sent tongues-speaking is "words easy to be understood" (I Cor. 14:9). Mere da-da-da-da or ba-ba-ba is no speech, therefore disqualified. Paul says, "Yet in the Church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (I Cor. 14:19). To call off so-called tongues-speaking shows all this is humanly motivated, not Holy Spirit power. Get a copy of "A Stone Made Smooth" at our Bookroom. Here Wang Ming Tao tells how he gets out of tongues-speaking.

**QUESTION 2 :** "Are the Roman Catholics' doctrines totally different from ours? Would some of them get to heaven also? Do they believe in water baptism?"

**ANSWER :** We are Protestants. Luther our leader got out of Roman Catholicism because of its evil doctrines. If a Roman Catholic sees the light and comes out like Luther, surely he will find salvation.

**QUESTION 3 :** "My father does not allow me to be baptised (water baptism) as he says I'm too young. Do you think I should go ahead, keeping it a secret, or to pray and wait for his consent?"

**ANSWER :** This is between you and God. The Holy Spirit will guide you as you search the Scriptures.

**QUESTION 4 :** "My cousin met with a Jehovah's Witness but fortunately, she managed to escape. If the government knows about it, will they get into trouble?"

ANSWER : Jehovah's Witnesses are against National Service. For this reason, our Government is against them. Your cousin is O.K.!

QUESTION 5 : "I would also like to know more about the Seventh Day Adventists."

ANSWER : Seventh Day Adventists' worship on Saturday is like "go-stan-balek"! They want to follow Jewish practice when Jesus has blessed the Lord's Day and the Apostles kept Sunday (Rev. 1:10).

#### A Glimpse of FEBC's Homiletics "Swimming Pool"

Every Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, you can hear a sermon preached live by a student at chapel to the whole College. Sometimes a model sermon is distributed to the class for study and comment. The following comment by Korean student Rev. Lee Won Bok on Spurgeon's exposition of the Good Samaritan (as reprinted in The Sword and Trowel) is enlightening. As one with a good number of years in the pastoral ministry, he sees in depth what younger students do not.

Rev Lee Won Bok comments:

C. H. Spurgeon is one of the greatest preachers. He always preached the revelation of God from the Bible. I had preached this parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) a few times in my Korean Presbyterian Church. Still, when I read Spurgeon's sermon, I felt big shame. I found myself so poor in spirit before God.

Of course, I have my own style and principle for preaching. But I need to learn more homiletic principles and skills for delivering sermons. Spurgeon's sermon is expository and has a theme. His message makes application to all, both young and old, rich and poor. So, his message has a power to change one's soul, which is the fundamental purpose of a sermon.

When I read Spurgeon's sermon on the Good Samaritan, my heart burnt in me. I thank God because I became another healed through the Good Samaritan. I confessed to God that I did not care for the wounded, weak and rejected ones as a good steward who received much blessings from the Lord should. Spurgeon has taught me how to preach to the congregation and how to live with Jesus Christ as a good Christian.

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

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Church Growth (Rev Goh S. F.)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	WF Family Night
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm-LTF; 3pm-LBC
	3.30 pm	Rev Tow speaks at YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tow (Elder Seow)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	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	Kebaktian Indonesia
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,819.00 (8.00 am)

\$5,473.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1708)\$95; 1709)\$1000; 1710)\$100(Indonesian S.); 1711)\$623(Chinese S.). Total \$1,387,951.18

#### OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Perth Renov.

\$400, \$100; Adelaide Van Fund \$150; Bethel BPC (Melb.) \$250; Burma \$500, \$230(WF), \$200; Gospel Tracts \$500; Reformed Tract Distributors \$50; Tabernacle BPC \$500; Batam \$500(WF), \$200; Kelapa Sawit Renov. \$200 \$1200, \$82; J. Wonsia Family Airfare \$1000; Aircon Renov. \$1300; Missions \$3500, \$80; FEBC Bldg Fund \$150; Chng Nai Yee \$50. (From 29/1: Rev Tow \$500; Rev Tan \$500; P. Chng \$300; C. Wong \$300; C. Seet \$200; J.P. David \$200; Jess \$200.)

Have you registered for the Family Bible Camp? Rev Dan Ebert III is main speaker at this Camp to be held at the Shah Beach Resort, Malacca, Mar. 13-17, '89. Registration must be made on forms (available at Church counter) accompanied by \$20 reg. fee. Hurry, vacancies are limited! Don't miss the Lord's blessing at our Bible Camp! Calling all Ladies of our Church (and their families): The Women's Fellowship warmly invites you to their Family Night, this Friday, Feb. 17, 7.30 pm at the FEBC Hall. Join in an evening of worship and fellowship. A Potluck supper follows after the service.

#### - FORGET & REMEMBER -

Forget the word of slander heard;  
Forget the harsh, the cruel word;  
Forget the strife, the bitter test;  
Forget it all, in Him find rest.  
Forget the storms of yesteryear;  
Forget the rocks, the days so drear;  
Forget the clouds you must pass through;  
Forget it all--He loveth you.  
Forget the foe, the woundings had;  
Forget the rain, the weather bad;  
Forget the snow, the days so cold;  
Forget it all as time grows old.  
Remember this, His sovereign grace  
Sufficient is for every place;  
O'er every foe with Christ within,  
We shall o'ercome, the victory win.

- Ernest O. Sellers

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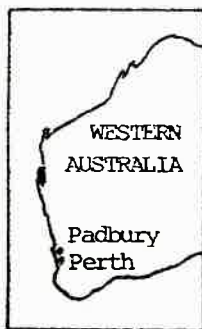
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With your fervent prayers we arrived safely in Perth Saturday night and were cleared of Customs by 10 pm without a hitch. We were warmly received by Robin, Mark and Grace, Eng Lam, Shirleen and Baby Swee Lee, and a number of young people.

Sunday morning we taught an open Sunday school on the Moral Law of God, after which was the 10 am Morning Worship. Here we spoke from Haggai on "Exhortation to Rebuild God's House," applying it to the Renovation of the Mt. Pleasant Church. At dusk, we were driven to a brand new school at Padbury where the Evening Worship was held at 7 pm. Here we preached on the true meaning of Christian Fellowship (through His blood) from I John 1. Both services were not fully attended, because it is school vacation time in Perth, so the students that made up a good part of the congregation were still at home in Malaysia and Singapore, and these would not return till end of February. Attendance at Mt Pleasant was 230; Padbury, 34.



the night of the showing told me she would bring an offering Sunday morning. It was a hongbao of A\$40 which is equivalent to S\$67.60. The total sum to Pastor John Ahn is S\$607.60.

After a second show, the Film will be sent to Rev. Paaue, Adelaide. From Adelaide it will head for Melbourne, and from Melbourne it should be brought back to S'pore after the Easter Camp.

The Chinese New Year Dinner which celebrated also the 3rd Anniversary of the Church was attended by 155. What made it significant was the religious service woven into it. A dozen testimonies were given, interspersed with singing of hymns. My message, which was interpreted into Cantonese by Mr Stephen Cheng, dwelt on the V Commandment. Chinese New Year is a time to show filial piety to our parents and to receive their blessings. From our earthly father we traced up to the Heavenly Father. So Chinese New Year is meaningless without Worship and Thanksgiving to God. Praise God, Life Church's Chinese New Year Worship, drawing both English and Chinese congregations together, is a good example for BPCWA.

The YF has grown tremendously. Younger members have stepped up to a new leadership. Some of the young people whose parents I had baptised in S'pore and even at Batu Pahat were like my grandchildren. The message given to the YF was from Prov. 3:5-10--Formula for Success and Prosperity: 1. Confide your problems with Christ; 2. Consecrate your livelihood to Christ. To seal the message, an old chorus, "Trust in the Lord and Don't Despair" was sung over and over again.

The climax of this Mission was reached when we taught the open S.S. again on "The Sevenfold Will of God" to dispel Dispensational and Hyper-Calvinistic doctrines that have invaded the Church. The young Church here not only needs nurture, but also culture from virus attacks. One such attack is "Double Predestination" without due consideration of God's Justice. To dispel Hyper-Calvinism, I quoted liberally from Dr Buswell's Systematic Theology in the BPCWA Weekly (edited by Mark Heath).

The climax of this Mission was reached, indeed, when we baptised three University students at their own request. When Cornelius was saved in his house, Peter "commanded them to be baptised" (Acts 10:48). How could anyone prevent these three God-loving people from baptism who have gone through the Church Catechism Class and have testified by pen their salvation and the Spirit's prompting for baptism? Surely you would rejoice together with angels above "over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10). A sample testimony of salvation is from Yong Chor Hon:

"God put a desire in me to seek after a Supreme Being, namely Himself. I went through different phases, viewing God through perspectives of different religions. All this I went through bound by intellectual human reasoning; it was fruitless. God gracefully brought me to a point whereby I had to accept Him purely by faith alone.

"That was a little over 3 years ago, and I am grateful that the Lord mercifully put me on a path to Him.

"Ever since then I've been growing at a fast rate, observing (painful) changes in areas of character, priorities, needs, and especially the knowledge of God (which is the most wonderful of all!). Most of what I've learned of God has been through my personal morning devotions. I thank God the Holy Spirit for His reproving, correcting, instructing and preserving till now and till I meet the Lord.

"Now I do not wish to disobey the Lord any longer, but to carry on with my Christian life by taking this step of baptism. I've not only been missing out on one, but two, sacraments: Holy Communion as well. Not taking the Lord's Supper makes me feel like a heathen, only allowed to watch the Communion. But I understand that to take it in the heart is more important than taking it only physically.

"I conclude now by praising God the Son, Jesus Christ, for His atoning grace and His faithful fellowship. Amen."

As to our challenge to members who attended the Chinese New Year Dinner to bring a Hongbao to the Lord for the Renovation of His House, the Thanksgiving Service received a total of over A\$1,000. (There is much room for improvement.) One of my purposes of going downunder was to prod the Congregation, especially its leaders, to give their tithes, the sacred tenth, to the Lord. Those who withhold have robbed God (Mal. 3:8). And those who dwell in "cilded houses" (houses with luxurious furnishings) while God's House is lying cold, "earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6).

Australia is now served by B-Ps and FEBCs in Perth, Padbury, Wyndham, Cootamundra, Melbourne and Adelaide. The greatest need is Melbourne as they do not have a pastor. Therefore we are sending Elder Khoo Peng Kiat and his wife to Melbourne again, Feb. 14, 1989. Pray for Melbourne. Pray for all the other cities we have listed above.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

BATAMAIL (Letter from Roska)

11th Feb. 1989

I would like to thank you for sending me the tape-player [costing \$150]. I was glad to receive it.



I am fine in Batam, and am getting used to the place and the Koreans here.

Last week, I had worship service in my room by myself, listening to the Life Sunday Worship Service at 10.30 am (22nd Jan. '89). I was encouraged and my faith was strengthened by the message given by Pastor from Acts 15:36-41. I miss the worship service at Life Church.

May the Lord give me the strength and faithfulness to do His Will.

Ed. Note: Roska holds regular Indonesian Services every Sunday with about 14 attending. On weekdays she runs a Bible Class and an English Class of about 15. Since only two members of the Bible Class own Bibles, she has ordered 20 new ones from Medan. Who would like to give toward these 20 Indonesian Bibles? (Cost around S\$280.)

#### ◀ INDONESIA SINGERS

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20th - 26th Feb)				KELAPA SAWIT RENOVATIONS: \$1816*; \$200; \$100; \$60.			
MON	7.30	pm	Discipleship & Church Growth	EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1712)\$300; 1713)\$20;			
TUE	6.30	pm	Wedding Rehearsal	1714)\$200. Total \$1,388,471.18			
	8.00	pm	Prayer Meeting	OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Bethel(Melb.) BF			
THU	7.30	pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)	\$170, \$300; Adelaide Van Fund \$50, \$77; Perth			
SAT	1.00	pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF	Ch. Renov. \$20, \$400; 1/2-Finished Filipino Ch.			
	2.30	pm	Calvin Tan & Geraldine Koh	\$120, \$40(Boxes), \$50(LTF); Thailand \$200;			
			Wedding (Rev P. Tan)	Tracts \$20; FEBC \$250(N. Life), \$200(by			
	3.00	pm	LBC	post); Tabernacle BPC \$50.			
	7.30	pm	Rev Tow at YF	Family Camp at Malacca Beach, March 13-17, '89.			
	4.00	pm	YAF	Rev Dan Ebert III speaking on "Signs of His			
SUN	8.00	am	Pr. Colin Wong	Coming." "Draw nigh to God and He will draw			
	9.30	am	Sunday School	nigh to you!" There's a blessing awaiting			
	9.30	am	Catechism Class	you! Register now!			
	10.30	am	Rev Timothy Tow	A Council of B-P Pastors was inaugurated Feb.			
	10.30	am	Chinese Service	13, '89 at the FEBC Library who come from			
	10.30	am	Junior Worship	the following churches: Life, Calvary, Beth-			
	10.30	am	Church & Junior Choirs	Jurong, Nazareth, Galilee, New Life, Sembawang,			
	11.45	am	Filipina Fellowship	Shalom, Grace, Sharon, Emmanuel. The Council			
	12.15	pm	Korean Church Service	has decided to hold Easter Sunrise Service			
	3.00	pm	Thai Service	6.30 am at the West Coast Park, speaker Rev			
	4.00	pm	Indonesian Service	Timothy Tow.			
	4.30	pm	Sharon BPC Service	Expresgram to Dr A. Steele: Your message			
	6.00	pm	Tamil Service	on Elijah now ready to go to press. Awaiting			
	7.30	pm	Korean Evening Service	your return to teach in July! Request to speak			
CHINESE N. YEAR SERVICE OFFERINGS: \$1,816*				at Awana in Sept., "Witnessing for Christ in			
LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:				these last days."			
\$3,024 (8.00 am)				Teacher wanted for FEK. Call Mrs Tan, 2513676.			
\$6,492 (10.30 am)				Teacher wanted for FEK. Call Mrs Tan, 2513676.			
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## What is the Greatest Event that can Happen in the Life of a Church?

Anniversary? When the Church is packed to overflowing? In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus regards not the 99 in congregation but rather the one that is lost in the wilderness: "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

What about exorcism? "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name . . . Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

From these two passages we conclude that the greatest event that can happen in the life of a Church is when the lost soul has come to Christ, and the occasion that "officially" marks his salvation is Baptism Day! If Baptism is not so important, read the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20: ". . . baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost . . . ." Mark 16:16 says, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved."

Now, the importance of baptism and therefore at the earliest opportunity is stressed by none other than the Apostle Peter. He baptised the three thousand the same day they were converted. When Cornelius and his household were saved through his preaching, he declared, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptised? . . . And he commanded them to be baptised in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:47,48).

At seminary we were taught not to delay baptism in anyone who requests it so long as he can show forth the fruits of faith and repentance. Therefore, in my recent trip to Perth I baptised three University students who came to see me specially about this. Below are two more testimonies of the candidates, the first being published last week.

### 1. Testimony of Lee Seow Cheng (BPCWA)

I came to know the Lord in a very gradual way. He has always surrounded me with Christian teachers and friends to witness to me. Through their testimonies, I came to receive Christ as my only Saviour and begin to trust Him more and more.

The year before I came over to Perth, I attended a Methodist Church. During that time, I always questioned myself because I found that I was looking forward to meeting the YFers more than receiving God's Word. One year has passed by and it was God's will to send me over here to further my studies. I realise that my attitude towards God's Word has changed. I look forward to YF, Sunday School and Church Service because I want to learn more of His Word. It is so encouraging to know that God has given us so many promises and His love toward us is always steadfast. In these two years, I have grown to love the Lord more and more, for He never fails to carry me through in times of difficulties. He has even opened the door for me to serve Him in the YF. This is a new challenge to me whereby I can see God giving me an opportunity to take part in one of His ministries.

I have decided to seek baptism because it is a fulfilment of God's commandment, a public confession of faith, and a blessing on my soul, i.e. being allowed to partake of the Holy Communion. Last but not least, I would want to be an example as a YF committee member by taking this step of obedience.

### 2. Testimony of Bonnie Wong (BPCWA)

I was born into a Christian family and, ever since I can remember, I've been attending church and Sunday school. I thank my Lord for both my parents and my grandparents; they have always given me the opportunity to learn about God and Christianity. However, they have never forced me to go to church or forced me to accept Jesus Christ. I gave my life to Christ and accepted Him as my personal Lord and Saviour on 18th April 1978. It was at a Girls' Brigade (a Christian youth organisation) meeting when a visiting pastor came and invited us all to commit our lives to the Lord.

Since that day, I have made many commitments to Christ. In fact, I make it a point to commit my life to the Lord every fresh new day. I thank my Lord for my salvation and for His love for me. God loves me so much that He has given His only begotten Son Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. Now, I can rejoice because I can be sure that I will have eternal life with my Heavenly Father. Christ has really done so much for me and has been so real to me. He has always been there when I needed a friend, to comfort and to guide. It is so true when He said, "I'll never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Today, I just want to take this step of obedience and follow the footsteps of my Lord Jesus. To publicly confess my love for the Lord and not to delay my baptism anymore. I would like to share a portion of Scripture with you. It comes from Romans 12:1,2 and it reads, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Indeed, I want to give myself to the Lord as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. I pray that He will use me in whatever manner that is according to His will.

# TESTIMONY BY ROSKA for Batam Outreach

Having stayed in Batamas for nearly two months, I got to know the Indonesian labourers who attend the Kebaktian better. Most of them came from Christian homes. They migrated from Sumatra to Batam, working hard under the suffocating heat of the sun to earn a living. Sad to say, the condition of their spiritual life is very cold toward God. As a result they like to smoke, drink and gamble among themselves. After hearing the Gospel preached to them and how God hates sin, there is a little change in them. They begin to see the gleams of God's truth and love to them. It is then my great privilege and joy to reflect God's character to them by loving them in Christ, in words I speak and in things I do and in explaining God's Word to them patiently, and as clear as possible.

The Lord is increasing the number of people coming to Kebaktian Indonesia. There are now sixteen people. Praise the Lord!

One of them came to believe and accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. He gave up smoking and drinking and wrote his decision on a sheet of paper saying, "I do not want to smoke and drink any more." Salvation comes from the Lord! "... there is the joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10). Praise the Lord!

Last week I received 30 copies of Indonesian hymn books, given by a Korean man (I do not know him) sent from Malang by mail. God provides. Praise the Lord!

Reflection: Won't it be wonderful to see in the near future the baptism of the first Indonesian converts on Batam Island? If there is joy in heaven over this, will there not be joy on earth--even at Gilstead Road? - T.T.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Feb 27 - Mar 5, '89)

MON 7.30 pm Church Growth  
(Rev Goh)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
THU 7.30 pm Isaiah  
(Rev C. Tan)  
SUN 8.00 am Rev P. Tan  
9.30 am Sunday School  
9.30 am Catechism Cl.  
10.30 am Rev Tow  
(Lord's Sup.)  
10.30 am Chinese Serv.  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
11.45 am Filipina Fship  
12.15 pm Korean Church  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian S.  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC S.  
6.00 pm Tamil Service

## LAST WEEK'S GENERAL

OFFERINGS: \$2270 (8.00 am)  
\$5075 (10.30 am)  
½-Finished Filipino Ch. \$100  
(Boxes); \$100; \$75(Boxes);  
\$40(Boxes); \$120; \$50(LTF);  
\$15(Sharon YF); \$400; \$500  
(Thanksgiving).

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Extension Bldg  
Fund \$20; Aircon Renov. \$700, \$30, \$350,  
\$950, \$1800; Adelaide Van Fund \$200; FEBC  
\$140, \$100; Missionaries Fund \$50; Batam  
\$200; Shalom BF \$2000(Thanksgiving); Blind  
Korean Pastor \$607.60(BPCWA, Perth); Jef-  
frey Khoo \$200.

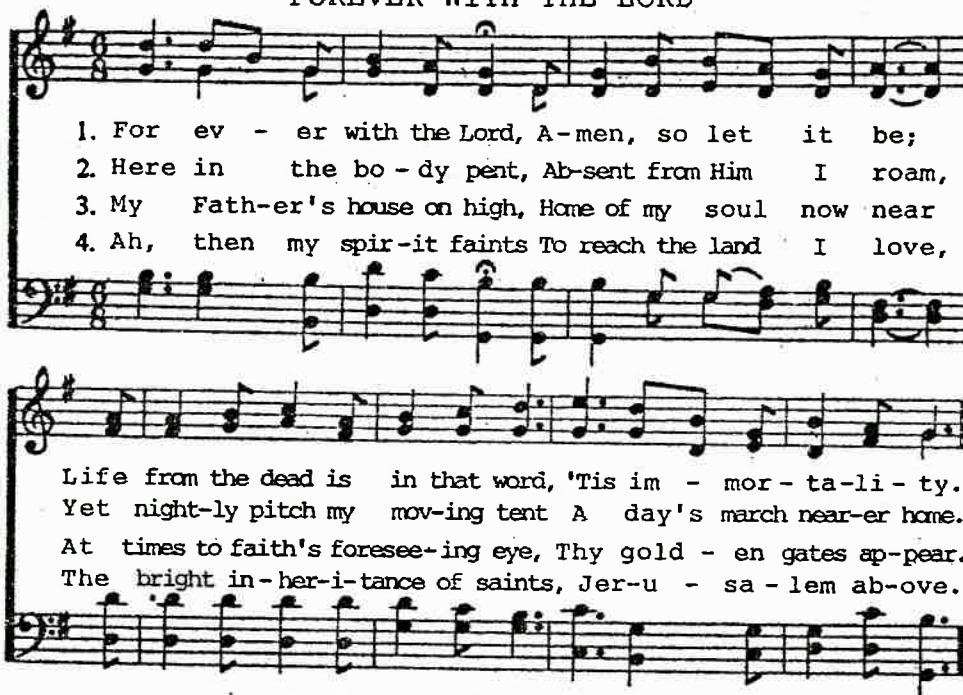
The Hongbaos offered by the Perth Church  
for Renovation totalled A\$1,623.60.

Pastor & Mrs Tow leave 12 noon today to  
minister at Rawang and Muar.

Attend Dedication of Kelapa Sawit Church-  
Kindergarten Extension, Sunday Mar. 12,  
3 pm. Rev Tow officiating.

A little kindergarten boy named Timothy  
whose mother grew up in Life Church under  
"GLTS" brought to the pastor 5 Hongbaos  
each containing two new \$1 notes. This  
shows his heart is touched by the Gospel

## FOREVER WITH THE LORD



1. For ev - er with the Lord, A-men, so let it be;  
2. Here in the bo - dy pent, Ab-sent from Him I roam,  
3. My Fath-er's house on high, Home of my soul now near  
4. Ah, then my spir-it faints To reach the land I love,

Life from the dead is in that word, 'Tis im - mor - ta - li - ty.  
Yet night-ly pitch my mov-ing tent A day's march near-er home.  
At times to faith's foresee-ing eye, Thy gold - en gates ap-pear.  
The bright in-her-i-tance of saints, Jer-u - sa - lem ab-ove.

5. For ever with the Lord,  
Father, if 'tis Thy will,  
The promise of that faithful word  
Even here to me fulfil.

6. Be Thou at my right hand,  
Then can I never fail;  
Uphold Thou me, and I shall stand;  
Fight, and I must prevail.

message given out at FEK. These 5 Hongbaos, like the 5 loaves, are presented to the Lord. Thought: Do you give a sacred Hongbao to the Lord? and do you teach your children to tithe? It's to their spiritual welfare! Life Church Family Bible Camp at Shah's Beach Resort, Malacca, Mar. 13-17, Rev Dan Ebert III speaking. There's a blessing for you there. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you!" (Jas. 4:8)

Attend Easter Sunrise Service (Mar. 26) at  
West Coast Park, 6.30 am, Pastor Tow speaking.  
(Auspices of Council of B-P Pastors.)

Situation Vacant: Teacher at Far Eastern  
Kindergarten beginning March '89. Please  
contact Mrs Tan Poh Yok, tel. 2513676.

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REV. DANIEL JOHN EBERT III

## A Biographical Impression by his son Dan IV

On Sunday afternoons young Dan Ebert could often be found at the side of his father, Rev Daniel Ebert Jr., as the latter ministered to the drunks and outcasts of Philadelphia's Skid Row. His father, who worked as a press manager for the Curtis Publishing Company, was a lay-preacher. By the time of his death three years ago Rev Dan Ebert Jr. had established several churches in the New Jersey-Pennsylvania area, had won hundreds of men and women to the Lord, and had influenced the lives of countless young-people for Christ. Though this is the story of his son, the father must not be forgotten: he is the root from which the tree has sprung.

In such a home, the call to the foreign mission field was received with bitter-sweet joy. There would be sorrow in the years of separation from loved ones, but joy would come from following Jesus to the ends of the earth. Upon receiving his call from the Lord, Rev Ebert underwent his missionary preparation at the New Tribes Mission training institute, this was supplemented with linguistic studies at the University of Wisconsin. Rev Ebert also completed his studies at the South Jersey Bible Institute. Soon the young missionary found himself, along with his wife and three small children, living in the midst of the jungles on the island of Palawan in the Philippines. The Lord had placed him in an obscure corner of His vineyard in an unheard of part of the world. In such a place, surrounded by a primitive people, facing frequent sickness from Malaria, his father's life verses often gave him strength:



"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE the race that is set before us, LOOKING UNTO JESUS the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1,2).

The Lord's timing is perfect. The hearts of the Palawano tribe had been cultivated by the Spirit for conversion. Within the first few years of his labour, a large part of the tribe had turned to Christ. Witch doctors burned their medicine bags, entire villages turned to the Lord, and little churches were built. Now the long and arduous work of translating the New Testament into the Palawano language began. Rev Ebert gave himself to this task with singleness of mind and heart. He would not be distracted. Rarely would he leave the jungle for rest and refreshment. The yearly trip to Manila, wisely required by the mission, he found an irritation. The Palawano saints must have their Bible. The months and years passed. Finally in 1965, despite failing health from malaria and overwork, the task was complete. The first Palawano New Testament came off the press. For having completed this New Testament translation, and for the quality of his work, Rev Ebert was elected to be an honorary life-time member of the United Bible Societies. This was of little value to the weary missionary in comparison with the reality of Palawano Christians now reading God's Word in their own tongue.

During his furlough in America the following year, the Lord led Rev Ebert, in fellowship with several fundamental pastors, to found the Christian Training and Missionary Fellowship. Under the auspices of CTMF, of which he has served as the field director for the past twenty years, Rev Ebert has contributed in many ways to the separatist Bible-believing movement in the ASEAN region. He has taught for many years at the Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute in Metro-Manila, where he presently serves as Dean of the Faculty. During the course of his ministry he has written numerous popular commentaries on various books of the Bible, a series of books on Bible doctrine, and a most significant work on biblical separation entitled, Will our Sons Defend the Faith? Many of these works have been written in preparation for lectures given at yearly pastors' and workers' conferences in the Philippines, but their circulation has extended far beyond this.

In 1977 his eldest son joined him in the work, and in 1979 his younger son also took up the task. Rev Dan Ebert III had been very close in heart and spirit to his own father, this despite their almost constant separation during 30 years of foreign missionary service. When Rev Dan Ebert Jr. was called Home in 1986, the Lord tenderly timed it with the son's furlough. After having spent some happy days together, the father passed away in the hospital. His last conversation had been with his bed-side nurse, to whom he bore witness of God's saving grace. The father who had led the son down Skid Row for Christ so many years ago was now gone. His presence could never be replaced. But the Lord had eased the loss for Rev Ebert by the balm of one son on his right hand and a second on his left. The tree which had sprung from the root now had two branches. Under the counsel of their father the sons have established the Center for Biblical Studies, a small graduate school committed to training pastors in Biblical languages and theology

for the cause of the fundamental separatist Church in the Philippines. At the Centre Rev Ebert teaches Hebrew, Contemporary Theology, and Old Testament studies.

Several years ago Rev Ebert began making annual trips to Singapore, where he has ministered among the Bible-Presbyterian churches. He is a regular contributor to the popular RPG devotional series, and has been a guest lecturer at the Far Eastern Bible College, as well as a guest speaker at several family camps. These visits, as well as the important visits of Dr Timothy Tow and his brother Dr Tow Siang Hwa to the Philippines, have helped to cultivate a healthy and fruitful relationship between the separatist churches in these two ASEAN nations. Important funds coming from the churches in Singapore for relief work in the Philippines, as well as substantial funds for the building of Filipino churches, have been channelled through Rev Ebert.

In the midst of these heavy teaching, writing and administrative ministries, Rev Ebert is preparing for a second publication of the Palawano New Testament, as well as a new edition of the Palawano hymnal.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(6th - 12th March '89)

MON 7.30 pm Church Growth  
(Rev Goh S.F.)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Session meets  
FEBC-Lifers at  
Elder Lim's  
House  
8.00 pm Coordinating  
Committee  
Meeting  
(FEBC Library)  
THU 7.30 pm Isaiah  
(Rev C. Tan)  
9.30 pm Wedding Rehear.  
(Bethany BPC)  
FRI 6.00 pm End-of-term  
Dinner  
8.00 pm House blessing  
at home of  
Mr & Mrs Jona-  
than Tan, Blk  
112, Potong  
Pasir Ave 1,  
#05-650 (1335)  
tel. 2876685

SAT 2.30 pm David Soh & Pauline Leong Wedding  
(Life Church, Rev Patrick Tan)  
5.30 pm Jolly Tan & Leslie Thio Wedding  
(Bethany BPC, Rev Charlie Tan)  
6.45 pm Rev Ebert arriving SQ81  
SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan (Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Sunday School & Catechism Class  
10.30 am Elder Lim Teck Chye (Dn E. Heng)  
10.30 am Rev Ebert at Chinese Service  
3.00 pm Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit Dedication

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS \$2781(8 am); \$6010(10.30 am)  
EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1716)\$500; 1717)\$250.

OFFERINGS FOR: Bibles for Batam \$40, \$300, \$200;  
Batam \$150; Hope BPC Van \$400; Perth Renov. \$20;  
Shalom BF \$100, \$1000, \$10; K Sawit \$100; FEBC \$200.

Motorists are reminded not to park their cars illegally along the double yellow line. There are ample parking lots at the Home Nursing Foundation.

During the week FEBC was favoured with a series of lectures on "Preparation for the Prophetic Ministry" by Rev James O. Hogg, pastor of Stanmore Baptist Church, Sydney.

The Reformed Tape Library will be closed from Mar 6 to Apr 15 for renovations.

We congratulate Dn & Mrs Teo Gim Thong on the birth of a son, 21st Feb. '89.

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#### + TAKE MY LIFE +

DIJON

1. Take my life and let it be Con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to Thee.  
2. Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love.  
3. Take my sil-ver and my gold; Not a mite will I with-hold.  
4. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take my mo-ments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beaut-i-ful for Thee.  
Take my in-tell-ect, and use Ev'-ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my-self, and I will be Ev-er, on-ly, all for Thee.

#### COURT DISMISSES PLEA AGAINST ISA DETAINEE'S RELEASE

(The Straits Times, 25/2/89)

KUALA LUMPUR — The Supreme Court yesterday dismissed an appeal by the government against the release of Internal Security Act detainee Jamaluddin Othman who, it claimed, was involved in a plan to propagate Christianity among the Malays and was a threat to the country's security.

Chief Justice of Malaya Tan Sri Hashim Yeop Sanl, who wrote the judgment, said the grounds for the detention in this case were insufficient to fall within the scope of the ISA.

The basis for detention was the supposed involvement of Mr Jamaluddin in a plan to disseminate Christianity among Malays, but it was not stated that any action had been done by Mr Jamaluddin except to participate in meetings and seminars.

The fourth allegation was that he had converted six Malays.

"We do not think that mere participation in meetings and seminars can make a person a

threat to the security of the country.

"As regards the alleged conversion of six Malays, even if it was true, it cannot, in our opinion, by itself be regarded as a threat to the security of the country," said Tan Sri Hashim.

The government had said Mr Jamaluddin's activities could cause tension and enmity between Muslims and Christians and endanger the country's security.

#### Freedom to profess and practise

The Chief Justice said Article 11 of the Constitution, which guarantees the freedom to profess and practise one's religion, must be given effect unless the actions of a person went well beyond what could normally be regarded as professing and practising one's religion.

Mr Jamaluddin was freed by the High Court on Oct 6 last year. — Bernama.





## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Calvin's Interpretation of Colossians 1:24

"[I] who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the Church."

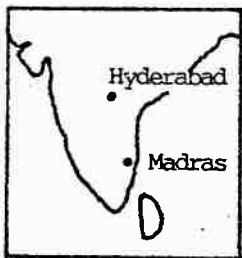
According to Calvin, the Roman Church, which deny the free remission of sins, have required works of satisfaction. When the satisfactions do not fill up the right measure, they call to their help the blood of martyrs, that it may, along with the blood of Christ, avail as expiation at the judgment of God. And this mixture they call the "Treasury of the Church." They twist the above verse to say that Paul here affirmed that his sufferings were for the taking away of men's sins! Thus the Papists gather from this verse that saints are redeemers, whose blood, like Christ's, is shed for the forgiveness of sins!

Calvin refutes this, quoting Augustine, "Though the brethren die for the brethren, yet no blood of any martyr is poured out for the remission of sins. This Christ did for us. Nor has He in this conferred upon us something to imitate, but to give thanks for."

Calvin concludes, "Now that this is the meaning of Paul's words is very clear from the context. For he adds that he suffers according to the dispensation that was committed to him. And we know that there was committed to him the ministry, not of redeeming the Church, but of building it. And he immediately afterwards expressly acknowledges this. This is also what he writes to Timothy, that he endures all things for the sake of the elect, that they may attain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus (II Tim. 2:10).

### Welcome Rev Dan Ebert III

I count Rev Dan Ebert III one of my most esteemed friends. If you have read the story of this missionary of the cross last Lord's Day, you will know him as one serving Christ in the steps of St Paul. It is therefore our great honour to have him speak at our Malacca Camp. I'm sure God has reserved a portion of blessing for each one of you campers. To benefit those who cannot attend, I've asked Rev Ebert to speak at both the 8.00 am



and 10.30 am services the Sunday after camp. What is most regretted is that during the week he is with us in Malacca, I will be away in India, to speak at the Convocation of Bharat Bible College and at their Missions Conference. I'd fly Monday 13th afternoon to Madras, stay there for the night and fly next morning to Hyderabad. I return Sat. Mar. 18 MH31 arriving back 2030 hours. Do pray for me that my mission to India will bring fruit to His glory.

### Kelapa Sawit Dedication This Afternoon, March 12, 3.00 pm

One token of God's blessing is the dedication of the New Two-storey extension and kindergarten. This beautiful addition with a glistening stainless steel cross on its high gables costs over M\$100,000. With the enlargement of two classrooms and two administration rooms, extended baths and toilets, Kelapa Sawit has suddenly become a new camping site for our young people. (The Evangelistic Band is the first to use it!)

Kelapa Sawit Gospel Station was started 1952 by the Evangelise China Fellowship. Owing to logistics difficulties, it was adopted by Life Church and the Evangelistic League Jan. 1954. After some years, it came under Life Church's sole mandate. In 1978 Kelapa Sawit built a handsome church, parsonage and a two-classroom kindergarten. Now it has 4 classrooms and 2 other rooms added.

During the years, Kelapa Sawit has branched out, with the help of Life Church, to Bukit Batu and Air Bemban. Elder John Ling meanwhile has joined FEBC to train for the pastoral ministry. He is completing his second year. The future of this southern church base is bright. What next, Kelapa Sawit?

### Reaching out to Both East and West Coasts

Easter is ushered in when we celebrate Palm Sunday, Mar. 19! Let us prepare specially to meditate on the events of the Holy Week, of our Lord's Sufferings and Death, Good Friday Night (Mar. 24) and climax it with Easter Sunrise Service--this year at West Coast Park. Members from a dozen B-P Churches will be converging 6.30 am, Easter Sunday, at this new place. The Lord's Messenger is Pastor T. Tow, to be interpreted into Chinese by Mr Peter Chng.

On Easter Saturday, however, there will be a Ground-breaking Service on the eastern part of the Island. Rev Tan Choon Seng, pastor of Shalom B-P Church, has invited me to this auspicious occasion. A new BPC will soon rise over a handsome 16,000 sq.ft. plot at Loyang. I have observed one blessing the Lord has bestowed upon the BPC movement--the acquiring of property.

"The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance, And of my camp: Thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: Yea, I have a goodly heritage."

# Meeting of Session and Wives with Young Lifers at FEBC

This first get-together was entertained to a buffet dinner at the First Avenue home of Elder and Mrs Lim, Wed. Mar. 8, '89. A historic meeting, it brought revival to my own heart! How thrilling to hear from the lips of eight young Lifers under training at FEBC, the majority of whom are soon to graduate!



Lee Sock Sim (LBC) is the youngest of them. After her 'A' Levels, two years ago, she immediately joined FEBC. Daniel Yeo is married. He gave up a good job with a travel agency. Alfred his brother, soon graduating, will develop his Christian book-selling ministry. Charles Seet gave up three years of medicine at NUS to join FEBC when he felt called to be a missionary. Now in the third year, he is a great asset to both Church and College. The Lord has rewarded him with a wife, Frieda, an FEBC graduate. Ronny Khoo and wife Lean Im, now pastoring Tabernacle B-P Chapel at Tampines New Town, will continue in this good work. Since Tabernacle was inaugurated about two years ago, a dozen have been baptised! Jemima my daughter, Jeffrey Khoo who has joined Life Church for our separatist stand, (with Dr Patrick Tan) are planning towards Bob Jones University, coming August. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord . . . as arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of the youth" (Ps. 127:3,4). Now, after reading all this, will not your heart be stirred to praise the Lord? Life Church has many outreaches beyond her shores. We need more young Lifers to join their ranks. Young reader, will you be next?

When the pastor was called to give a word of exhortation, he quoted Hebrews 12:1. He said the testimonies of the eight were a sermon to the Session. He exhorted the leaders of Life Church to reconsecrate themselves to the Lord's service, seeing the Lord's coming is at the door. He declared, as his 40th year at Life Church was but a year from now, he would continue to serve with revived zeal. Elder Chia prayed for the eight and Elder Tay closed with another prayer. What a house-blessing too for the Lim family! Amen. - T.T.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (March 13 - 19)

MON 6.30 am Coaches leave for Malacca Camp  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Rev P. Tan)  
FRI 5.30 pm Campers return to Church  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF  
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30 pm - YF  
3.00 pm Dave D. & Trudy Lim Wedding (Rev P. Tan)  
4.00 pm YAF  
7.30 pm Film: "Hudson Taylor"  
8.30 pm Pastor returns MH31 via KL  
PALM 8.00 am Rev Dan Ebert III  
SUN 9.30 am Sunday School  
9.30 am Catechism Class  
10.30 am Rev Dan Ebert III  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Church & Junior 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  
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr ("The Rainbow Covenant")  
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

## LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,692 (8.00 am)

\$7,922 + \$100 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1718)\$500; 1719)\$20; 1720)\$1000; 1721)\$760(Chinese S.); 1722)\$50. Total \$1,391,571.18

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Batam \$500(WF), \$100(Indonesian S.); Batam Bibles \$300; Roska S. \$20; Burma \$300(Indonesian S.); 1/2-Finished Filipino Ch. \$200; Aircon Renov \$800, \$620, \$872.50, \$417.50, \$1800, \$350; Tabernacle BPC \$150, \$1500; Adelaide Van Fund \$50, \$400; Adelaide (Rev Paauwe) \$50, US\$500(C.T. Hsu); China \$50; India

\$50; Brutus Balan \$50; Kelapa Sawit \$62; Missions \$100, \$650.

Corrigendum: \$200 for Batam Bibles reported last week should have been \$280.

CAMPERS going by coach to the Malacca Camp are to meet in Church on Monday (13/3) morning, latest by 6.30 am. Ensure all travelling documents are in order. Those who have not paid the camp fees should do so by today. Pay the fees to Bro. Yiew Pong Sen at the church counter. Bro. Pong Sen may also be contacted at 7822222 if there are any urgent queries concerning the camp.

Infant Baptism Parents wishing their infants to be baptised this Easter Sunday should register with the Church Office (tel. 2569-256) as soon as possible, giving name and birthdate of child.

Easter Sunrise Service, Mar. 26, 6.30 am, West Coast Park: Those who need transport from church to West Coast please register with the deacons at the church counter by today.

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A film you must not miss!

"HUDSON TAYLOR"

The life of Hudson Taylor, pioneer missionary to the interior of mainland China, has inspired thousands to discover the True and Living God. This film covers the early years of his life in China, his courtship and marriage, and the discovery of the wonderful secret of abiding in God.

This Saturday, March 18, 7.30 pm  
Life Church

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Room in Bishan for rent: Interested may call Calvin at 2589528 or Mrs. Goh, 2658087.

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Holy Week, 1989

Today is Palm Sunday. This beginning of Holy Week, 1989, brings us once again to that Royal Event of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey amidst chants of Hosanna by palm-carrying crowds. The Son of David, King of Israel, Son of God, had come to redeem a lost world by His death on the cross. Let us on the anniversary day join with the children of old to sing praises to Him. Let us come and worship before Him.



Every year, during Holy Week, we urge members to set aside special time to prayer and meditation, to come to the Lord's Table, Good Friday night, 8.00 pm, "and none shall appear before Me empty" (Exo. 23:15). It has been my custom to minister in Tanjung Pinang Maundy Thursday, but not this year. Rev Bob Phee goes on my behalf. So I shall keep the Passover of the New Testament with you.

This year sees another change--our new venue at West Coast Park. Two buses are chartered to transport members and FEBC students, leaving Gilstead Road 5.45 am sharp. This makes it convenient for you who have no direct means of communication. Pray for your pastor as he prepares to deliver the Word at the Sunrise Service.

After the service at West Coast Park, we return to Church to our annual Easter Breakfast, 8.00 am, beneath the royal palms!

Easter Baptismal Service follows at 10.00 am for both 8.00 am and 10.30 am congregations. The Chinese Service is separate as before. Each Easter season commemorating the Resurrection of our Saviour draws us one year nearer to the Day of His Coming. As our affections are drawn to things above and not to things on earth, let us give cheerfully to the extension of God's Kingdom. Our thoughts are with Elder and Mrs Khoo in Melbourne, or perhaps, in Adelaide. Dr Tow Siang Hwa is with Bethel Easter Camp and there they hold Easter Sunrise Service too. This is a B-P tradition ever since we started in 1950.

This is our 39th year. To celebrate the 40th Anniversary, Session has decided to do a thorough renovation of these "aging" buildings (built 1962-63). Not only renovation, but entrance to a new Promised Land, we pray. If it is the Lord's will, that will determine our renovation plans in a new light. Do we have faith to enter in our 40th year? (One reason why we need more land is the steady increase of our Chinese Service. We need build another Church!)

Yours faithfully, T.T.

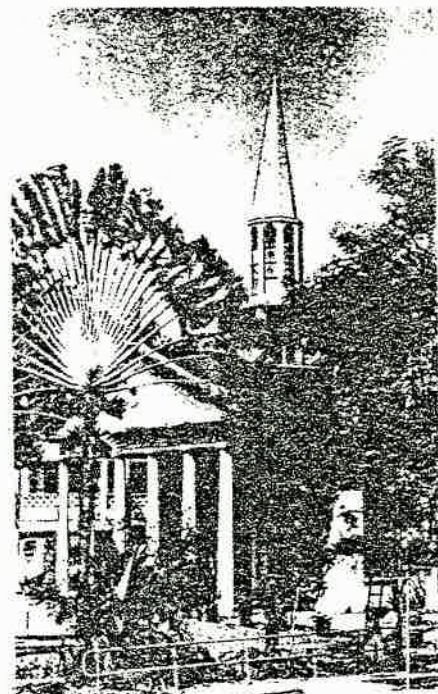
Report on Life Church Family Camp 1989  
at Shah's Beach Resort, Malacca

The Lord has given us much to be thankful for in the Family Camp this year: Our hearts were refreshed as we spent time away from the busy-ness of life, at a homely seaside resort in Malacca, and imbibed much spiritual food from God's Word, brought by Rev Dan Ebert III.

Nearly 120 campers came down to Life Church on Monday morning when all was still dark. After our pastor prayed for us, we began our 5-hour journey to Shah's Beach Resort, filled with anticipation about the week's programme! By the grace of God, all 3 buses reached their destination without mishap.

The resort we came to consists of air-conditioned, Malay-style wood and brick chalets with verandahs and modern bathrooms. The cosy accommodation was sufficient for our needs, though some had to keep mosquito coils burning every night! The chalets, dining hall and conference room were all in separate buildings, linked by unsheltered pathways, and amazingly, it did not rain at all throughout our stay there. Sea breezes cooled us on hot afternoons and coconut trees provided some shade and relaxing atmosphere.

Separate programmes were organised: The English-speaking campers met in the newly-renovated conference room for messages by Rev Ebert, while the Chinese-speaking campers met in a room above the resort's lobby. The children had a special programme under Mrs Tow in a little "Pondok" near the sea. Everyone, however, came together for buffet meals and breaks in the "Parameswara Restaurant" on the premises, where we shared good fellowship one with another. The afternoons were free and a guided bus tour of the places of interest in Malacca was conducted on the fourth afternoon.

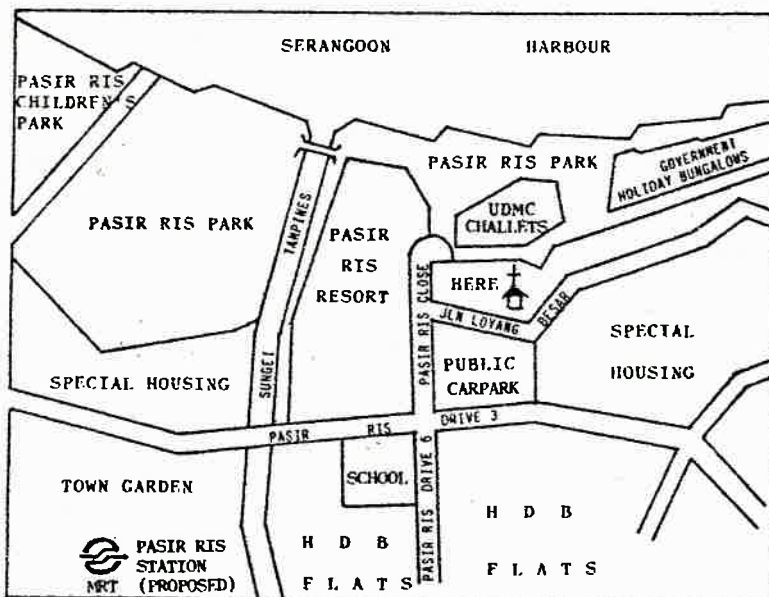


The most important aspect of the whole camp was the Word of God which was expounded daily, especially by our Camp Speaker. The Signs of Christ's Second Coming covered included: Ignorance (I Thess. 4:13-18), Doctrinal Sin (I Tim. 4:1-8), Personal Sin (II Tim. 3:1-17), Insecurity (II Thess. 2:1-11), False Security (I Thess. 5:1-19), and the Spirit of the Antichrist (I John 2:18-25). These messages were full of insight, encouragement, comfort, warning and challenge! We were also greatly blessed by hearing Rev Ebert share his personal experiences as an American missionary to the Palawano tribes in the Philippines for many years. On the last day of the camp we even learned to sing a simple song using Palawano words!

We certainly are privileged to have been thus blessed by this year's camp. Praise the Lord!

"For Unto Everyone that Hath Shall be Given" (Matt. 25:29)

If there is one Gospel project that deserves support, it is Shalom BPC's building their own sanctuary at Loyang under Rev Tan Choon Seng.



Shalom is an offshoot of Grace BPC. For the last 8 years or so they have been worshipping in an erstwhile British Military Church below the former Christian Conference Centre. This is on a week-to-week basis.

Lest they be suddenly told to vacate and be left high and dry, the Shalomites went searching for land. They found it at \$16 per sq.ft. during the Recession, an area of 16,000 sq.ft. The land price is now easily \$30.

I hear that permission to build has been granted and piling is going to start next week. Isn't this the Lord's doing? It is marvellous in our eyes (Ps. 118:23). As Life Church's policy is according to our Lord's benediction, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

(Acts 20:35), let us contribute to Shalom BF. This is another holy investment that is well pleasing to God. The Easter Sunrise offering at West Coast Park will be channelled to Shalom.

"Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord" (Haggai 1:8).

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20 - 26 March)

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Church Growth (Rev Goh S. F.)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	No Isaiah Lecture
FRI	8.00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Lord's Supper, Rev Tow, interpreted by Pr P. Chng)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	6.00 pm	Shalom BPC Ground-breaking Service at Loyang
<b>EASTER</b>		
SUN	6.00 am	Buses leave Life Church for West Coast Park
	6.30 am	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at West Coast Park
	8.00 am	Easter Breakfast in Church
	8.30 am	Sunday School Open Sunday
	10.00 am	EASTER BAPTISMAL SERVICE (combined English service)
	10.00 am	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
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING:

\$3,621.65 (8.00 am)  
\$5,892.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1723)\$100; 1724)\$100;  
1725)\$100; 1726)\$200; 1727)\$3000; 1728)\$100.

OFFERINGS FOR Burma \$300(WF); Batam \$200,  
-Bibles \$300; Aircon Renov. \$1700; China \$20;  
Missions \$80; Philippines \$10; Jeffrey Khoo  
\$20; Rev Dan Ebert III \$956.98 (C.T. Hsu).

Our deepest condolences go to Rev Patrick  
Tan and James on the home-going of their  
mother on 17th March. Vigil services to-  
night and on Mon.(20/3) at 8.00 pm at Mandalay  
Towers, 35 Mandalay Rd. Funeral: Tues. (21/3)  
2 pm to CCK Christian Cemetery.

A cordial invitation is extended by Rev Tan  
Choon Seng to Lifers to the Ground-breaking of  
the site for the new Shalom Church at Loyang,  
this Sat., 6.00 pm. Please see map above.

Easter Sunrise Service, 6.30 am: Two buses  
will leave Life Church Easter morning, 6.00 am  
for West Coast Park. All are welcome.

Infant Baptism, Easter Sunday: Parents are  
reminded to register their infants latest by  
Monday, 20/3, giving name & date of birth.

"Prophets of Fire and Water," a collection of  
selected messages delivered at the FEBC Con-  
ference, Sept '88, has now gone to press (CLBC).

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead  
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Hyderabad, Sat., March 18, '89

My dear Readers,

Knowledge is Power, Knowledge of God is Divine Power

And, that branch of theological knowledge I'm discussing that gives divine power is the knowledge of God's providence. God rules over everything, both great and small, even the sparrow and every hair on my head (Matt. 10:29-30)!

Now, the timetable Mr Ee worked out for me to Hyderabad did not seem best, but that was the only one available. Why I wasn't very happy was, coming to India I had to fly MH via K.L. and Penang, and my arrival in Madras would be just before midnight. Then I had to take a taxi to a hotel 20 km out, but had to fly the next morning, 6 am. This meant I could have barely 3 hours' sleep in between.

When I got out of Madras airport, however, I was informed by Mr Rajkishore and Baskaran who received me that the 6 am flight was delayed to 8.15 am. Moreover, there was no need to waste the taxi fare and time going to the city hotel, for the Airport Hotel had accommodation for me. Thus, I was able to settle down immediately while the extra bed gave accommodation to Baskaran (FEBC graduate), so we could have time for fellowship. God always has a better timetable in store for us, if we would just patiently wait.

Arriving a day ahead of schedule has given me time to meet a Mr Beard from the U.S.A. He is an itinerant evangelist stressing the use of Gospel posters. His zeal on evangelism as manifested in his talk to the students here made a deep impression on me. Therefore I've invited him to visit FEBC when he comes to S'pore in April. Without this earlier arrival I'd have missed him.

Bharat Bible College was founded 20 years ago by Dr Buraga. He was a contemporary of Rev Paauwe at Faith Seminary. Starting out in a small way, he has waxed great, providing a fundamental Bible education to hundreds, to the sons of India and to a goodly number from Burma. So far 370 have graduated.

Today Bharat Bible College is beautifully situated on 14 acres of prime land not far from a lake. The College is in constant expansion, building and building. It has ample facilities for 100 men and women students, runs its own printing press and a recording station. It has a radio ministry. It is so efficient that my typewritten message given to the printer upon arrival would appear on the College Magazine the day it was delivered. My message is, "Why Bible College?"

As for the Missionary Conference it was noted such a meeting was salutary to the graduands who were now leaving the alma mater. It should bolster their faith and assure them of the Lord's pleasure and provision according to the Great Commission, Matt. 28:18-20. An exposition of the whole chapter of Matthew 10 builds on the Great Commission, showing how God would provide for them in every aspect of their ministry.

There were to be book prizes for the 29 graduands. As some of these books did not arrive on time, the numbers I've brought along such as Asian Awakening and Law of Moses were awarded instead.

Hitherto we have been mailing our publications mostly to poor pastors in the Philippines, and to the Centre for Biblical Studies (Rev Dan Ebert). My visit to Hyderabad has opened a new vista to this book ministry. Our books are Gospel missiles! They are like ammunition for the pursuit of war. Now we have a war with Satan to the bitter end, as God in Genesis 3:15 has declared: "And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed . . . ." These book ammunitions we send to other parts of the world, could we not call them book missiles?



BOOK MISSILES are a new avenue for your service to the Lord. The books we publish are freely offered to the Lord's use. But to send them takes quite a lot of postage. If you want to have a part in the BOOK MISSILES, please so indicate under this title! Hundreds of dollars have been spent mailing out theological books, e.g. to Burma. In this connection, we want to thank the donor of a second batch of 10,000 tracts of Faith: True or False. This tract will be out soon. There's a request from an Australian reader to have my article THE HOLY LAW OF GOD in the Banner printed into a tract. Who'll give \$500 to BOOK MISSILES for this?

EASTER IS MISSIONS

The Command to go into the world with the Gospel was not given on Ascension Day only. It was first given, in fact, the Evening of Easter Sunday: "As my Father has sent Me, even so send I you" (John 21:21). Indeed, Missions is broadcasting the Good News of the Risen Saviour to anyone we meet, wherever we go. Missions begins with your next door neighbour, but Missions extends to Hyderabad too. Let this Easter see our Church arise to a new dimension in Missions!

Yours in His glad service, T.T.

**HE IS RISEN!**

# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 27 - Apr 2)

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Church Growth
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting WED-8.00 pm
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah FEK Mtg
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm-YF; 4 pm-YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	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
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

## LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING:

\$2,395 (8.00 am) Good Friday Offering:  
\$5,493 (10.30 am) \$4,293 + \$150 (desig.)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 1729)\$20; 1730)\$250. \*\*\*\* In loving memory of Mdm Ong

Siew Lian: \$5000

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Easter Breakfast \$30; Shalom BPC \$140(Boxes); Church Choir \$10; BPCWA(Perth) \$500; Jemima Tow \$50; Rev Dan Ebert III \$10; FEBC \$200.

## INFANT BAPTISM

01. Fung En Yong, Daniel,  
s/o Mr & Mrs David Fung
02. Koh Seng Kwang, Darren,  
s/o Mr & Mrs Koh Keng Cheng
03. Li Li Ting, Joyce  
d/o Mr & Mrs Lee Chee Seng
04. Loke Yong Sheng, Johnson  
s/o Mr & Mrs Loke Foke Kum
05. Ong Hui Lin, Vicki  
d/o Mr & Mrs William Ong
06. Ong Su-Leen, Deena  
d/o Mr & Mrs David Ong
07. Tan Teng Wei, Andrew  
s/o Mr & Mrs Henry Tan Kiat Siong
08. Tan Yoshiko Sylph  
d/o Mr & Mrs Melvin Tan Choon Kiat
09. Teo Yi Si, Josias  
s/o Dn & Mrs Teo Gim Thong
10. Tham Hui Min, Deborah  
d/o Mr & Mrs Tham Wing Keong
11. Zeng Fan Sheng, Reynold  
s/o Mr & Mrs Francis Tan Keng Swan
12. Zheng Enyong, Joshua  
s/o Mr & Mrs Roland Tay Chye Kwee
13. Lin Surui @ Lim Soo Rei, Hannah  
d/o Mr & Mrs William Lim

## REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Miss Ong Lin Yin Student
02. Miss Tan Kheng Choo, Pamela Student

## TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

03. Mrs Ang, Pauline Housewife
04. Mr Ho Lye Heng, Roy Engineer
05. Miss Leong Swan Swan Doctor
06. Miss Loke Wan Ling, Karen Bank/g Clerk
07. Mr Ong Peck Guan, David Money Broker
08. Mdm Lim Wai Kuen, Maria Housewife
09. Mr Tan Boo Hor, Andrew Clerk
10. Mrs Tan, Mabel Clerk
11. Miss Tan May Ling Teacher
12. Miss Tan Yit Peng Teacher
13. Mr Tern Yuh Sheng, Joseph Investment Analyst

## BAPTISM

14. Miss Chan Kah Eng, Evelyn Technical Specialist
15. Miss Cheng Shiow Ing, Berenice Purchasing Asst.
16. Miss Chong Siew Im, Ellen Sales Promoter
17. Mr Chua Yong Hwa Naval Regular
18. Mr Goh Boon Chong, Andrew Student
19. Miss Goh Sock Huang, Lydia A/Cs Officer
20. Mr Goh Soon Huat Section Manager
21. Miss Ho Geok Fong Fashion Illustrator
22. Mdm Irawati, Agnes
23. Mr Khor Boi Huat, Thomas Electronics Mgr.
24. Miss Koh Cheng Yeen Student
25. Miss Kwee Su Ling, Julia Student
26. Miss Lau Seck Hong, Flora Clerical Offr.
27. Mr Lin Jyh Fang, Kelvin Undergraduate
28. Mdm Low Sock Ngo, Christine Housewife
29. Mr Ng Hock Guan, John Floral Designer
30. Mrs Ng, Lucy Self-employed
31. Mr Ooi Peng Jin, London Lucien Doctor
32. Miss Pang Kim Phek Student
33. Miss Pang Su Yee, Stephanie Asst. Teacher
34. Miss Tan Ai Li, Jacqueline Student
35. Miss Tan Bee Choo Tutor
36. Miss Tan Bee Yew, Jasmine Information Technologist
37. Mr Tay Choon Hiong, Roland Student
38. Mr Tan Choon Kiat, Melvin Flight Engineer
39. Mdm Shikano, Yukie Housewife
40. Mdm Tan, Jenny Housewife
41. Mr Tan Kiat Siong, Henry Mkting Manager
42. Mdm Liow Siew Tin, Ruth Education Exec. Officer
43. Mr Tan Teng Ta, Benedict Student
44. Mr Tan Teng Yung, Timothy Student
45. Miss Tan Lay See Secretarial Clerk
46. Mr Tan Siew Peng, Henry Life Insurance Underwriter
47. Mr Tee Fook Boon, Andrew NSF
48. Mr Teo Wee Keong Student
49. Miss Teong Lai Tee Student
50. Mr Rajendran s/o Veerappan NSF
51. Mr Yeo Yuen Kee Engineer

## HE'S ALIVE AND HE'S COMING!

(to tune of "It's not an easy road")

Early that Easter morn,  
Christ our Saviour is risen,  
Oh, what a joyous day it must be!  
For Christ has conquered death  
And He rose victorious  
To sit on God's right hand up in heav'n.

## Chorus:

Joy, Joy, Oh, what a happy morn!  
Joy, Joy, Oh, what a happy morn!  
When like the first Easter morn,  
Christ will appear before us,  
Oh, what a joyous day it will be!

- Mrs Linda Chan

Corrigendum: For Rev Dan Ebert III, read Rev Paauwe (in last week's Financial Statement).

Rev P. Tan and family, and James Tan thank the Session and members of the Church for their kind condolences and practical help during their recent bereavement. Our Lord is the "God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1:3).

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EASTER TESTIMONIES

Miss Tan Yit Peng, Teacher

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)

How right this is! Some years back I was given the opportunity to pursue my studies overseas and I must thank the Lord for guiding and protecting me during my three-year stay in Canada. When I was there, I felt vulnerable and temptations always seemed to be lurking around the corner. But the gentle rebukes of Christian friends there and the constant reminders I received from my sister and friends in Singapore kept me from doing wrong.

Canada is a country where the winter can be quite harsh and yet God has protected and given me good health. I have heard of many instances where one could get quite ill because of the sudden change in temperature.

When I was in Canada, I attended the Chinese Alliance Church. I also attended their Sunday school. Whenever I felt down and troubled, God always seemed to answer my prayer through the sermons of my pastor there. I have no doubt that our Lord is omnipotent and omnipresent and that He is a loving and caring Father. Of course there were times when I felt that my prayers were not answered. But as I reflected upon those instances, I realised that it could be that what I had asked and had done were not pleasing to Him and were not according to His will.

When I returned to Singapore upon completion of my studies, I went back to my former church. After attending the services for a few months, I realised that I could not find the peace of heart. There was much speaking in tongues and I felt so out of place. It was at that time that my sister told me about Life B-P Church. Since coming to this church, I have found the teachings sound, most of all, the reverence the people in the church have for the Word of God. I sincerely pray that I will continue to grow in Christ.

Mr Andrew Tan Boo Hor, Clerk

I was invited to a Bible Camp on the Blue Mountains in Sydney, 1963. It was during this camp that I was moved by the Word of God. After the camp, I was brought to a Brethren Church where I worshipped and later received baptism. On returning to Singapore, I attended Sunday worship in various churches and particularly at TPMC for the last six years.

God has been good and merciful; a protector and provider to my family and me. We have been blessed with good health, a home and jobs.

Coming to Life B-P Church in December for Christmas worship was a direction by the Holy Spirit. My wife and I were touched by the simplicity of the preaching from the Word of God. I wish to be a member of this church because I find that my personal walk with God may be greatly enhanced here.

Miss Julia Kwee, Student

Brought up in a Buddhist family, I was told to pray to idols and ancestors. Christianity was considered as belonging to "ang mohs" or westerners. Thus it was a no-no. But I felt very silly praying to idols for I did not believe they were gods. I believed God was in Heaven and that He could see everyone of us on earth. However, God was a secondary thing to me. I felt I did not need God that much. I guess it was because I had always got what I wanted: good grades at school, daily necessities. So I was full of worldly thoughts.

When I was in Secondary Three, I chose to take Bible Knowledge despite my parents' objections. I wanted to know more about this "taboo" religion. In retrospect, I think God was preparing me for my conversion.

When my 'O' Level results were released, I was shocked to find I had only one distinction. Thus I could not stay in NJC for my 'A' Level education. I was very depressed. It was then one of my NJC classmates brought me to fellowship groups. I think she wanted me to see for myself the living God which so many people worshipped. Everyone was warm and showed concern for me. I realised that God had been very merciful to me despite the many times I disobeyed Him. I then accepted Christ after praying for God to enter into my heart.

Life was not easy after that but God sustained me. Due to the fact that my classmate was under persecution from her parents and we were in different schools, I did not have much follow-up work. But I thank God that He sustained me and I was able to come to Life Church. In fact it was my mother who woke me up every Sunday for Church!

By coming to church and Sunday School, I got to learn His doctrine much more. I realise that God is always with me even when I disobey Him. God always blesses me and He has given me more and more blessings each year. And it was at one time last year that I realised God is always present at times of adversity.

A few days before my driving test last June, I came down with 'flu and fever. It was very bad but I remembered Prov. 3:5,6 where God says that we are to trust in Him with all our heart . . . . Through this, I made Prov. 3:5,6 my motto and He has always directed my paths. Amen.

### Miss Tan May Ling, Teacher

The Lord has always been very gracious to me. He showered many blessings (which I have taken for granted most of the time) although I am so undeserving of His goodness. Life has been "plain sailing" and I took my Christian faith very lightly. I used to worship in an Anglican Church. Although I didn't feel at peace and even doubted some of their teachings, I continued to stay on because of my friends. I was absolutely stubborn and remained in the church for a long time.

But the Lord is faithful--a close friend gave me the "Banner" to read and shared with me the importance of sound doctrine based on the Word of God. God broke my hard and stubborn heart slowly but surely. Finally, I decided to come to Life Church for worship. I pray that I'll continue to grow in my faith and when I meet the Lord face to face, He will call me His good and faithful servant. Amen.

### Miss Ong Lin Yin, Student

I was brought up in a Christian home and have been attending Life Church since I was a child. When I was eight, I accepted Christ as my Saviour at the Vacation Bible School, but still did not understand what it meant to be a Christian.

About a year or two ago, I began to have my daily Quiet Time. Through reading from the Daily Bread and RPG Notes, I obtained a greater insight into God and his son Jesus. Also, I found out what it really meant to be a Christian and how, as Christians, we ought to lead a good and meaningful life, putting God first and not ourselves. I then realised that my attitudes and actions were wrong and ungodly, and knew that only God could help me put them right.

It was then, for the second time, that I asked Jesus to come into my heart and to forgive me of all my sins. Also, during my Quiet Times, I asked him to help me to be a good Christian, and to lead a fruitful life.

Since then, He has helped me in many ways: I find that the person I once was no longer plays a great part in my life in the sense that I tend to lose my temper less often and do not resort to fighting when I do not agree with my siblings, which does not occur very often now. Also, I no longer feel afraid of little things, e.g. shadows at night, as I used to. And most of all, the Lord has helped me in my studies. I find that I can now concentrate and cope better with my workload as well as do better in my tests and examinations.

I really thank the Lord for all that He has done for me and most of all, for His gift of salvation. I have learnt to put my trust in Him and I pray that He will continue to lead and guide me, that I might praise and thank Him forever. Amen.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3rd - 9th Apr)

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Church Growth
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	8.00 pm	Rev Tow at Nazareth
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF;
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	7.30 pm	LBC Family Salvation Night (Cantonese-Hokkien, Rev Tow)
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
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Church & Junior Choirs
	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
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING \$8,190.00

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1731)\$200; 1732)\$20;  
1733)\$500; 1734)\$1000. Total \$1,397,161.18

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Shalom BP Church

\$50, \$11.03, \$1000, \$140(Chinese S.);  
\$1000, \$1000(Sharon BPC); \$140; \$100; \$1530;  
\$274.50; Publications \$350; Bethel BPC  
(Melbourne) \$1000; BPCWA(Perth) \$1164.47;  
Tabernacle BPC \$50; Missionaries Fund \$50;  
Kelapa Sawit BPC \$100; Roska S. \$500,  
\$50; Kiantoro \$20; Jemima Tow \$500.

The offerings received at Easter Sunrise Service last Lord's Day for Shalom BPC Building Fund totalled \$6,958.00.

Mr Melvin Tan Choon Kiat will be baptised at the 10.30 am service today.

Baptised at home of Bro. Roland Tay, Blk 445, #02-133, Clementi Ave 3 (tel. 7776341), Wed. Mar. 29 was Madam Lam Koon Eng, 62, Rev Tow officiating.

In lieu of Dr Patrick Tan who will be studying abroad, Elder Edmund Tay is elected to the FEK Committee.

Elder Eric Mahadevan is nominated to represent Life BPC at the dedication of the new (Blood Bought) Church at Pandacan, Manila, Apr. 30, '89 (arriving Apr. 29, SQ 72, 1415 hours).

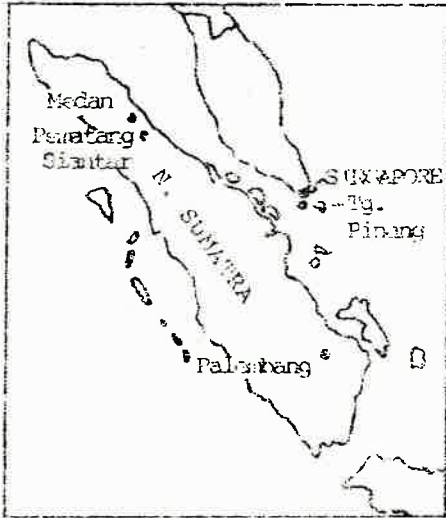
The pastor paid a flying visit to Medan in company of Haposan who returned home after helping the Pakpalans to Mt Elizabeth Hospital. Pastor was invited by the brethren there to advise on the latest development of the Church, Kindergarten & Pri. School. He was delighted to meet with Miss Britto and Dohar & Glorya, as well as Sahat, now a member of the B-P Church there. With many young people joining the YF and an aroused interest in the Christian Faith our discussion resulted in the decision to start a Bible School in the near future. Pray for North Sumatra!

A hearty welcome home to Roska who is out of Batam this weekend. She'll sing at the 10.30 an Service this morning.

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Our contact with North Sumatra dates back to November 1972 when we were invited to meet certain Lutheran Church leaders for the purity of the Faith. Through this contact a stream of young Indonesians have been attracted to FEBC, beginning with Dohar. Sahat followed suit the next year, and there continued to come Glorya, Haposan and Agus, Ranto and Roska. The first four graduated with the B.Th. and the rest with Dip.Th.



Meanwhile, an outreach to Kuta Bahru, also several hours out of Medan in the Mountains, was established. This was manned by Bapa Siregar, father of Dohar and brothers, whom we ordained that the flock might have regular Lord's Supper and Baptism. Kuta Bahru is now attended to by Agus every weekend and on the Lord's Day. Bapa goes up for the Lord's Supper.

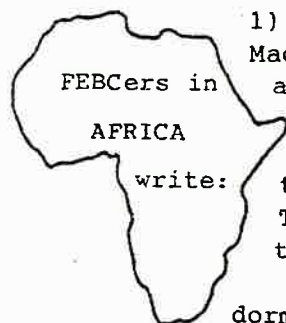
Today, the B-P Church of North Sumatra (pending registration) has a registered kindergarten of over 60 and a primary school of the first three standards, also with over 60 pupils. On weekends, the Lord's House bristles with 120 in the YF; on Sunday, an adult worship of 40 and a Sunday School of 150! As there is a pressing need for further physical expansion and there is a four-square piece of land 40 x 40 m abutting the Church and School, I was invited last week by Haposan, who brought the Pakpahans to Singapore for medical examination, to see the land and advise on the work. We left on Friday and I returned Saturday the following day, having accomplished our mission. (On Sunday at 10.30 am, however, Mrs Pakpahan was taken by the Lord. A farewell service was held the same night at Casket, Sin Ming Estate.)

Medan itself has a population of 2 million. Young people everywhere are in search of education which is hard to come by. The establishment of a Bible Institute is most welcome by the Government which, under "Pancasila," prescribes Christianity as one religion taught in all Government schools.

Now, the Lord has said, "For everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance" (Matt. 25:29). The B-P Church in Medan and the Kindergarten has accumulated 5 million rupiahs = S\$5,500. To encourage the local church, we added 200,000 rupiahs from Life Church, a pledge of our support. Henceforth, Medan must take a greater lead with Galilee. Life Church can support from the side.

Let it always be said  
That Lifers are not only a giving people,  
But also an out-going people,  
Winning souls for our Risen Saviour!

Let the story of Institute Alkitab Indonesia Barat soon be sung with the buying up of the land next door! Amen.



1) REV STEPHEN MASILA, Africa Church Mitaboni, P. O. Box 71, Mitaboni, Machakos, Kenya: We say a BIG THANK YOU to all of you, Lifers who have always been considerate of us. We are going to use your love gift to purchase twenty beds for the Students. The Lord has given us more students. On 27th Nov. '87 we had a special Sunday to pray to God to send us labourers. Today He has sent ten new students for this term. This is our biggest intake since we started the Institute. Altogether there are 15 students, and there are some new applications.

As far as the building is concerned, we have finished an eleven-room dormitory, a kitchen-cum-store and a dining room. And because the present place where we are has become like Elisha's (II Kings 6:1-7), we will transfer to this new place in May if electricity is ready. We need one more dormitory, two classrooms and a library. Meanwhile, we will use the Church building as a classroom.

Ed. Note: To help replenish their library, we will send BOOK MISSILES from our publications, e.g. Asian Awakening, Gospel of Life, etc.

2) THE WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED between Michael K. Koech and Susan C. Maemba on April 21, 1989 at the Chesoen African Gospel Unity Church. An FEBC graduate 1987, Michael Koech, Box 33, Bomet, Kenya, is pastor and lecturer at a Bible Institute. He writes:

I spent much time in prayer asking the Lord in which area he wanted me to serve. My church had just started a Bible school and was expecting me to come back and teach. In answer to prayer, the Lord led me to teach in the new school, Bomet Bible Institute. This decision was confirmed by the fact that there was also a church near the school which was in need of a pastor. Thus, I could combine the two responsibilities. This was a practical lesson learnt from my FEBC lecturers who were also pastors. I prefer to be a pastor and lecturer rather than being a lecturer without a pastoral ministry...

Silibwet Africa Gospel Unity Church where I preach and the Bible Institute at Bomet are 10 kilometres apart. Since we are short of pastors and other helpers in our churches, I do almost everything in the church. My Sunday morning begins at 7.30 a.m. with a 45 minutes bicycle ride to the church. At the Sunday School, I lead the opening devotions at 8.30 a.m. I teach the beginners' class while the other 3 teachers take the other classes. This takes an hour altogether and allows 30 minutes to prepare for worship which ends at noon. When I am not speaking at the ladies' fellowship in the afternoon, I visit absent members or witness to non-christians...

It is at the Bible Institute where the skills acquired at FEBC are utilized. Since joining the teaching staff here, I have been teaching Systematic Theology. This is a class where students have many questions. The lessons I have learnt from "Calvin's Institutes" have been helpful in answering these questions. I have also taught Homiletics and Church History. Presently, I am teaching Hermeneutics and the Swahili language which is the "Mandarin" of East Africa. Since it is not the mother tongue of our students, there is a need to improve their command of this language for preaching purposes. We do not teach the biblical languages because it is beyond the comprehension of our students at this time. Besides, the duration of our training is only 3 years. Our medium of instruction is English.

Our first 4 students will graduate at the end of this year. We only admit male students at present since we do not have sufficient facilities. We hope to admit ladies in the future...

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(10th - 16th April '89)

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tow
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gos. Hr.

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#### LET IT NOT BE SAID

Let it not be said  
That our hearts are cold,  
When the Charismatics have brought  
So many into their fold.

Let it not be said  
That our prayers have no power,  
Because we lack the gift of tongues-  
speaking  
With accompanying sign and wonder.

Let it not be said  
That we quarrel and bicker  
Though in the Lord's service,  
Because we refuse to "wash the feet" of our  
brother.

Let it always be said  
That Lifers are not only a giving people,  
But also an out-going people,  
Winning souls for our Risen Saviour!

- Linda Chan  
John 13:14,15

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$2,545 (8.00 am)  
\*\$8,530 (10.30 am)

INSTITUTE ALKITAB INDONESIA BARAT \*\$8530; \$200;  
\$70. EXTN BLDG FUND 1735)\$500; 1736)\$30(In Remembrance of Rev Tan's Mother); 1737)\$20; 1738)\$542(Chinese S.).

OFFERINGS FOR Batam \$500(WF); Renovation Fund \$220(WF), \$200; Theological Education \$700, \$200; Calvary Jaya \$3500, \$50, \$40, \$25; Shalom BF \$300(Indonesian S.), \$70, \$200; K. Sawit \$200; Children's Choir \$50; Bethel BPC \$500; Tabernacle BPC \$200; Book Missiles \$100; Jemima Tow \$200. Corrigendum: \$1164.47 for BPCWA last week should read \$1064.47.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sun., Apr. 23 at 10.00 am. Members of Life Church from both worship services please attend. Mrs Yap Chin Choon was taken home to be with the Lord Thu. Apr. 6. Funeral Apr. 8 was officiated by the Telok Ayer Church minister at CCK Protestant Cemetery. Our deepest condolence to Mr Yap and the bereaved family.

BURMA LATEST Rev Thawmluai reports F.E. Fundamental Sch. of Theology has 30 students and 5 teachers, while Evangelical Presb. Ch. has 2452 members with 35 pastors. FEFST resumes classes at Insein, Rangoon, June 19, '89.





## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Family Salvation Night by Life Bible Class

Last Saturday, a "Family Salvation Night" for Cantonese and Hokkien parents was held at the FEBC Hall under the auspices of the LBC. Since I can speak Cantonese, I was the preacher. Mr Peter Chng was interpreter. This was about the fourth occasion that such an outreach was made by LBCers to their parents. Previously Rev Djunaidi and Rev Lim Jui Kai were speakers.

Such a noble effort on the part of our young people should be widened to include the whole Church. The whole Church should be concerned for the salvation of unsaved parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. The English-speaking younger generation must not neglect their seniors.

### An Exemplary Forerunner

The first B-P Church to launch a Family Salvation Night is Nazareth. Since they started this Gospel project in 1980 I have been closely involved. Here's an overall report under the caption 27th Family Salvation Night that makes thrilling reading--that shall encourage our LBC young people to plan for another and yet another Family Salvation Night. Now, we need not stick merely to sermons. We can follow their example of using a 30-minute Cantonese Gospel Film. A picture is worth a thousand words. After the film, a commentary leading the listeners to the foot of the Cross can be very effective.

### [Nazareth's] 27th Family Salvation Night

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

By faith and with God's grace, Nazareth held her first Family Salvation Night on 21st March 1980. The first meeting was attended by 11 loved ones. This Friday, 7th April at 8.00 pm, we will have our 27th Family Salvation Night Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. A Gospel film will be screened. The speaker is the pastor of Life B-P Church. We thank God for him who has faithfully preached the Gospel of Life in Cantonese and Hokkien to our unsaved loved ones for the past 8 years. Elder Adrian Wong's grandmother, Mdm Leong Kuan Fong, has consented in sharing her testimony on God's mercies and grace upon her. Do pray earnestly that God's Spirit will touch and move the hearts of our parents, relatives and friends to attend the meeting.

We praise the Lord that since we started the Family Salvation in 1980, more than 50 loved ones have heard the Gospel at least once. Last year, we witnessed the salvation of Jeffrey Chua's mother (61 years old), Adrian Wong's grandmother (85 years old), Charles Fong's mother (62 years old), Susan and Henry's mother (67 years old) and Ray Ang's mother (64 years old). Thus far, we have a total of 35 loved ones who have believed. Six of them have gone to be with the Lord.

This year, let us continue to pray and trust God that there will be breakthrough in the salvation of unsaved fathers. Thank the Lord that "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). Be encouraged too with these comforting words, "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27).

O Lord, be merciful to save our loved ones who are outside Thy glorious kingdom! Amen. (- Pastor Anthony Tan, dated April 2, 1989)

My FOREWORD to Blind Korean Pastor An Yohan's Autobiography now being printed by CLBC:

Ever since I came to know the "Blind Korean Pastor" An Yohan through his film four or five years ago, a bond of friendship has developed between us because of Calvary.

Realising the power this film has over its audience to turn prodigal sons to Christ, I inquired to have it shown again in Singapore. By courtesy of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, we had the Blind Korean Pastor film screened 23 times between September and December 1988 to all Bible-Presbyterian Churches and to several other church groups. Over five thousand people were blessed. The feedback was tremendous. Backsliders have returned to the Lord, tears of repentance and consecration were shed by both sinners and saints.

By putting three Korean songs of the film into English and having them sung by Miss Roska Sihombing, graduate of Far Eastern Bible College and Life Church missionary to Batam, five hundred tapes have been made for the nurture of grateful hearts. Since then the film has been introduced to B-P Churches in Australia, to packed houses, with the same response.

Behind this film is Pastor An's autobiography which was published in Korea, 1981. This biography has now gone through fifty-four printings, making it a bestseller in the history of publication of books in Korea. Now that it is translated into English, should it not be put into print for the benefit of the English-speaking?

Having read the English version with the film at the back of my mind, I am all the more impressed by the Blind Korean Pastor's noble thoughts and insights into the spiritual world. This book shows the way to life everlasting in the Lord Jesus Christ and revives hope for the handicapped to live vibrantly through this world below. If you, dear Reader,

have been heavily battered by the storms of life, read on to the very end. You will become a different person!

Inasmuch as the film has turned thousands to Christ, I have no doubt that the publication of this English version will translate many more from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light. In this regard I must express my deep appreciation to Deacon Paul Wong of the Christian Life Book Centre for his part in the printing of this book. - T.T.



Now, there is a very special need that I put before you who were blessed by the Blind Korean Pastor Film. Pastor An has no finances nor I. Nevertheless, I've sent it to the press by faith. If you have some of the Lord's money could you help us by designating it to Blind Korean Pastor Autobiography? Whatever profit derived from the sale of the book will go to him to a most worthy cause. Close your eyes for five minutes and see how you will make it! According to Rev An, every blind man becomes a beggar, how pitiful! I really thank the Lord that He has appointed me to such a close fellowship with Rev An. I count it my honour and blessing as I am convinced by promoting his film and book you have been blessed.

There will be a showing of the FILM on  
Saturday, July 29 at Life Church, Gilstead Road,  
Sunday, July 30 at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan,  
Monday, July 31 at New Life BPC, Woodlands, the night of the ordination of 5 B-P Pastors.

In the introduction to his autobiography, Rev An writes of his father:

"Although the city of Soonchon in Pyongnam Province, where we lived, was an extremely active Christian town, Father had absolutely no interest in Christianity until the spring of the year I was born. His family had been deeply rooted in its strict traditions. Coming from a wealthy family and being a youth with a free spirit had made him obstinate and proud. Christian teachings concerning God as Creator, God as Father, original sin, the forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus Christ, heaven prepared for believers and the temporary nature of life here on earth, were laughing matters to him.

"Then one day, God confronted him. By chance, it seemed, he was led to a revival meeting in a neighbouring town, and he returned from that meeting a changed man. He has not been the same since. I never had the courage to find out the details of his conversion, fearing that I would not be able to face his overwhelming, mystical religious experience. The fact that father was filled with the Holy Spirit and immersed so deeply in Christianity at the time of my birth could only be seen as an inescapable reality.

"From the time of my birth, Father attached the disciple's name John to me as an anchor to hold me fast to his dream of making me a servant for God. Not only was I the centre of his dream, but he took away all of the worldly privileges and pleasures to which I was entitled. He even donated most of his inheritance to the Pyongyang Theological Seminary, and became a student at the school himself. He moved the family there, relinquishing the responsibility of a father as the head of a family and as its provider. Instead of being the son of my earthly father, I was adopted by a God whom I had never met, and inherited poverty and suffering in place of security and comfort."

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17th - 23rd Apr)

MON	7.30 pm	Discipleship & Church Growth (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU		No Isaiah Lecture
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.00 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship
	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:

\$2,446 (8.00 am)  
\$6,728 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1739)\$50; 1740)\$250.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Inst. Alkitab Indonesia B. \$50, \$700; Shalom BPC \$200;

Ch. Renovation \$20; FEBC \$1500; FEBC Bldg Fund \$150; Theo. Study Grant \$50; K. Sawit BPC \$62; Blind Korean Pastor Book \$400, \$200.  
Life Church members from both the 8.00 and 10.30 am services are reminded to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held next Lord's Day, 23rd Apr., at 10.00 am.

Expresgram to Julie Chiang, 2491 Chandler Ave #230, Simi Valley, CA 93065, USA: Your offering for extension of the Gospel gratefully received!

In a letter dated Mar. 27, '89, Dr Buraga writes: "Your visit to Bharat Bible College has been a great blessing to us. Your ministry in the Missionary Conference and the message on the Graduation Day have been greatly appreciated. Thank you very much again for accepting our invitation."

General Clerk needed for the FEBC/Life Church Office. Please call tel. 2569256.

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## THE LORD RESTORETH MY SOUL

It took me almost a year to reach the stage of total acceptance, of bowing to His Divine Will, and to be able to sing the hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." And when I'm finally able to say "Not my will but Thine, Lord," the "peace that passeth all understanding" filled my grieving heart and the Lord gave me strength daily to carry on. Throughout the year there were times when I shed silent tears, especially during seasons of festivity like Christmas (Darren could have got the Special Prize from the Sunday School), Chinese New Year, Easter, his birthday and so on. Whenever I recalled the memories of that fateful day when the Lord took my beloved son home, I cried for the mother and son relationship that was so abruptly severed a year ago. But unlike those who are "ignorant concerning them which are asleep" (I Thess. 4:13), I look forward to one beautiful morning when I'll see my dearest son again.

It had been an agonising year for me; I was emotionally unprepared to plunge into studies. It had been difficult to mingle studies with tears, but the Lord has been good. Whenever the tears blurred my vision and wet the printed page, my grieving heart cried, "Lord, Lord, comfort me!" He never fails to comfort me (John 14:18).

Pastor was correct when he wrote in the Americourier No. 6: "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" (Life B-P Weekly dated 19th June 1988). For throughout the year I was able to comfort three Christian mothers who also lost their only sons through illness. As Elder Lim Teck Chye once said to the Adult Class when he preached on II Corinthians, "Only those who have lost their loved ones are able to empathise with the bereaved. Other than that, we can only sympathise with them." I thank the Lord for using me as a human comforter by moving me to write to comfort, and share my testimonies with these mothers in the times of their sufferings.

As I read the RPG during my daily devotions, like Naomi, I believe that whatever happened to me was not "hap" (RPG, 10th Apr '89) nor was it "bad luck." Whatever happened to me is within the Lord's sovereign will. Yes, even my studying at NUS, despite my age. I believe the Lord is in full control of my life. Somehow studying has a therapeutic effect on me, for throughout the year I have been too busy with the heavy amount of reading to find time to grieve. I thank the Lord for giving me strength to carry on, for helping me through my first year at NUS and for helping me pass my first examination for the BA degree. May He continue to give me strength and wisdom to help me through my second year.

Yes, as God's creatures He cares for us, and no one cares for us the way Jesus does. Praise God for restoring my soul and for healing my broken heart. Amen. (Eph. 2:16-19)

### + HE HEALETH THE BROKEN-HEARTED +

My heart was like a broken jigsaw puzzle, torn into shreds.  
The tears that I shed were like "woven threads,"  
Wielded by the Master Weaver to put my "broken jigsaw" into shape.

My heart was weighed down by the heaviest lump of lead,  
But the God of all comfort took away all that dread,  
Filled it with the "peace that passeth all understanding" instead.

As He ministers to my grieving heart, filled with sorrows,  
Gently He says, "I will give you strength for your tomorrows."  
Yes, He has given new strength to each of my tomorrows.

Today I bow to His Divine Will, for He knoweth what is best,  
He never fails to comfort me or answer my heart's request;  
Whenever thoughts of my son bring on the tears,  
He is always near to comfort and to cheer.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?  
With a thankful heart, I bow at His nail-pierced feet.  
I thank Him for strength, comfort, peace and grace,  
For He condescends to heal the broken-hearted -  
O what amazing grace!

- Mrs Linda Chan

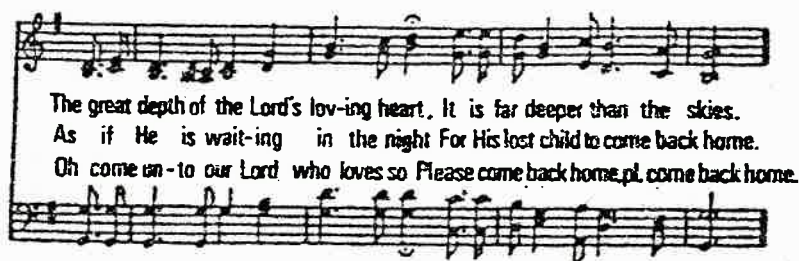
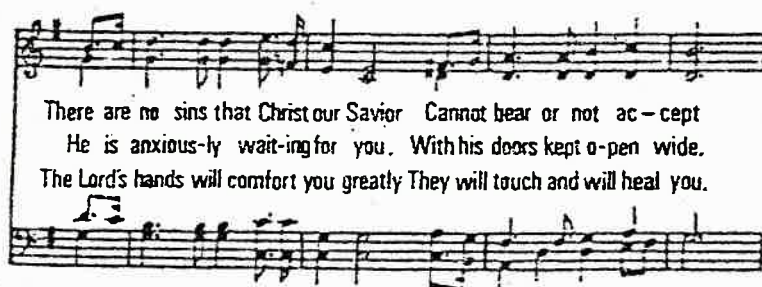
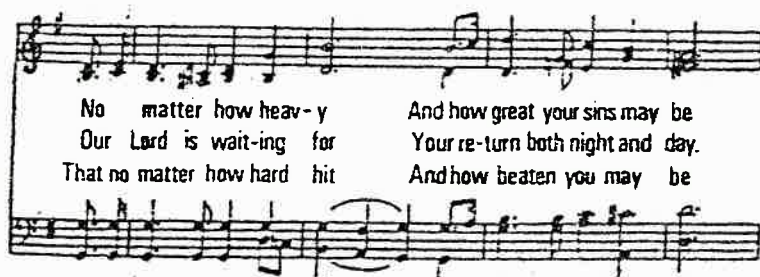
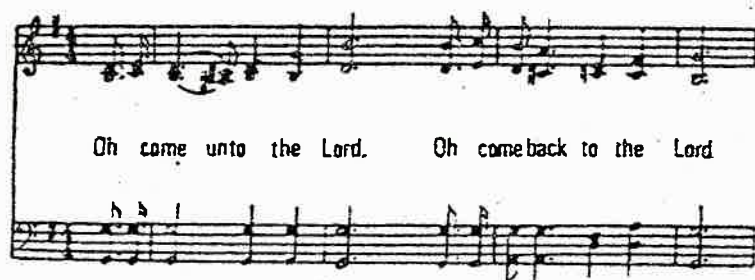
Psa. 34:18, Jn 14:18

### PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Having read the Blind Korean Pastor's Autobiography twice, I am fully convinced it is God's instrument for the saving of countless wayward souls like An Yo Han, Korea's Prodigal Son, if you and I will chip in to get it off the press! Supported by these six songs still haunting you, viz., O Come Back to the Lord, Jesus Came and Touched My Soul, Barley Fields, Prodigal Son, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, and last but not least,

## O Come BACK to the Lord... Korean Hymn



All My Sins are Washed Away, the Book and Film are suddenly become a musical evangel to unlock many a closed-in, saddened heart. Yes, what made the Film obtain the Grand Bell Award, equivalent to America's Academy Award, was due in no small measure to the sacred music and Gospel hymns. Don't you think we should make a new tape with Roska singing all six songs?

That gifts exceeding \$2,000 in two weeks have come to hand show God is moving to do a great work through you. "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 . . . . Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:7-15). Let us pray that this Korean best-seller be a best-teller of the good news of Jesus Christ in English to the whole wide world. Amen.

Another way of promoting the Autobiography of Rev An Yo Han is to send in your testimony. You have been blessed by the Film. Why not take a little time to pen a paragraph or two to encourage those who have not seen the Film to see it July 29, 30 & 31 at Life, Calvary and New Life? Pastor An will appear live and preach, especially at the Sunset Gospel Hour, July 30, 6 pm. On the same night his Autobiography in English will be launched! What a wonderful evening it will be. Bring a friend!

Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 23 - 30)

MON - FRI	FEBC Final Examinations
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
FRI 5.30 pm	FEBC End-of-Semester Dinner at 64 Andrew Road
SUN 8.00 am	Rev Bob Phee
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 Church Service
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Kebaktian Indonesia
6.00 pm	Tamil Service

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,548 (8.00 am)

\$5,322 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND 1741)\$200; 1742)\$20;  
1743)\$200; 1744)\$1000.

#### OFFERINGS FOR Thanksgiving (I Chron. 16)

\$20,000; Inst. Alkitab Indonesia B. \$40,  
\$778.75, \$768.75, \$200; Blind Korean Pas-  
tor Book \$1300, \$200, \$150(Boxes); Batam  
\$100(YF & YAF), \$100; Shalom BPC \$80; FEBC  
\$200, \$140; Theo. Study \$10; Book Missiles  
\$100; Missionaries \$50.

Life Church Family Camp for Mar. 1990 will  
be held at Awana, Genting Highlands.

FEBC closes for the long vacation Apr 29, '89,  
reopening July 24, '89. Graduation exercises  
will be held at Calvary Pandan, August 20, '89.  
Charles Seet, senior student at FEBC, is  
seconded to Adelaide to work with the Paaupes  
for 2 months during the long vacation. Pastor  
and Mrs Tow will leave May 3 for Melbourne to  
relieve Eld. & Mrs Khoo in ministering to  
Bethel BPC. Rev & Mrs Tow return July 9  
via Perth where they will minister for a  
week, arriving back July 16.

We extend deep condolences to Sis. Pauline Lee  
on the homegoing of her grandmother, Mdm Chan  
Sook Ching, on 17th Apr.

Register your child for Nursery/Kindergarten  
at the Far Eastern Kindergarten office today.

IDOL-TALK: Two weeks ago taxidriver Tan Kim  
Huat's mother would receive Jesus as Saviour.  
In haste she wanted her house idol removed.  
The temple medium demanded \$600 for removal-  
fee. Hearing this, Mr Koh (colleague of  
Kim Huat) enlisted pastor, preacher and mem-  
bers of our Chinese Service to the fray. Ar-  
riving before the medium, we had the idol re-  
moved and destroyed--free of charge!

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Further to our ACM last Lord's Day, I would like to add my appreciation to Deacon Charlie Chia our Assistant Treasurer for presenting so neatly and clearly all the financial transactions of our Church. Won't you say a kind word to him when you see him at the counter today?

As for the question put forward by Mr Eio Eng Hua (Treasurer of FEK) on the loans extended to Bethel BPC (Melbourne), Shalom BPC (Pasir Ris), New Life BPC (Woodlands) and Kelapa Sawit BPC (Johore), these being help to our needy brother churches, no interest is charged (Lev. 25:36). On their part, however, great profit has been made! e.g., Bethel BPC (Melbourne). Using the money we had loaned them, they bought 5 acres of land, with a view to building their sanctuary. Meanwhile, there came a sale offer from an AOG church (seating capacity for 500) which was clinched at A\$750,000. As land has appreciated by leaps and bounds, the eventual selling of the 5 acres should more than pay for the price asked by the AOG church. Besides this, when we loaned Melbourne a first sum of S\$350,000, the exchange was S\$1.40 to A\$1.00, much lower than today's rate. So, it has been profit all around. Not only in dollars, but also in souls saved. Melbourne's congregation has now reached the 3-figure mark.



That we had surplus to help these brother churches was due to our purchase of No. 6 Gilstead Road falling through. The Lord's higher will be done. This alternate investment of our money, you'll agree, is working to the greater extension of God's Kingdom.

Incidentally, the time of our departure for Melbourne has come. We're flying out to Melbourne May 3. There we shall minister till July 9. To kill two birds, we stopover one week in Perth in order to attend the Dedication of the new building July 16, returning to Singapore the same night. Pray for us, that wherever we go our feet might be "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15).

Concurrently, Charles Seet, senior student at FEBC, is being sent to help the Paaupes in Adelaide, May 12 - July 11. As his 60-day cheap ticket (S\$1180, SIA) fits in perfectly with his two-month stint, we praise the Lord for a saving of \$300 on the usual one-year ticket. Pray also for Charles Seet and the Paaupes, that Hope BPC and the Fundamental Bible College of Australia might grow up together strong and healthy. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," says our Lord (Acts 20:35) and isn't it also more blessed to give of our sons than our substance?

Not only our sons, but daughters as well. Pray for FEBC students that each one, man or woman, may find a corner of the Lord's vineyard to serve during their long vacation. Marilyn of Kuching will visit with her people in the longhouse for a season before going over to Batam to assist Roska. This is one glimpse of our students doing their "practical."

We thank God also for a good intake of students July 24 when the College reopens. Pray for the Steeles who were such a blessing to us last year. The Steeles will arrive July 24 and teach the whole Semester until November. One taking a new role on the faculty is none other than Dr Tow Siang Hwa, President of the College. He will teach 2 hours on Genesis.

Soon after the College reopens there will be a whirl of activities. There will be the return screening of "Academic Award" Film of the Blind Korean Pastor An Yo Han, Sat. July 29, 8.00 pm at Life Church, Gilstead Road; Sun. July 30, 6.00 pm at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC; Mon. July 31 after the Ordination of B-P Pastors, 7.00 pm. This is to cater particularly to members in Johore.

The English Version of An Yo Han's Autography will be launched on July 30 at Calvary Pandan, whose Korean original has gone through 54 printings! I've read the book twice and heartily recommend that you get one. Give it to a friend in need of spiritual help. God's plan of salvation comes to the needy in a new wrapping!

The five for ordination are: Elder Koa Keng Woo of Muar, Eric Kwan of New Life, Tang Wai Kay of Calvary BPC, Yap Beng Shin of Bethlehem-Jurong (English) and last but not least, Mark Heath of Perth. Pray for these ordinands that they may persevere to serve the Lord to the end.

Then there is the FEBC Graduation Service to be held at Calvary BPC, Sun. August 20. It will be a double graduation of the Classes of 1987 and 1988. Four amongst these graduands are now preparing for further study at Bob Jones University, viz., Dr Patrick Tan, Quek Suan Yew, Jeffrey Khoo, Jemima Tow. They will pursue a two-year course before returning to serve our Church and College.

One institution we do not want to miss out is Far Eastern Kindergarten. Under Mrs Tan Poh Yok our school for little tots is flourishing again. We're glad more and more

of our own girls are joining the staff. The Gospel emphasis that echoes through the choruses like "Jesus Loves Me This I Know," for example, is being maintained. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

Recently, when a group of Japanese Kindergarten teachers visited Singapore, our Kindergarten was chosen as a show-piece to the visitors. Next to the classroom display and the children in action, our Kindergarten under the sway of the royal palms, our colonnaded porch with her piano house, our clean and spacious surroundings must make a favourable impression on the guests and gladden the authorities. Are you not proud to be a Singaporean?

Yes, I am. More so, a Christian Singaporean. Here are some statistics about Singapore and Christian missions:

Singapore is 20th among the world's richest countries. Looking from the other end, an average Singaporean's income is equal to 49 Nepalese workers' pay, or that of 46 Bengalis, 37 Burmese, 26 Indians, 25 Chinese in China, 32 Pakistanis or 16 Sri Lankans. There are 186 missionaries sent out by Singapore churches. Forty-one are serving amongst the Chinese while the other 145 are involved in cross-cultural work: 126 in Asia, 30 in Africa, 13 in Europe, 7 in North America and 10 in the Pacific Region. Of these 186 missionaries, 46 are short-termers.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37). At the Sunset Gospel Hour last Lord's Day, I once again challenged both young and old to give themselves to fulltime service. To enter the Lord's vineyard at 60 is not too late!

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(1st - 7th May '89)

MON 10.00 am Seminar on Evangelism (R.C.)  
(FEBC Hall)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
THU 7.30 pm Wedding Rehear.  
SAT 2.30 pm Alfred Leong &  
Ivy Tan Wedding  
(Rev P. Tan)  
SUN 8.00 am Eld. Chia K. C.  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Dr Tow Siang Hwa

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS

\$1,782 (8.00 am)

\$4,563 (10.30 am)

#### OFFERINGS FOR Rev E. Paauwe

\$414.45; Blind Korean Pastor  
Book \$50, \$40, \$300, \$80,  
\$500, \$500; Extn Bldg Fund  
\$20; Church Renovation \$100;  
Roska Sihombing \$50; Kelapa  
Sawit BPC \$200; China Mis-  
sions \$20; Theological Fund  
\$100.

Seminar on Evangelism: Roman Catholicism This seminar, organised by the Life Church Evangelistic Band, will be held tomorrow, 1st May, at the FEBC Hall, 10 am - 12.30 pm. The speaker is Elder Chia Kim Chwee. All are welcome.

Kebaktian Indonesia, 4 pm at FEBC Hall. Why not send your domestic helps to this service? Mr Kiantoro, Sr. student at FEBC is in charge. Dn & Mrs Charlie Chia are "uncle and aunt."

Pastor & Mrs Tow leave for

Melbourne on Wed. May 3, 8.15 pm, via Qantas QF10. While in Melbourne (May to mid-July), they may be contacted at 58, Shepherd Road, Glenwaverly, Melbourne, VIC 3150, Australia.

W. Elmo Mercer

#### EACH STEP I TAKE

W. Elmo Mercer



1. Each step I take my Sav-ior goes be-fore me, And with His lov-ing hand  
2. At times I feel my faith be-gin to wa-ver, When up a-head I see  
3. I trust in God, no mat-ter come what may, For life e-ter-nal



He leads the way; And with each breath I whisper, "I a-dore Thee!" O what  
a chas-m wide; It's then I turn and look up to my Sav-ior, I am  
is in His hand; He holds the key that o-pens up the way That will



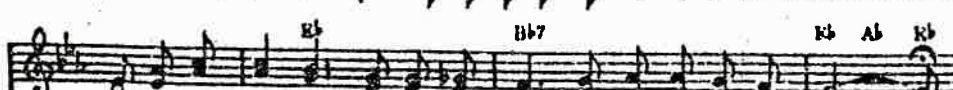
#### CHORUS



joy to walk with Him each day.  
strong when He is by my side. Each step I take I know that He will  
lead me to the prom-ised land.



guide me- To high-er ground He ev-er leads me on; Un-til some day the last



step will be tak-en, Each step I take just leads me clos-er home.







## "MORE BLESSED TO GIVE . . ."

Elder E. Mahadevan

It is a tremendous feeling of joy and blessing to know how others look up to Life B-P Church with a deep sense of gratitude and love. I had the privilege of experiencing this profound thankfulness when I attended the Dedication of the newly-completed BINILING DUGONG IGLESIYA NI KRISTO - (BLOOD BOUGHT CHURCH OF CHRIST) at Pandacan, Manila, Sunday 30th April 1989.



This is one of the six impoverished churches in and around Metro Manila, that some five to six years ago our Pastor came to know through Rev Dan Ebert III. As a result, Lifers from both the English and Chinese services have given cheerfully to the Philippines Churches Fund. Your giving was channelled through Rev Ebert by whose diligent disbursements three out of six churches are now completed. The remaining three churches are still "working out their salvation."

When our Pastor was in Manila to lecture at the Centre for Biblical Studies, which is under the charge of Rev Dan Ebert III, he visited two of the three finished churches. They were the Kapitbahayan Church and "Tai-Tai" (spelt as "Tay Tay") Church.

On Sunday 30th April '89 at 9.30 am I worshipped at the Tay Tay Church, pastor Harsenio Manzano. The congregation of 120 were delighted to see me as one from Life Church. Their expression of thanks was sincere. They asked me to convey their best wishes to Pastor Tow.

Later in the afternoon at 2.30 pm (also accompanied by the Eberts), I was taken to the newly-completed Blood Bought Church at Pandacan, Pastor Wilardro Bona. To my great astonishment here was a three-storey edifice standing tall over a slum district.

A crowd of 200-250 attended the Ceremony. Amongst them were a city council member for that district, older members of the Church, well-wishers, friends and pastors of the other Churches. Two tablets fixed on the wall at the entrance were unveiled by the senior members of the Church. One of the tablets mentioned thanks to Life Church. At the entrance to the Church the ribbon was cut, both by the Pastor of the Church and myself. This was a great honour bestowed on me representing Life Church. At the end of the service presentations of plaques of appreciation were made. I received one on behalf of Life Church. The tribute paid to Life Church is a blessing to everyone of you who gave. I responded with a short exhortation. Truly I was overwhelmed with the joy and praises they expressed to Life Church.

Quoting Pastor in the Weekly of 13th November 1988, ". . . 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 half-finished churches are completed. The Lord bless every item of love-gift offered . . . and bless each giver as your sweet-savour offering comes up to Him 'for a memorial' (Acts 10:4)."

### LETTER FROM REV EBERT TO PASTOR

Please convey to the Church our appreciation for their sending Elder Eric Mahadevan to the dedication of the Church in Pandacan. His visit was a blessing to all and a great encouragement to the Church. The neighbourhood surrounding the church was so impressed by the new building that they detoured traffic from in front of the church for the opening of the dedication service which began outside.

Pandacan now joins Kapitbahayan with a finished church. Taytay is nearly completed. The three other churches are coming along quite well. Thank you for the additional US\$500 which will be added to the fund for these churches. Because of the difficulty in travel we were not able to get Elder Mahadevan to see these churches. But we did give him a report of their progress. This outreach of Life B-P Church has surely had a great impact on these Bible-believing separatist churches.

My heart was strangely warmed as I viewed the plaque in front of the Blood Bought Church in Pandacan. It was engraved in Tagalog, the language of the people in that area. Located next to the doorway, it will be read by the great number of people who pass by the church each day. Recorded there are words of thanksgiving to God for the completion of that beautiful place of worship. And also a mention of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore which was greatly used of the Lord to make that place of worship a reality. I thought of how the ecumenists struggle through unbelief to make unity. But here we have tangible evidence of true Christian unity and love in action. Although most members of Life Church will never see this crowded area called Pandacan, even the heathen there will know of your love and see a living testimony of what God has done.

Please give our greetings to all. Be assured of our prayers in your constant travels on the Lord's business.

### PASTORAL FAREWELL

My dear Readers,

Wed., May 3, '89

I was glad I was able to attend Prayer Meeting Tuesday night, when Elder Mahadevan brought a stirring message on "Rendering to God" (Ps. 116:12) and a report on Philippines. Here is another who has joined the ranks of preaching elders!

Elder Mahadevan serves regularly also at Life Tamil Service. His love for the Lord takes him further to Ulu Tiram and Kelapa Sawit where Tamil faithfuls meet. Let us support the Tamil ministry.

Let me conclude, as we fly tonight, with these lines as a self-reminder:

Let every Gospel messenger  
Travel not as a passenger,  
Who lounges away the precious hours--  
Our journeying is not a tour.

It is a race that must be won,  
With sweat and tears, under the sun,  
Till Heav'n above is reached at last,  
And at His feet our crowns are cast. - T.T.

#### EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER

A visitor to our Tuesday night prayer meeting commented that we have a powerful prayer meeting. He was impressed that we have many who would come together to pray corporately as a Church. Our Church Prayer Meeting has been growing steadily in numbers, to the praise and glory of the Lord. Yet with a church membership of 1200, we could expect more at prayer meetings. We ought to realise that all the ministries of

#### CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

8 pm, every Tuesday  
at the Church Sanctuary



the Church are being sustained by the prayers of the believers. More prayer, more power. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). This verse will be our theme for the next 10 weeks. Various Bible Study leaders will take us through the Word of God to discover how we may pray effectively and fervently. All worshippers from the two services should make an effort to come together, to pray as a body of Jesus Christ. We will be hearing reports from the various Fellowships so that we may know their specific needs and pray more meaningfully. There will be personal testimonies from leaders of our Church of how they are serving the Lord in various outreaches. We want to pray God for devoted people who are using their time wisely for the advancement of God's Kingdom. I would like to quote from John Bunyan in his essay on "What True Prayer Is."

"Sincerity is such a grace as runs through all the graces of God in us, and through all the actings of a Christian, and has the sway in them too, or else their actings are not regarded of God. David speaks particularly of sincerity when he mentioned prayer: "I cried unto Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Ps. 66:17,18). Part of the exercise of prayer is sincerity, without which God does not accept it as prayer (Ps. 16:1-4). "Ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:12,13). The want of this made the Lord reject the prayers of those mentioned in Hos. 7:14, where He says, "They have not cried unto me with their heart," that is, in sincerity, "when they howled upon their beds." It is rather for a pretence, for a show in hypocrisy, to be seen of men, and applauded for the same that they pray. Sincerity was that which Christ commended in Nathaniel, when he was under the fig tree. "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile" (John 1:47). Probably this good man was pouring out his soul to God in prayer under the fig tree, and that in a sincere and unfeigned spirit before the Lord. The prayer that has this in it is one of the principal ingredients is the prayer that God regards. Thus, "The prayer of the upright is His delight." (Prov. 15:8)."

- P. Tan

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 8-14)

MON 2.30 pm Sembawang BPC Wedding  
(Rev Bob Phee)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Rev Tan)  
SUN 8.00 am Rev Patrick Tan  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,615 (8.00 am)  
\$7,683 (10.30 am)

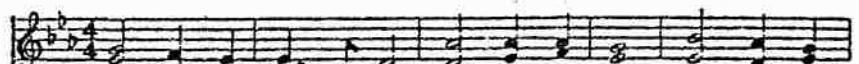
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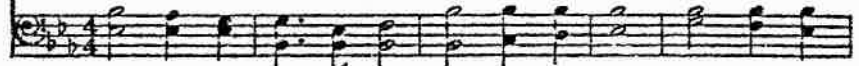
William M. Runyan

#### LORD, I HAVE SHUT THE DOOR

William M. Runyan



1. Lord, I have shut the door, Speak now the word Which in the  
2. Lord, I have shut the door, Here do I bow; Speak, for my  
3. In this bleak quietness Clamorous things cease; Here in Thy  
4. Lord, I have shut the door, Strength-en my heart; Yonder a-



din and throng Could not be heard; Hushed now my inner heart,  
soul at-tent Turns to Thee now. Re-buke Thou what is vain,  
pres-ence dwells In fi-nite peace; Yonder, the strife and cry,  
waits the task--I share a part, On-ly through grace be-stowed



Whisper Thy will, While I have come a-part, While all is still.  
Coun-sel my soul, Thy ho-ly will re-veal, My will con-trol.  
Yonder, the sin; Lord, I have shut the door, Thou art with-in!  
May I be true; Here, while alone with Thee, My strength re-new. A-MEN.







## LETTER FROM NORTH SUMATRA

Medan, 22/4/89

Dear Pastor Tow,

Greetings in the most blessed Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am sorry for not writing to you for some time. It is due to my busy schedule. Indeed your visit to Medan has been a great blessing to us for we are challenged to work harder for the Lord. I have some things to share with you as follows:

### I.A.I.B.

As regards the Institute Alkitab Indonesia Barat (IAIB), already it is written twice in our weekly of how its name came about. When we received the Life B-P Weekly, we read the same story. We were amazed. Anyway, we are all for you and your story about Institute Alkitab Indonesia Barat. It was translated last week in our weekly as the third story. The story of IAIB is already familiar to the people as a result of your visit. Items received for the Building Fund are recorded in our weekly, so the people may learn how to give according to their ability. The amount of their gifts may look little, but when it comes out of sincere hearts, our Lord will be pleased.

### The Late Mrs Pakpahan

We were thanking and praising God to hear that Life and Galilee churches cooperated in showing Christian love to the Pakpahan family. Mr Pakpahan testified of all the good things he received from B-P churches in Singapore during the funeral service [of his late wife] before big crowds, and called it an unforgettable memory. We were present at that funeral service and I was asked to speak. On the first day I spoke about Heavenly mansions (Jn. 14:1-6) and on the second day, "Resurrection and Life" (John 11:25,26). Last week when we visited him, he told us of his desire



to attend Basic Theology for Everyone at our Church. Do pray for him.

### Two American Missionaries (Munson and Lyman)

These two missionaries were sent to Sumatra in April 1834. When they arrived, the first place they went to was called Nias Land. After that they went to Padang and stayed there for more than a month. Their journey continued and they finally arrived at Sibolga in June 1834. From Sibolga they went to Silindung (about five days' walk). When they arrived at Silindung they thought their presence would bring great joy to the Batak people. But the reverse happened. The Bataks said to themselves, "These two missionaries are sibontar mata (white eyes). They come to spy. The Dutch have dominion over us." Finally they caught and killed them; not only that, they took their goods and ate them (this happened on 28th July 1834 at Lobu Pining about 20 km from Silindung). That is why on one of the Batak Church Anniversaries 75 years ago a memorial stone was erected for these two American missionaries. On that monument was written the saying of Tertullian: "The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church." It was written in Dutch above and in Batak below.

For personal interest and because of my promise to you, I searched and found this page of early Church History of Batakland at the Indonesian School Library. Praise the Lord. Amen.

### Family Worship

By now we have 17 families registered to be members of Medan B-P Church, but, sad to say, they are not active in the Church. Their knowledge of the Bible is very shallow. Knowing this, a question comes to my mind: How to solve this problem? No better answer than by starting family worship. When it was started on 18th April 1989, many people attended. Not only members, but also neighbours and relatives of the host. Family worship is a good place to know Christ and to make Him known. Please pray for this new ministry.

### Sunset Gospel Hour

Our AF and YF leaders said how good it would be if they were allowed to form a combined service and worship on Sunday at 6 pm. Their reason for this: That they may bring friends and relatives to that service. Knowing their zeal, I told them to change its name to "Sunset Gospel Hour," for all are welcome. They agreed. It was started on 12th April 1989. Praise the Lord, many people came. Please pray for this ministry too. I believe that now is the time to accomplish greater work for the Lord, especially in North Sumatra. For the churches are worldly. Christians are searching for the Truth. Therefore pray that our Churches may continue to shine forth for Jesus where we are.

Please send our greetings to the household of faith at Life Church.

Yours in Christ, Haposan Siregar

Ed. Note: The story of our Mission to N. Sumatra since Nov. 1972 and the flourishing state of the Church and Kindergarten in Medan under Galilee's support, etc., would be

incomplete without mention of Munson and Lyman, Congregationalist missionaries from USA. I first read about the two heroes of faith while passing a church in Medan. Nearby, right on the thoroughfare stood a plaque on which their exploits are inscribed. If early missionaries of the cross were willing to give their lives, what is it that we contribute a little from our livelihood?

Our giving one Lord's Day Worship offering has been used of the Lord to move the local Christians to give of their substance, widows' mites well-pleasing to God. - T.T.

#### ROSKA REPORTS ON THE WORK OF GOD IN BATAM

##### Indonesian Service

The Lord has given me much to be thankful for: As this April is my fourth month serving the Lord in Batam, I am certainly thankful to the Lord for blessing His work in Batam. One of the blessings that I am glad for is to see the changes that take place in the lives of Indonesians at Batamas. They begin to appreciate more of God's Word and enjoy the fellowship and Christian love shared among themselves. They remind one another and encourage one another in the Lord, and even show Christian love to their non-Christian colleagues. This is something I must thank the Lord for.

My Bible study with them is on Wednesdays and I have been teaching from Exodus 20:1-17 on the Ten Commandments. I hope this lesson may help them to understand more of the Ten Commandments, and not only to understand but also to obey.

The choir was just formed with 12 people. I am joyfully leading them, helping them and encouraging them to always have a good spirit in singing for the glory of God.

##### Evangelism

There are two Roman Catholic workers who are interested to know the Bible. I am teaching them the true doctrine of the Bible. I hope that through studying God's Word they may see the Light and join us in our fellowship in future.

I have been going to several villages to do evangelism work. This work is done in the mornings or afternoons. I go by myself with the help of the taxi driver showing me villages with more people. Muslims are everywhere, but there are still people of other religions whom I can share the Gospel with. I pray that the Lord may lead and give me wisdom to do this evangelistic work the best way possible with a proper aim and goal.

##### Testimony

One convert testifies of God's grace upon his life:

"... It was in February 1989 I came to realise that I have been far away from God. But after hearing the Gospel preached, I was moved and my heart was opened. I came to trust in Jesus. God is very merciful. God is very kind to save a wretched sinner like me. Indeed the Bible, which my father preached, is alive, working in men's hearts, showing them the way of salvation as sister Roska has been telling us again and again.

"Now I begin to love God's Word. I do not smoke and drink anymore. I am very happy to trust in Jesus. I have eternal life in heaven."

The Lord has indeed given me strength and joy to serve Him in Batam. Spiritually, it has been a tremendous challenge. May I consecrate my life to Him daily. The Christian life is an uphill climb and one of constant admonition and reminding as well, but the Lord will never forsake or leave us. Praise and glory be unto God!

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15th - 21st May) LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

MON	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (BFC)	\$2,310.45 (8.00 am Service)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Elder Lim)	\$7,369 (10.30 am Service)
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting	EXTENSION BLDG FUND \$50; \$200; \$556(Chinese S.); \$100.
FRI	7.30 am - 3 pm	Tamil Seminar (FEBC Hall)	OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renov. \$100, \$1123.16; \$1000, \$200; Tabernacle BPC \$500, \$1500(for BF); FEBC \$100, \$150(for BF), \$100; Bethel BFC (Melb) \$100; Blind Korean Pastor \$260(Boxes); Book Missiles \$200; C. Seet \$10; Roska S. \$50. New members who joined the church this Easter are reminded of the Get-together Dinner specially organised for them on Vesak Day, 19 May '89 at 6.00 pm in church. R.S.V.P. to church office by Monday 12 May (tel. 2569256).
SAT	5.00 pm	Lim Chong Sian & Eunice Chua Wedding (Rev P. Tan)	General Clerk required for FEBC/Church Office. Those interested may call 2569256.
	7.30 pm	Gospel Film Shows: "The Visitor" & "7 Days a Week"	Tel Nos: Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Mr Colin Wong 2569256; Bookroom 2541223.
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	
	10.30 am	Pastor Eric Kwan	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)	
	10.30 am	Junior Worship	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service	

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My dear Readers,

Flying at a top speed of 609 mph at 37,000 ft., Qantas landed us in Melbourne at day-break. We thank the Lord for a smooth and "prosperous journey by the will of God" (Rom. 1:10) and for Lim Hai Seng and Elder & Mrs Khoo to have come to receive us. We want to thank Elder & Mrs Mahadevan, Elder & Mrs Chia, Elder Tay, Dr & Mrs Tan and Clement, Deacon & Mrs Paul Wong, Deacon Geoffrey Tan, Bro. Leow Ban Tat and a goodly number of FEBC students and my children for sending us off. In Chinese we say, "Happy Welcome and Happy Send-off." How unhappy it would be were we to leave by ourselves and arrive unwelcomed.

What makes our arrival to this new assignment more pleasant is a welcome dinner by the Committee at the newly-bought Parsonage. Lunch was given by Elder & Mrs Khoo. The Parsonage at Shepherd Road serves as the Church Headquarters for every activity--Prayer Meeting, Youth Fellowship, Bible Study. It has three bedrooms and two sitting rooms, so two meetings can be held simultaneously. The worship service on the Lord's Day is held at Clayton Primary School where seating capacity for 150 is available in the gym room. It gave ample accommodation to 92, old and young, when I ministered to them last Sunday.

The night of ur arrival was Prayer Meeting night--a Thursday night. Before prayer we had a half-hour Bible message. Teaching them a new song, "Each Step I Take," I spoke from Psalm 37 on the ordering by the Lord of a good man's steps. In contrast I brought out the steps of a superstitious man without God, who relies on fortune-telling or astrology. Then there is the stoic who is the captain of his own salvation and the master of his own soul. Thirdly there is the self-willed like Saul who, knowing God's will, rebels against Him. Not so with David, the man after God's own heart, whose testimony is given in Psalm 37:23,24. Make sure, whatever you do, wherever you go, to be in the centre of His will. Then you will have good success.

Saturday Night the YF met at the Parsonage to hold a Talentime Night. We joined them with certain members from the Church. We enjoyed the fun and music items thoroughly. The young people like our new song "Each Step I Take." Our hearts were naturally warmed, notwithstanding the cold breath of winter coming in.

At the Lord's Day service I spoke on "some spiritual Gift" (Rom. 1:10) I'd brought to the young Church, viz., "How can a man be acquitted before the Judgment Seat of God" or, as Paul puts it in Habbakuk's words, "The Just Shall Live by Faith." How can a hell-bound sinner be made just before a God who hates sin? Justification = "Just as if I'd not sinned" comes to us not by works, as the Roman Catholics teach, or as you self-imagine, but by FAITH = Forsaking All I Take Him. This is God's prescription to life everlasting, to Acquittal, to Justification. Quoting John Calvin, whose master-research gives us 43 aspects of FAITH, I dealt with 4 in the context of our Bible passage, Romans 1:1-17. 1) Faith, not nebulous faith in the wishful thinking of those outside Christ. Faith that Paul here talks about is Belief in the Gospel (I Cor. 15:1-4) which is the power of God unto salvation to every believer. 2) Faith's other side, like a coin, is Repentance, a turning away from sin and evil. 3) Forgiveness of sins sealed by Baptism. 4) The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38, Jn. 3:5), not tongues-speaking but a new life from Holy Spirit baptism (I Cor. 12:13). Praise the Lord, this message has some effect on a white Australian couple who discussed God, Hell, and Salvation at Loke Tat Luen's home after a steamboat dinner! Reader, can you say your sins are forgiven and you are on your way to heaven? The White Couple wasn't sure and we are praying for their salvation.

Now about the Blind Korean Pastor Film. We brought it downunder to Perth when we came at Chinese New Year. The Film was shown in Church twice. After that it was despatched to Adelaide, and from Adelaide to Melbourne. The film was to be shown at the Church's Easter Camp but without a projector it was postponed to one show at the Loke Home. This catered to only 40 people.

Before Elder Khoo brings home the film on May 18, we have one last chance to show it in Church May 14, after morning worship. Promising the people sandwiches with hot tea and steaming coffee, we believe all will stay. My faith is for 150 to attend, which will establish an all-time second. The Blind Korean Pastor Film as well as his book have been used of God to bless thousands throughout the world.

So, not only Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne have obtained the blessings of this Film. Peter Clements in Cootamundra is also showing it. He independently applies for one from the Korean Embassy in Sydney. Peter comes to know about the Korean film from our Life B-P Weekly.

Lim Hai Seng, a graduate of FEBC, is doing a multi-job. He drives a minibus to fetch people like us from the Airport. He has a practical ministry with migrants coming in needing help. He edits the Bethel Weekly. He preaches once a month. He does visitation. This morning he has come to take us to the supermarket and stores to attend to our daily needs. God has prepared him for such a time as this.



Since coming here we have been in touch with Perth, Adelaide and Cootamundra by phone, and with my brother in Singapore. The latest is we'll be in Adelaide the third week of May to speak at their Lord's Day Service. There is also a request by Perth to ordain Mark Heath in the local context, before the whole congregation. The Lord willing, my brother Dr Tow will have to fly down to Perth to rendezvous with me July 16. The Lord's will be done. Ordination of a pastor is a very important part of the life of a Church.

The people here are very conscious of our needs in the on-coming winter. So we have been heaped up with all kinds of warm clothing. This is how God takes care of His children. Some even bring us food. We reciprocate by entertaining some who are lonely and come here for fellowship. Meantime I've re-read the finished part of my biography. I hope to complete this work that was first started in Perth 2½ years ago. Pray for us as we pray for you. Shalom.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

## PURPOSES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

### 1. WORSHIP

The first purpose of a local church is to facilitate *corporate worship*. The whole of the Word of God from *Genesis* to *Revelation* places emphasis on sharing in worship. There is something very significant about corporate worship, for it will continue to be the great theme of eternity. We read that all the angels of God worship God together, making a great chorus of praise.

The glory of praise is to be found in its depth and sincerity, but also in the number of people joining in it. Therefore one of the main functions of the local church is to provide an orderly, harmonious, congregational means of worshipping Almighty God.

Corporate worship is, incidentally, a very powerful witness. And if worship is to impress the world such a witness cannot normally spring from the worship of an individual believer, because individual worship is a very private and intimate activity. Praying and almsgiving in public by individuals was actually condemned by the Lord because of the problem of human pride. But the worship of a company of believers is an essentially humble activity. The fact that a company of people are seen heart and soul committed to the Lord, adoring and revering Him as though they felt and sensed His presence and benefitted from His power and glory — all this is a powerful witness.

We can see that certain duties as church members flow from this. To worship God worthily we must be early settled and spiritually prepared for the worship services. We should have resolved our problems, confessed our sin before the Lord, and prepared our hearts for praise.

### 2. THE WORD

The next purpose of a local church is to *teach the Word and to evangelise*, to represent God in the world. We see the church at Jerusalem engaging in the study of the Word and in vigorous personal witness and preaching.

*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple ... (Acts 2.46).*

What were they doing in the temple? They certainly were not worshipping there, for the passage goes on to say that they engaged in 'breaking of bread' in their houses. They were in the temple to speak to people, to witness (particularly at the time around Pentecost when all the pilgrims were crowded into the city).

To teach the Word and evangelise requires a local church organisation. Some people (and they would seem to be a minority) have particular capabilities for teaching and preaching. Others have other capabilities.

The New Testament requires us to train (2 Timothy 2.2) and support preachers of the Word for evangelism and the efficient instruction of believers. This command could not, of course, be carried out without the existence of churches.

Each purpose of the local church represents activities which cannot be efficiently carried out without the church. It is very obvious that corporate worship cannot be carried out without a gathering of people. Similarly there could be no colonies of heaven on earth, no manifestation of spiritual family character, without such a gathering. And we could never effectively support numerous teachers and preachers without churches.

The carrying out of the great commission and duties of church

members will include supporting all the meetings that are convened to teach the Word and to evangelise.

### 3. SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Another purpose of a local church is to *pool the resources of Christian people for Christ's service*, to potentiate the abilities of church members and to rightly organise their efforts. This includes the training up of a succeeding generation of the Lord's people. Now these things cannot be done effectively without a local church. Christian people cannot pool their resources unless there is some binding unit — a local church. Nor can they have their abilities trained and refined and potentiated without mutual help.

Our individual capacities, natural and spiritual, can only be brought to maximum usefulness if we are working together. The task of the local church is to pool all our resources and all our different gifts to make one, cohesive, complete, large effort for the Lord.

The stewardship of our means is also included in this function of the local church. We have there a duty to pool our resources and to support the full-time ministry. The main passage of Scripture commanding this is 1 Corinthians 9 (particularly verses 6-14).

But we must strive to honour this last purpose of a local church — the pooling of our resources, the potentiating of our abilities, so that all our members become a real local army for the Lord.

(Extracted from The Sword & Trowel)

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 22 - 28)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Mr David)
THU	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehears. (Bethany)
SAT	3.00 pm	Wedding (Faith Independent Baptist Ch., Pastor J. Khng)
	6.00 pm	Wedding (Bethany BPC, Rev C. Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	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
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,913 (8.00 am)  
\$4,508 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS FOR: Extension Bldg Fund \$2.50 (Boxes), \$200; Church Renovation \$100, \$50, \$200; K. Sawit \$200, \$62; Missionaries Fund \$50; Blind Korean P. \$200; Brutus Balan \$115, \$50, \$50; Rev Paauwe (Hope BPC) \$50.

EXPRESSGRAM to Dr Steele: Warmest Welcome! Yours received, redirected to Melbourne. Advise date of arrival!

Reminder to Motorists: Please do not park along Gilstead Rd with double yellow line. Ample parking available at the Home Nursing Foundation carpark next door.

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Melbourne, May 18, '89

My dear Readers,

Peter says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Pet. 2:2,3). The young leaders of Bethel BPC in Melbourne have tasted the graciousness of the Lord. So they desire the sincere milk of the Word. Therefore, they've requested me to hold 3 Bible classes apart from the Lord's Day sermon. During Thursday night prayer meeting I'm teaching the Gospel of John (textbook: Gospel of Life). Friday night we have X Commandments, etc. (I give them charts from "The Law of Moses and of Jesus"). Sunday after worship: The Book of Revelation (6 lessons to take a panoramic view of the whole book). The YF has got me to speak on ISRAEL in the Light of His Second Coming. Every month they have a cottage meeting. The coming one is a House Blessing. As for Mrs Tow she has elected to take the Children's Sunday School and other children's meetings at the Parsonage.

The Parsonage is located at 58 Shepherd Road. The surrounding rolling grassland with a park at the end of the road gives evidence this was a sheep ranch. Now it is being encroached by man as more and more houses are built. The distant mountain range and the autumnal skies remind one of Cameron Highlands. As if we had brought the sunshine from Singapore, the past two weeks were clear and bright. The Lord has thus given us a probation period before colder weather sets in. To brace us up for winter, kind hands have piled into the parsonage every kind of woollen wear.

As the Lord has blessed Perth with an instant Church, so has He the Bethel congregation in Melbourne. Mr Hai Seng our Church worker took us to see the AOG church at Oakleigh. Oakleigh is served by several bus-lines and has a railway station nearby. It is like Shalom Church situated at Pasir Ris. It is a stone's throw away from Monash University. It can become a university Church! A 500-seat Auditorium with 3 outhouses on 26,000 sq.ft. of land at A\$750,000 is sold to us for a song. Since purchase of Oakleigh was effected with a 10% deposit October 8, 1988, the price of landed property in Melbourne has increased by leaps and bounds. The loan we've given to Melbourne via Calvary is earning good dividends everyday. Yea, even 15.5% interest, out of which the Committee has apportioned A\$2,000 in thanksgiving towards Rev Paauwe's Van Fund. (The Church holds 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving May 28). A young Church is beginning to bear fruit, to lend support to Mission! "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38).

By His appointment I had the honour of publicising and showing the BLIND KOREAN PASTOR Film Sunday May 14 after Church service. The worship attendance was 100, and special collection for the BLIND KOREAN PASTOR'S BOOK, A\$300. The film has blessed them so much that several have requested videos from Calvary BPC. Having completed 5 showings downunder, the Film is despatched with this Australetter II by hand of Elder and Mrs Khoo leaving here May 18, '89.

One night last week Mr Eric Choong got me to accompany him to visit a nurse having terminal sickness. We invited her to Worship May 14 and to the Film following. During Worship Service we sang as a prelude to the film "O Come Back to the Lord," the song of the Father calling the Prodigal Son home. This so touched her heart that she was overwhelmed with tears. "Prodigal Son" to the tune of Barley Fields sung by Christopher Tan in-between reels, like Roska did, spoke to many a young person from Monash University. One young man from one of our BPCs in Singapore studying here confided in me: "The subjects we are studying will be of no use as we look for the Lord's Return." Apparently the Lord is beginning to induce him to the fulltime ministry. I told him there was no great sacrifice we could make following Him. When the Lord calls, will he respond? Will you?

Well, Charles Seet did. He had already had 3 years of Medicine at NUS. When the Lord spoke to him in an accident from which he was narrowly saved, he left the University to study at FEBC. He promised the Lord he would become a missionary. Answering Charles in no time, the Lord has sent him to Adelaide to help the Paauwes in their very tight programme. Charles will not only preach but teach, including Greek, at the Fundamental Bible College of Australia. Incidentally, we are preaching Sun. May 21 in Adelaide and speaking at special meetings during two week days before returning to Melbourne Wed. May 24. Pray for us that wherever we are called, we will glorify His Name.

The Lord has also given me a ready pen this time to complete my biography. I told you before how I had written 250 pages in Perth. I needed 50 more to go. Now I have exceeded the 50 and I want to praise His Name for enabling me to finish it.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

Dear Lifers,

#### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

All of us want to grow spiritually and to mature in our faith. When we first accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, we were spiritual babes. The situation then was, "as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). Our diet consisted of listening to the sermons at the Sunday



worship services, and hearing the Sunday School lessons. As we grew older, we learnt how to keep Quiet Time and follow the RPG Notes. However, we do realise that we cannot always be on milk feeds, but we need a full and balanced diet. "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14).

I challenged the 35 new members of Life Church at a special dinner organised for them on Friday, 19th May '89, with a message taken from 2 Peter 3:18: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The sign of life is growth. If you are not growing spiritually, you are in danger of spiritual ill-health.

To help you grow spiritually, the Session will soon launch a project called the Neighbourhood Bible Community. The NBC is to establish Bible study centres in members' homes where Christians can meet together to study the Bible. Bible study leaders will be raised and trained to organise the NBC and to conduct Bible studies. Spiritual growth is promoted through the "Berean Principle" (BP). "These (the Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). If you are interested in the scheme, please contact Preachers Colin Wong and J. P. David. Love, P. Tan



#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(May 29 - June 4, '89)

MON-FRI YF Camp  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Elder Chia)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm-LTF  
2.30 pm Jeffrey Chan & Lee Leng Leng Wedding (Rev P. Tan)  
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm-YF  
4.00 pm YAF  
SUN 8.00 am Elder Khoo P. K.  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Joseph Ong  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
11.45 am Filipina F'ship  
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  
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,051 (8.00 am)

\$3,792 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND \$50, \$500, \$15.10 (Boxes).

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND \$937.65, \$35, \$100, \$500.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: FEBC \$140, \$50; Batam Missions \$100; Theological Fund \$50; Rev Tan \$3000.

The Evangelistic Band witnesses Christ to the residents of Toa Payoh every Sunday afternoon. If you would like to be part of this ministry of soul-winning, meet them at the FEBC Hall today, 12.30 pm, for a time of prayer and singspiration before setting out at 1.30 pm.

Office Assistant needed by the Christian Life Book Centre. Call tel. 2541223.

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Rd., Singapore 1130

- LIFE IS FRAGILE, HANDLE IT WITH PRAYER! -

A brilliant schoolgirl collapsed at a bus stop, After ten days in coma, she went home to be with the Lord. A Christian salesgirl I know was healthy and normal, Suddenly it is discovered she suffers from a blood disorder. She is now hospitalised and has gone into coma. These are but two incidents of many, happening so suddenly. The message is clear: "Life is fragile, handle it with prayer."

The breath in our nostrils is easily snuffed: "For all flesh is as grass and the glory of man as the flower of grass . . ."

"All glory and riches as the flower of the grass, shall pass away . . ."

And when we face our Lord, what have we to say? For what earthly glory can we take to eternity?

When your overworked body signals, "STRESS" And you heed not its call to take it easy and rest, You suddenly find yourself hospitalised for an "enforced rest," In pain because of the needles and tests, To your loved ones you've caused much anguish and distress. Our Lord calls all ye that labour, "Come unto me and rest."

When prayer requests are made on Tuesday Night Prayer Meetings, You hear cases of suffering, sickness, operations, among other things.

The increasing numbers in our Prayer Meetings Show that there are many who've realised the message:

LIFE IS FRAGILE, HANDLE IT WITH PRAYER!

1 Peter 1:24, James 1:10

- Linda Chan

Do you have a piano you wish to sell or dispose of? The Kulai Besar B-P Church (Johore) urgently requires a second-hand piano. Call the Church Office, tel. 2569256, for more information.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Prov 31:10). The Sunset Gospel Hour is currently holding a series of messages on the lives of FAMOUS WOMEN OF THE BIBLE. Hear them at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, every Lord's Day, 6.00 pm.

We welcome back Sis. Roska, who is on a short visit from Batam. Pray for her, and for the outreach of our Church to Batam Island.

Call Lim Florists 3369011





## Our Ministry at Bethel B-P Church, Melbourne

By Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

My wife and I left Melbourne on 18th May 1989 after ministering to the Bethel B-P Church for three months. We were supposed to return home by about 8.00 pm on that day, but our flight was delayed for seven hours due to mechanical problems. We praise and thank God that the problems did not develop during our flight. So we took it as Divine Delay, for God's timing is always perfect! We also praise and thank the Lord for Bro Hai Seng who fetched us, together with Rev & Mrs Tow, to the airport. We thank the Lord for them and for some of our close friends in Melbourne who saw us off.

We count it a privilege to have had a part in ministering the Word of God to the congregation there. I preached a total of seven messages: Five at Bethel, and one each at Hope B-P Church and Pure Korean Presbyterian Church in Adelaide. I also spoke at Youth Fellowship meetings, both in Melbourne and Adelaide. During Thursday night Prayer Meetings we studied the book of Esther (eight lessons). The Family Bible Camp was held at the foot of Mount Evelyn, March 24 - 27. It was a Recreation Camp nestled in unspoilt surroundings. There were 86 campers--almost the whole Church was there. The camp theme was, "Exceeding Great and Precious Promises." Dr Tow Siang Hwa was the camp speaker. He spoke about the Christian hope in the time of trial and about "perilous times" confronting the Church and how to prepare in meeting them. They were very timely studies from the General Epistles of Peter. At the camp, two Monash University students, Irene Lim and Tan Swee Kheam, and a high school student, Richard Lee, were baptised. Four were confirmed in the Faith: Karen and Karin Koh, and Joyce and Grace Chong, all high school students.

My one great request to you, dear Readers, is that you earnestly pray for the continual supply of preachers to man the pulpit at Bethel B-P Church. Pray in particular for a permanent resident preacher, because the sending of pastors/elders can only meet the spiritual needs of the flock there up to a point. There is a great thirst and hunger for the Word of God, and the people need to be fed in order to grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But how are they going to be spiritually nurtured without preachers? "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15).

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). Amen.

## Rev Tow Writes in the Bethel B-P Weekly, 28th May 1989

### Revival is Brotherly Love

In Psalm 133 King David extols the reviving power of brotherly love as expressed in communal harmony. It is like the fragrance of "precious ointment" that is used for the anointing of the high priest - how pleasant to the nose and exhilarating to the spirits! It is like the dew borne by the mountain breezes of Hermon upon the parched hills of Jerusalem after a hot summer night - how the withering grass browned by the afternoon sun becomes sparkling green again in the cool of the morning.



Brotherly love is irresistible power for God's service. But when it is dissipated by self-reliance and turning away from God (Deut. 32:15), that conquering power is gone. When brothers unite, one can chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight (Deut. 32:30). By geometrical progression, three can rout a hundred thousand!

### We were your messengers to Hope BPC, Adelaide

When we visited Hope BPC in Adelaide last week, we were entrusted with a \$2,000 cheque for their Van Fund. (As Adelaide is very limited in public transport, a minibus is evidently the crying need of a growing Church.) How your gift, like the mountain breeze of Hermon, brought joy and gratitude to the brethren there. And how, as they sparkle under the dew of your concern for their welfare, they bless you in their prayers. "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God" (II Cor. 9:12). How wonderful to see brotherly love in action between two B-P Churches in Australia. And inasmuch as they have need of us, we have need of them, too.

The Lord gave me opportunity to speak at the Lord's Day Worship (attendance 47), Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, Special Monday meeting with the Korean Presbyterian Church and finally at the send-off dinner, Tuesday night. Though Hope is the youngest of the BPCs in Australia, she has the pastoral care of the Paauwes and the brotherly cooperation of the Koreans and two Australian ministers. Unity is strength. With Mr Charles Seet sent by Life BPC as short-term missionary, the Paauwes are enabled to leave the Church and College to minister with Sharon BPC in their Family Camp at Genting Highlands. This is another testimony to the power of a united Church. Let us pursue this brotherly love

and Christian unity that is sorely tested in this day of apostasy. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12).

#### Worship at Hope BPC, Kensington Centre

Inasmuch as Bethel is a home to young brothers and sisters transferring from Perth to Melbourne higher schools of learning, Hope has received one or two also from Perth. With this extended care for one another, may I introduce Hope BPC whenever you are in Adelaide on the Lord's Day. Ring Rev Paauwe, (08)332-0704, whose residence is 8 Sandford St., Kensington Gardens, SA 5068. Their place of worship, like ours at Clayton, is a school--Kensington Centre, 3 Shipsters Road, Kensington, South Australia 5068.

Meanwhile, some from Adelaide are visiting Melbourne. Dr Michael Lee, a dental surgeon, said he would worship with us beginning of July when he comes here to see his mother. Let us promote this fellowship between Melbourne and Adelaide.

#### From Brotherly Love to Filial Piety

Before I end this Pastoral Chat, let us not forget filial piety which is the vertical relationship with our parents inasmuch as the fraternal is the horizontal. The vertical that reminds of the honour we owe our parents should lead us on to God our Heavenly Father. Moreover, today is our Church's 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving!

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22,23).

Worship, says St. Augustine, is the mother of all virtues. This is the highest filial piety. How do we thank Him in our special worship today?

#### Bro. Charles Seet Sends Greetings from Adelaide

Greetings in Jesus' Name! I wish to report that I am well and well-taken care of here in Adelaide. My needs are adequately met by the sum of money which has been provided. I am presently staying at Afton Private Hotel, 260 South Terrace, Adelaide 5000, South Australia, which is located in the southern part of town. I have learnt the bus system here and am getting used to it. All the gifts, letters, books etc., have been safely delivered and many items have proved to be useful and well-appreciated. I have had a profitable time of fellowship with Rev & Mrs Paauwe, as well as with the church members and Bible College students. There is much work for me to do, including artwork, teaching and preaching. I am also learning a lot from this experience. I will write a full report later on.

I thank the Lord for His grace to me and I also thank the Session for their support and concern for me during this time. I am especially thankful to Elder Chia and Pong Sen who came to see me off at the Airport when I left for Adelaide. May the Lord continue to bless one and all at Life B-P Church.

(P.S. If you would like to write to me, please send to the address of the Hotel given above.)

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (5 - 11 June '89)

MON - FRI	Vacation Bible School
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Pr. C. Wong)
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
2.30 pm	Eric Tay & Yvonne Loh Wedding (Rev Patrick Tan)
3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
4.00 pm	YAF
SUN 8.00 am	Rev Edward Paauwe (Lord's Sup)
9.30 am	Sunday School
10.30 am	Rev Edward Paauwe
10.30 am	Chinese Service
10.30 am	Junior Worship 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:

\$2,574 (8.00 am)  
\$6,108 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Extension Bldg Fund \$3.35(Boxes), \$20; Church Renovation \$100, \$1000; Bl. Korean Pastor \$250; Book Missiles \$250; BPCWA \$3000, \$35; A-Finished Filipina Ch. \$3000(AF); Batam \$20; Theological Fund \$10; Ronny Khoo \$50; Brutus & Taya Balan \$5.

Neighbourhood Bible Community: Read about it in the June Fellowship Update. Those interested in it may contact the Church Office (tel. 2569256) or Pr. Colin Wong, tel. 250-6653.

Are you wondering how to spend your June school holidays usefully? Why not come to Vacation Bible School (VBS) to learn more of Christ? There are classes for 6 to 18 year olds and interesting activities for everyone. VBS is on from tomorrow till Friday, 9 am to 12.30 pm everyday, at Life Church. All are welcome!

Life Church Sunday School, 9.30 am every Sunday. There are classes for everyone! Bring your children and come yourself. The only way to grow spiritually is to study God's Word.

Rev & Mrs Edward Paauwe arrive from Adelaide on 5 June and will be staying at Life Church Guest House. Rev Paauwe preaches next Sunday at both services in Life Church.

"Do We Need a Spiritual Revival Today?" This is the theme of our messages at the 8.00 am Service for June and July. See the June Fellowship Update for details of the programme and speakers.

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Telephone no. 2569256



Adelaide, May 23, '89

My dear Readers,

From Melbourne to Adelaide

In response to Adelaide, we took a De Luxe Coach Sat. May 20, 11.20 am, arriving the same evening 9.40 pm after a 10-hour ride. The distance between Melbourne and Adelaide is about the distance between Singapore and Penang. Bro. Loke Tat Luen kindly sent us to the bus station.

As the Church paid for our fare, A\$180 round-trip for two, we became Bethel's missionaries! The Committee also entrusted us with an A\$2,000 cheque for Adelaide's Van Fund. We were like the Apostle Paul carrying a gift from Corinth in the course of his travels. Now, Bethel is only 3 years old. Yet, she has begun to give to a sister Church, and practise our Lord's teaching, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). This giving in the Cause of Missions is a sweet-savour sacrifice well-pleasing to God.

Sowing in Tears, Reaping in Joy (Ps. 126:5)

When we visited Hope BPC December 1986, they were less than 20 worshipping at an old Scouts' Den. This visit, after 2½ years, sees the congregation more than doubled. There were 47. Moreover, they have been promoted from the Scouts' to a brand new red-brick building called Kensington Centre, a stone's throw from 8 Sanford Street, Kensington Gardens, S.A. 5068, where the Paaues reside. This school for the handicapped has a gymnasium that can easily accommodate 200, and a brand-new kitchen and dining hall. The gym with a high ceiling adds to the grandeur of the auditorium. The kitchen serves Sunday lunch, as at Life Church. The problem of cooking is solved by each family bringing a dish. Rise is cooked on the spot. Sunday Lunch, whether in Singapore or Adelaide, promotes fellowship. What the Church sorely needs is a minibus, for in this "ancient" city, bus lines are limited to a few main streets. Praise the Lord, the Van Fund has now shot up to A\$7,100. This is about the ½-way mark.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting from House to House

As Sunday night is most conducive to another Church meeting, the members here gather for Prayer and Bible study, rotating from house to house. I had the privilege of not only speaking at the Morning Worship but also at the Prayer Meeting held at Mrs K. S. Tan's. Among those who came were migrants from Malaysia, Sarawak, Beijing (China), Hong Kong, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and S'pore. Hope is beginning to gather the faithful from these countries, as well as the lost sheep, some having come to a saving knowledge of late and are on fire for God.

In order to further promote the spiritual life of the congregation, Dr Michael Lee their camp master is organising a Family Bible Camp to be held at the YMCA Campsite by the sea next Easter.

Korean Presbyterian Church

There was a saying, "Whichever country or city you go to, there is a Chinese restaurant." Corresponding to this, we can safely say today, "Wherever you go in the world (where are Koreans), you'll see a Korean Church." The Korean Presbyterian Church in Adelaide, consisting of about 40 members, has bought over a 100-year old Anglican Church (A\$85,000) with seating for 100. Its pastor is Mr Moon, a senior student at the Fundamental Bible College of Australia. Herein we see the effectualness of a Bible College!

The Korean Church, hearing of my coming, planned a special meeting for Monday night, May 22. (They were blessed recently by joining with Hope BPC in the promotion of the Blind Korean Pastor Film.) As a number of white Australians were invited, we had 65 at the special service. I spoke on the Full-Four Commission (Great Commission), which I declared to be the neglected First Commandment to the Church. It is the most important Commandment to the Church, but the least obeyed. For, as a rule, every Church is a sitting Church. Not a going-out Church. That the BPC in S'pore has come Downunder is by the special grace of God.

Calling Young Singaporeans

It is high tide for the gathering of souls in Australia today. As Southeast Asian Christians migrate here, they look for a Church. But what Church? There are the dying Churches, so they become Uniting Churches, not for any other reason than that they are on a survival programme. Their Churches are not only dwindling in numbers but drying up in the faith. The Charismatics cash in with their lively singing and working of signs and wonders. We of the Reformed Faith stress on the preaching of the Word. If we can offer them the Word of Life they will readily come.

In Perth, the attendance has reached 250. In Melbourne, 100. In Adelaide, 50. Now we hear cries coming from Sydney, Brisbane and Darwin.

FEBC graduates serving in Australia are Mark Heath and Grace (Perth), Brutus Balan (Wyndham), Peter Clements and Anne (Cootamundra), Lim Hai Seng (Melbourne), Charles Seet (Adelaide). Charles Seet, though on a two-month term, is readily acceptable. They would want him to come back.

So, here is a call and a challenge to FEBC students: Prepare yourselves well, so as to be able to shepherd a Church in this western-culture great Southland. Because

we don't have enough fulltime workers, we have to seek help from Elders.

#### Ministry in Perth

We are scheduled to leave Melbourne Sunday July 9, immediately after worship, for Perth. We love the congregation in Perth, having given a total of 6 months during the last 3½ years. In response to Perth's request, we shall ordain Mark Heath on the spot. There will also be the Dedication of the new wings to the church. We would want especially to visit with Eng Lam and Shirleen, our loyal representatives. Meanwhile, we are praying that God will work out His Salvation Plan for His Church, not only in Australia but in all our constituencies in Asia.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

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

MON - TUE      Servitor Retreat  
MON    7.30 pm    Sharon Wedding Rehearsal  
TUE    8.00 pm    Prayer Meeting (Elder Khoo)  
SAT    1.00 pm    LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF; 3 pm - LBC  
         3.00 pm    Yeo Hai Teck & Ng Poh Sing Wed-  
                     ding (Sharon BPC, Rev Chua)  
         3.30 pm    YF; 4.00 pm - YAF  
SUN    8.00 am    Mr Colin Wong  
         9.30 am    Sunday School  
         10.30 am    Elder Lim Teck Chye  
         10.30 am    Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)  
         10.30 am    Junior Worship Service  
         10.30 am    Church & Junior Choir Practices  
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         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:

\$1,568 (8.00 am)

\$7,946 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND \$20(NJC-PCF); \$500; \$374 (Chinese S.); \$250; \$500.

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Church Renovations \$1000, \$200, \$200; Batam \$450(WF), \$100, \$200; Institute Alkitab Indonesia Barat \$150 (Indonesian S.); Ulu Tiram Church \$1300(AF); FEBC \$6500, \$200; FEBC B.F. \$150; VBS \$1000; Theological Fund \$10; Missions \$60; Tabernacle BPC \$250; Brutus Balan \$110.

We thank the Lord for the Vacation Bible School, which was successfully concluded last Friday, 6th June. A total of 157 children attended, with an average of 104 attending each day. The Lord blessed with fine weather, safety for the children, and many spiritual lessons and fellowship for staff and children alike.

If you would like to write to Rev & Mrs Timothy Tow, who will be ministering in Melbourne until July 9, you may reach them at: 58 Shepherd Road, Glenwaverley, Victoria 3150, Australia.

We welcome to our pulpit today Rev Edward Paaue, missionary of the Independent for Presbyterian Foreign Missions and pastor of Hope BPC, Adelaide. He will bring us God's Word at both services this morning. Rev & Mrs Denis Shelton are also visiting from Australia. Rev Shelton preaches at the Sembawang BPC today and next Sunday, and on the same days at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC, 6 pm.

Visitors who are new to our Church are invited to fill in the white Visitor's Card found in the pew, so that we may be able to get to know you better.

#### ODE TO THE SAVIOUR

Thy hands stretch out the very fabric  
Of space, from end to end;  
Stars are flung into their places,  
And each is known by a name;

It stretches my imagination.

Just by a word,  
And there were the creatures;  
I was but dust,  
Till you breathed life;

It fills me with fascination.

Then I groped blind and astray,  
Knowing no return;  
To Thy law I was a transgressor,  
Guilty and judged;

It was my separation.

The call of the Shepherd reached far  
and wide,

Music to His elect;  
Searing irons of repentance, crimson  
drops

Of justification;

It was my salvation.

Eternal hands,

Across infinite chasm;

Oceans of mercy,

Blending with oceans of grace;

It is my quivering appreciation.

Crucified body and crucified thoughts,

I was sold, now I am bought;

Clay to the potter, slave to a Master,

Bind me now to Thy Sovereign will;

It is my total dedication.

(Written by Yong Chor Hon, one of  
three young people baptised at BPCWA,  
Perth by Rev Tow in Feb. this year)

A room is urgently required by an adult brother and sister. It should be quiet and preferably near church. Those interested may contact the Church Office, tel. 2569256.

Call Lim Florist, tel. 3369011

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My dear Readers,

Melbourne, June 5, '89

## A Sample Page from Bethel B-P Weekly

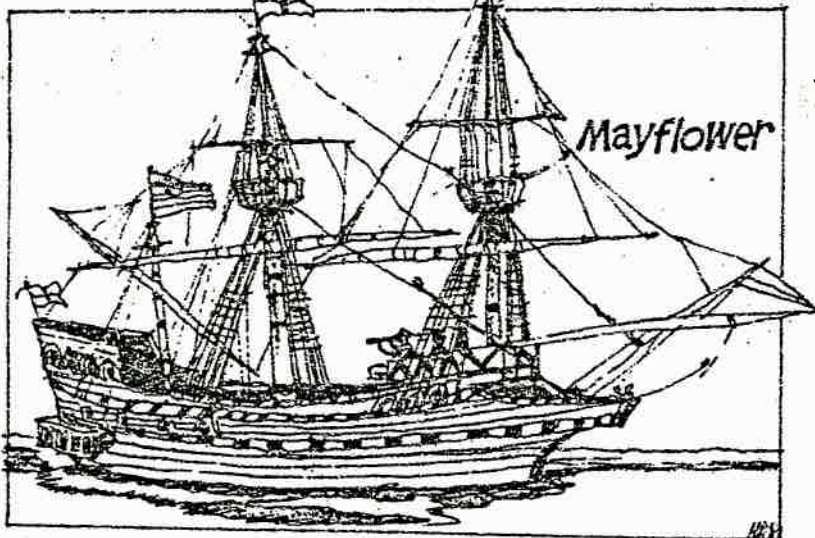
It is always a pleasure to share with you what the Lord has appointed me to do in my assignments abroad. Here is a sample page from Bethel B-P Weekly, dated May 21, '89, to prepare the congregation for their Third Anniversary Thanksgiving which fell on May 28 the following week. To draw their attention to the Pastoral Chat, I got Bro. Hai Seng to illustrate the Mayflower which is reproduced hereunder for your enjoyment. Hai Seng is an artist whose religious cartoons have appeared in the Banner. You can serve God with whatever talent He has given you--art, music, photography, driving, keeping accounts, cooking, nursing, surgery, renovating God's House, picking up litter in God's Compound, etc., etc. Nothing is too great and nothing small (like the widow's mites) when it is done for JESUS.

Now the Lord had given us a perfect Thanksgiving Day, for there was a BBQ following Service on the school grounds, and the temperature was 20°C under the last rays of Autumn Sun. The Monday following, rain and fog set in, and with it, Winter! Here we go:-

## A God Pleasing Tradition

Next Lord's Day, May 28, 1989, we shall celebrate our 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving. How did we make every Anniversary a Thanksgiving Day? This tradition comes from Life B-P Church, Singapore, that held Thanksgiving upon her Anniversary Day from the very beginning (1951).

How did Life Church get the idea of Thanksgiving? We got it from America which proclaims the fourth Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day for the whole nation. Thanksgiving for what? For the preservation of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed in the Mayflower 1620 to found at Plymouth, Massachusetts a colony whereby they might worship God in liberty. God pre-



served these founding fathers of the United States from death by severe cold of a new land and from attacks of hostile Red Indians. Such a Thanksgiving Festival in remembrance of God's Saving Grace is surely pleasing to the Lord.

Now, the Bible-Presbyterian Church was founded without support from mission or church in a hostile environment. We were opposed by enemies from the Ecumenical Movement organised as World Council of Churches. Today, the battle between Truth and Error, Fundamentalism and Modernism, True Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, is waxing fiercer and fiercer. But from the beginning to this day the Lord God Almighty has been our Strength and Preserver. The Lord has supplied

our every need--physical, financial and spiritual. Has He not also seen us through every trial and temptation in this part of Australia? Hasn't He, through our brother Churches in Singapore, helped us to acquire a sanctuary for divine worship? Hasn't He helped each one of our families to migrate to this Southern Continent of opportunity? Hasn't He opened up a way for our young people to obtain a good tertiary education, and to acquire more skills from other institutions of learning? Hasn't He kept us from danger and death and provided for our livelihood?

But we are a forgetful people. After the ordeal is over we take things for granted. We vowed to Him to do this or that when we were in hot water. We cried to Him for help out of a dire situation. The moment He took us out of trouble we said good-bye to Him.

David, in order to remind himself of God's grace upon him, wrote Psalm 103. He says, "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; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's..." (Psalm 103:2-5).

In thanksgiving, the first thing is to reconsecrate our heart. When we were first saved we were brimful of joy and first love to our Saviour. As time goes on we begin to cool. When we love Him, we give to His Cause. Giving is loving. Giving our first fruits, our best, and not our left-overs. As we customarily bring a love offering to Him on Thanksgiving Day, let us this year bring one well prepared, not forgetting our tithe. Why not seal it in an envelope, anonymous, but write on it some special reason for thanksgiving, e.g., for passing an exam, for selling something which brings a profit, for deliverance from sickness or a grave accident, etc., etc. In our thank-offerings at Life Church, two weeks before we came to Melbourne, a lady gave an envelope with

these words, "Thanksgiving: Read I Chron. 16." The cheque contained five figures.

Thanksgiving is a tradition from Life B-P Church Singapore. It is a tradition well-pleasing unto God. Let us make it a memorable one this year. Why not read I Chron. 16:7-36, a hidden psalm, yet so timely, on our 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving? Amen.

- Rev Timothy Tow

We are here because we love the Cause of Christ, we love our Saviour, we love our brethren at home and abroad. And because we love the little ones in Perth, several of whom have telephoned us spontaneously, we must go and encourage their hearts. And we think of Burma, Medan, Batam, Pontianak, Tg. Pinang, India, and 12 stations in Malaysia, not forgetting the Philippines. "Because that for His Name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the Truth" (III John 7,8).

June 8, 1989

In Melbourne we receive full coverage of the carnage of 10,000 students at Tiananmen. The Chinese nation is on the brink of civil war. Qantas has flown a special 747 to evacuate Australian nationals. Thousands of Chinese students in Sydney and Melbourne who protest the Killing Gates of Li Peng are being granted refugee status.

Reacting to this bloody suppression, I write in the Bethel Weekly as follows:

"Political power comes out of the barrel of a gun," said Chairman Mao. So, in Mao's name, as it were, the present Chinese Government has used her armoured cars and tanks to shoot her sons and daughters. Red, red, is Tiananmen Square soaking in blood. There is nothing new about Mao's thoughts or Communist philosophy. It is rank brutality that bursts from man's sinful heart. Whether it be Communism or Nazism, it is the same bloody killing--"Might is Right."

"Might is Right," however, cannot last forever. The editorial of "The Australian," dated June 5, 1989, under caption, "Death Throes of a Doomed Dictatorship," concludes, "Chinese leadership has sickened the world. It may have won at terrible cost, a short-term victory." Jesus says, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52).

My friend Rev Jason Linn of "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" fame, has ruefully remarked, "Till Jesus comes, the world is a whirlpool of a total mess." As the world staggers on like a drunken man, and in Isaiah's words, "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it" (Isa. 1:6), she has no hope until Jesus, "the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings" (Mal. 4:2). When He comes it will be His turn to rule this world a thousand golden years wherein RIGHT is Might. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen. - T.T.

#### BIBLE KNOWLEDGE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

Dear Readers,

When religious knowledge was first introduced as a subject in our schools, it was with a measure of thankfulness to God that many students chose Bible Knowledge. We all believe that our God has revealed Himself to man, primarily through His Word. Beyond this self revelation there can only be a hazy idea of the Creator. The Apostle Paul commented on the religiosity of the Athenians: "I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him I declare unto you" (Acts 17:22,23). We must all vigorously promote Bible Knowledge in our Church. The Sunday School has this as its sole ministry, that is to teach the Bible systematically and progressively. This is in the best tradition of the New Testament Church. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which was able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15). There is no doubt that young Timothy received religious instruction first in the home, through his godly mother and grandmother. This education continued in the local synagogue and particularly in the Jewish requirement to memorise Scriptures.

Christians study the Bible not just for knowledge but to make us wise unto salvation. Expanding on the purpose of the Scripture, St Paul says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16,17). There is great spiritual profit in studying the Bible. The Neighbourhood Bible Community is proposed mainly to promote Bible study. I urge the Session of the Church and all members to support this project. Be a Bible student and live for the God of the Bible. Only then can you mature spiritually. Love, P. Tan

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19 - 25 June)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Eld. Mahadevan)  
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting  
THU - SUN 7.30 pm Tamil Revival Meetings  
SAT 3.00 pm Sharon BPC Wedding  
SUN 8.00 am Mr Stephen Khoo  
10.30 am Pr. Colin Wong

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING:

\$2,333 (8.00 am)  
\$6,430 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS FOR: Ch. Renovation \$200, \$3000(FEK), \$250; Adelaide Van Fund \$400; VBS \$50; Theol. Fund \$10; China \$20; K. Sawit \$30; Bl. Korean Pastor \$200; Rev Paaüwe \$50.

Condolences to Bro. David Soh on home-going of his mother Mdm Chung Ah Kiow (member of our Chinese service) on 16 June. Vigil services were conducted by Revs. J. Chan and P. Tan. Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd, Singapore 1130. Telephone: 2569256.





## A U S T R A L E T T E R V I

My dear Readers,

### Kingdom of Iron and Clay

58 Shepherd Road  
Glen Waverley, Vic 3150  
Melbourne, Australia  
June 16, 1989

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a great statue which was composed of a gold head, silver chest and arms, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet part-iron, part-clay, is a graphic presentation of the deterioration of Man's Kingdom until its final destruction. As Gold's specific gravity is 19 and Silver, 11; Brass, 8.5; and Iron, 7.8; we see in the first four kingdoms a descending order of weight (Hebrew Glory) corresponding with an increasing order of hardness. Now, as the golden glory of Babylon fades into the silver of Persia, and from the silver of Persia into the Brass of Greece, it finally ends up in the Iron of Rome. Totalitarianism, whether it be Roman Imperialism or Greek Militarism, can rule but for a season. Much less Totalitarianism of the End Times, since the spirit of the masses, called Democracy (the clay of the seed of man) can never cohere with the Iron Rule.

The iron armour of Communism that churned the people's flesh into pulp at Tienanmen, as denounced by the Australian prime minister Bob Hawke before 5,000 weeping at a Memorial Service, should awaken us not only to the brutality of atheistic Communism, but also to the nearness of God's Kingdom. Praise the Lord, Daniel concludes with this observation of the fate of that Statue: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the STONE was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." (Dan. 2:44,45). The STONE can be none other than THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (Ps. 118:22).



The butchery at Tienanmen, while being fumingly resented by the Chinese masses including the millions in Hong Kong, has dismayed those nations that are carrying on a lucrative trade with China. No more will there be the hordes of tourists, businessmen and opportunities. Christians worshipping in house churches will once again be taken in (remember Wang Ming Tao's 23 years).

We who live in Singapore governed with justice and equity should never cease to pray for our leaders. In thankfulness to the Almighty who protects our people and prospers His Church, let us rededicate ourselves to serve Him anew. Young man, young woman, as the days are drawing to a close and the Son of God will descend from the blue, have you considered offering your life to HIM? Seeing that the end-time totalitarian powers will be swept away like "the chaff of the summer threshing floors" (Dan. 2:35), it is only "reasonable service" that we present our bodies a living sacrifice to Him (Rom. 12:1). "And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest" (Jer. 45:5).

### On Calvary Road

As a young man, I had turned my eyes to the glitter of this world, until the Lord broke down my stubbornness in April 1946. Since then I've been following Him daily on Calvary Road, the Narrow Way. But, it leads to LIFE, not only in the heavens, but right here on earth. It is good health, and happiness, which money cannot buy. The rigours of winter Downunder cannot discourage me, nor what is ahead in sequel to Tienanmen. We're here under orders from Above, and when our tour of duty ends July 16, we will be back in good old Singapore to prepare for FEBC's reopening. Many have asked why I have not made a China trip? Reason: the Lord has kept me busy in S.E. Asia and Australia. I had no occasion to visit the land of my birth. Should the Lord send me, I'll go. Jesus says, "Because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which sent me" (Jn. 5:30). As of the present, we have received an earnest invitation from Peter Clements and his wife Anne Gradussov to speak at their Church (Scots Presbyterian), Cootamundra, June 17-21. It is a small railway town en route to Sydney.

### Blind Korean Pastor Film

Coinciding with our coming, Peter Clements will have the Blind Korean Pastor Film, which he obtained from the Korean Embassy in Sydney, shown the second time in a Baptist Church. Now we have received a timely request from the Boxhill Chinese Evangelical Church for the Blind Korean Pastor Film to be shown in their Church, Sun. June 25, 7.00 pm. Our going to Cootamundra will facilitate bringing the reels down to Melbourne. This will be the 8th showing in Australia, which adds up to 31 since we had it last September in Singapore.

Let me remind you once again of the three shows to come with the Blind Korean Pastor appearing live, July 29, 30, 31 at Life, Calvary Pandan and New Life respectively. There will also be the launching of the Blind Korean Pastor's Autobiography in English. The Autobiography in Korean has gone through 54 printings, an all-time Korean record. The English version, translated by a Korean woman and polished by a Canadian, is published in Singapore through CLBC (Dn Paul Wong). It is a wonderful Gospel-story that has won many Readers in Korea to Christ. Pray that the English version will reap similar results. "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). The Blind Korean Pastor Film is our effort in end-time mass evangelism.

Statistics from Bethel B-P Weekly, June 11, 1989

Last week's attendance - 105; Prayer Meeting - 8; Offering - A\$671.65

Bethel Building Fund: Calvary - S\$212,611.51

Bethel (Melbourne) - \$A\$47,500.31

Other Donors - S\$23,800

(Visitors to Melbourne can contact Mr Lim Hai Seng, 1/1391 North Road, Clayton, Vic 3168, Telephone no. 544-2208.)

Lifers who have joined Bethel are Mr & Mrs Wong Kai Chee. Two weeks ago Mr & Mrs Heah Eng Lin and children visited. Bro. Chan Ngiap Koon is coming early July. A very warm welcome! We'll be at the Airport to await your arrival. Stephen Kiew, your questions on Bible Doctrine and on Revelation are being answered.

A "Conducted Tour" of the Oakleigh Property

By appointment with the pastor of the AOG Church, we were shown the Oakleigh property, total area 26,000, the same size as that of the Eye Clinic. The auditorium can seat up to 500. The side hall adjoins a big kitchen. Beyond this there is another room separated by a movable partition. All that is in the Church is included in the sale except the piano.

Now, there are on the church grounds three other houses. One will become the parsonage. The second one with 4 or 5 rooms is their present office. The third one is used for youth and children's meetings. Between these structures there is a lawn shaded by trees where outdoor activities take place in summer.

As the Lord had blessed Perth with an instant church, so has He given Melbourne. By selling the 5-acres Bethel had earlier acquired, she has enough to pay for the Oakleigh property, and a portion to repay Life Church.

This one thing I have observed through the years of my ministry: When we try to get rich quick ourselves, apart from God, we lose. "Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings: they fly away as an eagle toward heaven" (Prov. 23:4,5). But all that we give to the Lord and is wisely traded for His glory, e.g. Perth and Melbourne, yields 30-, 60- and 100-fold. The loans we have given to sister Churches to help them build or acquire churches have literally earned for the Lord manifold beyond all expectations. Lifers who have given are similarly blessed.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (26 JUN - 2 JUL)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Eld Tay)  
FRI 8.00 pm Engagement Service (Tabernacle BPC, FEBC Hall)  
10.45 pm Rev & Mrs Paauwe return to Adelaide, QF82  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm-LTF; 3pm-LBC  
SUN 8.00 am Pr. Peter Chng  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Bob Phee (Lord's Supper)  
10.30 am Junior Worship (Lecture Rm 3 1st flr, FEBC blk)  
10.30 am Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)  
10.30 am Junior Choir Practice  
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  
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING:

\$1,920 (8.00 am)

\$6,076 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Church Renovations \$50(Servitor), \$100, \$2000; Extn Bldg Fund \$20; Missions \$300(YF), \$50; Hope BPC Van Fund \$500, \$171.25, \$90;

Hope BPC(Adelaide) \$60; Batam \$2400; FEBC \$1600; K. Sawit \$62; Wang Ming Tao Tract \$650; Theo. Fund \$10; Brutus Balan \$50, \$150, \$1604(C\$1000); Rev P. Tan \$500; Jeffrey Khoo \$500; Jemima Tow \$500; Jess & family \$100. Tabernacle BF \$100 (received on 28 May '89).

The Session of Life Church has decided to offer books written by Rev T. Tow to various Fellowships for evangelism. Make your requests to Dn Paul Wong. Some titles are: Asian Awakening, John Sung My Teacher, The Gospel of Life, The Gospel Prophets, The Law of Moses and of Jesus.

Children's Ministry (CM): Session has approved the CM for the Church. It will combine the present departments of Nursery, Pre-Junior Worship and Junior Worship. Mrs Tan Poh Yok is in charge.

Ng Ee Ching, a 10 year old girl ministered to by Rev Paauwe in Adelaide, is now seriously ill in SGH. Several Lifers have been visiting her. Pray for the salvation of her parents.

Sister Roska called from Batam to report of opportunities for a kindergarten and Bible Study. Pastor P. Tan will visit Batam on Fri Jun 30. Would anyone like to come along?

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A U S T R A L E T T E R V I I

My dear Readers,

From Melbourne to Cootamundra

Melbourne, June 23, 1989

Since we have come so far downunder, and Cootamundra is only 6 hours by train from Melbourne, it behoved us to answer Rev Peter Clements' standing invitation to visit his Church. Peter is one of FEBC's honours students. As he did well in school, so he is doing well in Church. He is mightily blessed with a life partner in Anne Gradussov, another of FEBC's outstanding students. They have a baby daughter, Joy, 13 months old. Another is due in August--double joy!

The Lord has given them possession of a 30-year old house of solid structure. The interior of the house which was occupied by a syndicate of godless people had the walls and ceilings painted in dark green and purple. Not a home, but a "cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev. 18:2). After Peter took over this old house, however, he has dispersed all those dark shades with pure white, and bright yellow for the dining and light blue for the kitchen. (There is a testimony in the colours we paint our house and of the clothes we wear.) Well, our visit has hastened them to the job. But, let us all be prepared to meet Jesus at His Coming, "that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately" (Luke 12:36).

Peter has made our stay as comfortable as possible. What gave us most comfort was his old-fashioned fire-place which keeps the house warm by burning chunks of wood sawn from some retired old telephone poles. He practises the economy he has learnt from FEBC.

Scots Presbyterian Church

Cootamundra is an old railway town of about 8,000 souls. In this quiet community the home fires of the Old Faith were once burning bright. This you can deduce from the solid brick churches built in days gone by. The people here can identify themselves as Anglicans, RC's, Baptists, Presbyterians. But they cannot understand the language of the redeemed.

Peter is an ordained minister of the Scots Presbyterian Church. If William Burns is our spiritual ancestor, then we have a lineage with them. Now, this Scots Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Though Peter is in a denomination in the Ecumenical Movement, he is a constant fighter for the faith, not only in his "home-town" Cootamundra, but also at the General Assembly. Since his coming to Cootamundra, he has gathered the faithful together against the unconverted leadership, many of whom are no more with him. At the Lord's Day worship, there were about 55 old and young. The same night I was invited to preach at a Baptist Church. A sort of Sunset Gospel Hour for the whole community, there were about 80 present. I spoke on "Reformation is a Perennial Process" from the 3 Reformations in O.T. History--under Joash (Jehoiada), Hezekiah and Josiah. An RC priest who has been preaching Ecumenism of late came purposely to hear me. Perhaps it was for him that I was led of the Lord to speak on a controversial subject.

At an Aboriginal Bible School

What gave us an insight into the Aboriginal Community was an invitation to teach two hours, one on the Law of God and the other on Church History, to 7 Aboriginals at the Bimbadeen Training College, established by the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship. Only two of the students were "pure," the rest were of mixed blood. Interestingly, the Acting Principal is a Fijian. I sighed as I looked at a dying race, not only physically, but spiritually.

"Without the Bible College, the Church Would Die"

- Paul Contento

This is a dying world. The whole world system, despite progress in science and technology, is grinding to a halt. The Church is practically dead in Australia. How many a Gothic Structure has been turned into a theatre, a restaurant, a Pizza Hut! The latest one, as our train pulled out of Melbourne, is a Mosque with the star and crescent! I'm told that the whole Presbyterian Church of Australia has only two ministerial students for this year.

I am more convinced than ever of the vital role of FEBC. Ebenezer! "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Sam. 7:12). So will He help us in the new academic year. Praise the Lord, Dr Arthur Steele sends to me here the whole syllabus of his teaching materials on Contemporary Theology II. Then there is the Prophecy of Daniel. Pray for FEBC, for Dr & Mrs Steele's safe arrival July 28. Pray for a goodly number of in-coming students from both near and far. For the Graduation, August 20, 1989!

Yours faithfully, T.T.

Chinese Christian Students in Nanjing

As the Church is universal, we are interested in what is happening in China. On the following page is a cutting from The Australian Baptist, dated June 14, 1989 (Vol. 77, No. 12), headlined "Chinese Christian Students March in Demonstration."

**CHINESE** Christian students have joined in the demonstrations for democracy sweeping China, according to a report from Nanjing.

Students from Nanjing Theological Seminary, the main national Protestant school, marched on May 19 with other students in the city, carrying banners emblazoned with their school's name and Bible verses for freedom.

Christians, including a man carrying a 4-foot cross, also have appeared in demonstrations in Beijing's Tian An Men Square.

In another development, the Amity Foundation, Chinese Protestants' social service organisation, has sent a statement to government and communist leaders urging them to understand the students' position and to enter into dialogue.

No statement has yet emerged from the China Christian Council. Two leaders of the council, including the council president, Bishop Ding Guang-xun, were travelling overseas. Reports from Shanghai, site of the largest demonstrations outside Beijing, indicated Christian students there had no organised participation.

In Nanjing, the Christian students' march was witnessed by Britt Towery of Co-operative Services International, the Southern Baptist organisation that assists in education and various projects in China and other nations where missionaries do not work.

## Spontaneous

"Students from the seminary did march with their own banners that had the name of the school on them and Christian Scripture verses," said Towery, a veteran of work in China. "The Christians are involved. We can say that without question. The Buddhists are also marching, so the religious element (is represented). Actually it's 99 percent of the people behind this thing. Everybody's for this. I never saw such a groundswell. The Christians feel if they don't get involved in this, they won't ever relate to China. This is the people. I never saw anything so spontaneous in my life."

Towery arrived in Nanjing on

May 18 from Beijing, where he visited Tian An Men Square and talked with demonstrators there.

"In Beijing the Christians are more conservative," he said. "The seminary there said they're not involved officially, but the students have been out to watch it. But everybody's sympathetic. It's like a festival."

In Shanghai, Co-operative Services International Director Lewis Myers also reported a cautious attitude among Christians. One pastor expressed concern that the students might "push too far too quickly. There's no direct involvement by Christians here to take a stand in support or in criticism of them (the students)."

## Right and just

"It seems in talking with Chinese Christians as well as university presidents and professors that there's a great deal of general sympathy for the cause of the students," Myers said. "I don't believe I've talked with anybody who said that the cause for which the students are marching is wrong. Almost everybody agrees that the cause is right and just, that there is a legitimate complaint that they have."

"At the same time, there is a great deal of anxiety on the part of university officials that the students might be pushing too hard and either cause a pretty severe crackdown on them and thus on the whole system, or the whole thing might get out of hand and just cause anarchy."

Myers said students were "blanketing the city" and had brought it to a peaceful standstill.

Myers and Towery both reported that all Southern Baptists teaching in Chinese universities under SCI sponsorship were safe and well, although classes in most cities have been cancelled.

**"Basic Theology for Everyone" Evening Classes** at FEBC, Jul - Nov '89: By popular demand, our pastor Rev Tow is offering a course in **Modern Hebrew** to be held Thursday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. This will be learned from the textbook "Thousand Words," which is used for "Ulpan" classes for Jewish Returnees who have lost their language. This textbook teaches you to converse in basic, graduated sentences. Other courses offered are **Personal Evangelism** (Rev Goh Seng Fong, Mondays) and **Isaiah Part II** (Rev Charlie Tan, Thursdays). Details and registration forms are found in the brochures distributed today. Use your spare time wisely by studying God's Word.

Call Rev P. Tan 2569051; Book Room 2541223

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## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 3 - 9, '89)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Pr David)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	2.30 pm	Kew Chin Hin & Evelyn Chan Wedding (Rev P. Tan)
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Frank Low (Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	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:

\$2,815 (8.00 am)

\$4,434 (10.30 am)

\$90 + \$600

### OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR:

**Church Renovations** \$7000, \$3000; **Extension Bldg Fund** \$30, \$101; **Reformed Tape Library** \$700; **Sunday School** \$200; **Junior Worship** \$200; **Hope BPC(Adelaide)** \$200; **Hope Van Fund** \$100; **Rev Dan Ebert III** \$50; **Jess Tamee** \$250; **Theological Fund** \$10; **Brutus Balan** \$210.

An gift was received in offering bag during 8.00 am service last Lord's Day designated to 'Brutus Balan.' However, the sum of money became detached from the piece of paper to which it had been loosely bound. The Treasurer was therefore unable to ascertain what amount was designated in this gift. Can the person who made this gift see Dn Charlie Chia today to clarify the matter?

**Fundamental Christian Ministry (FCM)** is a ministry to students of tertiary institutions. It stands for the fundamentals of the Faith and biblical separation. If you are a student in NUS, NTI or a Poly, you are warmly invited to join in the Bible Studies conducted in your school. There will be a Welcome Dinner-cum-Message for those interested, held at Calvary (Pandan) BPC on Friday 7th July at 6.30 pm. If you would like to attend, please call the Church office (tel. 2569256) for details and registration.

**Motorists are urged** not to park their cars on the double yellow lines along Gilstead Road. There is ample parking space in the church compound and at the Home Nursing Foundation carpark next door. Those who park at the HNF carpark are reminded that the gates have to be locked at 12.30 pm sharp, so please ensure that your cars aren't locked in!



## AUSTRALLETTER SPECIAL

(Dated July 7, 1989)

(EMERGENCY SPIRITUAL RATIONS FAXED IN FROM MELBOURNE\*)

### NEW PSALM AND SONG FROM MELBOURNE

#### OUR GOD IS A LOVING FATHER

1. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace.  
He pities His children, He cares for our  
needs,  
His mercies endure through all the days.  
  
Chorus  
O let us give thanks and sing to His Name,  
The Lord our God is good forever more.
2. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace  
He heals all our sickness, He forgives our  
sins,  
His mercies endure through all the days.
3. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace.  
He has saved us from death; e'en great  
pain and hell;  
His mercies endure through all the days.
4. The Lord knows our frame that it is but  
dust,  
We're like the grass and flowers that grow;  
When the wind o'er them blows, they wither  
away,  
But His grace endures forever more.

#### TIME AND TIDE WAIT FOR NO MAN

1. Time is like an ever rolling stream,  
Ever rolling on;  
We are like little floating leaves,  
Floating like a dream.  
  
Chorus  
Floating on, floating down,  
Time and tide waits for no man;  
Time is like an ever rolling stream,  
Ever rolling on.
2. A thousand years is to Thee like a day,  
Like a day to Thee;  
Our life span at most is ten times  
eight years,  
Soon we'll fly away.
3. O teach us our days to number,  
Number our days;  
Help us spend our time ever with the  
wise,  
Never to slumber.
4. One by one we are carried to sea,  
And we say adieu;  
Blessed are they whom the Lord receives  
Into His glory.

- T.T.

#### HOW MANY CHRISTIANS ARE THERE IN ISRAEL?

The Christian population of Israel and the administered areas numbers about 130,000, the vast majority of whom are Palestinian Christians. A double minority--Arabs in a predominantly Jewish state; Christians in an overwhelmingly Muslim Middle East--they are an indigenous population, and despite differences of current denominational affiliation, most of them are probably descended from the early Christian communities of the Byzantine period. Trustees of a heritage which links them with the very roots of Christianity in the Land, and a history completely different from that of the churches in the West, these Arab Christian communities represent an aspect of the Christian experience with a unique value in the context of mutual understanding between peoples of good will of all faiths.



BETHLEHEM

#### WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH

by Elder Koa Keng Woo

The Westminster Confession of Faith was formulated by the Westminster divines in the Assembly summoned by the English Parliament in 1643 and completed in 1646. It is the last of the classic Reformed confessions and by far the most faithful. The Confession is well known for its thoroughness, precision, conciseness and balance. Creeds and confessions are necessary for the dissemination and preservation of the Christian truth of the Church, to prevent apostasy, to assist God's labourers to work together in fellowship and harmony, and to instruct God's people.

The Confession begins by teaching that the Bible is God's finished revelation and is entirely sufficient for all of man's spiritual needs. It also teaches that the Bible, being God's Word, is infallible and inspired by God originally written in the Hebrew and Greek languages. The doctrine of Predestination teaches that God's will is the ultimate cause of all things, including human salvation. Connected with Predestination is the doctrine of reprobation and human freedom.

The doctrine of God's Sovereignty and man's responsibility also includes the effectual calling of God, of saving faith, repentance, justification and adoption, resulting in

(\* We bring you the Australletter Special today as Pastor Tow's regular Australletter posted here from Downunder did not arrive.)

man being sanctified and doing good works. The doctrine on the Perseverance of the Saints teaches that the believers will not and cannot fall from grace, and that they will persevere. Believers will have the assurance of grace and salvation.

On the teaching of religious worship and the Sabbath day, God is revealed through nature and men are obligated to worship Him. God cannot be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men. God alone is the proper object of true worship and He can be worshipped only through the mediation of Christ.

On the Church, the Confession teaches that a true church is identical with the elect, because it professes the true religion, maintains the teaching of the doctrine and sacraments of the Scripture. Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism are also taught. Civil Government is appointed by God to maintain law and order. Finally, the state of men after death, the resurrection of the dead and final judgment are taught therein.

The Confession is comprehensive, concise and well-formulated. It should be used as a Pastor's manual, always ready to instruct, remind and keep believers from apostasy. (Elder Koa is pastor of Muar B-P Church. Together with Pr Eric Kwan of New Life BPC and 2 other ordinands, he will be ordained on Monday, 31st July 1989 at 8.00 pm at New Life B-P Church.)

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (10th - 16th July 1989)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Pr Colin Wong)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm-LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm-YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Pr Ronny Khoo
	10.30 am	Junior Worship (Rm 3, 2nd Storey, FEBC Block)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
	10.30 am	Junior Choir Practice
	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:

\$1,754 (8.00 am)

\$7,708 (10.30 am)

\$10,000 (Thanksgiving)

#### OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR:

Extension Bldg Fund \$20, \$20,  
\$602(Chinese Service); Tanjung  
Pinang Church \$123(YF & YAF);  
Hope BPC(Adelaide) \$250; Hope BPC  
Van Fund \$100, \$160(WF), \$100;  
Batam Outreach \$400(WF); Sis.  
Roska \$100; Church Renovations  
\$150(Indonesian Service), \$200;  
Tabernacle BPC \$100, \$1500;  
Theological Fund \$10; Reformed  
Tape Library \$10; Reform. Tract  
Distributors \$10; Philippines  
\$10; Missions Fund \$20; Brutus  
Balan \$150, \$50; Kiantoro \$40;  
Jemima Tow \$200; Ronny Khoo \$50.

#### GIVE ME A HEART OF FLESH

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Ever since the Lord called my beloved son Home,  
I've hankered and longed to be called Home;  
Not that I love my husband or daughter any less,  
But because I was selfish and coveted eternal rest.

Lord, take me Home in the swiftest way,  
Let not my "earthly tabernacle" decay  
Through some disease or cancer, I pray,  
But let me go Home to Thee straight away!

The Lord chided me for my self-centredness,  
Illumined me and taught me to show selflessness.  
He gave me a new spirit and a heart of flesh;\*  
Inspired me to write my testimonies that others  
may be blest.

In addition to Romans 8:28 is that I heed  
2 Corinthians 1:4.

The Lord moved me to minister to the bereaved  
whose hearts are sore.

It is because I've lost a loved one that I can  
truly empathise with the brokenhearted,  
Sharing with them testimonies of how my grieving  
heart has been greatly comforted.

May the Lord give me strength to minister to the  
brokenhearted;

It is not easy because there is always Satan to  
contend with:

His frequent taunt is, "Why do you bother? You  
don't even know them!"

I thank the Lord for helping me overcome Satan  
with His Strength!

(\* Ezekiel 38:26)

- Linda Chan

The Renovation Committee has decided that the Church Sanctuary will undergo renovation from March to June 1990. The Sanctuary will therefore not be available for weddings or other functions during that period. Pastor & Mrs Tow will fly from Melbourne to Perth today, ministering there for a week. They return to Singapore next Lord's Day, 16th July, 8.35 pm, by QE7. Telegram received from Rev Robert Thawmluai, Burma: "Please pray for registration of our Bible School [FEFST, with the Govt], and reopening of this academic year (July) '89. We are now under consideration."



## AUSTRAL LETTER IX

My dear Readers,

### Melbourne Breakthrough

Melbourne, July 8, '89

A composition of sacred music by Richard Lee, a high school lad here, had inspired me to write a psalm based on Psalm 103. Out of this has come another titled, "The Austral Migrants Psalm," as follows:

#### - THE AUSTRAL MIGRANTS PSALM -

1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;  
Let the saved ones of God say so.  
He has gathered us from Northern Lands above  
To our Promised Land down here below.

#### Chorus

O let us give thanks and sing to His Name,  
The Lord our God is good forever more.

2. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;  
Let the saved ones of God say so.  
He has spared us from want, from hunger and  
thirst,  
In this great Southland down here below.
3. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;  
Let the saved ones of God say so.  
He's giv'n us a shelter, a roof o'er our head,  
In what they call the "New Land of Gold."
4. What shall we render to God for all His grace?  
We shall renew in Him our faith.  
We shall pay our vows now, before Him today,  
With praise and thanks in His Church always.

July 5, 6.00 am before daybreak. Hai Seng and I got into the Arrival Hall 10 minutes or so behind time, but whisked him to Shepherd Road without further delay. The drive from the Airport took one hour, which gave our brother an impression of Melbourne's wide-ness. (Melbourne is host to the 1996 Olympics.)

We learnt from Ngiap Koon as well as from The Channel, the YAF periodical, of your prayers for us, and from the mail he brought along. From the postman we've received further good news from India, Korea and Batam. In this southern winter, it would be rather like "hot steaming coffee." We have enjoyed The Channel, fellowshiping with YAFers through their testimonies and articles. Thank you, Linda, also for your letter and lines, and James for your epistles.

Ngiap Koon had a simple breakfast with us consisting of oat porridge with milk, 2 soft-boiled eggs, two pieces of toast with butter and honey, a cup of coffee, and one I enjoy myself--hot soybean drink (product of Kwangsi). This is to show you how easy it is to make a Chinese-Austral breakfast. After a time of fellowship, Hai Seng took him to Victoria Hotel at Collins Street where he'll stay 3 nights. Checking out Saturday, he'll be lodged with Hai Seng for two nights before going on to San Francisco. What Ngiap Koon is most interested in is the Worship at Clayton, Sunday morning. I'm glad he has consented to give a word of testimony.

As Bethel BPC becomes more wellknown, more migrants and overseas students are coming in. A young student hailing from KL phoned in this morning. We arrange to fetch him to Church coming Lord's Day.

Tuesday night Khoo Yew Hock came to take us to his house at Wheelers Hill nearby. There we had fellowship with Bro. & Mrs Chua Choo Ser, whose daughter here has a boy, 15 days old. We prayed for the child and for God's peace upon the family. We have known the Chuas since before the War, at Prinsep Street, when we worshipped in Teochew.

To Sam Leong and Ellen Chong: As you have booked your date with Seen Seen, Dec. 9, '89, I shall be at your service. Confirmed.

#### Growing Up Step by Step

Now that more and more are joining the Church, we are encouraged to see two or three of the older members coming together to discuss the forming of an Adult Fellowship. The objectives are to pray together and study the Bible. From here should be nurtured S.S. teachers, a transportation committee, a hospitality committee, etc. This will prepare the congregation to enter their Church at Oakleigh early next year.

"For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Ps. 30:5). One year and a month after the motor accident, Bro. Eric Choong has found a new life-partner in Sis. Siew Leng of Calvary BPC. They will be joined together in holy matrimony, Saturday, Aug. 5, '89, 2.30 pm. We rejoice with them in the Lord.

Following this came another tune to which are married the verses, "Time and Tide Wait for No Man," brought to you in last week's Australletter Special.

Inasmuch as the Lord has given us the Breakthrough in song, so has He extended the ministry of the BLIND KOREAN PASTOR. Two other groups have asked for the Film, viz., an Aussie school and Grace Church of Christ, whose pastor is Rev Chia Chek Kwang, younger brother of Elder Chia Hong Chek of Galilee BPC. I sincerely believe God is using this film ministry to win many lost souls and backslidders. Meanwhile, Peter Clements has phoned that he is sending a cheque for A\$110, a love-gift to Rev An Yo Han, the Blind Korean Pastor.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul" so is good news from a far country" (Prov. 25:25). And more so when it is brought by Bro. Chan Ngiap Koon who arrived here safely Wednesday,

We end our ministry here Lord's Day July 9 with this message: "The Paradox of Happiness and Prosperity." We arrive back July 16, QF7, 2035 hours. Yours faithfully, T.T.

Serving the Lord in Adelaide

by Charles Seet

The Hope B-P Church is one of several growing B-P outreaches in Australia under the loving care of Rev and Mrs Edward Paauwe. I have been wonderfully blessed with the privilege of being a part of the Lord's work there for the past two months.

It was exciting to fellowship with the families that make up the church, many of whom immigrated from diverse Asian countries like Malaysia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Hong Kong. The attendance at worship services has doubled since last year to about 50, and at the 3rd Anniversary, there was a record attendance of 83. The Kensington Centre where they meet is also a blessing from the Lord, because this school hall is spacious and cosy, with ideal Sunday Lunch facilities.

I had the privilege of bringing God's Word to Hope B-P Church four times at the worship services and twice at prayer meetings, and of chairing the worship service three times. Besides my involvement in Hope Church, I also had the privilege of teaching lessons in the Fundamental Bible College of Australia. Sound, intense teaching of the Word of God is much needed here, in a land of many dying churches which are succumbing to the inroads of Liberalism, Ecumenism and the Charismatic movement. It was particularly thrilling for me to teach Practical Evangelism on Wed. nights, because the students were all Koreans who love the Word of God. Through them I preached one Lord's Day at a branch of their church at Renmark, an agricultural town 3 hours' drive inland.

Recently, the students of the Korean and Hope Churches got together to form a Fundamental Christian Fellowship. They will soon begin to meet every fortnight. There is great potential for this fellowship to develop and promote God's kingdom among the young people in Colleges and Universities in Adelaide.

I am thankful to God that He supplied all my needs during my stay in Adelaide: hostel accommodation in the city area, transport by bus, meals provided by families who took me to their homes for dinner. I was also much blessed by the hospitality of Rev & Mrs Paauwe, from whom I learnt much concerning effective service to the Lord. I am also thankful to all of you who have supported me and encouraged me by your prayers. All glory be to the Lord for every blessing He has given!

Letter from Beit El Baraka, Bethlehem, Israel

Dear Friends at Life B-P Church:

Thank you so much for your gift for Beit El Baraka. We appreciate your help in our ministry more than you can imagine. Times here right now are very difficult, and we have little income locally so we especially need the gifts we receive to help continue the ministry. May God bless you for your part in presenting the Gospel.

The political situation has cut drastically into the number of groups that use the Beit El Baraka Bible Conference Centre. The Holy Land Mission and Baraka Church continue to hold camps there. A few other Bethlehem-centred organisations have also had conferences, and a few expatriate individuals working in the country use it for a "getaway." But pilgrims are prevented from coming by a government policy that forbids tourist buses from going into the area. We were so sorry that a recent group from Singapore could not visit us. Also, Arabs from other areas are afraid to be too far away from home. But the ministry is still bearing fruit. In Feb., 7 young men from Baraka Church accepted the Lord during a retreat at Beit El Baraka. Hopefully, our camp will be held July 3-7, and we pray that many more will come to know the Saviour, and others will grow in their Faith.

Yours in Christ, Joan Davenport and Daryl Creamer

Rev and Mrs Edward Paauwe Write

Thank you very much for your concern for our Church. We deeply appreciate your prayer support and would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous gifts for our Van Fund and General Fund. Praise the Lord for His gracious provision through your giving.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17 - 23 July)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

SUN 8.00 am Elder Chia Kim Chwee

10.30 am Rev Tow

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,106 (8.00 am)

\$6,725 (10.30 am) + \$200

OFFERINGS FOR: Extension Bldg Fund \$200, \$20, \$196.91(Boxes), \$100, \$150; Church Renovations \$200, \$100, \$200, \$50, \$200; Batam \$1000, \$50; Ulu Tiram Ch. \$750(AF); Missions \$90; Theol. Fund \$10; K. Sawit \$20; Wan Khwen Lam \$2000; Kiantoro \$30; Ronny Khoo \$30; Brutus Balan \$620.

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Miss Alice Doo, @ Tow Liang Kwang, 80, youngest sister of the late Tow Keng Kee and aunt of Rev Tow and Dr Tow Siew Ai, went to be with the Lord on 13 July. Vigil service Sun., 16/7, 8 pm at 11B Queen Astrid Park. Cortege leaves for CCK Cemetery Mon., 17/7, 2 pm.

Ng Ee Ching, 10, daughter of Mr & Mrs Ng Kim Ming, passed away on 14 July. Funeral Sun., 16/7, 2 pm from Funeral Parlour 1, Blk 37, Sin Ming Drive.

FEBC 2nd Annual Conference, Sep. 4-8, '89, will be held at Awana, Genting Highlands. Theme: "Witnessing for the Lord Till He Comes" Speaker: Dr Arthur Steele.





## A U S T R A L E T T E R X

My dear Readers,

### Strike, Strike, Strike!

Australia is a land of strikes! The latest one involves teachers. Now, Australetter VIII was posted on June 29 to be in time for Sunday July 9. When Seen Seen phoned Thurs. 6th that the letter was late in coming, I faxed the next day "Emergency Spiritual Rations" to "catch up." Then I learnt there was a postal strike in Melbourne! Romans 8:28.

The same Thursday night, I received a third music composition from Richard Lee. This inspired me to write on the Second Coming of Christ:

- IT IS NEARER THAN YOU THINK -

1. Jesus soon is coming again in the clouds to judge the earth,  
He will come with tens of thousands of His saints,  
Behold, He will come in flaming glory so fearful and bright.  
Jesus is coming again.

Chorus: It is nearer than you think -  
The Judgment Day of God.  
He will come with all His saints,  
O the Great Day of the Lord!

2. Jesus soon is coming again in the clouds to judge the earth,  
His two feet upon Mount Olivet shall stand,  
All the sons of Israel now will cry out to Him to be saved.  
Jesus is coming again.
3. Jesus soon is coming again in the clouds to judge the earth,  
He will come to save them who are born again,  
Who have washed their robes white in the precious Blood of the Lamb.  
Jesus is coming again.
4. Jesus soon is coming again in the clouds to judge the earth,  
Why do Christians run the rat-race with the world?  
Have you ever given a thought how you may best serve the Lord?  
Jesus is coming again.

### Perth

We flew "Australian Airline" immediately after service for Perth our semi-final run. This leg of the journey took 3 hrs 15 mins, like one flying from Singapore to Hong Kong. We are housed at Windsor Tower where we had stayed four months, Sept '86 to Jan '87. Coming to Perth has given us great relief from the cold of Melbourne. Moreover it makes us feel good to know we are now on the home-stretch! For, we long to see you!

But we have our obligation to Perth members. Since settling down, there has been a stream of visitors, old and young, to our flat. Or we are invited out to lunch or dinner and to their homes. Thursday night a Chinese Bible Study was held at the Seetors', where the inaugural service was held Feb '86. The Lord has enlarged the Seetor Home with an extended room that can hold 50. About 35 came for the service which used both Mandarin and Cantonese. The Seetors, founder members of Perth BPC, were immensely encouraged. The Chinese section is looking forward to a service to be simultaneously held with the English Service, patterned after Life Church. The Extension Upper Hall has seating for 200!

Now, while there are gains in the Lord's Service, there are also losses. The Padbury Branch in North Perth, owing to lack of support, has ceased to function. The attendance at Mt. Pleasant has stabilised at 200. The Building Fund, however, has received a tremendous boost when A\$50,000 came into the Treasury a few weeks ago, with another \$10,000 this week. This gives Perth the hope of returning to Life Church the A\$50,000 we've loaned them at a much earlier date.

### Rev Philip Mark Heath

The chief purpose of our coming to Perth was to ordain Mark Heath and install him as pastor of BPCWA. Two other BP ministers who converged in Perth were Dr Tow Siang Hwa and Rev Edward Paauwe. On Saturday July 15, 5.30 pm, members and guests began to arrive for a buffet dinner. Well over 200 came and were fed without difficulty, for the ladies of the Church each brought a plate or pot of viands. By 7.45 pm the Worship Auditorium was filled. As there were 15 minutes to 8.00 pm Dr Tow led in singspiration. The Life Church pastor chaired the Service. Dr Tow brought the message and Rev Paauwe gave the charge. The three pastors laid their hands on the kneeling ordinand which was solemnised by prayer. Mark's wife is Grace Lauw, another FEBC graduate. She was in charge of the Church Choir.

## Lord's Day Worship

The Lord's Day July 16 saw an even larger crowd. It was also the first time Rev Heath officiated the Lord's Supper. Dr Tow taught the open S.S. class while I delivered the message titled, "Forces of Destruction and Deliverance in the Church Today," according to John 10:1-16, 26-29. The Forces of Destruction are the thieves and robbers from outside the sheepfold. Inside enemies are hirelings and wolves. Forces of Deliverance are the Porter, Doorkeeper, or Pastor. A faithful pastor is really not easy to find. The porter opens to the Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Door, but the Pope makes himself the only channel to salvation. A pastor who exalts himself above the Lord lends himself to evil, to disrupt and destroy the Church. Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. By His death only are we saved from destruction. Jesus gives us life everlasting, so we shall never perish. "Once saved, always saved" is a good slogan to assure us of eternal security, but not to give license to sinful practices. The Father who gave us to Christ is double and triple reinforcement to our salvation. Can you say you have everlasting life 100% assured?

We were welcomed home by a goodly crowd at Changi Airport, including several members of Session. We learned that Miss Alice Doo my aunt had gone to be with the Lord, that I was to officiate the funeral. The Lord has planned everything so that both Dr Tow and myself were able to take part in this very important family function. "Time and Tide waits for no man."

Yours faithfully, T.T.

### **BLIND KOREAN PASTOR**

will appear live  
at  
the repeat screening of  
His Life-story

Life Church, Gilstead Road  
Saturday, 29 July, '89, 8.00 pm

First Launching of his  
Autobiography!  
(in English)

All proceeds to Pastor An,  
who says from experience:  
"Every Blind Man is a Beggar"

With God's help, Rev An can pastor  
a Church for the Blind, an Evening  
Vocational School for the Blind, and  
edit a Korean Braille Magazine!

**BRING A FRIEND TO JESUS!**  
"Do something good for JESUS  
everyday"

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (24 - 30 July)

MON	8.15 am	FEBEC Reopens, Students leave for Day of Prayer at Pasir Ris Park
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Isaiah II (Rev Charlie Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow

### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$4,624 (8.00 am)

\$3,262 (10.30 am)

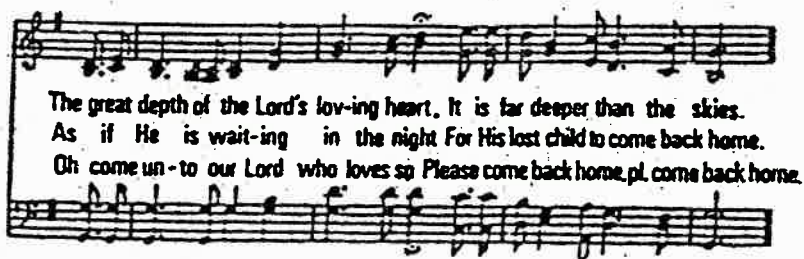
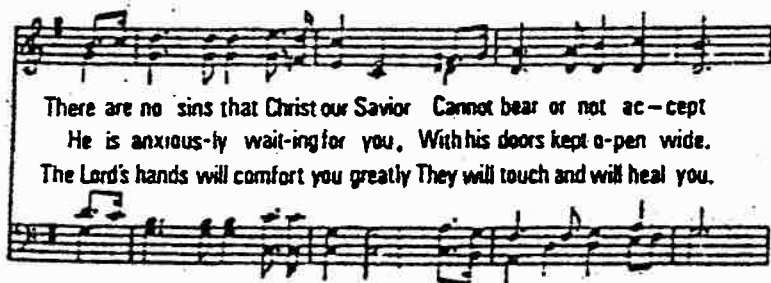
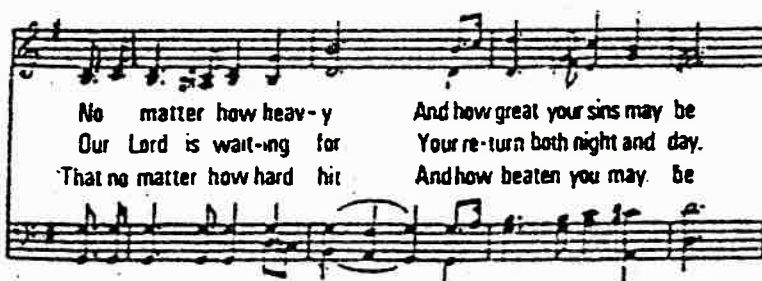
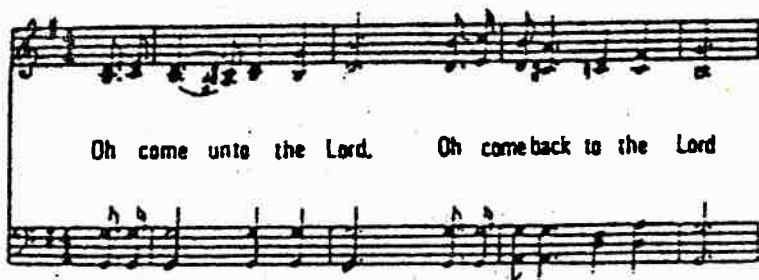
OFFERINGS FOR: Blind Korean Pastor A\$ (300 + 680.38 + 160); Korean Pastor Book \$1000 \$1000(Grace Yuan); Extension Bldg Fund \$50, \$10.20(Boxes); Church Renovations \$100(LCYF), \$620, \$830, \$1000(Sharon BPC), \$702.50, \$100; Hope BPC \$200(Olivet CF), \$100; Hope BPC Van Fund \$100, \$200, \$800; Kelapa Sawit BPC \$400, \$200, \$62; Batam \$100(Olivet); Roska S. \$100; Missions \$210(Olivet); Theol. Fund \$10; 1/2-Finished Filipino Ch. \$1500; FEBEC \$200(Calvary YF) Kimiko G. \$40; Jemima T. \$100; Jonathan T. \$100; Jeffrey K. \$100; Charles S.

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## **O Come BACK to the Lord...**

Life B-W White

Korean Hymn



\$100; Deoram \$100, \$100; Brutus B. \$100, \$100.  
FEBEC reopens with intake of 15 new students -  
S'pore 3, M'sia 1, Liberia 1, Ghana 2, Korea  
8. Ordination of Koa Keng Woo, Eric Kwan, Yap  
Beng Shin and Tang Wai Kay at New Life, Mon.  
July 31, 8 pm, thereafter Blind Korean Pastor  
Film with the Pastor appearing live!  
General Clerk required for FEBEC/Church Office,  
on full-time or permanent part-time basis.  
Please call tel. 2569256.





## TROUBLED? COME UNTO THE LORD

(A commentary on the Blind Korean Pastor Film by Sng Jin Seng)

Reading the popular and familiar parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32, one is bound to be touched by its illustration of the love and forgiveness extended to all who would come to the Lord. Now we can read another version of a prodigal son in the English translation of the autobiography of the Blind Korean Pastor An Yohan. Not only that, we will be able to see his life enacted in film and also to hear him in person. So may I encourage you not to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. What a blessing it will be to share in the experience of God's love and forgiveness!

Very briefly, An Yohan was beset with all kinds of trouble and was trying to run away from God, until in some marvellous and mysterious way, God called him. Realising his own foolishness and wretchedness, he turned to the Lord. Having found salvation, he eventually committed himself to fulltime service even in his blindness.

Trouble comes in all shapes and sizes, at all times of the day or night and at every stage in life. They respect no one, neither the young nor the old. They crop up in all areas, touching our families, our finances, our jobs, our physical health, and our emotional well-being. We may go for long periods without them but at other times they come with such frequency and intensity that we wonder if we'll ever survive. A brief summary of the biblical references to the word "trouble" is:

1. Trouble seems to be woven into the fabric of living (Job 14:1).
2. Many of our distresses are caused by our own sin and foolishness (Prov. 21:23; Ps. 78:32,33).
3. Some difficulties are created by other people (Ps. 9:13).
4. God allows trouble but is always in control (2 Chron. 29:8).
5. We have a refuge and strong defence in the Lord (Ps. 59:16).
6. He invites us to call upon Him in our distresses (Ps. 50:15).
7. We can expect deliverance in keeping with His will (Ps. 107:6, 143:11).

When we run away from God and bring trouble on ourselves, we can get help. Like An Yohan, we can recognise God's correcting hand and make a new start. Better yet, we can avoid chastening by coming to the Lord before He must correct us. To run from God is never the solution. God does not promise to keep us from trouble but He does promise to be with us in trouble.

In conclusion, make sure you read the Autobiography of the Blind Korean Pastor An Yohan and make a date to watch the film and listen to him in person. And for those who do not know Christ, may you find life with Christ because life with Christ is an endless hope, but without Him it is a hopeless end.

(Ed. Note: If you have missed the Film of the blind Korean Pastor shown in Church last night and seeing his person, you have two more chances! You can attend the Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary Pandan, 6 pm tonight, or the Ordination Service of Koa Keng Woo, Eric Kwan, Tang Wai Kay and Yap Beng Shin at New Life BPC, Woodlands, Mon. July 31, 8.00 pm. The Blind Pastor's Autobiography is available from our Book Centre).

### Testimony of Im Seong Ho, FEBC

I had the opportunity to visit the Blind Korean Pastor during my vacations in December 1988. His church is a house-church where about 100 men gather to worship. Most of them are blind. Apart from this he conducts a night school for those poor and uneducated people. This is out of his concern for those who spend their life in the underworld which he had experienced in his earlier life as we see in the Film. Almost 800 students are graduated from this school. Along with this school he runs two hostels for blind boys and girls separately. He ministers to these young people. All this is done out of his heavy burden to save souls of the blind in Korea. Among the blind in Korea, only 5% are Christians, so he believes that God has given him the task to reach out to the rest (95%) of the blind in Korea. He publishes a magazine called "New Light for the Blind." He also supports blind theological students that they may follow his path in serving the Lord.

Finally I would like to say what I learned from the conversation I had with him. He was anxious to know how others thought of his ministry. When I told him of the wide reception his film has in Singapore, he was overwhelmed with joy and praised the Lord. I believe God will bless us as he appears before us in person. Let us pray for him.

### Testimony of Choy Mei Leng, FEBC

I was blessed by the testimony of the blind Korean Pastor An on the two occasions that I watched the Film. It reminded me of the grace and mercy of God and the need for His children to walk in obedience and faith.

I could remember how I once measured success in my career by my overseas training and paper qualifications. I had my life all mapped out for myself. Pastor An was reduced to nothing when he was made to realise that there is a God who loves him. I was made to realise that without God, I could do nothing, before I consecrated my life to Him. Life is without purpose if God is not the Lord of our lives. Is He the God and the Lord of your life? If not, come back to Him. Jesus has promised, "Come unto me, all

ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Pastor An stepped out of his house not knowing where he was to go and what he was to do. All he knew was that God told him, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them" (Joshua 1:5,6). Such is faith. Believing that God will act upon His Word. By faith, Pastor An obeyed the call of God and he is used by God to reach out to other blind people. The call of Christ is a high price to pay: - To go where He wants us to go. But the encouragement is that God's presence is with His obedient children. Are you willing to obey the call of Christ?

#### Testimony of Ronny Khoo

I watched the film at the last screening and was very much blessed to see the good hand of God's providence and preservation upon his life. The mercy of God prevented him from taking his own life out of despair and saved him and led him into the ministry.

This is a devotional film and caused me to draw nearer to the Lord with a renewed desire to serve Him more fervently. However, it is good to have an explanation, before the film, on some of the things that will be appearing on the screen, eg, the ecumenical direction the film talks about, the picture of the sacred heart, etc., that may gender misunderstanding amongst the people.

#### Hear Roska Sing at the 10.30 am Service

##### - JESUS CAME AND TOUCHED ME -

Jesus came and touched my soul, He came to save me,  
When I lay dead without hope, He breathed on me.

He fills my soul with His love,  
No more am I alone.  
Filled with His great power divine,  
I must now press on.

Jesus comes and stays with me, He'll not desert me,  
I shall never leave His side, He stays with me.

##### - 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!

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (31 Jul - 6 Aug)

MON	7.30 pm	Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)
	8.00 pm	Ordination Service at New Life BPC, Woodlands; Blind Korean Pastor Film
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)
	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	Pr. Colin Wong
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	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

Rev An Yo Han will preach at the Sunset Gospel Hour this evening after which his film will be shown. He will also be at the Ordination Service, Woodlands, and appear in person at the Film show thereafter.

The Autobiography of the Blind Korean Pastor An Yo Han is now available at Christian Life Book Centre at \$5 a copy.

The Roska tapes on the 3 songs of the Blind Korean Pastor film (Prodigal Son, Jesus Came and Touched Me, and O Come Back to the Lord) are available again (\$3) from CLBC. Pray for Roska and her ministry at Batam, where she has recently rented a house at Nagoya the chief town of the Island.

Catechism Class for Oct. 22: Baptism begins today, 9.30 - 10.20 am, at the Forest of Lebanon (behind the Book Centre). Rev Patrick Tan will be taking the class.

We welcome to our pulpit this morning at both our services

Dr Arthur Steele, Founder of Clearwater Christian College, Florida. Dr & Mrs Steele are here to teach a whole semester at FEBC. Dr Steele's day classes: Mon 10.30 am & Thu 11.30 am - Daniel; Tue 8.30 am & Thu 9.30 am Contemporary Theology. He will preach at New Life BPC, Aug 6, 11 am. The Steeles are lodged at our Guest House. Birth! A daughter, Naomi, to Mr & Mrs Naohiko Shimizu, July 27, 1989.

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERING: \$2802 (8.00 am) \$4878 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renovations \$50, \$3.20 (Boxes), \$50, \$50; Ee Ching Book Prize \$5000; Hope BPC Van Fund \$100; Blind Pastor Book \$175; Missionary Fund \$50; Baraka Church \$500; Theological Fund \$10; Roska \$100.

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Giving that Touches Jesus' Heart

At the repeat showing of the Blind Korean Pastor Film, Sat. July 29, the people gave a total of \$3,598.51. The sale of books at \$5 a copy realised \$910. These two sums were wholly handed to the Blind Pastor immediately after service. The three sums offered by Australian Churches (Bethel, Boxhill, Cootamundra) equivalent to S\$1,680 were also handed to him.

Why did we give all, every cent, to the Pastor? Because, as he says from experience, every blind man is a beggar. How can we not give him all? But in Christ's strength, Pastor An could first give us spiritual blessings through his Film. Then he can share what we give him with his blind Church and vocational school, and readers of his Braille Gospel magazine (the only one in Korea!). It is when we give all to the poor that we touch Jesus' heart. "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:35-40). May God bless every cheerful giver to the Blind Korean Pastor and his Gospel ministry.

Your giving extends further to the printing of his Autobiography. Your giving helps substantially the cost of printing. Three thousand copies of this Autobiography are now given to the Author. One thousand copies are to be shipped to USA and another 1,000 to Korea. The rest, sold in Singapore, are to his account. The sale of these books will further boost his ministry to the blind.

"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of our Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

### Highlights of the BPC Movement

Although the B-P Synod is dissolved, there was the gathering of 6-700 people at New Life BPC last Monday night (July 31) to witness the long-overdue ordination of Koa Keng Woo, Yap Beng Shin, Eric Kwan and Tang Wai Kay. The occasion was graced with the presence of Dr. Arthur Steele, Founder of Clearwater Christian College, USA, who brought the message, and of Rev An Yo Han the Blind Korean Pastor who brought an appropriate word of greeting.

These newly ordained ministers will add much fire power to their respective spheres of work. For example, Rev Koa, founder of the BPC of Muar, has an extended ministry to Trinity Church, Rawang, Bukit Gambier, etc. Such an "ancient" church as "Trinity" is without a pastor for many years. Rev Koa is well seasoned for this extended field of service, yea, even to other BPCs in West Malaysia.

Next to the brilliance of the night at Woodlands is the 18th Graduation Service of FEBC to be held at Calvary Pandan, August 20. A goodly number will be graduating of the classes of 1987 and 1988. But we must not stress on numbers. As the Chinese saying goes, "It takes a decade to plant a tree, yea, a century to nurture a man," it is the quality of the product that is important. By God's grace, each graduand has a bright testimony to give, having found a niche of service in the Lord's vineyard. Four who are soon to leave S'pore for further training at Grace Theological Seminary, USA, we pray, will return to strengthen the stakes of the home church and the alma mater.

Graduands from Life Church are Peter Chng (B.Th., '87), Dr. Patrick Tan, Jeffrey Khoo, Mima Tow and Khoo Lean Im (B.Th., '88), Ronny Khoo and Alfred Yeo (Dip.Th., '88), Phoebe Wong (Cert.R.K., '88). Dr. Arthur Steele, who has come to lecture a whole semester at FEBC, will be the honoured speaker at the Graduation.

Although the BP Synod is dissolved and there is no visible organisation, those who have affinity with one another can always come together to further the Lord's business, as seen in the Ordination Service.

## OUR GOD IS A LOVING FATHER

1. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace.  
He pities His children, He cares for our needs,  
His mercies endure through all the days.  
Chorus  
O let us give thanks and sing to His Name,  
The Lord our God is good forever more.
2. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace  
He heals all our sickness, He forgives our sins,  
His mercies endure through all the days.
3. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace.  
He has saved us from death, e'en great pain and hell;  
His mercies endure through all the days.
4. The Lord knows our frame that it is but dust,  
We're like the grass and flowers that grow;  
When the wind o'er them blows, they wither away,  
But His grace endures forever more.



1. According to Peter's writing to the elders in the capacity as an elder, not bishop or pope, there can be no domination of the pastor of a big church over the pastor of a small church (I Pet. 5:1). Fraternity of B-P ministers!

2. A pastor's effectualness stems from his exemplarity (I Pet. 5:3). Confucius rightly says, "He who would govern a kingdom must first regulate his family, and he who would regulate his family must first cultivate himself."

3. Humility. Peter takes two verses to expound this lost virtue among Christians. Humility first applies to the younger, but it takes in the elder also when Peter says, "All of you be subject one to another" (I Pet. 5:5,6). Calvin says, "The first rule of theology is humility. The second is humility. The third is humility."

These are three points of the seven given in the charge to the newly ordained. They are a good reminder to every church leader, be he pastor, elder or deacon. "For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (I Pet. 5:6).

Let me, on behalf of B-Pers, express our thanks to New Life and her pastor for hosting the Ordination, for the perfect arrangement and timely refreshments after the service. May the Blind Korean Pastor Film shown after the Ordination be a special blessing to Malaysians.

#### Singapore, No More a Colony, But a Nation

As we draw close to Aug. 9 our National Day, let us see what the Bible has to say about nations.

As to nationhood, Paul said to the Athenians in his sermon on Mars Hill, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:24-26). God has divided mankind into nations, Romans, Greeks or barbarians. He has decreed these nations to live in their allotted spheres of space and time. He who is Creator is also Governor of nations.

Prior to Paul, Daniel says, ". . . the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:17). Daniel particularly is prophet of the Great nations to come that will be involved in God's plan climaxing with the setting up of His own kingdom on earth.

In the light of Paul's teaching, we Singaporeans should thank God for our nationhood. Since we shed off British rule, we have been enabled to stand on our own feet as an independent nation. By good government we have been nurtured to become a prosperous people. Moreover, God has surrounded us specially with His protection so that we are not war-torn like our neighbours, Vietnam and Cambodia.

One reason why God has specially blessed S'pore, I believe, is the freedom of religion our Government has given to the Christian Church. As we celebrate National Day this Lord's Day in Church, let us heed further Paul's admonition in I Tim. 2:1-4 (let the Reader read it).

Amen and Majulah Singapore, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(7 - 13 August '89)

SUN 8.00 am Pr Colin Wong  
(Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Sunday School &  
Catechism Class  
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan  
10.30 am Rev Tow at Chin-  
ese Service  
3.00 pm Rev Tow at K.  
Sawit

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,449 (8.00 am)

\$5,572 (10.30 am)

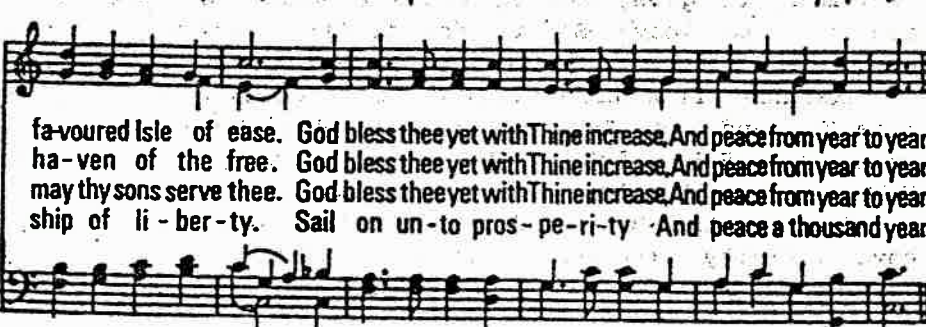
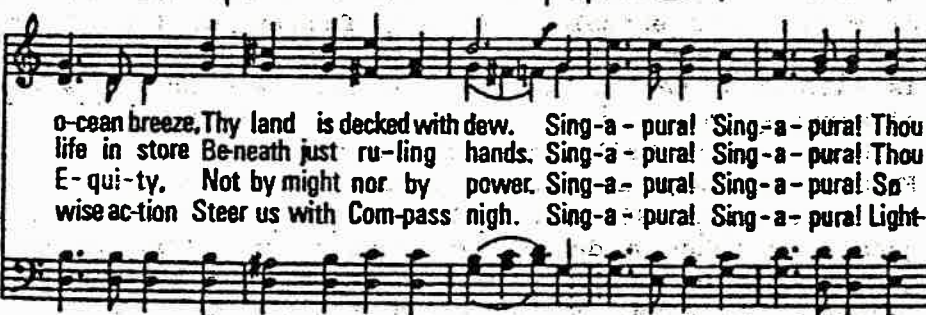
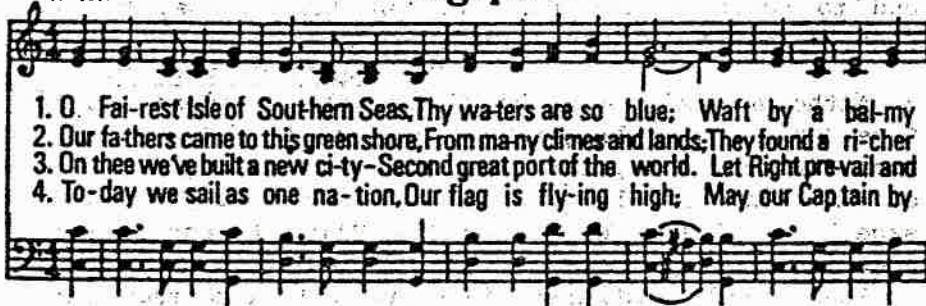
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\$100; Blind Pas. Book \$1500;  
Thai RPG \$500; Ch. Renov. \$500,  
\$600; EBF \$100; Hope BPC \$100;  
Bethel BPC \$100; FEBC \$400; K.  
Sawit \$20; Missions \$90; Roska  
\$10; B. Balan \$50; Theol. Fund  
\$10; Thanksgiving \$500.

Pray for Mrs Gladys Sng, now  
warded at S'pore General Hosp.  
Mr Kuah Sai Yoke, 81, of the  
Chinese Service, went home to be  
with the Lord, Aug 3. Funeral  
officiated by Rev Tow at CCK  
Christian Cemetery, Sat. Aug 5,  
1.00 pm.

#### Singapura

Samuel A. Ward

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SINGAPORE

## Faith at the Top

*David Howard is international director of World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF), an organization of 59 regional and national bodies representing 100 million evangelicals around the world. WEF relocated its headquarters to Singapore in February 1987. CHRISTIANITY TODAY spoke with Howard about the growth of the church in that small but influential city-state.*

### What is the status of the church in Singapore?

A recent front-page article in Singapore's major newspaper, the *Straits Times*, discussed a government survey indicating that Christianity is the fastest-growing religion in the country. The article reported about 19 percent of the current population is Christian, compared with about 9 percent ten years ago. That would include Catholics and anyone who calls himself or herself a Christian. But in Singapore, those who call themselves Christians are usually what we would call evangelicals.

The most interesting part of the survey was where those Christians are found. In most non-Western countries, the Christian church is strongest in the lesser-educated strata of society. In Singapore, it's exactly the opposite. This survey said that 41 percent of the university graduates are Christians. Thirty-eight percent of those in professional, managerial, and executive jobs are Christians.

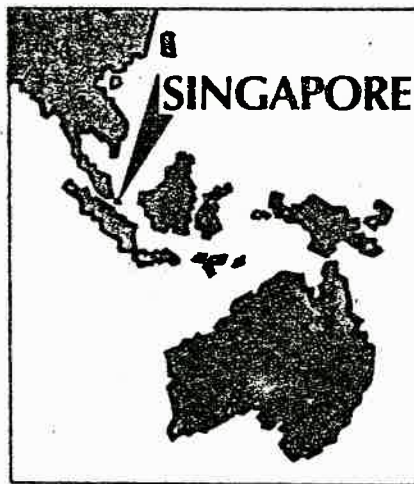
### What about the rest of society?

The professionals are primarily Chinese, who make up about 76 percent of the population. Indians are about 4 percent, and they also are found among the professionals. And this is reflected in the churches.

The Malays, who make up most of the working class, are about 14 percent of the population. They are almost all Muslims, and the church has not been very effective in reaching them with the gospel.

### Why this growth pattern?

When I ask believers, "How did you become a Christian?" their answer is almost always the same: They were led to the Lord through Bible studies in



high school or college—studies conducted by groups such as Youth for Christ, InterVarsity, and Navigators. Missionary studies of church growth in Singapore have shown the same. Conversion takes place most often during teenage years, in high school. These young believers go on to the university and are further disciplined.

Most converts are the first Christians in their families. According to the survey I mentioned before, people are leaving Buddhism and Hinduism about

equally for Christianity and secularism. Islam is holding its own.

### What challenges does the church in Singapore face?

Christians there are in danger of being affected by materialism. Singapore is a very affluent society, and most of the Christians, coming from the middle and upper classes, are relatively comfortable. In any part of the world, affluence can leave believers unwilling to make the sacrifices that may be necessary for the growth of the church.

A second danger I see is that of insensitivity to the social needs of other people. Singapore doesn't have a lot of poverty. The government has been tremendously effective in its economic policies.

The closest thing to poverty in Singapore is found among the foreign workers, who come from Thailand or Malaysia to do construction jobs for the growing city, sending money back to their families. The church has not done enough to try to reach these people and to do something for them both spiritually and physically.

### What are some other characteristics of the church in Singapore?

There is a good missions consciousness. About 250 Singaporeans are serving as missionaries in other parts of the world.

Singapore Christians, however, are also big on three- or four-week mission trips to India or the Philippines, to build a church or a school building, or to sing and have gospel meetings. Church leaders in Singapore point to the danger that Christians view these trips as fulfillment of their missionary obligation. Unfortunately, these trips also use large amounts of money—much more than what is currently going into long-term missions.

But I'm pleased with the aggressiveness of the church. It is still growing. It's made up largely of young people, first-generation Christians, who still have that first love and evangelistic enthusiasm. □

My dear Readers,

The report on Christianity in Singapore above by Rev David Howard in *Christianity Today* is accurate insofar as statistics are concerned. But he has not revealed the part played by the charismatic movement which "Operation World" registers as the fastest growing sector of Christendom. As charismatic straddles both Protestants and Roman Catholics, that growth leads to the promotion of Ecumenism and the One World Church. The word "evangelical" today has taken on a much diluted meaning. Incidentally, "Operation World" has placed B-Ps next to charismatics in Church Growth and the Far Eastern Bible College at par with S'pore Bible College as a Missionary College.

The report above mentions the sending of 250 missionaries by Singapore. But it also laments the new fad of touring "missionaries" by local churches which spends enormous sums of money (estimated by Keith Hinton, author of "Church Growth - S'pore Style," to be between two and three million per annum). We agree with Dr Hinton in this respect. We believe in cost-effective evangelism and missions. Every cent our Church spends is transparently reported. Our members can judge if giving to a certain project is wise and justifiable.

Another lament concerns not reaching out to the poor. Thai and Malaysian workers are among the neglected. (Then there are the tens of thousands of Filipino maids not mentioned.) As to helping the poor, it is not necessarily confined within S'pore borders. Our help to the Half-finished Filipino Churches with Rev Dan Ebert, and lately to the outreach of the Blind Korean Pastor, are ministries to the poor with missions outreach foremost, in obedience to the Great Commission.



As to Far Eastern Bible College, may I invite you to her 18th Graduation to be held at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan B-P Church, Sunday August 20, 6.00 pm. For the classes of 1987 and 1988, I have pleasure to report the conferment of eleven (11) degrees of the B.Th. to Chang Chian Hui (Faith), Cheong Chin Meng (Sharon), Peter Chng (Life), Hong Chi Her, Jeffrey Khoo (Life), Khoo Lean Im (Tabernacle), Patricia Lim (Galilee), Jemima Tow (Life), Quek Suan Yew (Calvary), Patrick Tan (Life), David Wong (Kulai Besar).

The recipients of the Dip.Th. are: Abimannan Supramaniam (Ulu Tiram), Srithorn Cheepnirand (Thailand), Ronny Khoo (Tabernacle), Shirley Liem (Indonesia), Grace Lauw (Perth), Ngiew May San (Emmanuel), Roska Sihombing (Batam), Anne Wong (Emmanuel), Alfred Yeo (Life). The recipients of the Cert.R.K. are Betty Tan (Presbyterian) and Phoebe Wong (Life).

Of these graduands, four are headed for Grace Seminary, USA. The rest are serving in the churches and mission fields mostly of the BPC movement.

With the graduation of the above-mentioned, their places have been taken by an intake of 15 new students, two-thirds of whom are from Korea and Africa. Graduates from foreign countries return to serve their own, which is as it should be. FEBC is playing a new role in missions to the ends of the earth. Pray for the College, for the faculty and students, as we labour on into the 28th year.

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14 - 20 Aug '89)

MON	7.30 pm	Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Isaiah II (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	FEK Dinner
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tow (Elder Mahadevan)
	9.30 am	Sunday School & Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)
	10.30 am	Junior Worship 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	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	FEBC 18th Graduation, Calvary Pandan

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,475 (8.00 am)

\$7,501 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Extension Bldg Fund \$200, \$50, \$627 (Chinese S.), \$150, \$1500; Church Renovations \$956.25, \$1900; FEBC \$1300, \$150; FEBC Bldg Fund \$150; Hope BPC \$50; Hope Van Fund \$100; Batam \$375 (WF), \$204; 1/2-Fin. Filipino Ch \$1000 (Sharon BPC); Baraka Church \$500; Beit El Baraka \$500; West Indonesian Bible Institute \$1000; Tabernacle BPC \$270, \$50; K. Sawit BPC \$62; Theol. Fund \$10; China \$50; Rev Koa Keng Woo \$300; Rev Eric Kwan \$500; Dr & Mrs A. Steele \$60; Rev Tow \$150; Elder Khoo Peng Kiat \$200, \$200; Sis. Roska \$100, \$50; Ronny Khoo \$150, \$50.

Dr Arthur Steele is speaking at the Bethlehem Jurong (Tamil) Service this afternoon, 4 pm (at Calvary Jurong) and at our Tamil Service at 6 pm (FEBC Hall).

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A world-touring Korean Choir which sang at our Prayer Meeting last Tuesday night was a windfall of blessing to our people. The same Choir will sing again in Church tonight, 8 pm, to the Korean Congregation. Come, and bring a friend!

The engagement between Jeffrey Khoo and Jemima Tow, solemnised by Rev Dr Arthur Steele at the FEBC Hall, Friday August 11, '89, is announced.

Hear Mr Charles Seet and Co. at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, 6.00 pm this evening!

Latest news of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Rangoon (Rev Thawmluoi): The College has been registered and began the new term on August 7 with 23 students.

In response to queries about the Blind Korean Pastor's credentials, Rev An Yo Han's Autobiography gives his address to which further inquiries may be made: New Light Church of the Blind, 858-39 Pangbae-1 dong, Kangnam-Ku, Seoul, 135, Korea. From our personal inquiry, his church is Presbyterian, non-charismatic, independent. His Braille Gospel Magazine is the only such publication, being the continuation of a work previously started by missionaries. A sample copy of this Braille Magazine is on display at CLBC.

Pastor Tow and Elder Sng Teck Leong are ministering at Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban respectively this afternoon. They leave 12.30 pm.

Israel's population grew by 1.7% in the past year to an estimated 4.5 million, 3.7 million of whom are Jews, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported. Non-Jews include 643,000 Moslems, 104,000 Christians and 78,000 Druse, the Bureau said in its annual Independence Day report. The figures show that the Jewish population increased by 1.2% and the non-Jewish population by 4%. Since Independence Day 1988, 14,500 olim (new immigrants) and potential olim arrived. (News From Israel, July 1989)





## PROVERBS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

By Wang Ming Tao

Fearing God is the foundation of life.  
Loving neighbour is the way of living.

Be very sincere in dealing with others.  
Be very severe in regulating yourself.

When in poverty do not cringe.  
When in prosperity be not proud.

Never harbour a spirit of jealousy.  
Rejoice with them in prosperity.

Rejoice not at the misfortunes of others.  
When others are down share their troubles.

Don't overtake your neighbour where profit lies ahead.  
Don't step backwards in the face of common danger.

When you're indebted to others be ready to confess  
and redress.  
When others are indebted to you, be indulgent and  
forgiving.

When doing good to others regard that your duty.  
When others do good to you, recognise it is by their  
grace.

Let not any wealth that goes through you,  
whether big or small, soil your palm.

In making friends with members of either sex,  
be proper and open.

Do not promise easily.  
Having promised, be diligent to fulfil.

Do not borrow at random.  
Pay back quickly any loan.

Respect your elders, and elders of others.  
Love your children and children of others.

Let the strong points in others become a pattern to you.  
Let the weak points in others be a warning.

Control your temper: be not easily provoked to anger.  
Guard your lips; and be slow to speak.

Do not spread any unfounded report.  
Do not do anything that fears exposure.

Do not covet the wealth you see in others.  
Do not look on with folded arms when others fall.

Bow not nor fawn before people.  
Speak no evil behind others' backs.

Be diligent and loyal in serving others.  
True and straightforward in your transactions.

Hate evil like snakes and scorpions.  
Love neighbours like rare treasures.

Rather lose money than trustworthiness.  
Rather lose your life than self-control.

Do not cover up your mistakes.  
Nor boast at all of your virtues.

Be always courteous in speech and conduct.  
Be always neat and tidy in apparel.

Do not provoke others to hate you,  
Nor speak words that irk your hearers.

Absolutely no smoking, no drinking, no gambling.  
Taboo to all seductive make-up.

Think always for the good of others.  
Wherever you go seek God's glory.

-- FROM WANG-MING TAO AND CHARISMATISM, a new  
book by Pastor to be out in October 1989.

### Review and Comments on Autobiography of Blind Korean Pastor An Yo Han by Charles Seet

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (II Cor. 4:6,7).

These words which Paul wrote by inspiration of God could well be used to describe John An Yo Han today, the blind Korean Pastor, whose life is a wonderful testimony of the power of God working in spite of the most adverse situations in life. The darkness of blindness, helplessness, despair, loneliness, poverty, frustration and suicidal thoughts that befell him was dispelled by the light of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that today, so many lives have been blessed by An Yo Han's yielded life.

Reading the book, to me, was ten times better than watching the film, because I could go through the blind pastor's experiences as described in his own words, and unhindered by the film-makers' ideas and modifications (eg. according to the film, the tuberculosis patient who was blest by seeing the blind pastor's exuberance was a lady, but in real

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life, he was a man). The blind pastor's own words indeed reveal the innermost thoughts of his soul, for example, "I felt sorry and ashamed at being such a burden to friends. I should have told them that I would return home to ease their burden, but I knew for sure that I should leave home in search for the will of God for me. I would have told them of my plan if they could have understood my confrontation with God" (page 57).

Some episodes recorded in the book are so touching that one wonders why they were left out of the film. One particular instance was the time the blind pastor collapsed from sheer exhaustion in his ministry and he had to be hospitalised - but this was not a setback because through this, the public got to know about his plight, and responded with encouraging support for him.

Reading this book is edifying as it gives a true-life, firsthand account of one man's discovery of the workings of grace in his life. Through his triumphs and disappointments, we come face to face with the sober reality of depending upon no one at all but the LORD. We learn how unreliable it is to depend on men, as we see the apathy shown to the blind, even from Christian circles. We see the failure of putting our plans into action without dependence upon God - when he launched his first two projects and failed. We see how this made him realise that preaching God's Word should come first, when he wrote: "I trusted that when we worship Him in His house of prayer prior to all other good and noble projects, He would take care of the rest. Our hearts should be right with the Lord in order to improve the poor condition of the blind and unfortunate boys. Without God in control, our worthy plans could not be worthy" (page 101). Following this establishment of a church his ministry grew and became a means of outreach to many souls, so that even his former wife and two girls came to see his success. This is perhaps the best lesson in this book that those preparing for the ministry ahead need to learn.

As I read about the wonderful way in which God used John An, I really marvelled how a blind person with nothing but faith in the Lord could be used by Him to accomplish so much good. How much more would God then be able to use him if somehow his sight was restored to him! And I thought to myself, Am I doing all I can for the Lord, with all the faculties the Lord has given me? Am I taking too many things for granted? If the Lord could do so much through a blind man, could He not do much more through me who can see? If overwhelming odds could not cast down a blind man, how much more should I not be cast down by my circumstances.

John An's testimony is indeed a much needed one today in an age of complacency and unchallenged faith. May the Lord use this newly published English translation of his life's story to revive the hearts of many Christians.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (21 - 27 Aug '89) Filipino Churches \$200; Baraka BP Church \$450; Theol. Fund \$10; Charles Seet \$300; Jeffrey Khoo \$250; Jemima Tow \$250; Roska Sihombing \$150; Brutus Balan \$100.

Members of Life Church are cordially invited to the FEBC's 18th Graduation Service this evening, 6.00 pm, at Calvary Pandan BPC.

A warm welcome to Pastor Geoffrey Indiazzi Lidodo of Kenya as he joins us to study at FEBC.

Under the leadership of Deacon Teo Gim Thong a Changi Mission is to be formed to raise a new witness at St George's Church. This is in the wake of Shalom Church shifting to Pasir Ris.

Neighbourhood Bible Community Briefing on Wed. Aug 30, all Session Members and Fellowship Committees to attend! Bible study leaders are: Tan Nee Keng, Wee Chin Kam, Paul Wong, Colin Wong, David Soh, Hung Woei Juan, Teo Gim Thong. Hosts: Geoffrey Tan - Bukit Batok; L.S. Pang - Bukit Timah; Paul Wong - Bishan; Sng Teck Leong - Henderson; Lee Chee Seng - Chinatown; Tan Choon Seng - Dorset; Daniel Hee - Tampines.

The Autobiography of the Blind Korean Pastor An Yo Han, \$5 only from CLBC. Tapes of 3 Gospel songs from the same book, O Come Back to the Lord, Jesus Came and Touched My Soul, The Prodigal Son (tune of Barley Fields), sung by Roska at \$3 only. What better means of introducing the Saviour to the down and out and neglected!

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## IV

### BE SLOW TO SPEAK

by Wang Ming Tao

"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (Jas. 1:19).

"Be slow to speak." In many things you merely see one side. You have not seen several other sides. In many things you know only a little bit. You have not known the greater part. If, by the little you see and the bit you know, you speak rashly, you will not escape being ridiculed and lightly esteemed by others. And when you come to see all sides and know the whole matter, you will also regret what you have rashly said today. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Should you see someone's badness and conclude he is a bad person, you should in fact have discovered the same person has many good points. Sometimes, you might see one with similar good points, and so you think he is a good man, when in fact he has many bad points you have not seen. If you judge a person good or bad by one thing the same person has done, will this not result in some bad consequence? "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes you hear someone praising another how good he is. In fact he is not that good. This is a lie deliberately concocted by his supporter, and a wild exaggeration. If you are not careful and join in the praise of that person, you cannot but fall into the pit of a grave error. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes you hear someone criticising another how bad he is. In fact he is not that bad. It is a slander by those who envy him, to destroy his reputation. If you are not careful and join in the slander, you cannot but fall into the sin of reviling others. Moreover, you bring others great injury. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." What you hear consists of many rumours. Although there are many true facts, these facts have been contaminated when passed from person to person. Unwittingly you have become a tale-bearer. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes you see someone fail in a certain matter. You never realise how difficult the situation was; neither did you give a thought to establish him, nor did you consider your own weaknesses. So you ridicule and judge him. You might further add words to the effect that you in such a circumstance would not result in failure. Now, when such a situation confronts you one day and you fail likewise, how you would lose face and find no place to hide. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes you are invited to do something. Without considering whether you can do it or not, you loudly undertake to do it. But when the time comes and you cannot do as you promised, would you not cause great hardship and despair? Moreover, you are guilty of a breach of trust. You hurt others and hurt yourself. What a miscalculation! "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes you chance to meet a person. In the course of a little conversation you think he is an honest person, loving God and man. You take him for a bosom friend, and you reveal your secrets to him. After a while you find out he is a cunning, dangerous, selfish person. He wanted to know your secrets in order to use you. How you would regret over such a great loss! "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes your friend may say or do something unwittingly that hurts your feelings. On his part he hasn't the slightest illwill. On your part you misunderstand him to take you to task deliberately. So you speak words that cause him much embarrassment. Later, when you discover your friend bears you no ill will, will you not feel you have offended your friend? "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes in a conversation with your friend, you are aroused to refute him after a few words. The fact is if you will quietly listen to all he has to say, you might agree with him totally. Often have I seen such foolish people with no patience to let others speak on, who jump up in confrontation and opposition. This is a most foolish act. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Sometimes you want to do something. Well and good, go and do it with all your might. But do not tell others about it if there is no necessity to do so. When you succeed, that is best. If, unfortunately, you failed, you wouldn't invite ridicule anyway. Should you rashly announce beforehand anything you wanted to do, but failed to carry out, you are sure to become a laughing stock. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." When angry you are quick to say words you should not say. When the anger has subsided, you regret your misplaced words. To avoid this, why not be slow to speak to begin with? "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." When you are elated with happiness, it is most likely that without thinking twice you would blurt out--to your own detriment! "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." "Sickness enters by the mouth. By the mouth trouble exits." Eat slowly to avoid sickness. Speak slowly to avoid trouble. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." Don't forget that whatever you say is of great concern with God's glory, others' hurt and your own character. "Be slow to speak."

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"Be slow to speak." Satan will tempt you in your speech. Evil men will trap you in your speech. The knowledgeable will judge you by your speech. All around you derive either good or bad from your speech. "Be slow to speak."

"Be slow to speak." God knows all our weak points and the cause of our failures. So He teaches us in His Word, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak."

We have received from a member a series of questions on:

SMALL INDEPENDENT CHURCHES IN SINGAPORE

- Q1: I feel uneasy about the growth of small independent churches in Singapore. I wonder why and how these churches are formed.
- A1: These may be developed from Bible study groups, youth fellowships or from splinter groups from bigger churches. The last may come out because of disputes over doctrine or administration.
- Q2: I read from a pamphlet of a certain church that they don't worship with musical instruments. The reason given was that the first churches (as in Acts) did not. But what about the Old Testament days?
- A2: In this matter there are two extremes. Those who don't use musical instruments may come from churches with the Reformed tradition. Those who overuse with drums and cymbals are the charismatics quoting such use in the Psalms.
- Q3: There are established churches with sound doctrine (though some may be liberal) that belong to some major denominations. Why then are there so many independent churches?
- A3: Please see A1.
- Q4: Speaking in tongues was practised only by a minority a decade ago, usually by the AOGs (pentecostals). But now many independent churches are "charismatic." Is this a fashion? Will it last?
- A4: The tide of charismatism is so strong that even the Roman Catholic Church is affected. This comes as a testing from God (Deut. 13:3).
- Q5: Where are the leaders of these independent churches trained? How are they supported biblically (i.e. any affiliation to any organisation?), financially, etc.?
- A5: Those from charismatic Bible Schools spend less time in training than mainline evangelical institutions. They are able to support themselves somehow.
- Q6: Will these be possible beginnings of cults and heresies?
- A6: Definitely.

(WANG MING TAO AND CHARISMATISM by T. Tow should give further enlightenment on this subject. To be out by September 1989.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (28 Aug - 3 Sep)

MON 7.30 pm Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr Steele on Daniel)

WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsals

8.00 pm Briefing on NBC (FEBC Hall)

THU 7.30 pm Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)

7.30 pm Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)

SAT 9.30 am Tan Choon Seng & Tan Lay Yan Wedding (Life Church, Rev Tow)

1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm - LBC

2.30 pm Bethany BPC Wedding (Rev Charlie Tan)

3.30 pm YF; 4pm - YAF

5.30 pm Lawrence Chan & Claire Lee Wedding (Grace BPC, Rev Tow)

SUN 8.00 am Elder Lim Teck Chye

9.30 am Sunday School & Catechism Class (for Oct baptism)

10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)

10.30 am 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

4.00 pm Dr Steele at Bethlehem Jurong Installation of Rev Yap (Rev Tow)

4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

6.00 pm FEBC Indian Students at Sun-set Gospel Hour, Calvary-P

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$1,831 (8.00 am)

\$5,138 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Extension Bldg Fund

\$20, \$200; 1/2-Finished Filipino Ch. \$70, \$200; FEF School of Theology (Burma) \$100; FEBC \$1000; Rev P. Tan \$800; Jemima Tow \$50, \$200.

Pastor Tow and Mr Stephen Khoo leave today 12.15 pm for ministry at Rawang and Muar (4 pm & 8 pm).

Beginning next Tuesday night Prayer Meeting, for 11 weeks, Dr Arthur Steele will teach the prophecy of Daniel. Be enlightened as to the nearness of Christ's Coming!

THOU LIFTEST ME UP, LORD!

(a morning prayer from Psalm 18)

I will love Thee, Lord,  
Thou art my strength and song . . .  
Thou art my rock, my fortress,  
My Deliverer all day long . . .  
I will love Thee always, Lord,  
Thou art worthy to be praised . . .  
Then only can I know that  
From Satan I'll be saved . . .  
Even though the sorrows of death  
Encompasses me around,  
In Thy safety, I'll be found.  
In my sorrow and distress, I'll call to Thee,  
And Thou wilt always see me through.

- Amy Phua

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A FEW WORDS ABOUT MARRIAGE

by Wang Ming Tao

We should regard marriage as great as life and death. Then we will not easily talk about love and engagement.

Marriage must be carefully considered; the opposite side must be scrutinised and the opinions of elders, teachers and friends sought. You can do no less. The more important is: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass" (Ps. 37:15). "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" (Prov. 3:5,6).

See clearly that marriage is not a moment's blessing and happiness. It is a lifetime's blessing or curse, success or failure.

When considering marriage, to put good looks, money, property, power for priority will most likely result in pain, failure and regret.

When a Christian gets engaged, he should consider good character, knowledge, health, talent, and above all, the faith. Devout and God-loving young men and women must seek for a devout, God-loving partner. Else let them remain single and save themselves from many sorrows.

Marriages that are contracted through beautiful clothes and sweet cosmetics, the cinema and cabaret, theatre and restaurant, etc., will land in divorce and a lifetime of sorrows.

A girl must never marry a heartless divorcee who has discarded his wife. Neither can a man marry a woman who has left her husband. Such persons who either discard wife-of-youth or leave husband will have no compunction to abandon you in future.

Though we do not approve of marriages solely contracted between parents, young people who consult not their fathers and mothers when choosing life-partners, nor seek the opinion of experienced teachers and friends, much less wait on God; who get engaged on the spur of the moment, are faced with extreme danger.

Girls with meticulous make-up and a flair for socialising are the desire of many young men. But few from such a bevy can fill the role of virtuous wife and help-mate to the husband.

Do not rush into an engagement. Often I've observed how when an irreverent young man or woman loves one who loves the Lord, he or she would wear a mask of reverence. Should one react hastily without patient observation, mistaking him or her to be a devout Christian and enter into marriage, one would see the true colours (too late). Imagine the sorrows and great loss consequent to such a decision. The mask of deceit had worked for a season, but would surely be exposed in the end. If young Christians could quietly wait on the Lord before getting engaged and further seek the Lord's guidance, they would not fall into the pit.

Should that young man or woman who desires to be engaged to you meet with a more handsome than you and leave you, you should not feel hurt or despair but rather rejoice and thank God for deliverance from future danger and sorrow. Such lustful and covetous person can never become your life-partner. Good that she or he had left you in advance that you might not suffer heavier losses. Had you unfortunately got engaged and married, the consequences thereafter could result in untold tragedy. The sorrows you go through would be unimaginable.

When an unmarried couple is uncertain of a resultant marriage, then they should cut down going out together. For should they fall deeper in love without possibility of marriage they would end up in misery.

Do not fall in love easily with the opposite sex. This is like weaving your own cocoon and tying yourself up.

When a married man or married woman falls for another of the opposite sex, it is adultery in the eyes of God.

When a married man falls for a woman more charming than his wife and deals falsely with his spouse, yea, even taking steps to discard her, and marry the new girl, what do you think his wife-of-youth will feel? Broken-hearted or not broken-hearted? Whether she is dead or alive, he would be quite nonchalant. Such a person is of the world's most cruel and evil lot. Let them hear God's Word: "He hateth putting away; for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously" (Mal. 2:16). Sooner or later God will requite with His justice such a ruthless and selfish person.

Whether or not men would listen to what I say, I must declare loudly the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication . . . commiteth adultery" (Matt. 19:9).

Some Christians' marriages being contracted by their parents, they are troubled in many things thereby. Unbelievers in such circumstances would seek divorce, but Christians in obeying God's will, pity their ignorant wives and dismiss any thought of divorce and remarriage in order not to be a stumbling block to others. No doubt they would be sorely tried at home, no doubt their happinesses would be curtailed. But when they stand before God in future they would surely be rewarded for their love of God and man.

A contented heart, a cottage secure,  
A life regulated, a fragrance green,  
When all around you is quiet you'll see  
That human kindness is diminishing.

The last two lines of this verse are of no little help to questions young people ask about marriage.

To maintain a lasting affection between man and wife and happiness in the home, there are three things most important. First is mutual love. Second is mutual respect. But before these two, of paramount importance is fearing God together.

August 28, 1932

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (4 - 10 SEP '89)

MON 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)  
7.30 pm Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)  
THU 7.30 pm Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)  
7.30 pm Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)  
FRI 6.00 pm Sunday School Staff & Teachers Dinner (Red Porch)  
SAT 11.00 am Goh Soon Huat & Tan Kwee Lan Wedding (Rev Tow)  
1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF  
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30pm - YF; 4pm - YAF  
3.00 pm Roger Kok & Chan Lai Yin Wedding (Rev Tow)  
SUN 8.00 am Pr J.P. David (Lord's Sup.)  
9.30 am Sunday School & Catechism Class  
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 Kebaktian Indonesia  
4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon BPC's 18th Anniversary  
6.00 pm Tamil Service  
7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,216 (8.00 am)

\$6,330 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Church Renovations \$900, \$50, \$500, \$571.75, \$200, \$820; Extension Bldg Fund \$20; Blind Korean Pastor US\$1104.67 (Calvary B-P Ch.); Australia \$200; Burma \$100; Batam \$200; Malaysia \$100; Thailand \$100; Book Prize \$300 (In memory of Ng Ee Ching); FEBC/Rev Paauwe \$1636.01 (Netherlands); ½-Finished Filipino Ch. \$70 (Boxes); Missions \$100; Members to Grace Seminary \$520; Kelapa Sawit BPC \$30; Theol. Fund \$10; B. Balan \$10; Rev Tow \$30.

Birth! To Rev & Mrs Peter Clements, Cootamundra, Australia; a girl, Grace Evangeline, 7 lbs 12 oz, August 30, 1989.

We bid Godspeed to Eld. & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat who are leaving for Melbourne to minister at Bethel BPC, Sep 8, 8.15 pm, QF10. Roska is now settled in a new home belonging to the Korean Mission at Nagoya, Batam Island's chief town.

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OUR GOD IS A LOVING FATHER

1. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace.  
He pities His children, He cares for our needs,  
His mercies endure through all the days.

Chorus

O let us give thanks and sing to His Name,  
The Lord our God is good forever more.

2. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace  
He heals all our sickness, He forgives our sins,  
His mercies endure through all the days.

3. The Lord our God is a loving Father,  
The Lord our God is full of grace.  
He has saved us from death, e'en great pain and hell;  
His mercies endure through all the days.

4. The Lord knows our frame that it is but dust,  
We're like the grass and flowers that grow;  
When the wind o'er them blows, they wither away,  
But His grace endures forever more.

WHY SHOULD YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED?

Let not your heart be troubled ....  
neither let it be afraid ....  
A commandment that is often disobeyed.

If you as a parent feel the grief and pain  
When your child mistrusts you time and again,  
How much more would it wound the loving heart of our Lord,  
When He finds that we do not feel safe in His care?

He who cares for the sparrows and numbers the hairs on our heads  
Will surely see that our feet do not stumble.  
Why then should our faces reflect our fret and trouble?

How often we are anxious, our hearts heavy with a load of care;  
Even right after committing a matter to Him in prayer,  
When we should be calm and trusting;  
For He bids us, "Be careful for nothing ...."

Should we trust in our Lord intermittently:  
For one moment our hearts are trusting,  
The next moment, we doubt and worry?

Let's not grieve our loving Father by doubting His love for us.

But let's trust and abide steadfast in Him,  
For only He can give us the peace that passeth all understanding.

John 14:1

- Linda Chan



## REPORT ON SCHOOL AND CHURCH FROM WEST KALIMANTAN

Dear Pastor Tow,

I've not written for a long time. I'm thinking of you. May the Lord bless your ministry.

Recently I learnt from Kim Kah Teck of your coming to Kuching to hold a series of meetings mid-November, and of your desire to have me take part. I shall make sure to come. We should have a good time talking of what has transpired since we last met.



From mid-August, this semester, the Bible Institute has become a night school (Sekolah Alkitab Timur Jauh). We have over 30 students. These are made up of school boarders as well as Christian young people from outside. This is an improvement over previous enrolment of six or seven (fulltime) students. Thus we are making fuller use of the Institute premises, as you so desire. The remaining available classrooms are used for middle and high school students.

As for the Bible Institute, we held graduation service for three students on June 2, 1989, who were simultaneously commissioned. This included the first two graduates, making a team of five. All five are serving in the fields.

Our Church service at Siantan, from the middle of this year, has changed to the Hakka medium with interpretation into Indonesian. We have also taken on Mr Lai Choon Hock (a former CNEC staff-worker) to assist in the work. This has attracted a number of Chinese living in the neighbourhood to come to Church.

As to Biong and Kumpai, there is also progress (nine were baptised at Biong on Aug. 8, '89). Furthermore, we have added Kampung Kapur and a preaching station at Kumpai town. We praise the Lord for His grace and increase.

In addition, we have received a grant of 12 million rupiahs on recommendation from the Education Council for the extension of our Orphanage and School. Building is in progress.

Finally, here is a prayer request for my wife. She has suddenly developed a tumour in her neck. After examination by the Baptist Hospital, it is best for her to proceed to Jakarta for radiation therapy. Now she is taking Chinese medicine. May the Lord heal her. Until we see each face to face . . . . Wishing you good health. Yours in Christ, DJUNAIDI Aug. 21, '89



These five graduates are commissioned to work in the fields

Ed. Note: Since April 1988, Rev Djunaidi has been self-supporting. Two churches built at Biong and Kumpai are from their own funds. Now they have extended to Kampung Kapur and to Kumpai Town.

### PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

#### Movement, Not Monument

The Church is a movement, not a monument. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word" (Acts 8:4). From the weekly offerings designated to a number of mission outreaches--to Batam, to Burma, to the Philippines, etc., etc.--you will notice that the frontiers of God's Kingdom are pushed farther and farther into Satan's territory. Life Church must keep up the momentum!

This week we have Rev Djunaidi's report on West Kalimantan, after nearly a year. We thank God they have built two churches, at Biong and at Kumpai, and started another two stations at Kampung Kapur and Kumpai Town, on the principle of self-propagation. Nine newly baptised should have appeared on this page, but for space. Five graduates of the Bible Institute who are commissioned to some field of service have priority. Can we read the Indonesian words?

The so-called "Three-Selfs" of the Chinese Church (by communist propaganda), in fact, was the doctrine of Rev Ting Li Mei (1908). Read The Asian Awakening.

After this week's report on West Kalimantan we will follow up with some other field. Our missionary enterprises must be "cost-effective." Your giving earns high dividends! We do not believe in supporting a field work indefinitely!

As we go to press, Rev. & Mrs Djunaidi suddenly appear. They have flown to Batam from Pontianak at half the S'pore price. Mrs Djunaidi has come for medical check-up instead of going to Jakarta. Rev Djunaidi is speaking this Lord's Day at both the Chinese

and Indonesian services. Be sure to receive them warmly for Jesus' sake. "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward . . ."  
(Matthew 10:41). Yours faithfully, T.T.

## LET NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH

by Wang Ming Tao

1. Let no man despise you because of your dishonest conduct or exaggeration in speech.
2. Let no man despise you because you are swift to overtake others in profit-making or seek your own advantage while staying with others.
3. Let no man despise you because of your vainglory and eagerness to show off.
4. Let no man despise you because of your jealousy of others' talents and displeasure at others' success.
5. Let no man despise you because of your surreptitious behaviour in meeting and communicating with the opposite sex.
6. Let no man despise you because of your quick and violent temper resulting in frequent quarrels.
7. Let no man despise you because you cringe before the rich while looking down on the poor.
8. Let no man despise you because of your meanness in never giving way to others nor forgetting others' wrongs.
9. Let no man despise you because of your quick promises which are never carried out.
10. Let no man despise you because you do not repay in good time what you have borrowed.
11. Let no man despise you because of your make-up and dress up to seduce.
12. Let no man despise you because of your frivolity and prodigality.
13. Let no man despise you for your wild criticism of others, never uttering a good word of others' merits.
14. Let no man despise you because of your irresponsible speech and responses.
15. Let no man despise you because of ingratitude to your benefactors.
16. Let no man despise you because of your lack of filial piety and brotherly kindness.
17. Let no man despise you because of your laziness, shirking and letting down those who look up to you.
18. Let no man despise you because you take license of your liberty at the expense of others.
19. Let no man despise you because you sponge on others.
20. Let no man despise you because of your smoking, drinking, gambling and other vices.
21. Let no man despise you because of your lawlessness and breaking of rules.
22. Let no man despise you because of your disrespect of elders and disregard of the weak.
23. Let no man despise you because of your speech and behaviour that lose friends and infuriate people.
24. Let no man despise you because you are a busy-body into others' affairs.
25. Let no man despise you because of your dirty looks, dirty body and dirty clothes.
26. Let no man despise you because of your uncouth behaviour and lack of courtesy.
27. "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

These words of Paul to young Timothy are also words of God to you!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11 - 17 Sep '89)			OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR:	Extension	Bldg
MON	7.30 pm	Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)	Fund \$20, \$720(Chinese S.), \$150; Batam \$425		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Dr Steele on Daniel)	(WF), \$100; Church Renovations \$600; Chinese Service \$752; FEBC \$100; 1/2-Fin. Filipino		
WED	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Dr P. Tan)	Chs. \$100, \$1000; Kelapa Sawit \$62; Theol.		
THU	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)	Fund \$10; Missions \$60; Roska S. \$100, \$200;		
	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)	J. Jamaludin \$150; Rev D. Ebert \$150; Eld.		
FRI	7.30 pm	Evangelistic Band 2nd Anniversary (Rev Tow)	Chia K.C. \$300.		
SAT	3.00 pm	Yeo Yuen Kee & Audrey Leo Wedding (Dr P. Tan)	Congratulations to Sharon B-P Church on their 18th Anniversary today. Pastor Tow is the Lord's messenger.		
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Tow (Elder Seow)	NTUC members are urgently needed by the FEBC		
	9.30 am	Sunday School & Catechism Cl.	for the booking of Pasir Ris Chalets for		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	its Bible Conference, 19-22 Sep '89. Those		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (FEBC Hall)	who are able to help, please contact Seen Seen		
	10.30 am	Junior Worship	at the Church Office, tel. 2569256.		
	11.45 am	Filipina Fellowship	Mr Lui Yew Hoi, 78, father of Audrey (Life)		
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	and Cheryl (Calvary) went to be with the		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	Lord on 3 Sep. Vigil conducted by Rev Tow and		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	funeral by Rev Tan. Our condolences to the		
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service	family.		

### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,067 (8.00 am)  
\$7,111 (10.30 am)

By your gifts to the Blind Korean Pastor Book Fund, 2000 copies are now shipped to Korea and USA at his request, for the extension of God's Kingdom.

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# A HILLTOP FOR CHRIST

Rev. Dan Ebert III



Rev Dan Ebert III with sons Dan IV and Bill, and staff Miss Boydston discuss "hilltop land."



View from hilltop overlooking Manila city obscured by smog.

FOR WELL OVER a quarter of a century now, we have been spreading the Gospel and teaching the Holy Scripture to all who would listen. It has been our privilege to teach in grass houses, out under the trees, in small churches, and in rented buildings. It has been our firm belief that as we taught the Scripture, the Church would grow and the message of salvation would spread.

Out of this ministry has grown a fellowship of young pastors and workers who have continued to study and labor together. To meet the growing needs of this work the Lord led in the development of the Center for Biblical Studies in 1982.

Today, the Center for Biblical Studies is located in a four bedroom home. The patio which runs along side of the house has been

divided, serving as both library and a classroom. It is to this Center that the many pastors, who have studied with us, come for fellowship. It is here that the graduate school meets. This year some 35 students gather to study in order that they might better minister in their churches and teach their classes at the Bible Institute. From time to time, we hold special seminars at the Center. But we must limit those who can come to about 65 as there is no way to accommodate more.

It has become very evident in recent years that we needed a permanent place that could be expanded to meet the continuing growth of our various ministries. It has seemed, however, impossible for us to do this. Manila is the center of everything that

happens in the Philippines and has grown from 3 million people in 1955 to well over 10 million today. In each of the last three years property has actually doubled. Speculators are buying up every piece of property for three or four miles outside of the city.

Just a few weeks ago a newly converted church member came to one of the pastors, who is a CBS graduate, and told him that there was a large piece of land near-by that the owners were interested in selling. This pastor immediately contacted Rev Dan Ebert IV, seeing it as a real opportunity from the Lord. The land is situated on a hill overlooking the city. It is located in an area which is rapidly growing. All around it the land has been subdivided, but has not yet been developed.

Because of some very unusual circumstances this land has been offered to us at less than half the going price. If things continue as they are, the property will double in value each year over the next three or four years and will at that time be located right in the center of a very excellent suburb. This 3,000 square meters of choice hilltop land would provide adequate space for the graduate Centre, the Bible college, our publication ministry and housing for the staff. The property could be purchased and made ready for development for 75,000 US dollars. The owners are pressed for funds and we must raise this money in six months. Pray that this property which has been so miraculously offered to us might be acquired for the cause of Christ. ■

(From the Reformation Banner, Apr - Sep '89 issue)

## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Trading Wisely for the Lord

While we are saved solely by the grace and mercies of God (Titus 3:5), St. Paul in the same Epistle to Titus thrice mentions "good works" as expected of us. We are "a peculiar people, zealous of good works," says Paul, and the reason he gives is that we are "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13,14).

The "good works" you and I can do for our Lord before He returns is given in Luke 19:11-29 and Matt. 25:14-30 as wise trading with the pounds and talents He has entrusted us. The talents God has put into our hands are life, health, time, expertise and money. It is the last item I'm seriously talking about!

In the matter of giving to the Lord, which is the wise trading with your talents, Lifers have been most zealous in the building of New Life at Woodlands. Though there was a slackening after New Life was built, nevertheless you have continued to support other worthy projects. On our part, the Session has, by God's grace, guided you into every cost-effective Kingdom-building enterprise. And the blessings God has bestowed upon every cheerful giver are the rich dividends, not to mention the souls saved in the fields.



This week I'm introducing a most cost-effective project for your consideration. The needs of this project are clearly described by the Banner which we have reproduced on the front page. Moreover, Rev Dan Ebert III, the Lord's servant who has ministered in B-P circles most acceptably all these years, is become a close friend to the 130 Lifers at the Malacca Family Camp this year. Furthermore, his faithfulness in administering the Lord's Funds in the completion of 3 Filipino churches and the near-completion of another 3 is attested by Elder Mahadevan. Elder Mahadevan, your envoy to the Dedication of the Blood Bought Church at Pandacan, Manila, has given a good report.

God has so multiplied the Centre for Biblical Studies for graduate pastors in Manila that the house the Eberts rent is no more able to take in the mounting numbers. By a perfect timing of the Lord, there is now offered for sale 30,000 sq. ft. of land on a hilltop on the outskirts of Manila for only US\$75,000. One rich Singapore "uncle" or "auntie" can easily give a cheque for this hilltop. If there is one (as in past days), well and good! The offer to trade wisely with your money (He is coming soon), however, is given to every Reader. One offering for Dan Ebert came in last week! Henceforth, giving to this project will come under Dan Ebert Bible College.

"... 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).

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 18-24)

MON - FRI FEBC Mid-semester Vacations

TUE 5.00 pm Patrick Lim & Samantha Goh Wedding (Rev P. Tan)

8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Eld. Mahadevan)

SAT 7.30 pm Cantonese Gospel Film: "The Answer" (FEBC Hall)

SUN 8.00 am Elder Chia Kim Chwee

9.30 am Sunday School & Catechism Class

10.30 am Rev Tow

10.30 am 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

4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

7.30 pm Korean Evening Service

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,121 (8.00 am)

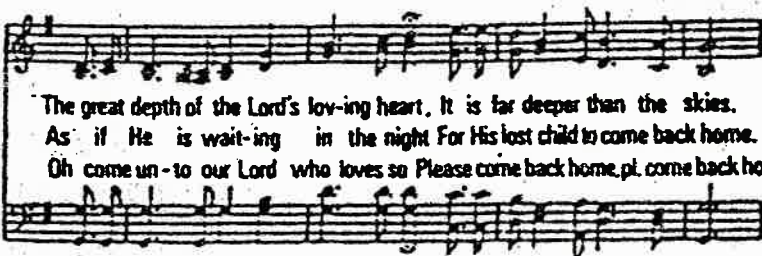
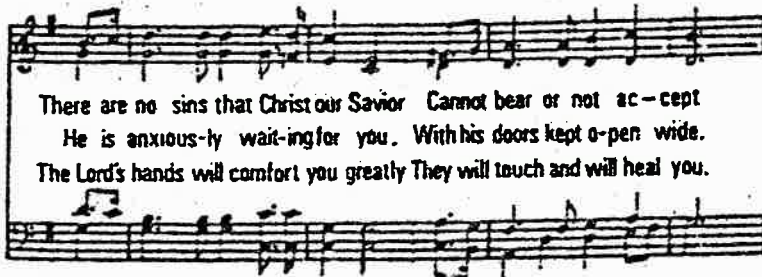
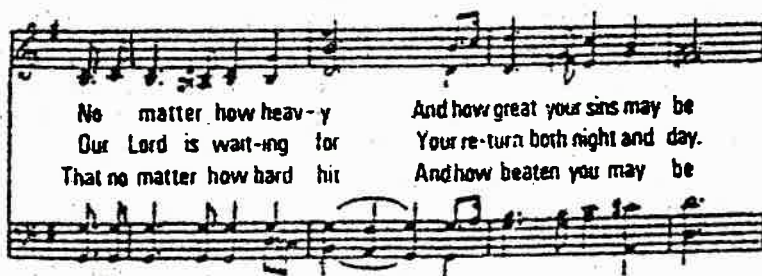
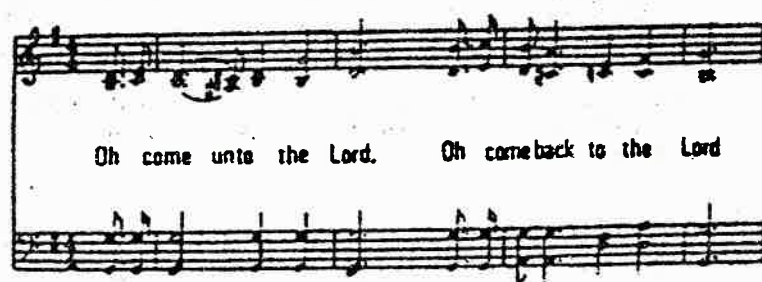
\$4,702 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR: Extension Bldg Fund \$50, \$200; Church Renovations \$2000 (Korean Ch.), \$100 (Indonesian S.); Dan Ebert Bible College \$400 (Wedding), \$800; Thai RPG \$450, \$35; FEBC \$50; FEBC Student Fund \$200; Theol. Fund 50; Batam \$31; Roska S. \$50, \$100.

FEBC has mid-semester break, Fri. Sep. 16 to Mon. Sep. 25, 8.00 am. There will be no evening lectures during this period. However, the College will hold a retreat at the NTUC Pasir Ris Resort, Sep. 19-22. Dr Arthur Steele will be the main speaker. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this retreat that both students and faculty might be revived and refreshed.

Dr & Mrs Steele will leave for K.L. Sep. 27 by the night mail and spend a weekend there. Dr Steele will preach at Calvary Jaya BPC, Lord's Day Oct. 1, both at the Chinese and English services. They fly back the same day to be in time to speak at the Calvary Sunset Gospel Hour. He will begin a new series of sermons on the Reformation.

#### Life Bible Church O Come BACK to the Lord... Korean Hymn



Rev Djunaidi is the Lord's messenger at the 10.30 am service today. Rev & Mrs Djunaidi are travelling to Kelapa Sawit after service to minister both at K. Sawit and Air Bemban. Air Bemban is now 3 years old!

The Evangelistic Band celebrated her 2nd Anniversary last Friday at which the pastor brought the message. Young people are invited to join the E-Band every Lord's Day afternoon in their outreach to Toa Payoh.

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**CHRISTIAN, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!**

by Wang Min Tao

The end of all things is at hand. False prophets are increasing with the days in the Church. Many who do not take care are led astray. Some lose all their faith. Others fall away from the pure Gospel. These imbibe an extra-Biblical doctrine. When the leader is blind, his followers cannot but fall into sorrows. Christian, take care of yourself!

"For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves with many sorrows" (I Tim. 6:10). We have seen--north, east, south, west--how many Christians have fallen into bitter sorrows because of this love of money. Christian, take care of yourself!

Promiscuous love, lasciviousness and fornication, these hurt body and destroy virtue, and bring great harm to the family. In the annals of both secular and sacred history, and from our daily observations, countless people are fallen into the abyss of multiple sorrows. Christian, take care of yourself!

A little spark can burn up a prairie. A wrong decision can bring irremediable results. Many great crimes come from a little greed, a little adulterous desire, a little envy, a little pride, a little selfishness lurking in the heart. How did you know a little evil desire could cause a man to perpetrate such terrible crime? Hurting others, hurting oneself! Christian, take care of yourself!

Some who rely on their cleverness commit fraud and lying for name and wealth. These may profit for a little season, whereby they become the bolder in their transgression. When their lies are eventually exposed and their tricks laid bare, their credibility becomes bankrupt, their reputes swept away, they find themselves cursed of God and deserted by man. They who cheat others cheat themselves. Christian, take care of yourself!

"Because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Because of a moment's slumber and drowsiness in certain matters, many Christians are brought to grief. Christian, take care of yourself.

When a Christian is most fervent in spirit and is at the zenith of virtuous deeds, when he is most diligent in God's service, more often than not, he commits the great sin of pride! Christian, take care of yourself!

An angler must put bait on his hook in order to catch fish. Satan uses money, fame, food, clothes, friends, love-passion, revelry for a bait to Christians. Many Christians who lust after this bait are hooked. Christian, take care of yourself!

A passing word from the mouth is a little matter. But we see how many who for a little word from the mouth bring disaster. They hurt others and hurt themselves. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise" (Prov. 10:19). Christian, take care of yourself!

A Christian who fears men will fall into Satan's trap, to do things not pleasing to God. For fearing the Philistine troops, King Saul waited not for Samuel but took into his own hands to perform the sacrifice, for which he entertained God's wrath (see I Sam. 13). Peter, for fearing the mail-fist of the Jews, denied his Lord thrice with an oath (Matt. 26:69-75). "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" (Prov. 29:25). Christian, take care of yourself!

Have you seen many fallen Christians? How pitiful is their plight! They are laid low in their conduct, so unclean! How sorrowful is their daily life. When you see them you cannot but sigh for them. But know this: Some of them had been mightily used, had lived a good life. Owing to carelessness, they have fallen to such a place. Christian, take care of yourself!

**INTRODUCTION TO A NEW BOOK**

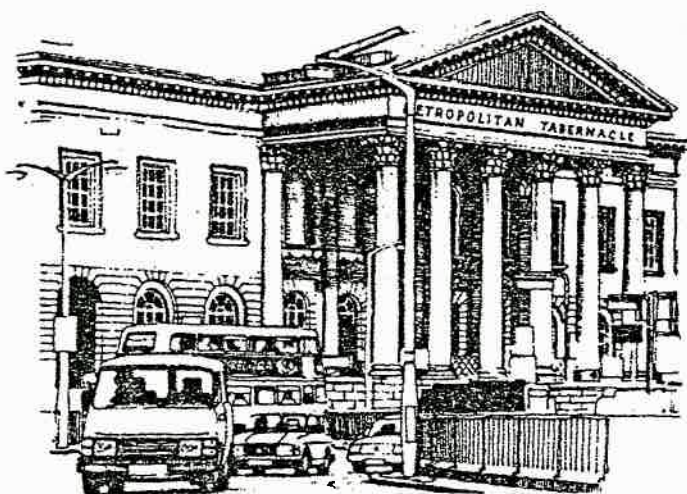
Foreword to "Wang Ming Tao & Charismatism" by Timothy Tow

Having been privileged to read in advance of publication Dr Timothy Tow's translation of Wang Min Tao's assessment of the Charismatic Movement, I can see how very important it is that this work should have the widest possible circulation. Although this assessment was written in 1934 it struck me as remarkably modern and totally applicable to the practices that have swept through many church fellowships and house groups in our day.

True believers, whether in or out of the Charismatic Movement, possess an inborn desire --implanted by the Spirit--to test all things by the Word of God, and so to remain under the lordship of Christ. This book will meet their need, for it examines various charismatic practices fully and thoroughly in the light of Scripture. No reader can fail to detect that Wang Ming Tao's supreme concern is to be right by God's Word, and not merely to justify some tenaciously held viewpoint.

Dreams, visions, speaking in tongues, spontaneous healings, and dancing in worship are all discussed. The method is patient, careful, and always interesting, reflecting the author's unique charm and skill as an expounder of the Scriptures. No issue is "ducked," and whether the author is speaking of David dancing before the ark, or about the source of charismatic experiences, his conclusions are crystal clear and replete with the force of Truth.

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Wang Ming Tao does not take the "cessationist" position held by many of us, namely, that the revelatory and sign gifts passed away with the apostles. Nevertheless, his arguments are weighty and powerful, and all the more worthy of attention on account of his own early pentecostal beliefs.

Dr Tow has adorned this vital book with biographical material and a valuable essay of his own which summarises and updates the issues. For many years now he has laboured tirelessly to win and care for souls in Singapore, Malaysia and elsewhere in Asia. He is "father" of a thriving group of spiritually-alive churches, and this book is so obviously the product of pastoral concern for the well-being of God's people in these confused and perilous times. May God grant that it will be read and deeply considered by many.

Dr Peter Masters  
Metropolitan Tabernacle (Spurgeon's)  
London

My dear Readers,

#### PASTORAL CHAT

##### FEBC Retreat at NTUC Pasir Ris Resort

By the help of Lifers with NTUC memberships, FEBC has just held a full three-day Retreat at Pasir Ris, Sep. 19-22. Our chief speaker was Dr Arthur Steele, and supporting speakers were members of the Faculty. A new feature of this Retreat was an added session of Bible Quiz, and Family Talk in which Rev Djunaidi and Mr James Lu participated. The testimonies of new FEBC students of their call to fulltime ministry were especially heartwarming. These students had received tertiary education, but gave up good prospects from the world's viewpoint to join the Prophets' School.

The screening of a Gospel Film every night, viz., "Flame in the Wind," a Bob Jones revelation of the atrocities of the Spanish Inquisition; "Empty Shoes," the story of William Carey, "father of modern missions" (1792); and "The Year of the Beast" that warns of the catastrophic last days--these have added to the spiritual culture of this Retreat. Afternoons were free, so for the young there were organised games. We want to thank the Lord and Lifers who have helped us get such an ideal hideout where we could draw nigh to God.

Recently there were 21 who passed out at the 18th Graduation Service, Aug. 20 at Calvary Pandan. I am glad to report there are half a dozen more completing their study by end of this semester (Nov. 18, '89). It is our prayer that each batch going out will fill in the gap, for there are so many congregations calling to us for trained workers!

Our student body of 50 comes from 10 countries. Those who need support have been helped one way or another. The Lord bless you who are praying for FEBC and sending in the funds. Jehovah Jireh!

Yours faithfully, T.T.

##### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25 Sep - Oct 1)

MON	7.30 pm	Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Coordinating Committee Meeting (FEBC Hall)
	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)
	10.00 pm	The Steeles to K.L.
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye
	9.30 am	Sunday School & 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	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Dr Steele at Calvary Pandan

##### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,661 (8:00 am)  
\$6,320 + \$2,000 + \$1,000 (10.30 am)  
OFFERINGS FOR: 3-Finished Filipino Ch. \$200, \$100; Dan Ebert Bible College \$50, \$10, \$1000; Extension Bldg Fund \$30, \$100; Church Renov. \$200; FEBC \$200; Hope BPC \$100; K. Sawit \$20; Missionary Fund \$50; B. Balan \$100; Jemima Tow \$100.  
Hear Rev Djunaidi at the Indonesian Service this afternoon at 4.00 pm.  
In "Three of China's Mighty Men" by Leslie Lyall, wherein the author recounts the exploits of Yang Shao-T'ang, Watchman Nee and Wang Ming Tao, he concludes: "Like David's 3 chief mighty men, each of 'China's Mighty Men' excelled in his own way. But in strength and nobility of character and in the extent and constructiveness of the influence he exercised, the 'Man of Iron' (Wang Ming Tao) must be reckoned as 'chief among the three.'"  
Situation Vacant: Cleaner for FEK. Please see Principal, Mrs Tan Poh Yok.  
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TAKE CARE OF YOUR EYES

by Wang Ming Tao



"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee"

(Proverbs 4:25)

Take care of your eyes! Because he who uses his eyes properly will derive many benefits, enjoy many delights. He who uses his eyes improperly will contract many sins and go through many sorrows.

Take care of your eyes! Do not look at those frivolous young men and women. They expose their arms and thighs. They dress seductively to attract attention. They powder themselves white and paint themselves red. They curl their natural, straight-like-a-pen hair into weird shapes. They splash on the apparel perfume offensive to the nerves. Such behaviour is nothing less than to stir up the emotions of the opposite sex, to seduce them to their fallen ways. These are poisonous snakes. To associate with them would end up being bitten. These are snares and traps. Not to avoid them lands you in danger. The first step of their seduction is to attract attention.

Take care of your eyes. Refrain from those filthy and sexy cinema shows and dances. How many young people who delight in these shows are harmed and brought low. Those filthy and shameful actors glorify their screen work under the name of "Love" and "Beauty dancing." If at first you do not go to these shows at all, they can do nothing to you. If, however, you do not take care and go for the first time, it will be hard for you to resist going a second time, a third time, yea, even scores and hundreds of times. Your thought-life becomes thus contaminated. Your body becomes tainted with uncleanness. Finally you fall into a most horrible abyss. Your body and morality will suffer to such an extent so as to be irretrievable.

Take care of your eyes. Do not read those moral-destroying pornographic novels and tabloids. Those who publish them seek to defraud you of your money, never considering how many of their readers' characters and lives would be sacrificed by them. Knowing that young people delight to read sensual materials, these publishers do their utmost to write on things of the flesh. This type of writing increases sales and lines their pockets. Except for those who are determined to suicide, I have never seen any who buys arsenic and eats it. But I have seen many ignoramuses who buy more-poisonous-than-arsenic pornographic novels and tabloids and pore over them night and day. This results in adulterous thoughts filling their minds and a fatal falling away of their moral character. Some end up with display of their shameless, adulterous behaviour while others are taken by evil, harmful habits that destroy the body. How many young people in the prime of life with a bright future have I seen become downcast in spirit, emaciated in body, soiled in character, because of their craving for pornographic literature. Yes, their whole career and happiness are buried in a few filthy books. How pitiful!

Take care of your eyes. Do not look at those nudes in painting that rouse your passions. Have you seen those fly-catcher cardboards? These are thickly smeared with a layer of poisoned honey. When the flies see the honey on the cardboard they swarm upon it to feed, but the more sweetly they are satiated thereby, the more they go on feeding until they all die on the poison cardboard. Nude drawings are Satan's poison cardboards against humankind. Now if you don't look, that's the end of the matter. Once you look, you will think of looking again. As you look on, it is sweetness to you, but you rarely knew poison is hidden in the sweetness. Filthy pictures and filthy picture magazines are both injurious to us, and even more injurious than filthy literature. Take care of your eyes. Make sure a thousand times not to look at these things. Whenever you are accosted by these things, be swift to turn away from them. If it is within your power, destroy them in the fire. Let them be turned to ashes!

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Cantonese Gospel Film

There were 80-90 Chinese-speaking (fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, brought by filial sons and daughters) at the Cantonese Gospel Film shown at the FEBC Hall the week previous. This is one effective means of drawing them to Church. After the Film Show a young lady of Life Bible Class came to me with her mother. This mother has believed, but is under her husband's persecution. Nevertheless, he permitted her to come to Church because she said she was coming to a show.

As there was a large proportion of elderly folks, the Film that was centred on life after death was immensely effectual. I want to thank the YAF for their projection of many Gospel Films, including the Blind Korean Pastor on three occasions. Keep up the good work! How about "The Years of the Beast" and "John Wesley" whenever you can?

"A Hilltop for Christ"

Last Sunday an envelope marked "A Hilltop for Christ" in response to Rev Dan Ebert III's appeal was received for the Lord. It contained a cheque for \$25,000! Praise the Lord! Whether big or small, our gift towards God's work at home or abroad is a sweet-



savour offering. May I encourage other Readers to do their bit so that the opportunity of acquiring the "Hilltop" at half the usual price may not be lost. The free flow of funds for the "Hilltop" (Dan Ebert Bible College) is evidence of God's hearty approval.

A word to affluent, elderly Readers. As we consider that our life span is but 70-80 years, and we have not much time left, how regretful it will be to go to the Lord without doing something good for Jesus? "Work for the night is coming." Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4). Don't you want to play your part in the spirit of our Lord? When you give to a project that extends the Gospel far beyond our shore, it is as if you have gone there yourself. "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:36). These words of our Saviour are His benediction to those who help gather souls into the Kingdom, while others sow.

#### The Importance of Church History

is stressed by none other than Moses in his farewell to Israel before they entered the Promised Land. He says, "Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days . . ." (Deut. 31:28,29).

There's a saying, "History repeats itself." Why? When we have not learnt the lessons of history! In military science the history of wars must be studied. In theological science the study of Church history is an integral part. "The Reformation - Before and After" is a series of messages on Church History. It will do you well to receive these messages with all diligence. Come to the Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary Pandan every Lord's Day, 6.00 pm, commencing this week.

In this regard, any Bible study course will help strengthen our Faith. The institution of Neighbourhood Bible Community that brings it nearer to your home should see more Lifers involved in the Word. But why miss Sunday School? And the Monday and Thursday evening lectures by FEBC right inside your own Church? No other Church has enjoyed this privilege that is yours for the last 27 years - without a break!

#### Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism

The writing of this book is not by the will of man but by the will of God! Hitherto, I had not had the slightest inkling that such a work would be undertaken.

I have known of Wang Ming Tao and read from his Spiritual Food Quarterly since the thirties. But I did not know he was once a Pentecostal until I taught a course on Chinese Church History last semester. By further discovering Wang's lengthy article against Charismatism in his Spiritual Food Quarterly, 1934, I began to feel constrained to put into English this witness to the Truth. I am grateful to Pang Kok Hiong, a senior FEBC student, and another, for visiting Wang Ming Tao and recording his latest stand on Charismatism. If the publication of "Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism" will help deliver some souls from this "strange fire," these feeble efforts will not have been made in vain.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2 - 8 Oct '89)

MON	7.30 pm	Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)
SUN	8.00 am	"Humility, Humility, Humility"
		Rev P. Tan (Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev P. Tan
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Chinese Service)
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Bethlehem Jurong
		29th Anniversary

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,507 (8.00 am)

\$4,422 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS FOR: Dan Ebert Bible College \$100, \$25,000, \$300, \$500, \$100, \$10; Tamil Ministry \$1080; Church Renovations \$1000, \$1000; NBC \$200; Missionaries \$60; Roska S. \$5; B. Balan \$50; Theol. Fund \$10; Extn Bldg Fund \$200, \$30.

Hear Rev Djunaiddi today at the Chinese Service, 10.30 am, and at Kebaktian Indonesia, 4.00 pm.

Life Church will celebrate her 39th Anniversary with a Thanksgiving and Baptismal Service on Lord's Day, 22 Oct.'89 at 9.30 am. We shall hold a dinner the evening before (Sat., 21 Oct.) at 6 pm on our church grounds. Tickets for the 8-course Chinese dinner will be on sale from next Sun. at \$16 (Adult) and \$10 (Student/Child). Parents who wish their infants to be baptised at the coming Anniversary Service please register with the Church Office, tel. 2569256, as soon as possible.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Mr & Mrs Joel Seah on the birth of a daughter, Faith Seah En Feng, on 24 Sep.; and to Mr & Mrs Herbert Gwee, who were blest with a baby girl on 28 Sep.

Make a date to attend the Family Focus Seminar, Sat. 7 Oct., 3 pm, where Elder Lim Teck Chye and Elder William Seah will speak on topics relevant to the Christian family. Register at the Church counter by today, or call Miss Tang Yu Sin, tel. 3441949(H).

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Are You a Pentecostal?

And have you attended the 15th Pentecostal World Conference and the healing sessions at the National Stadium? So you believe the "miracles" by healing by the speaker's merely uttering a word, "Heal!"? You believe in speaking in tongues too, which has been acquired by taking lessons from your pastor!

One who had been coaxed to experience all these charismatic gifts as a young convert is Mr Wang Ming Tao, China's greatest saint (who was imprisoned by the Communists for 23 years for his faith). God has mightily used him as a pastor and evangelist, not when he was practising tongues-speaking, but after he got out of these make-believe "miracles" and spiritual gifts. Read "Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism," in which is his testimony, and long essay against the errors of charismatism. This book is so timed by the Lord to appear in the wake of the 15th Pentecostal World Conference. Why not give a copy to your charismatic friend? Get yours from CLBC today!

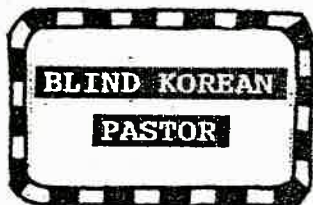
### Are You an Anglican?

Then you should know that an Anglican is a Protestant, one who repudiates the darkness and superstition of the Roman Catholic Church. The 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England exposes the errors of Rome at point after point. To quote just one Article, viz., XXII: Of Purgatory:- "The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshipping and Adoration, as well of Images and Reliques, and also Invocation of Saints, is a foul thing vainly invented, and grounded on no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God."

Now, Dr Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury representing 70 million Anglicans around the world, has gone to Rome to kowtow to the Pope. He urges that Anglicans be returned to the Romish fold. To be faithful to the Lord, who has purchased you with His own blood, you can do no less than get out of your Church and unite with other true Protestants. We concur with Luther: "The just shall live by faith." If you are a practising Anglican charismatic, you should also read "Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism."

### The Power of the Blind Korean Pastor Film

According to two written testimonies from our Catechism Class preparing for 39th Anniversary Baptism, one has received Christ as Saviour and the other returned to Him from backsliding as a result of seeing the Blind Korean Pastor Film. Pastors who have read his Autobiography and are convinced of the saving power of Christ in the Film are requesting for its showing or re-showing.



1. Rev Lau Chin Kwee, FEBC graduate, now pastoring the Evangelical Reformed Church, will bring his congregations to see the Film at Life Church, Friday Oct. 20, 7.30 pm. Here is another windfall

of blessing to our Readers who have not seen the film. If you have, why not "do something good for Jesus" by bringing an unsaved friend?

2. Rev Tan Eng Boo will have the Film shown at Grace Church, 5 Jalan Haji Salam, off East Coast Road, Sunday Oct. 29, 7.30 pm. This will cater to Shalom and others residing on the East Coast. If you live nearby why not bring someone to the Grace Film night?

3. Then I hear that another Church of another denomination is asking for the Film for Nov. 18.

Pastors, hurry! Though you have seen the Blind Korean Pastor Film, many of your members and their friends have not. Why not get together with other pastors in your area and have a joint showing before we return the Film to Korea? "By all means save some!"

### Property Across the Street

For several years we have been perplexed how we might solve the congestion problem of our Church grounds. We tried to acquire No. 6 Gilstead Road, but it slipped through our fingers. Of late there was talk of adding another storey on the L-Block. Now we have approached the owners of the Eye Clinic.

Through Elder Ang Kheng Leng, honorary architect of our Church-College-Kindergarten complex, contact is being maintained with the Eye Clinic. There are many bidders, but

if the Lord wills we should get it, praises and hosannas to His Holy Name! Meanwhile we can all pray. Come to Tuesday night prayer meeting and pray as a united family.

As we pray, we must also pay! Faith without works is dead. In the spirit of 1979 when we launched the Woodlands Building Fund, may I call you up, the Faithfuls, to bring all the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:14) that there be no lack when the transaction of sale is made! "To





start making the Bomb when War is declared" is too late.

Our financial position today is we have around \$2 million, 2/3 of which is loaned to sister churches to help them in their building projects. A greater part of these loans, however, are retrievable in a short time. What we need in addition is at least \$4 million.

The sum seems big, but in reality it is small! What is that to a congregation of over 1,200? In the spirit of Joshua and Caleb, let us recall the great deeds God had done during the days we built Woodlands. When our congregation was half of what we number today, we gave, in exactly 4 years, \$3 million. Today, if a couple were to buy a flat in town, they would happily sweat it out to get ½ million dollars. It all depends on you, my Reader! If it is the Lord's will we acquire that said property, let us respond lovingly, cheerfully. He that giveth much loveth much. "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).

At our first disclosure of the present development, an FEBC student spontaneously responded with \$300. Kelapa Sawit Kindergarten, having received so much from the Mother Church, reciprocated with a \$5,000 pledge! Our Extension Building Fund is launched into the deep as of today, October 9, 1989. N.B.!

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (9 - 15 Oct)

MON	7.30 pm	Personal Evangelism
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Isaiah II (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Women's Fellowship (Eld. Chia K.C.)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"The Sovereignty of God" (Pr Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Catechumen meet with Elders / Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	13.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	6.00 pm	Dr Steele at Cal-Pandan

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$3,273 (8.00 am)

\$8,407 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND: \$5000 (Kelapa Sawit Kindergarten); \$3850; \$1000; \$300; \$731 (Chinese S.); \$200.

OFFERINGS FOR: Batam \$425 (WF); FEBC Scholarship \$200 (WF); Dan Ebert Bible College \$300, \$25, \$1120, \$150, \$200; Ch. Renovation \$200; Missions \$1550; Children's Choir \$50; Roska S. \$100, \$50; C. Seet \$300; C. Wong \$300; J.P. David \$200; Jess T. \$300; Jemima T. \$390, \$10; J. Khoo \$390.

Life Church 39th Anniversary Dinner, Sat. 21 Oct, 6.00 pm: Tickets for this 8-course Chinese Dinner to be held on our church grounds are on sale today at the church counter - \$16 for earners and \$10 for non-earners. Any group of 10 who wishes to reserve a table may do so. Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

"The Parent and the Child" is the title of a message to be given by Eld. Chia Kim Chwee at the Women's Fellowship meeting, this Friday, 13/10, 7.30 pm at the Open Chapel. All are welcome.

Parents who wish their infants to be baptised at the coming Anniversary Service, Oct 22, 9.30 am, please register with the Church office, tel. 2569256, as soon as possible.

Another household god removed - from the home of Mr & Mrs Khoo Teck Siew, 5 Goldhill Rise, Wed. Oct 4, by hand of the pastor with Bro. Harold Quek in attendance.

Burma latest: Rev Thawmluai reports FEFST has 27 students with 7 teachers. "Pray for us!"

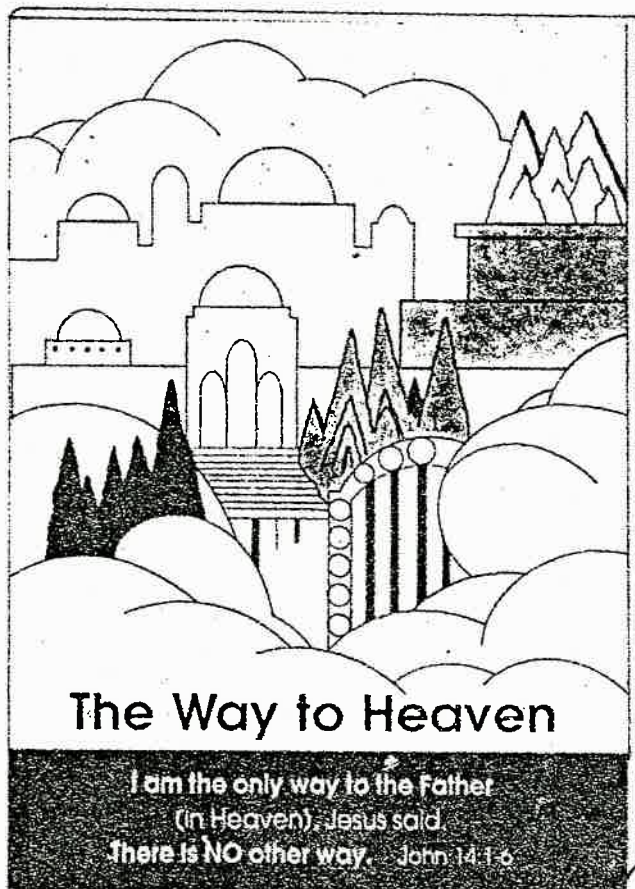
FEBC was treated to a series of 4 lectures on the Genesis Account of Creation with the visit of Emeritus Professor John Randle Short of Queensland University, Australia, Oct 5 & 6 (through the good offices of Dr S. H. Tow).

Write to Sis. Roska Sihombing at Batama Komplex - Bukit Mas, Blok Cempaka No. 1C, Nagoya (Lubuk Baja), Batam, Indonesia.

Pastor & Mrs Tow are invited to the House Blessing of the new Batam home of Tg. Pinang church member Mr Tan Nam Siang, Fri., 13 Oct. They'll leave Finger Pier 11.30 am and return in the afternoon. Welcome to Batam.

Sister Marilyn of Kuching, FEBC student, is now assisting Roska every fortnight in their children's outreach at Nagoya.

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### The Way to Heaven

I am the only way to the Father  
(in Heaven). Jesus said.  
There is NO other way. John 14:6

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### From D-Day to Total Attack!

D-Day refers to June 6, 1944, when the Allied Forces under General Eisenhower landed in N. France in the final stages of World War II. Last Sunday, when we were still negotiating for the property across the street, we re-launched the sluggish Extension Building Fund. This was our D-Day. Over \$10,000 came in for the EBF.



This week we report the meeting with the owner Mrs Oh through Elder Ang Kheng Leng last Monday evening, Oct. 9. The deal was happily closed for \$6.95 million. With 29,026 sq.ft., the price is slightly less than \$240 per ft. The deposit of 10% works out at \$695,000. The rest is to be paid by Feb. 28, 1990. (Ms. Lim Li, who helped us in Woodlands, is our solicitor again.)

With 4½ months to go, we have little time to waste. Forward, total attack! As the news is spread to the whole Church, members are beginning to rally to the Lord. Be encouraged in the Lord by reading the Offerings column, back page!

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:10). Tithe means 1/10. That sacred tenth of all our incomes belongs to the Lord. If we withhold them, we rob God (Mal. 3:8)! We built Gilstead Road and Woodlands only with tithes and free-will offerings, not by holding concerts or fun-fairs, as modernist churches do.

As the amount is great and time is short we would appeal to those who have given to further help out with loans, interest-free! This will save the Church 6% should we be pressed to loan from the bank. Remember we have to pay that \$6.95 million bill by Feb. 28, 1990! *(With taxes and incidental fees, the total amounted to almost \$7.2 million.)*

Giving by Lifers, since Woodlands, is a hilarious exercise to God. We want to be first, not last! Let us learn a lesson from the Song of Deborah after the Battle of the River Kishon with the northern Gentiles:

"My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord." Praise God for a unanimous decision by the Session. There is a growing and glowing zeal among Session members as the Battle heats up!

"For the divisions of Reuben, there were great thoughts of heart. Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks?" In this case, instead of coming to the Lord's help, are there those who only sit and talk, who like to "hear the bleatings of the flocks"? According to several experts, the price we pay is the market price, which is still rising. But to Life Church, it is priceless, because, being next door, it has "marriage" value (using the Realtor's language). What price a wife? A discerning Lifer said, "There is no comparison even between No. 6 and this right-centre property."

What we need indeed is unity. Unity of heart, unity of action. With this spirit, when we were half the size of what we are today, we conquered Woodlands by giving \$3 million in exactly four years. Now, when the Lord has prospered us 10 times, can we not do it in 4½ months? We can, we can by His strength!



THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY across the street will relieve not only the congestion this side of the street, accord our S.S. and YFs rooms and grounds for recreation, but also immediate accommodation to a bursting Chinese Service. The upper storey of this in-patients block allows for more resident FEBC students to be taken in.

Do not think the College is a burden to the Church. There's a song, "Every Burden Becomes a Blessing." For such a time as this, the FEBC Treasurer rallies with a goodly sum. The whole FEBC family, faculty and students, have risen also to the occasion, even our Korean students. The Korean Church, like a brother, comes to our distress, so does Sharon! Friends of FEBC offer help spontaneously - the irresistible working of God's power! Of the scores of letters we have received in support of FEBC here's one with a \$150 envelope just come to hand: "Please accept this gift as a token of my whole-hearted support for FEBC. It encourages my heart to see this school of prophets doing God's work in these last days before our Lord's return. May you and your staff and students stand firm in that holy faith once and for all delivered unto the saints."

### Another Letter of Support from a Young Lifer

I am writing to tell of the blessings I receive through the Tuesday Night Prayer Meetings. It always feels so good to be in God's House listening to His Word expounded and others' experiences with Him. Regular attendance has brought me closer to the Church. I am now able to identify with Life Church more. Also, it is a time when fellow members



are known, at least by sight. Being able to have a part in praying for one another, for the Land across the street, for Renu, a friend of Elder Mahadevan's daughter in USA, gives me great joy.

Also, Dr Steele's teaching, though simple even for a child to understand, is very effective in bringing across to us the profound truths of God's words. He always holds me spellbound. Though I have gone through Daniel once before, during which my faith was greatly strengthened, this "revision" reveals further insights into Daniel and his friends' God-fearing and God-honouring attitudes. Thus, I am all the more comforted and encouraged in my walk with God in this sinful world.

Besides, precious lessons can also be learnt from testimonies given of help, guidance and even chastisements received from God who doeth all things well. In all, prayer time is like being in Heaven, and those who miss it are missing great spiritual blessings.

As I shared with a sister how we might even have to survive on bread and water to save for the building fund by February '90, I'm so touched by her having done so for the past few weeks, though her grandmother will be undergoing an eye operation soon.

- A sinner saved by grace, A Lifer

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16 - 22 Oct)

MON	7.30 pm	Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)
FRI	7.30 pm	Blind Korean Pastor Film with Ev. Reformed Churches
SAT	6.00 pm	39th Anniversary Dinner/ Worship
SUN	8.15 am	Sunday School Open Sunday
	9.30 am	39th Anniversary Thanks- giving & Baptismal Service (Combined service)
	9.30 am	Chinese Service 24th Anniversary Thanksgiving

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,825 (8.00 am)  
\$4,622 (10.30 am)

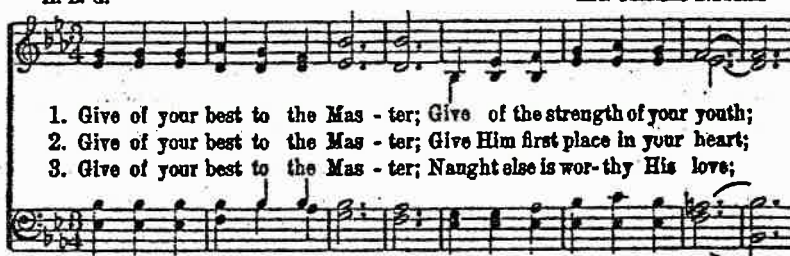
**EXTENSION BUILDING FUND** (Gifts and Pledges from Oct 8): 7)\$17(Box); 8)\$280; 9)\$2000; 10)\$30,000; 11)\$46,150; 12)\$5000; 13)\$7000; 14)\$100,000; 15)\$100; 16)\$50; 17)\$1000; 18)\$200; 19)\$100; 20)\$1000; 21)\$100; 22)\$50; 23)\$50 (Box); 24)\$30(FEBCer, Box); 25)\$10,000; 26)\$50; 27)\$2000; 28)\$1000; 29)\$5000; 30)\$100; 31)\$500; 32)\$10,000; 33)\$50,000; 34)\$50,000; 35)\$300; 36)\$500; 37)\$183; 38)\$55; 39)\$50; 40)\$200(Batam).  
Total: \$334,146.00

**OFFERINGS DESIGNATED FOR:** Dan Ebert Bible College \$500(Boxes), \$200, \$200; Hope BPC \$100; Ch. Renovation \$100; NBC Library \$80; Books for FEBC student \$100; Eld Chia K.C. \$300; Eld W. Seah \$200; Rev Djunaiddi \$200; Sis. Roska \$300; Sis J. Tow \$50, \$200; Bro J. Khoo \$50.

#### Give of Your Best to the Master

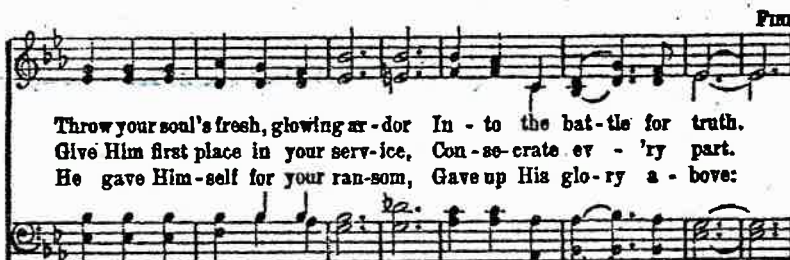
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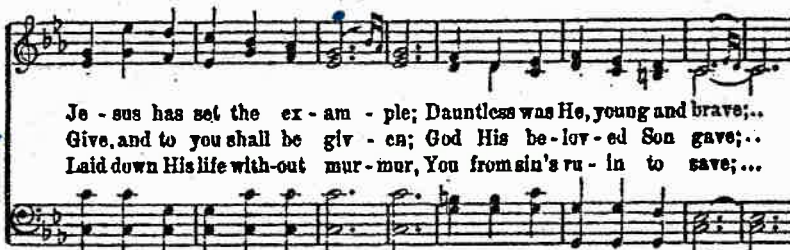
1. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give of the strength of your youth;  
2. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give Him first place in your heart;  
3. Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Naught else is wor - thy His love;

REF.—Give of your best to the Mas - ter; Give of the strength of your youth;

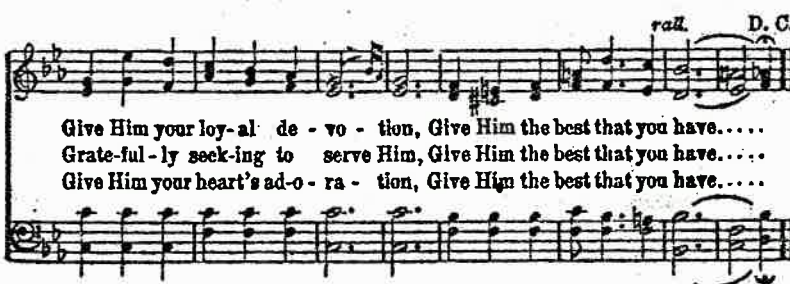


Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ar - dor In - to the bat - tle for truth.  
Give Him first place in your serv - ice, Con - se - crate ev - 'ry part.  
He gave Him - self for your ran - som, Gave up His glo - ry a - bove:

Clad in sal - va - tion's full ar - mor, Join in the bat - tle for truth.



Je - sus has set the ex - am - ple; Dauntless was He, young and brave;..  
Give, and to you shall be giv - en; God His be - lov - ed Son gave;..  
Laid down His life with - out mur - mur, You from sin's ru - in to save;...



Give Him your loy - al de - vo - tion, Give Him the best that you have....  
Grate - ful - ly seek - ing to serve Him, Give Him the best that you have....  
Give Him your heart's ad - o - ra - tion, Give Him the best that you have....

**BLIND KOREAN PASTOR**  
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Friday, Oct 20, 7.30 pm

Auspices: Evangelical Reformed  
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## SYNOPSIS OF PASTOR'S 39TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

There is a Chinese saying (養兵千日用在一朝): "Keep an army a thousand days to use it in one day." This saying well applies to Life Church now poised over the property across the road.

Let me remind you the Church is an army while on her earthly pilgrimage. Hence the term, "The Church Militant." Our Church was engaged in the War for Woodlands from 1979 to 1983. After Woodlands God gave us a rest for a number of years, like an army returned to barracks. But now the bugle has sounded again! Total attack "across the road"!

There is a wonderful parallel between our present situation, as we celebrate our 39th Anniversary Thanksgiving, and Israel about to cross Jordan on the 39th year of her Exodus. This parallel is recorded in Numbers 32. When Israel had conquered the land on the outerside of Jordan, Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh were content to dwell there. They said to Moses, "If we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan" (Num. 32:5).

But Moses replied, "Shall your brethren go to war and shall ye sit here? And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them? Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the Lord had given them . . . ." Realising the peril of sitting on their laurels while Israel was under orders to advance, the two-and-a-half tribes quickly closed ranks. They responded to Moses, ". . . we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place . . . ." (Num. 32:17). Are there some Lifers like Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh who are not zealous about crossing over to the new Promised Land? Be quick also to close ranks to form a united army. The oneness of purpose and spirit is a prerequisite to victory. Let us be spiritually prepared. Morale is more important than munitions.

To prepare ourselves spiritually, let us come before the Lord for cleansing. Let us encourage, and not disparage, one another. Let us pray together every Tuesday night in our army headquarters at Gilstead Road. This is our vertical preparation.

Horizontally speaking, we must now be physically armed for war. Swords, spears, bows, arrows were the ancient weapons carried by the Israelites. God would want them to do their bit after all those years of wilderness training. To assault the territory before us, we need to use our financial resources. Our tithes, free-will offerings, savings, yea, even loan of our children's education funds are a help to the Lord. Last of all interest-free loans in sizeable sums are needed to make up the \$5 million nett we need. Amen.

## TESTIMONIES

Mr Michael Sing, Passenger Services Officer

I was born into an idol-worshipping family. However, our family was hardly blessed! My brothers and I were not on good terms. Throughout my teens and twenties I was never happy. I tried to comfort myself by doing good works, but I continued to get depressed. I blamed everyone for my failure. Many Christians shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with me, but I never took them seriously. Why talk of heaven and hell when we are still young, I asked myself foolishly.

One day a Christian friend told me bluntly that good works alone cannot qualify me to heaven! I was very disturbed by this statement. By God's grace, I was given a Bible. By reading and good sharing of the Gospel by my friend, I began to realise that I was a hopeless sinner and deserved to go to hell, but the Bible also offers hope. The hope of life, only when we acknowledge our sins, and that Jesus Christ died for our sins and is our Saviour. About a month ago I humbled myself and knelt before Him, asking Him to forgive all my sins and to guide my life.

Since then He has showered me with His Holy Spirit and I was changed tremendously. I began to live a new life, all by the power of the Holy Spirit working in me. I began to love my brothers, to hunger for God's Word, to share the Gospel, to reject worldly things. All this goodness is given to me "free of charge," if I may say. All God wants from us is to have faith in Him. The Bible teaches that the just shall live by faith (Rom. 1:17) and our so-called righteousness is as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6).

Sharon Chan, Student

I was born into a Christian home with God-fearing parents to guide me in my spiritual growth. I was brought before the Lord to be baptised when I was a few months old. Attending Sunday School became a weekly routine. I was taught many Bible stories and encouraged to memorise Bible verses. Although I attended church regularly, deep inside, I did not know the real purpose of Sunday School. Many a time, I memorised verses not so much to glorify God, but more to be a recipient of the first prize award.

It was not until a few years ago, when I attended the Junior Choir Camp, that I came to realise God's wondrous saving grace. We studied the Gospel of John and I learnt of God's love for all. His love for sinners was so great that He sent Jesus Christ to die for us. From that incident, God subsequently revealed to me His salvation plan and I

began to seek a closer walk with Him. I realised only the blood of Jesus Christ could cleanse me wholly of all my sins. After attending Catechism Class, I knew that I was ready to be part of God's Family. After my confirmation of Faith, I hope to have yet a closer relationship with God.

Joseph Lau, Assistant General Manager

I am 41, married and have a 5 year old daughter. I hold a management position in a large company.

I come from a Christian family. Both my parents and all my siblings are baptised. I attended Sunday School when young but did not accept Christ. I felt that by accepting Christ so early I would be losing out in life.

How wrong was I! I could not have true happiness by worldly possessions, pleasure or personal achievement. I came to know the futility of these things. I feel that the only way to achieve a good life and true happiness is to accept Christ and have this special relationship with God.

After knowing God, my whole perspective of life has changed. By having faith in God I am less affected by the cares and troubles of everyday life. I have developed an inner peace and happiness which can only be experienced by someone who takes that step to accept Christ.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (23 - 29 Oct)

WED 8.00 pm Combined F'ships Camp Committee Mtg (FEBC Library)  
FRI 7.00 pm Far Eastern Kdgn Concert  
SAT 10.00 am Bethany BPC Wedding  
2.00 pm Ng Kok Cheng & Peggy Heng Wedding (Rev Tow)  
SUN 8.00 am "Vanity, Vanity, Vanity" (Pr Colin Wong)  
10.30 am Rev Tow (Reformation Sun.)

LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,415 (8.00 am)

\*\$8,253 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 41)\$100; 42)\$65 (Box); 43)\$100; 44)\$2000; 45)\$5000; 46)\$40 (Box); 47)\$400; 48)\$3000; 49)\$500; 50)\$50; 51)\$200; 52)\$2000; 53)\$5000; 54)\$1000; 55)\$300; 56)\$500; 57)\$10,000; 58)\$100; 59)\$100; 60)\$100; 61)\$300; 62)\$980; 63)\$710; 64)\$2800; 65)\$900; 66)200; 67)\$2000; 68)\$900; 69)\*\$4,415; 70)\*\$8,253; 71)\$145 (Hope BPC); 72)\$350; 73)\$1000; 74)\$100.

Total: \$387,754.00 Stop Press! 75)\$20,000

OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$1600; Missionaries \$50; RTL \$200; D. Ebert Bible College \$51; K. Sawit \$10; Jess T. \$15.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

06. Ms Koh Swee Hong, Mabel Information Officer  
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08. Mr Ong Swee Lye, Samuel Student  
09. Mr Phua Kuan Hwee, Paul NSF  
10. Ms Poon Mai Chan Staff Nurse  
11. Mr Wong Kok Keong, Edmund Student  
12. Mdm Wong, Sylvea Housewife

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29. Mr Lee Chee Wah, Freddy Business Dev. Mgr  
30. Mdm Loo Lay Hoon, Annie Secretary

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01. Ong Shen Wei, Nicholas, s/o Mr & Mrs William Ong Peck Yew  
02. Shimizu, Naomi, d/o Mr & Mrs Naohiko Shimizu  
03. Sim Ping En, Petrina, d/o Mr & Mrs Peter Sim  
04. Tamee Karuna, Ann d/o Mr & Mrs Thua Tamee  
05. Tan Jingwei, Benjamin, s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Kay Boon  
06. Tan Shi Ying, Crystal, d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Long Tian  
07. Tan Wei Qiang, s/o Mr & Mrs Johnny Tan Hock Huat  
08. Yeo Mong Heng, Brandon, s/o Mr & Mrs Clifford Yeo Soon Thian  
09. Yeo Mong Huat, Delwin, s/o Mr & Mrs Clifford Yeo Soon Thian

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Ms Chan Wei-lynn, Sharon Student  
02. Ms Chng Chey Siew, Joyce Student  
03. Ms Lim Twan Soong, Karen Student  
04. Ms Lim, Jacqueline Student  
05. Ms Wee Hsu Oon, Sharon Student

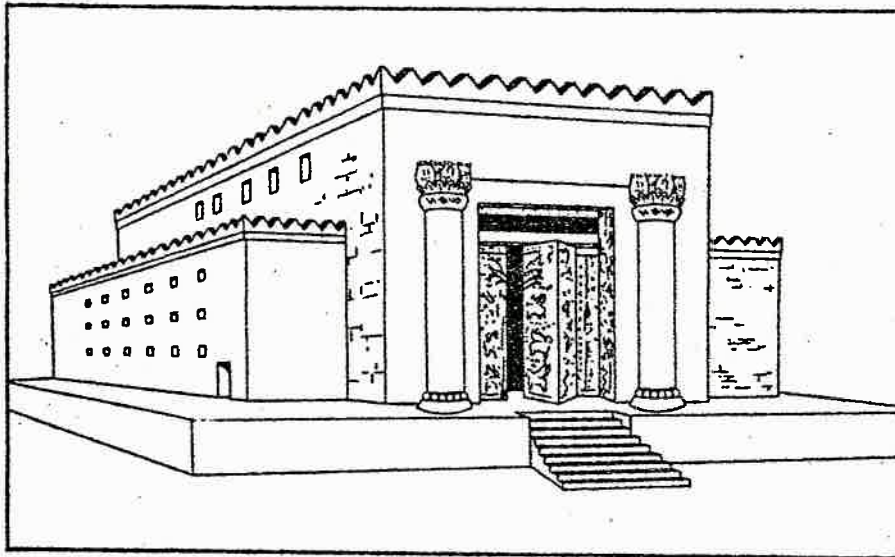
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34. Miss Li Xiangxuan, June Student  
35. Mr Lim Kiong, Patrick Project Executive  
36. Mdm Goh Geak Sim, Samantha Info. Tech.  
37. Mr Lim Wee Kheng, Ezra NSF  
38. Ms Low Hwee Ling, Christina Student  
39. Ms Ng Lay Hoon, Elaine Admin. Assistant  
40. Mr Ng Seng Meng, Edward Durrance Student  
41. Ms Ong, Natalie Student  
42. Mr Ong Pang Chai, Andrew Salesperson  
43. Mdm Ruiz, Leah  
44. Mr Sing Tuck Lim, Michael P. S. Officer  
45. Mr Tan Ah Leong, David QA Manager  
46. Mdm Soh Kim Kiat, Jenny Housewife  
47. Mr Tan Chean Liang, Kelvin Student  
48. Ms Tan Guat Tee, Brenda Book Editor  
49. Mr Tan Leng San, David Student  
50. Mr Tan Tat Seng, Leslie Analyst/Programmer  
51. Ms Tang Wai Har, Hannah Student  
52. Ms Teng Siew Lay, Wendy Grad. Assistant  
53. Mr Wong Chee Kwong, Michael Student  
54. Mr Yeh Eng Siong Student  
55. Ms Yeo Bee Keng, Ruth Student



## How David and His People Prepared for God's House

Text: I Chronicles 29:1-9

"Furthermore, David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace



THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

is not for man, but for the Lord God. Now I have prepared with all my might for the House of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection to the House of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the House of my God, over and above all that I

have prepared for the Holy House, even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

"Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, and gave for the service of the House of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the House of the Lord, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy."

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In our preparation to buy over the property across the road, we have called to members to bring in your tithes. This is according to Malachi 3:10 in which is promised a blessing from Above. The tithe being our sacred tenth due to God our Provider, it must also be willingly offered.

When our hearts are right with God, when we realise with King David that "all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given thee" (I Chron. 29:14), then we rejoice to give as "the King also rejoiced with great joy" (I Chron. 29:9).

There is felt a swell and a tide of goodwill carrying us over to the new Promised Land. The week previous, I told you how, first of all, Kelapa Sawit and FEBC students rallied to our cause. Then came good wishes from the FEBC Treasurer who would make all funds available for the Day of Transaction. Then came news of the Korean Church's help and of Sharon's. The Chinese Congregation is rallying with all her savings and with substantial sums from members. Now we have help coming from Muar BPC and from Rawang. Our own Sunday School's \$10,000 is just the beginning! A YFer handed me \$500 after service last Lord's Day with kind words of encouragement from the young people. LBC is chiming in too! A Session member of New Life would suggest loaning us from their flourishing kindergarten, etc., etc.

Dear Reader, it is once in a lifetime, or once in a century, that we have the opportunity of building God's House. May God bless you, your family and children, as you also offer willingly to Him. "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). Amen.

### A Paragraph from Calvary B-P Church Weekly, 15 Oct '89

God never forces anyone to give! Our giving must be out of gratitude and thankfulness. "God loveth a cheerful giver." Let our giving to the Heavenly Father match our giving to our earthly son (or daughter). For my child I am ready and happy to spend. (Just write out a list and see if you will not be shocked: all the expensive education, tuition, extra tutors, clothes, equipment, recreation, vacations, overseas education, extra doctor's fees, etc., etc.) If my child deserves all these, and he or she has given me



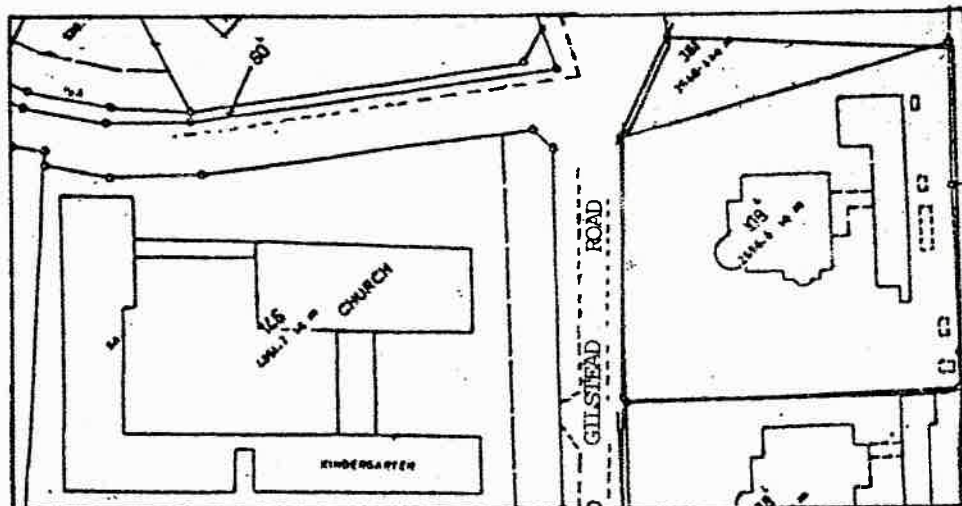
nothing yet, WHAT DOES MY FATHER IN HEAVEN DESERVE? He has given me ETERNAL LIFE, "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven" (I Peter 1:4). And to think of it: God has given me EVERYTHING. All that I am, and all that I have, are from Him. "All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give." May this be our heart response. To do otherwise will not honour the GIVER nor bring blessing to ourselves.

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In the light of what we do for our children, including what is not mentioned above, i.e., a savings account for each of their higher education, we, in Life Church, are appealing for the loan of your child's or children's education fund. So far 3 young people have responded, each with \$25,000. God bless these young people with success in their 'O' and 'A' Level and "U" examinations!

#### "BEULAH LAND"

Since the land across the street has "marriage" value in the words of realtors, a brother suggested we should call it "Beulah Land." "Beulah" in Hebrew means "married."



With this suggestion we heartily concur! According to David, "The [measuring] lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Ps. 16:6).

Herewith we reproduce from the Government survey map the Beulah Land that you can identify across the street. It has an area of 29,026 sq.ft. against the Church's 52,223. Whereas the Church is standing on 99-year lease as of Aug 1, 1957, Beulah Land is freehold!

The European castle-like structure with attached L-Hostel blends perfectly with our six-column Church. The spacious lawns allow for Church outdoor functions. The same can be converted into a basket-ball court cum car park, etc., etc. - T.T. (By Oct 29, the Total of

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (30 Oct - 5 Nov)

MON 7.00 pm House Blessing for the new home of Mr & Mrs John Ng, Blk 96, Margaret Dr., #14-346 (0314), Tel: 4757587

7.30 pm Personal Evangelism (Rev Goh)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

WED 8.30 am The Steeles & Co. to Malacca

THU Steeles Return from Malacca

7.30 pm Modern Hebrew (Rev Tow)

7.30 pm Isaiah (Rev C. Tan)

FRI 7.30 pm Holy Land Echoes at Parsonage

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF

3.00 pm LBC; 3.30 pm - YF

4.00 pm Rev Tow at YAF

SUN 8.00 am "The Righteous Shall Live By Faith" (Rev P. Tan)

9.30 am Sunday School

10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)

10.30 am Chinese Service

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 Thai Service

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

6.00 pm Tamil Service

6.00 pm "Flame in the Wind," a BJU Film at Calvary Pandan BPC

#### 39TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

On 21 Oct - \$15,242.00\*

On 22 Oct - \$24,911.00\*\*

NBC This Week: Wednesday - Bishan & Tampines. See NBC Card for details.

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EXTENSION BLDG FUND: 76)\$100; 77)\$200; 78)\$390; 79)\$200; 80)\$1000; 81)\$1000; 82)\$200; 83)\$200; 84)\$710; 85)\$50; 86)\$500(LCYF); 87)\$600; 88)\$100; 89)\$122.50(Boxes); 90)\$100; 91)\$73; 92)\$1000; 93)\$1000; 94)\$100; 95)\$50; 96)\$1000; 97)\$100; 98)\$100; 99)\$100; 100)\$10,000; 101)\$3000; 102)\$2925(LBC); 103)\$100; 104)\$50; 105)\$50; 106)\$100; 107)\$100; 108)\$200; 109)\$15,242\* 110)\$200; 111)\$1000; 112)\$4500; 113)\$3600; 114)\$500; 115)\$35; 116)\$930; 117)\$2000; 118)\$1030; 119)\$100; 120)\$190; 121)\$24,911\*\*;

122)\$50. Total \$487,562.50 LOANS 1)\$25,000; 2)\$50,000(Children's Ed. Fund). Total \$75,000

GRAND TOTAL: \$562,562.50

OFFERINGS FOR: D. Ebert Bible College \$300, \$1000.

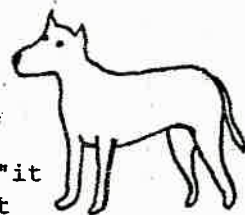
#### A Collection, Not an Offering

A little boy had a dog that he loved. He reserved the portion of roast beef he had received at the dinner table for his dog.

"My son," said his father, "it would be better if you ate that meat yourself and gave your doggie some of the scraps that are left." At the end of the meal all that the little boy could give to his dog was a plate of scraps he collected from around the table. Said he to his dog, "I wanted to make you an offering, but here is only a collection."

Birth! To Mr & Mrs Tony Tung, a boy, Theodore, on Oct 13, 1989.

Tel: Church Office 2569256; Rev P Tan 3521181



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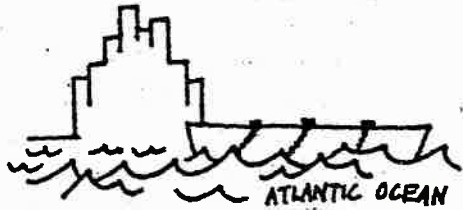
## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### The Irresistible Power of God

Let me tell you a little anecdote to encourage your heart!

Years ago, during the building of a bridge across a portion of New York harbour, the engineers were seeking a base for one of the buttresses. They struck upon an old scow (boat) full of bricks and stone that had sunk in the mud until practically buried. Divers were sent down to place great chains under the scow so that it could be raised, but every effort failed.



A young engineer assured them it could be done. He brought two barges and attached huge chains around the scow to beams on the barges. The chains were tightly fastened at low tide. As the tide swept up the harbour, raising the barges, the buried scow shook, shivered and let go. It was raised by the lift of the Atlantic Ocean!

The lethargy that hinders God's work cannot be removed but by God Himself. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

How can our Church take over the Beulah Land across the road at such a cost in so short a time - \$6.95 million in 4 months and 3 weeks? Let us look at Him alone who led Israel across Jordan at floodtide. But Israel had to follow swiftly their appointed leader into the field.

Remember our slogan used years ago in building Gilstead Road, "If every member will do his best, God will take care of the rest"? What have you done, so far, for the Lord, and time is running out?

### "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

How can you help? If you have no savings, you can give your 13th month! God does not require what we do not have, but what we already have. (God has no so-called "faith-promise" plan, but "love-action" plan.) I am proposing that members of the Church staff set an example to the whole congregation, as we did in going to Woodlands. The whole Session responded in unison. Then rallied the whole congregation! With that 13th month, we were enabled to pay off a big bill, I believe, over a quarter million. If we could do this for land opposite Malaysia, we can do it the more for land right under our nose! Let members encourage one another! Talk it up like Caleb and Joshua: "The Land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us . . ." (Numbers 14:7,8)



(I want to thank an elder for encouragement in the big battle ahead. He suggests Charles Seet make a big chart to show our weekly progress.)

### "Never Pay Interest!"

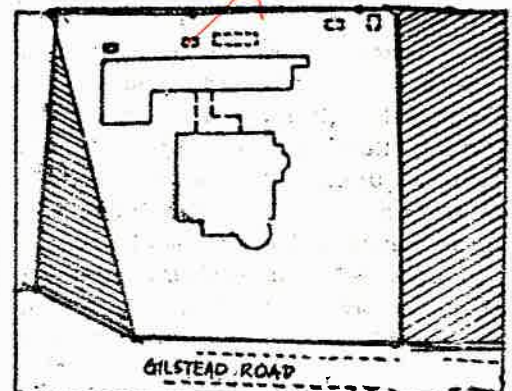
Last Sunday I preached on the Rechabites (Jer. 35) who kept the word of their ancestor and were commended. One thing I have learned from my Grandpa is "never pay interest"! So, when we went to Woodlands, we struggled our hardest in giving and loaning to the Church totalling \$3 million. We were saved from carrying the heavy burden of paying interest to some bank.

In the same vein, may I ask you to help out the Church by interest-free loans. A member said we could take several millions loan to save this tight situation. But she did not realise, were we to take \$2.5 million at 6 percent we would have to pay \$150,000 per annum. Should we take two to three years to clear, this would amount to \$400,000. Let us save this blood oozing for the Lord.

We have mentioned how your children's education fund can help. God bless your children and their future. You can loan a portion of your POSB savings, counting the interest thereof as your offering to the Lord. Now, it is to the poor that our little sums can mean so much. \$2,000; \$5,000; \$10,000 are small sums, but in our present situation they are big. And the Lord has made Himself poor for us that we through His poverty might be rich - rich in having a share in God's enterprise. Moreover, there's the guarantee: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (Prov. 19:17). Don't let our Church pay interest!

### More About Beulah Land

We have named the new property "Beulah Land." Now you notice the triangular piece and the former Reshti land are shaded. The triangular piece is a buffer whereon is built a low PUB sub-station with trees planted for shade to our side. The rectangular shaded area shows the unbuilt part of a 16-storey (we're told) condominium not shown on the map. Though skyscrapers rise around Beulah Land, we are by no means hemmed in. We remain the shady oasis as Beulah Land has been. There is also ample parking space along the triangle and above. "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Ps. 16:6).





Another asset of Beulah Land is the buildings are in good repair, so we'll not spend but a few thousand dollars to remove partitions to make utmost room for group meetings. "Economy is the mother of prosperity."

#### Mission to Kuching

Next Lord's Day I shall be speaking in Kuching (my monthly appointment with the Chinese Service will be taken by Dr Steele.) Pray for me that my speaking to Seven Pastors and to the unsaved at night meetings will be blessed of God. Rev Djunaidi will be there to discuss how the work at Kuching might be advanced. He need not fly now, but come overland from Pontianak by bus, so as to save expenses. God's work is like waging a war. There can be no let-up!

Yours faithfully, T.T.



#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (6th - 12th Nov '89)

MON 7.30 pm Personal Evangelism Class  
8.00 pm Filmshow: "Like a Mighty Army" (FEBC Hall)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
THU 7.30 pm No Isaiah & Hebrew classes  
FRI 8.30 am FEBC Final Exams begin  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF; 3pm-LBC  
3.30 pm YF; 4 pm - YAF  
SUN 8.00 am "The Irresistible Call of God" (Pr Colin Wong, Lord's Sup.)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan  
10.30 am Dr A. Steele at Chinese Serv.  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Ch. & Jr. Choir Practices  
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

NBC Bible Studies this week WED: Bukit Batok, Bkt Timah, Henderson, Newton; FRI: Tampines. Obtain an NBC Card from the church counter for more information.

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,717 (8.00 am)  
\*\$10,332 (10.30 am)  
EXTENSION BUILDING FUND: 123)\$50; 124)\$100; 125)\$215(Boxes); 126)\$100; 127)\$100; 128)\$50; 129)\$3850; 130)\$200(H. Blessing); 131)\$1000; 132)\$100; 133)\$50; 134)\$500; 135)\$65 136)\$500(S.S. Adult Dept); 137)\$150; 138)\$1000; 139)\$1000; 140)\$500; 141)\$4717\*; 142)\$10332\*. Total \$512,141.50. LOANS: 3) \$1000(C Ed F); 4)\$10,000; 5)\$20,000; 6) \$80,000. Total \$186,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$698,141.50

Offerings for: D. Ebert Bible College \$560 (LBC), \$30; Batam \$30.

Eng Lam & Shirleen send gift to EBF from Perth, and Chui Hwa, greetings: "Although we are still overseas and unable to contribute much, we'd like to express our support . . ."

A member of the Children's Choir has added to Loans from Children's Education Fund, \$1000: "I told my Mummy that I want to lend the Church all my savings in my OCBC Young Savers bank book. I don't need the money until I go to University. After lending the Church I have few dollars left, but never mind, I will be getting lots of "hongbaos" for Chinese New Year and I will top up my account again." (God bless as Jesus did the boy who gave 5 loaves and 2 fishes.)

Have you filled in the Directory Update Form? All members and regular visitors are requested to do so, so that the Church might be able to keep accurate records and maintain contact with all its members. Fill in your form TODAY!

See the true story of a church which in 9 years grew from 17 members to more than 2,500. "Like a Mighty Army" will be screened tomorrow, 8.00 pm, at the FEBC Hall, as part of the FEBC course in Personal Evangelism. All are welcome to attend.

Those who were Reaffirmed/Transferred/Baptised at the recent Anniversary service, and who have not received their certificates, may collect them from Mr J. P. David today.

Expresgram to Elder Lau, Rawang Church: "We visited you and Elder Teo Nov. 1 but both of you were out. May all Rawang Church pray for us and give and loan to the best of your ability!" "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Ps. 103:2). Births! To Dr & Mrs David Cheong, a girl, Joanne Cheong Jia Ling, on 17 Oct; and to Mr & Mrs Edwin Seow, a boy, Gordan Seow Jian Shu, on 27 Oct.

To be baptised today at the 10.30 am service: Freddy Lee Chee Wah.

A young Lifer loans \$10,000 and adds, "I don't need this sum. You can use it for as long as you need it." His wife gives \$1000. STOP PRESS! EBF 143)\$39; 144)\$500; 145)\$50; 146)\$1,200(Bethel BPC, Melbourne). Total: \$513,930.50. Loans 7)\$150,000. Total \$336,000 GRAND TOTAL: \$849,930.50 Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

Another well-wisher says, "I have decided to give my 13th month bonus, once in a lifetime to extend God's House. After all, it's an extra month's pay which if spent goes to nothing. For these luxuries are quite unnecessary." (A book of words of encouragement by "lovers of God" will be compiled to His glory after 28 Feb '90.)

Bethel BPC, Melbourne, sends greetings thru' the pastor Dr S. H. Tow with a love gift. They will enter Oakleigh Church premises as of Nov 15 and begin service Nov 19. Bethel Church also thanks Life Church for sending Elder & Mrs Khoo since 9 Sep '89. They request the Khoos to stay on till 9 Jan '90 and return again 21 Feb '90. "We are much in prayer with you in your undertaking to acquire the land at Gilstead Rd. Please be assured of our continued prayer support, as you also remember us before God's holy throne."

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### This Week's War Bulletin

As we are "at war" in our present crusade to take Beulah Land, a weekly Bulletin to keep you informed is a must.



If you ask what is our strategy of winning this war, I would answer simply, "Your interest-free loans - from your POSB Savings Account." Now, what is required of you is to loan as much as you can to the Lord. The interest you forego for the Lord's sake is accounted your offering. (If at any time after Feb 28, '90 you have need of your money or part of it, the Church will repay you in the shortest possible time.) While offerings might come in tens or hundreds, what we need now is thousands, ten-thousands and hundred-thousands. We must reach the target of 1/4 million every Lord's Day, whether by gift or loan, and we are behind schedule!



In this hour of crying need, those who respond to the Lord's call are blessed beyond measure. (Read the story of King David and Barzillai, II Sam. 17:27-29; 19:32-38). In the days of the prophet Malachi, the Lord's House was empty. So the Prophet issued this call, "Bring ye all the tithes (1/10) into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house . . . ." Then he climaxed the call with this promise, "And prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

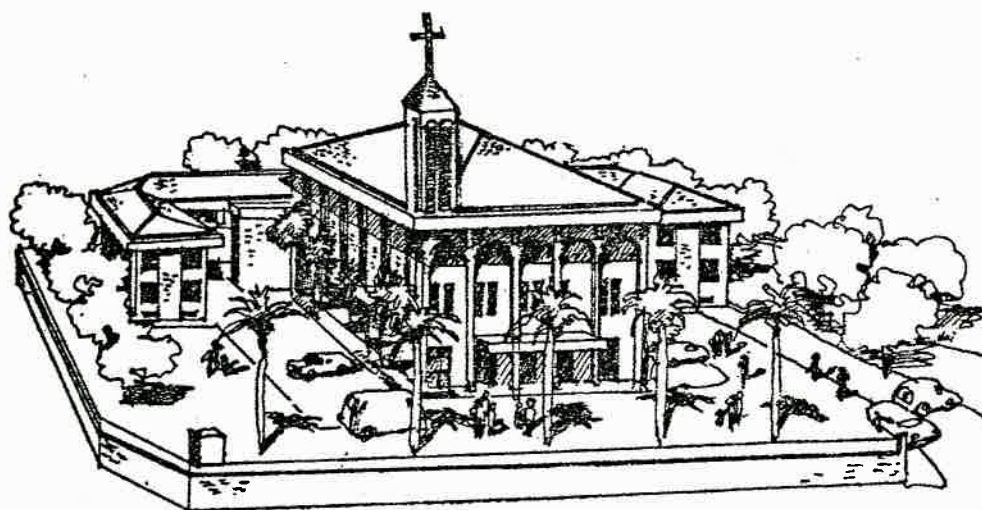
So you have given your tithe. But we need to loan the other 9/10 too! Now, I see a hesitancy in some coming forward, and that for an obvious reason. Then let the loan be transacted between you and me your pastor. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential. As the loans come in under this scheme, you will be given a Code Name such as ABC, DEF, so that even the Treasurer will not know who you are. Only the pastor knows, you know, and the Lord knows.

As your pastor I have counselled a good number of people. But every case is known only to me, and no one else, not even my wife. With this confidence in the pastor, I'm sure many more will come forward in answer to the Lord's call - "Bring ye all the tithes . . . Bring ye whatever you can loan!" "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again" (Prov. 19:17).

With interest-free loans, the Church's burden will be wonderfully lightened. Hundreds of thousands in interest payments will be saved. Who, after reading this call, will respond with a sincere loan?

### Trading Wisely with Every Talent

Last Lord's Day we were invited to the 6th Anniversary Thanksgiving of New Life at Woodlands. We were delighted to see the dining hall filled with three congregations



- the English, Chinese and Tamil. We saw the evidence of a flourishing kindergarten. New Life has established a branch church (English and Chinese) at Taman Sentosa, J.B. The latest addition to the Church is a Book Room. Said Edward Low, an FEBC student from New Life, "This new enterprise is a boon to our Church. Christians who live at Woodlands come here to buy Bibles, books and cards, thus saving them a trip to

the City. They are also attracted to our fellowship." Moreover New Life is going all out to help us in our present project as we helped them in the past. "One good turn deserves another."

With the acquisition of Beulah Land, we should think of ways and means whereby this new property would be utilised to the fullest. We must trade wisely with every God-given talent.

We shall open up rooms for the S.S., to our youth groups, and renovate a hall to accommodate the Chinese Service. There will be living quarters for the Church staff, upstairs dorms for FEBC students. Perhaps a Day Care Centre or a Child-care Centre? All open spaces to be made available for car-parking, a basket-ball court and badminton court cum car park? Let us use this present property for a decade, after which the need might arise to have a multi-storey complex put in its place. And all these that Life Church might be a headquarters for extending God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth - while He tarries. As we've used 9A to the last inch, so will we develop No. 10.

By Nov.  
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gifts  
rose to  
\$1.13

Between Now and February 28, 1990, the Lord needs \$3.8 million

When we closed the deal for \$6.95 million, we had accumulated \$2 million as from Nov. '83 to date. This sum includes \$160,000 designated for Bukit Batu (Johore) where we have a village church and Sunday School, administered by Kelapa Sawit. Two-thirds of the \$2 million were loaned to various B-P Churches to help them in their building projects. Now they are being recalled.

Now that this week's financial report shows the EBF having pierced the million mark, we have roughly \$3.8 million to surmount. Soon we should reach the half-way mark. We are grateful to FEBC and the Korean Church for their help. Also to Kelapa Sawit again with various individual gifts. We hope the Korean School, which uses our premises Saturday morning, will also help us! (We need help from our Readers, both local and overseas!) - T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13 - 19 Nov)

MON - FRI	FEBC Final Exams
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
8.00 pm	Session Meeting
FRI 6.00 pm	FEBC End-of-Semester Dinner
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LYF
3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF
3.30 pm	Tan Liang Ping & Annie Chao Yu-Chin Wedding (Rev Tow)
4.00 pm	YAF
SUN 8.00 am	Rev Denis Shelton
9.30 am	Sunday School
10.30 am	Rev Tow
10.30 am	Junior Worship
10.30 am	Chinese Service
10.30 am	Ch. & Junior Choir Practices
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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

\$6,477\* (8.00 am)

\$18,716\* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 147)\$30; 148)\$22; 149)\$25(Boxes); 150)\$500(YAF); 151)\$500; 152)\$36; 153)\$31(Boxes); 154)\$50,000; 155)\$100; 156)\$36; 157)\$21.60; 158)\$21.60; 159)\$1440; 160)\$40,000; 161)\$130,000; 162)\$500(Filipina F'ship); 163)\$500; 164)\$50; 165)\$50; 166)\$50; 167)\$845(WF); 168)\$40; 169)\$100; 170)\$50; 171)\$200; 172)\$230; 173)\$200; 174)\$400; 175)\$1030; 176)\$30; 177)\$680(Chinese S.); 178)\$3000; 179)\$2000; 180)\$1000; 181)\$1000; 182)\$200; 183)\$1100; 184)\$200; 185)\$50; 186)\$200; 187)\$50; 188)\$200; 189)\$100; 190)\$200; 191)\$200; 192)\$100(Indonesian S.); 193)\$10,000(Sunday School); 194)\$150; 195)\$6477\*; 196)\$18,716\*; 197)\$5070; 198)\$5000; 199)\$1000; 200)\$3000. Total: \$800,661.70

GRAND TOTAL (with loans): \$1,136,661.70

Words of encouragement from lovers of God:

"By your latest letter we see that you are at last able to procure further property. What again amazes us is the hilarity with which your people give! Money just seems to pour in when there is a need. It does seem as though Singapore's economy is booming. Enclosed is a token contribution towards purchasing that mansion next door."

"I am happy to learn of our Church's new extension plans from your newsletter. Although I missed out on our Church's recent 39th Anniversary Thanksgiving celebrations, due to my frequent travels abroad, nevertheless, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the Church. I want to thank you for reminding us of God's lovingkindness and tender mercies in Psalm 103:1-4. Enclosed, please accept a token of my love-offering for God's extension works, so diligently carried out by you and your co-workers in Christ."

"As the Lord's undershepherd, you must be shouldering a truly heavy burden for Beulah Land. Your call for us to do our best leaving the rest to the Lord has brought back fond and reassuring memories of the power of our Lord in enabling us to claim Gilstead Road in the first place. Though my cheque is a mere 0.07% of \$6.95 million, I pray that this paltry sum will nevertheless encourage your heart that the Lord is actively agonising over the project with you."

NBC Bible Studies this week: Wed - Chinatown; Fri - Bishan and Tampines. See the NBC Card for more information.

Baptised at Lee Ah Mooi's Old Folks Home, 7 Nov '89 were Mdm Lim Meow Cheng, 79, and Mdm Koh Kah Lang, 86, by the hand of the pastor, witnessed by Lily Tan and Choong Siew Lean, FEBC students in charge.

Born to Mr & Mrs Yiew Pong Sen, a boy, Luther Yiew, on 7 Nov 1989.

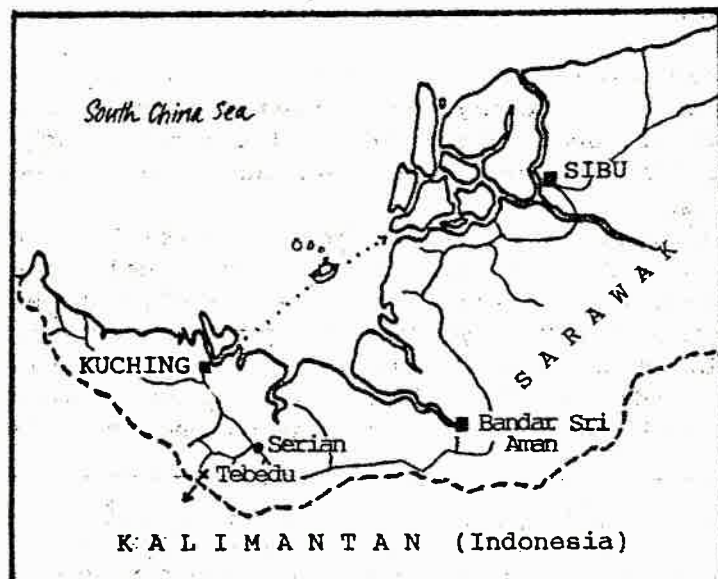
From House Blessing to House Church! Bro. Tan Nam Siang's new shophouse at Nagoya, Batam, was inaugurated Fri. 13 Oct with a thanksgiving service at which the pastor reminded the congregation that every Christian is a light for Jesus Christ. Present at the service was also Roska, who played the guitar, assisted by Esther Chai, another FEBCer. Marilyn arrived later on at the Korea Mission House, a stone's throw from the new shophouse. The following evening at 7.30 pm the three FEBC girls joined forces to inaugurate a Youth Fellowship - in fact an extension of Life YF and YAF! From House Blessing to House Church! Invitation to Life young people to visit Roska at Nagoya. Stay comfortably overnight. Cost of travel for 7 or 8, including bus to Nagoya, \$30 per person.

Rec'd from Ev. Reformed Church \$1290 for Blind Kor. Pastor + \$200 for Life. "Many were deeply touched by the life of Rev John An. It'll indeed do much spiritual good for those present." - Elder Liew Chee Seng



## New Frontiers of Evangelism

When Rev Djunaidi and Preacher Kim Kah Teck came to Kuching Airport in the Sharon Rose B-P Church Van to receive me, a new frontier of evangelism between Pontianak and the Sarawak capital was opened! Hitherto visits between Pontianak and Kuching were made



by plane. This time the trip taken by Djunaidi to Kuching was by bus and taxi. This saves our brother a costlier plane ticket and an exit tax of R\$250,000 or over S\$250. For, the overland crossing, recently inaugurated between Indonesia and East Malaysia, is exempt.

The reason why we have planned our meeting this time is that Djunaidi might be profitably employed to help Sharon oversee this five-year old B-P Mission from closer range. This saves much time and expense and adds pastoral care to an embryo Church which Singapore cannot provide for the moment.

Started by Life Church August 1984, Sharon Rose was committed to Sharon B-P Church one month after that. Hence, we named the Kindergarten, the first phase of

the infant Church, Sharon Rose. When several converts were made, both Dyaks and Chinese, among them a Chinese banker, a Church service and Sunday school developed. While the main work was being carried on in a housing estate, Kah Teck further reached out to a squatter area, not far from the housing estate, to build a M\$10,000 two-storey wooden chapel, 25 feet by 30 feet. In the course of years, however, the work in the housing estate dwindled. Now what is left is the two-storey wooden chapel. It is to refurbish Sharon Rose that Djunaidi and I were invited to Kuching this time.

This is not to say that Sharon Rose is a failure. Several sweet fruits have been borne. Apart from the Chinese banker family, there is Marilyn Nanta, now studying at FEBC and a member of the Indonesian Service. There is Madil a Dyak construction worker from Batu Lintang, baptised by Rev Djunaidi.

Through Madil's contact Kah Teck has reached out to two Dyak Longhouses in the Batu Lintang district, 120 miles from Kuching. The afternoon after my arrival, Kah Teck drove Djunaidi and me to Batu Lintang (near Sri Aman) to preach to the two Longhouses.

Having translated Jason Linn's "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo," I was now to see in concrete what I had visualised in my mind. The first longhouse, situated in a valley, consisted of 15 families. The headman's house is located in the centre. The style of construction is the same as what I have read, only that no more are animals and fowls kept beneath the high-stilted platforms. A modern longhouse is clean and airy, with running water and electric lights. In the headman's house we had the luxury of sitting on sofas, surrounded by TV and tape recorders.

As the headman has become Christian, at least nominally, he gave us permission to preach to his tribesmen. Seventy, old and young, heard Djunaidi speak in Indonesian and me in English, interpreted into Iban by Kah Teck.

At the second longhouse, called a half-longhouse because there were only 6 families, we followed the same procedure. A young girl of 16, Nancy by name, daughter of the headman, attends an Anglican Mission School. She has since believed and brought the Gospel to her parents. We gave her some of our books and extended her a scholarship to FEBC should the Lord call her. We slept in the longhouse for the night to intermittent cock crows and barking of dogs.

Sunday night, the monsoon rains poured down in torrents so that the path leading to the wooden chapel came under water. We thought no one would come to service, but we were wrong. Forty, old and young, Dyaks and Chinese, braved the downpour to hear the Gospel. I spoke on the Second Coming of Christ and told the children how I had been afraid of His coming when a boy of eight or nine. They seemed to fear the terror of the Lord too, until the Gospel was made plain to them. Then they raised their hands to indicate they wanted to be saved at His coming. Sunday night saw us comfortably settled at Mr Charles Wong's new home at Tabuan Jaya.

As time was heavy on our hands before my scheduled flight home on Wednesday, we decided to strike out to Sibü, the next big town of Sarawak. Our purpose was to see this city founded by Foochow Methodists in 1901 under Wong Nai Siong, a Chinese version of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed for America, 1620. Another reason was to make contact with the Christian Book Rooms so as to find an outlet for our publications. We made the trip by fast riverboat. The journey took 4½ hours upstream, costing M\$25 per person. We

stayed at a small hotel costing the three of us M\$30, or \$10 each.

Sure enough, we saw the big Methodist Church in the centre of the town. Here John Sung held great revival meetings in 1936 at which 1,600 were soundly converted. We visited the Methodist Bookroom where John Sung's biographies in Chinese are sold. We introduced the John Sung Choruses with music notations which was gladly accepted.

As the Methodist Bookroom sells 90% Chinese books, we were introduced to the Christian Book Room that specialises in English. We hope by these contacts, more fundamental and separatist literature might penetrate Sarawak. I say "Sarawak" because we have made contacts also in Kuching.

After our 30-hour interlude to Sibü, we met with the Seven Pastors. Interest was aroused in them to exchange visits with Kalimantan. During the evening service at the Wooden Chapel at which 40 attended, we baptised Imbi anak Jumbao and his two infant daughters. His wife was baptised in 1982. I visited also my octogenarian aunt who offered her widow's mites to our Extension Building Fund.

Kah Teck has completed over five years' service in Kuching. Now his wife Pauline has gone to Taiwan to take refresher courses in a Chinese seminary. Kah Teck feels compelled to do the same. They deserve a well-earned sabbatical. But their wooden chapel will be left unmanned! Here comes the suggestion for Marilyn Nanta to return to Kuching for a season. Meanwhile a Chinese Indonesian couple, graduating students of a Bible School at Singkawang, are preparing to serve under Rev Djunaidi. This is the latest development of new frontiers of evangelism. This work needs our prayers and Sharon's continued support. Amen.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20 - 26 Nov, '89)

MON 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
FRI 6.00 pm Get-together for New Members and Session  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF  
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30 pm - YF  
3.30 pm Richard Lee & Peggy Soh Wedding (Rev Tow)  
4.00 pm YAF  
7.30 am Filmshow: "First Fruits"  
SUN 8.00 am "The Power of the Tongue" (Pr Colin Wong)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Tow  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Church & Jnr Choir Practices  
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  
6.00 pm Rev Tow on Calvin at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour

NBC This Week: Wed - Bkt Batok, Bkt Timah, Henderson, Newton; Fri - Tampines. See NBC Card for information on places and times.

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,893\* (8.00 am)

\$10,190\* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 201)\$1000; 202)\$200  
203)\$200; 204)\$100; 205)\$16,000(Chinese S.)  
206)\$19; 207)\$200(Boxes); 208)\$100; 209)\$1000;  
210)\$216; 211)\$50; 212)\$400; 213)\$100;  
214)\$200; 215)\$300; 216)\$940; 217)\$200(Tamil S.);  
218)\$100; 219)\$1350; 220)\$1600; 221)\$40;  
222)\$40; 223)\$15(Ear ring); 224)\$3893\*;  
225)\$10,190\*; 226)\$150; 227)\$1000;  
228)\$580; 229)\$1000; 230)\$10,000 (Sunday Sch.).  
Total \$851,844.70 Stop Press 231)\$94.20(Filipina F.); 232)\$2207.

LOANS: 8)\$180,000. Total Loans \$516,000

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,370,145.90

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#### Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. "Please find enclosed 2 Amex money orders total \$300 for whatsoever is urgently needed . . . Always pray for you and all."

2. Bringing to the Lord \$1000 from his son, an undergrad of NUS, this lover of God relays the burning zeal of one of the younger generation. While he himself has not the thousands, he exhorts his B-P friends to help Life Church at this eleventh hour.

4. Calvary Session: "We are in whole-hearted support of your 'Eye Clinic Project' . . . Your loan . . . will be repaid in Feb. (or earlier) as God enables. We are pleased that our Session unanimously voted a sum of \$100,000 as a bare expression of our deepest gratitude for your help . . ."

5. "Your Session has acted wisely in investing in Beulah Land at 10 Gilstead Rd. What an investment! It is an investment in the precious lives God will be pleased to put in to your trust. This is what we can truly call a longterm investment - for eternity."

Your people have made Dolores and me feel a part of your church family. We want to join them in the march to Beulah Land."

- Dr Arthur Steele

Dr & Mrs Arthur Steele left for Manila yesterday to teach at the School of Biblical Studies under Rev Dan Ebert III until Dec 4, when they fly back to Clearwater, Florida.

An Extraordinary Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, 3 Dec '89, at 10.15 am, in respect of Beulah Land, the property across the street. All members are required to be present.

"They went, willing to become Slaves, to preach the Gospel." See the true story of two young Moravians who left their home to bring the Gospel to the Slaves in the West Indies. FIRST FRUITS will be screened on Sat, 25 Nov, 7.30 pm at Life Church. All are welcome!

Expressgram to Rev Paauwe: Cordial welcome to your 4 students transferring to FEBC. God Bless!

"The Prophets of Fire and Water" is freely distributed to Lifers, limited to one copy per person.



## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Extraordinary Congregational Meeting Next Lord's Day, 10.15 am

A letter notifying the ECM was mailed to you November 21. The law requires that the decision of Session to purchase No. 10 Gilstead Road be endorsed by the Congregation. Four trustees are to be appointed, viz., Rev T. Tow, Elder Seow Chong Pin, Elder Edmund Tay, Elder Lim Teck Chye. Also, approval is to be sought for the freezing of Designated Funds temporarily and use them for the purchase of the above-mentioned property. May I exhort you who attend the 10.30 am service especially to come 15 minutes early.

### "The God of your Church is greater than the God of other Churches"

This sparkling statement by Mr W. K. Tham, the contractor who built 9 & 9A was in acknowledgement of our Treasurer's paying him always on time (not so with other Churches which relied on concerts and funfairs.) So



were we enabled to pay the contractor who built New Life. The question now is: Will we be able to pay the owner of No. 10 without borrowing from the bank? "Never pay interest!"

What is \$7.2 million (if we add 3% tax) to the God who owns "the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps. 50:10), who declares by His prophet Haggai, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8)?

As you have obeyed the clarion call from Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi, so our giving and loans at 1/4 million per week is keeping up almost to schedule, hallelujah! We must not leave out fraternal associations that have and are helping us - Kelapa Sawit, FEBC, Life Chinese Service, Calvary BPC, Sharon BPC, Korean Church and School, FEK, Chin Lien, Rawang and Muar, Tamil Churches, Filipina Fellowship, Thai Service, Kebaktian Indonesia, New Life and Kindergarten, Tabernacle BPC, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Zion Presbyterian Evangelistic Band, and not a few anonymous lovers of God. One who gave \$20,000 hinted he would give more. Another loans an equal amount, also anonymously. Have I left out anybody? God loves each cheerful giver, and "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:7,8).

### A YAFer Loans \$10,000 for a Year

She writes to the pastor: "You were right when you said that we can never outgive the Lord. Even as I prepare to make out the little loan to the Beulah Land Fund, the Lord has blessed me bountifully in my job. He has given me a whopping pay rise, much to my surprise. 'My cup runneth over.' Surely, I didn't deserve this salary increase, but it was granted me 'according to the good hand of my God upon me.'"



"I'd like to close this letter with the words of the Prophet Malachi, which were quoted by you in the Church bulletin: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.' Praise the Lord! Jehovah Jireh."

Now, if a young lady can do this bit for the Lord, surely there are scores of others who can do the same. Another told me she would get 3 months' bonus which she would render unto the Lord. So, not only will there be an extra month's pay, I'm told even the Government will give more than usual. Isn't it wonderful that such good times will work to the provision of His House?

Giving to the Lord is not a burden but a blessing. It is not the amount, but the proportion to one's possession. Did not the Lord declare the widow's two mites more than all that was given by the rich? (Luke 21:3). And was not Mary's pound of spikenard ointment, worth \$3,000 in our day, well received with the Lord's commendation: "Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her" (Matt. 26:13). Giving is loving. Do you love Jesus? Giving is sweetest when it proceeds from a loving heart, not a calculating mind.

### A Hidden Poetess Blossoms in Sylvea Wong

(who was recently received into our membership)

Breast cancer, stomach cancer, whatever-the-cancer,  
My friends have succumbed by the number,  
While I'm still hale and hearty, happy and healthy.  
Thank God for strength to enjoy a life so lengthy.

A life I've taken for granted in my youth and prime,  
Not now when I'm old and can be taken Home any time.

You ask me: "Do I fear death?"

"Yes," says my flesh.

"No," replies my spirit.

For in death what do I stand to lose  
But this temporal life and my 'earthly tabernacle'?  
Then I'll cross over to another life in a better place,  
Best of all to meet my Saviour face to face.

Yet I cringe when I dwell on such a thought,  
Because I've not done all that I ought.  
Alas! What can I do, now that I'm living on borrowed time,  
Having exceeded my three score years and ten?

Healthy I may be, but sapped is my strength.  
Each day I pray for health to serve Him while I can,  
To bring some old crony or backslider into His Fold,  
That I may not be ashamed to face my Saviour so.

Young reader, whoever you may be,  
Take this advice from a silver-haired lady:

Do what you can to serve the Lord in the heyday of your life,  
Better still give your life to serve Him full-time.  
Don't wait until you're old like me in my winter years,  
To realise a little too late  
That there is much truth in this well-quoted adage:

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27 Nov - 3 Dec)			Stop Press! 257)\$100; 258)\$400; 259)\$500; 260)\$1950. LOANS 9)\$10,000; 10)\$160,000; 11)\$10,000; 12)\$1000. Total Loans \$697,000.
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	GRAND TOTAL: \$1,586,808.4
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF	OFFERING FOR Missions \$50.
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm - YF	Words of Encouragement from a Lover of God:
	3.00 pm	Faith Independent Baptist Ch. Wedding (Rev J. Khng)	"Since I read about Beulah Land in the B-P Weekly, I feel very much the urgency of time and prayer. And I believe His leading hand in this matter. I remember a chorus learnt by my son in Sunday School: 'Little drops of water make the mighty ocean, little grains of sand make the pleasant land.' I feel myself as one drop of water and one grain of sand. There is no greater joy, privilege and better investment in being a part of Beulah Land enterprise. I'll have the bank to write out a cheque. It is on the way. I prefer that my name is not mentioned at all, if you don't mind. I just feel compelled to give and feel as a duty to do so. The cheque takes about 2 weeks to get there. It has been very encouraging thus far to see the speedy growth of the Beulah Land Fund." - from FEBCer abroad.
	4.00 pm	YAF	Pray for Mrs Mahadevan at Ward 44A, SGH, and for Mdm Ow Ee Tai, mother of Bro. David Tan, at Ward 57, NUH, for speedy recovery.
	7.30 pm	Showing of Blind Korean Pastor Film at Mt Horeb BPC, Lengkok Bahru (Rev A. Ong)	"The Prophets of Fire and Water," a series of messages delivered at the FEBC Bible Conference, Genting Highlands, Sep '88, are freely distributed to worshippers this Lord's Day. Get yours from the CLBC Book Table at the red porch.
SUN	8.00 am	"Contending for the Faith" (Rev P. Tan)	The Green House with high stone wall alongside our Church is to give way to an 8-storey condominium. Demolition work is now on!
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Rd, Singapore 1130. Telephone: 2502138 & 2569256
	10.15 am	Extraordinary Congregational Meeting	
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	
	10.30 am	Junior Worship	
	10.30 am	Church & Junior Choirs Pract.	
	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 Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hr (Reformation in the British Isles)	
NBC This Week: WED - Chinatown; FRI - Tampines & Bishan.			
LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:			
		\$3,135* (8.00 am)	
		\$10,974* (10.30 am)	
EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 233)\$400; 234)\$3.50; 235)\$14; 236)\$180(Boxes); 237)\$3000 238)\$100; 239)\$20; 240)\$100; 241)\$200; 242)\$300; 243)\$20; 244)\$800; 245)\$200; 246)\$400; 247)\$50; 248)\$116(S.S. Adults); 249)\$50; 250)\$150; 251)\$2000; 252)\$500; 253)\$200; 254)\$3135*; 255)\$10,974*; 256)\$10,000. Total \$886,858.40			



## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### A Stitch in Time Saves Nine

Once I had a little tear in the centre seam of my trousers. Because I did not stitch it up, the whole trousers split in two right through under heavy strain. What a loss, what an embarrassment!



We have to find \$5 million to close the gap of our deal to purchase No. 10 Gilstead Road. If we do our uttermost now by gifts and loans, it will save us half a million paying interest in years to come. Such a drain will affect all our mission outreaches.

One good stitch in time was your 13th month, I said. As we had the desire to offer this to the Lord, so are we not doubly rewarded with 2 5/12 months from a benevolent Government under God? Nay, even 3 months or 4 from more generous quarters! Here is where we can put in our stitches.

"Economy is the mother of prosperity." Had we not traded our talents wisely, we would not have the \$2 million in reserve. These are two big stitches in time to save the nine.

As of the present date, you have done your best, so we have crossed the half-way mark! Praise the Lord. As the gradient of the climb now gets steeper, so must we (in the words of the motorist) step harder on the accelerator! How do you climb the Benjamin Sheares bridge?

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:7,8).

This is the way of funding a Church's needs, inasmuch as Christ the Head has chosen to become poor for our sakes that we through His poverty might be rich (II Cor. 8:9). Our Lord did not own a donkey, though we own one car, two cars. Thus he had to borrow one from a disciple. How you wish you were there at the road junction to offer to your Lord (Mark 11:4)! What an honour and privilege! But does not Christ come our way today? Is it your pastor's plea to help in this hour of need, or our Saviour's?

As the people offer freely and willingly, soon the Lord's coffers will overflow. As in Moses' day when the people brought an over abundance for the Tabernacle, so will the opportunity to put in your stitch, your gift in time to save the nine, be gone!

### "The Hens Did It"

Juana, a Filipino woman, brought 500 pesos to her pastor for the building fund. She said, "The hens did it. I can't get the tithing business through my head, but there were my hens laying eggs, on the Lord's Day! Somehow it didn't seem right to use the eggs laid on His Day for ordinary purposes. And so for several months I have been setting those eggs apart, and have sold them separately. Well, here's the money!"



Methinks, she is right. Our monthly salary includes that of the Lord's Day, and we do no work. Giving 1/10 is less than 1/7. Now we can get the tithing business through our head!

### American Blessed by Asian Awakening and John Sung

By way of introduction, my brother is Carl Martin of Spring City, Pennsylvania [mutual friend of Rev Ebert and Pastor Tow].

I drive truck for a living. I travel from Texas east and over most of the eastern states. I pull a tanker, hauling various kinds of chemicals.

Several years ago when I was at Carl's, I saw a book titled "The Asian Awakening." I didn't get to read it then and forgot about it. This past April, I was at Dr Murray's and saw the book. I picked it up and read it during the next week or so. Carl had told me some about Dr Sung before. In some ways, I can't describe how the book made me feel. It would be tremendous to be present when the Holy Spirit is poured out as it was during the revivals in China and Indonesia. It was a great blessing to read how the Spirit worked in so many people and their courage to take a stand for the Lord.

I just got a copy of "John Sung My Teacher" the other week, so I haven't read much of it yet. I'm looking forward to reading it.

I understand that you are translating a book from Chinese into English. I would be interested in knowing when you finish it and also buying a copy.

I remember you in my prayers and pray that the Lord will continue to use you in a special way. - Roger E. Martin

### Free Copies of Asian Awakening and John Sung My Teacher

are available at the CLBC Book Table today. This offer is sparked by Roger E. Martin, the American truck driver, who has been mightily blessed reading these two books. These free copies are designated specially to new-comers to Life Church. They cost \$9 and \$8 each and much more if printed abroad. Now, if the Lord has blessed you through these two books, it would do you well to pass them on to the blessing of others. "Do something good for Jesus everyday!"

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (4 - 10 Dec)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
TUE - FRI Tamil Convention  
7 - 9.30 pm (FEBC Hall)  
WED 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF  
2.30 pm Church Blessing of Marriage  
between Sam Leong & Ellen  
Chong (Rev Tow)  
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30 pm - YF  
4.00 pm YAF  
5.25 pm Eng Lam & Shirleen arrive  
back QF from Perth  
SUN 8.00 am "Rejoice in Tribulation"  
(Pr Colin Wong, Lord's Sup)  
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 Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit BPC  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service  
6.00 pm Tamil Service

NBC This Week: WED - Bkt Batok, Bkt  
Timah, Henderson, Newton; FRI - Tampines.  
(Get more information from the NBC Card,  
available from the Church counter.)

## LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$3,437\* (8.00 am)

\$9,753\* (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 261)\$100; 262)  
\$300(Boxes); 263)\$5000; 264)\$100; 265)  
\$2250(AF); 266)\$500(SS Jr Dept); 267)\$50  
(SS Adult Dept); 268)\$100; 269)\$2000;  
270)\$2800; 271)\$2500; 272)\$1201.50; 273)  
\$200; 274)\$100; 275)\$214.65(AF); 276)  
\$1000; 277)\$3437\*(8.00 am); 278)\$9753\*  
(10.30 am); 279)\$2500. Total \$923,914.55.  
Stop Press! 280)\$10,000. LOANS 13)\$19,700  
14)\$160,000; 15)\$40,000; 16)\$500. Total  
Loans \$917,200. Stop Stop Press! 281)\$50,000  
GRAND TOTAL: \$1,851,114.55

## Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God

1. A student anonymously offers an envelope of \$450, being "part of my vacation pay."
2. A happy father offers \$1000 "for a new born son."
3. A sister pledges "\$5000 from my year-end bonus."
4. A brother loans US\$10,000 "from my unused education fund."
5. An FEBC student puts an \$100 envelope into the box.
6. A \$100 envelope from "2 young people who have experienced God's great blessings during the 'A' Level exams."
7. "Give and it shall be given unto you" (Lk. 6:38). When Calvary BPC voted to give us \$100,000, they received the following week a gift of equal amount to be "equally divided between Bethel and Calvary Jaya"!

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## "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE" (II Cor. 12:9)

There is never a day so dreary,  
Nor an hour so filled with despair,  
That help is not ours for the asking  
If we knock at heaven's door in prayer.

At the moment we ask, He'll answer,  
He's never asleep or away;  
He doesn't remove every burden  
But always gives strength for the day.

He does not say life is painless,  
That we'll never grow tired or grieve,  
He promises rest for the weary  
And comfort to all who believe.

His grace abounding is sufficient,  
In our weakness, He helps us to stand;  
And problems and trials are lighter  
When we know He's holding our hand.

- Amy Phua



8. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Ps. 116:12)

Although this contribution is but a tiny fraction of the multitude of blessings that God our loving Father had poured on us, it is nevertheless a small way to show our deep gratitude to Him.

Just want to let you know, Pastor, that we are behind you and the Church, daily praying for this project and we are continuously amazed and yet so encouraged by the amount of money that has been pouring in.

Hear Pastor Tow on the Reformation in the British Isles this Evening at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour, 6.00 pm.

Congratulations to Bethel B-P Church, Melbourne as they hold a special service Dec. 16 to commemorate their taking over their new premises.

Dr S.H. Tow will be the Lord's messenger. Special greetings to Eld. & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat!

We extend our deepest condolence to David Tan on the passing of his beloved mother, Nov. 29, 1989.

Pray for Rosie anak Ubeng of Kuching now recovering from a heart operation at Mt Elizabeth Hospital (Kebaktian Indonesia).

Patronise CLBC, your Church's own bookshop! Although privatised (to keep going), remember this was started by the Church Jan. 1976. Get your Christmas cards and gift items from CLBC, because helping the Church's bookroom is helping yourself. Look at the convenience it affords you when you have need of a Bible, book or card! Nor need you make a special trip to the city.

We congratulate New Life for having opened their own Bookroom which is serving Woodlands New Town.

Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism is to be put in to Chinese, by request.



## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Does Christ Come to Our Emmaus Road?



The road from Jerusalem to Emmaus was "three score furlongs" or 60 x 582 ft = 7 miles (NIV). Two disciples, one Cleopas by name, were walking to Emmaus. As they indulged in the talk of the town, viz., the crucifixion of Jesus only three days before, the

Risen Saviour joined their company. While the conversation went on, our Lord expounded the Scriptures to them, "the things concerning Himself," "beginning at Moses and all the prophets" (Luke 24:27). How long did our Saviour walk and talk with the two disciples? For half-an-hour, one hour? Oh, how you wished you're there too--the blessing of having the Lord's divine company! But Cleopas and his friend did not recognise Jesus until grace was said at the village inn and Jesus had served! "And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight" (Luke 24:31).

Today, we are heading laboriously towards the Beulah Land across the street, our Emmaus Road, so near yet so far. Our countenance betrays the burden on our heart, like the two disciples, but ours rather is a financial one. How wonderful it would be if the Saviour should show Himself to us! Because we did not see Him, our senses are blurred. Does Christ come to our Emmaus Road? We need not wait until the Day we enter Beulah Land, as the two disciples arrived at the village, to see Jesus face to face. We should be lightened by His beaming countenance even now! As your pastor, we can testify to His presence through signs that come in moments of our greatest need. Thus, we can advance with greater confidence in the "last three miles" of our journey.

Does Christ come to your Emmaus Road when you are sad (Lk. 24:17)? O may you feel Him as He walks each day with you! Then will your heart burn within you, and when He blesses you as you pray, you will see Him face to face! Amen.

### My Testimony About the Eye Clinic Property

Although our 1989 Church Calender displays a photo of Life Church facing the Eye Clinic and there is a "box" with this caption, "Guess what this space stands for?", I had given up the idea of acquiring the property, until late September when we got wind that the owner was going to sell. A year or so before this, we had enquired, but to no avail. I had given up on the property because the price of land kept on rising.

When Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye took a bold stand to acquire what is now called our Beulah Land (it has marriage value), I sensed this was from the Lord. So I cast in my lot with him. We had also the strong support of Rev Dr Tan. When a vote was taken at one of the crucial Session meetings and the decision was unanimous, my faith was further confirmed. I have no doubt but that Beulah Land is reserved for us by the Lord's Hand. If it is the Lord's Hand, what is \$7 million to Him?

By His grace we have a \$2 million reserve. Now, we have given and loaned another \$2 million. What we need is \$3.2 million. The Lord has made Himself poor that we may be rich (II Cor. 8:9). He gives each member his or her opportunity to give to His Cause. Suppose, there is one tycoon who will write a \$3.2 million cheque? Where then is your share of blessing by your loving gift to Him? All through His life on earth, our Lord was served and supported by lowly and loving hands. Interestingly, by the women. "And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance" (Luke 8:2,3). Brothers, buck up! The ECM last Lord's Day has recognised the Lord's approval. So let us all go forward with one accord.

### Why Didn't We Think of This?

A B-P minister of no mean standing, seeing our strategy of gathering interest-free loans being mightily blessed of God, remarked, "Why didn't we think of this?"

Yes, the strategy of closing the gap of our \$7 million deal for Beulah Land is interest-free loans from members and friends! Your having a share in God's investment is



one not only of guaranteed repayment (Prov. 19:17 says, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again"), but also of multiple good dividends. In Malachi's call to an unthankful congregation to revive giving their tithes, does not the Lord promise, "And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that

there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). This blessing is experienced by a YAFer who wrote last week to the pastor, "You were right when you said that we can never outgive the Lord. Even as I prepare to make out the little loan to the Beulah Land Fund, the Lord has blessed me bountifully in my job. He has given me a whopping pay rise, much to my surprise . . . ."

Conversely, when we flout His call to give Him His dues, Haggai has this to say, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in cieled houses (with flowery ceilings, in Chinese trans-

lation) and this house lie waste? . . . Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:4-6).

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I appeal to every God-loving and God-fearing Lifer to bring in your tithes into the Storehouse. If you have neglected throughout the years, let this be your opportunity with your double and triple year-end bonus (SIA gives 6 months). And why not also loans from your little-productive savings which now can earn ten-times, yea, a hundred times more, by putting them into God's hands? Surely He will bless you when you respond cheerfully, He will bless your wife and your children!

"Why didn't we think of this?"

#### Celebrating Christmas Without Christ

"And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did ye not eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" (Zech. 7:6). These words of admonition from the lips of the prophet Zechariah aptly describe the Orchard Road spirit that is pervading Singapore these days.

The first Christmas rather saw the Christ-child shivering cold that wintry night as He was laid in a manger. Soon after the visit of the Wise Men, the Holy Family was on the run from Herod's Sword. Providentially, the Magi had brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh which helped supply the needs of the fleeing trio.

Does Christ visit every Church purporting to celebrate Christmas? Methinks, He will not come until we invite Him. Not for show, but sincerely from our heart. (Is your heart cleansed by His precious blood?) As it is stated often that giving is loving, there can be no love expressed until we have worshipped Him with our substance. Will He bless our home as we celebrate Christmas this year? Yours affectionately, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11 - 17 Dec '89)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
FRI 8.00 pm Rev Tow at Nazareth Chinese Gospel Meeting  
SAT 2.30 pm Loei Sek Wan & Tan Mei Lian Wedding (Life Church, Rev P. Tan)  
5.00 pm Philip Cheng & Audrey Tan Wedding (Rev Tow)  
SUN 8.00 am Rev Dan Ebert III  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Dan Ebert III

NBC This Week: WED - Bukit Timah (at 5, Lily Ave, tel. 4672205), Chinatown; FRI - Bishan, Tampines.

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$2,479\* (8.00 am)  
\$13,491\* (10.30 am)  
EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 282)\$1000; 283)\$1000; 284)\$210; 285)\$20; 286)\$500; 287)\$300; 288)\$700(WF); 289)\$50; 290)\$112; 291)\$100; 292)\$50; 293)\$35; 294)\$50; 295)\$100; 296)\$200; 297)\$15; 298)\$50; 299)\$200; 300)\$70; 301)\$500; 302)\$500; 303)\$100; 304)\$500; 305)\$1000; 306)\$1000; 307)\$1899 (Chinese S.); 308)\$5; 309)\$15; 310)\$2479\*; 311)\$13,491\*; 312)\$100,000(Calvary BPC).  
Total \$1,110,165.55 Stop Press! 313)\$146; 314)\$200; 315)\$300; 316)\$21(Boxes).  
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,027,365.55  
OFFERING FOR: Ulu Tiram Ch. \$250(AF).

#### Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Herewith my cheque for \$10,000 to help the Church complete its purchase of the Gilstead Rd property. I am sure we will collect enough before the scheduled completion date ... Best regards.
2. When the pastor visited this lady who had pledged \$2000, she added, "Here's another \$500 which I owe the Lord!"
3. A young lady handed an envelope: "This is my second \$1,000."
4. A Sharonite put an envelope of \$210 into the bag which was transmitted to Life.

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5. An LBCer said to the pastor after Prayer Meeting, "I shall give my year-end bonus."
6. An Elder at the same Prayer Meeting quoting I Chron. 29:3, "Moreover, because I have set my affection to the House of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the House of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house ..." disclosed how he had the concurrence of his wife to give a further sum over and above that which they had already pledged.
7. An FEBC lecturer said, "I'll give last semester's honorarium to the EBF."
8. Kim Kah Teck, upon returning from Kuching, said to his principal, "Our small congregation has a sum for the FEBC Extension Fund. We remember our Alma Mater."
9. Rev Liew Hon Seng reports in his KL Weekly on sending Life Church EBF another M\$300.
10. The whole Life Church staff including the Chinese and Tamil services have voted to offer their 13th month.

Baptisms 1) Mr Chee Fook Yu, 64, father of Cindy and Mindy of New Life, was baptised by Rev Tow on 6 December at SGH.

2) Yumi Sakashita, FEBC Japanese student, is baptised today at the Korean Church.

Infant Baptism, Christmas Service, 24 Dec, 10.30 am: Parents should register their infants for baptism with the Church Office, tel. 2569256, by the end of this week.

Birth! To Daniel & Susie Yeo, a boy, Amoz Yeo, on 3 December 1989.

"The Prophets of Fire and Water" is available from the CLBC Book Table, if you have not got a copy. Proceeds from all Christmas cards sold at the Book Table go to the Extension Fund (last Lord's Day's amount = \$146).

Do you know we are \$300,000 below our EBF target? We must cross the \$3 million mark by 31 Dec? "He came to pay a debt He didn't owe, because we owed a debt we couldn't pay." "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Ps. 116:12)



## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Does the Lord Need Our Encouragement?

Though Jesus is the Lord God Almighty, He is also the Son of Man. He is fully human, yet without sin, and He feels as we feel. In the gloomiest moments of His days on earth, in dark Gethsemane, did He not take Peter, James and John along, and ask them to "watch with Me" (Matt. 26:38)?

Gethsemane had cast a long shadow even to Bethany. Thus, when Mary took a pound of very costly spikenard ointment to anoint Jesus, how encouraged He was to receive her lovingkindness that He said to the dissenting disciples, "Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this" (Jn. 12:7).

Let me share with you the dark and lonely moments that I go through in our efforts to acquire the Beulah Land property. How to find at least \$4 million every week if the target of \$7.2 million is to be reached? In such moments of despondency, God sent His very own to encourage me with words and deeds. (Please read words of encouragement from lovers of God overleaf.)

Last Monday afternoon, while I was very down in spirits as I surveyed the \$3.2 million that we still had to find, an FEBC student came with a \$1,200 from her youth group. No sooner had she left than the phone rang. A John Sung old-timer kindly offered \$1,000 from her Church fund. Then she followed up with another \$5,000 from a lady of her church who loves the Lord and Life Church. Although the three sums add up only to \$7,200, they are sweet-savour offerings, all from outside of Life Church. Does the Lord need our encouragement?

### Kelapa Sawit

means "Oil Palm." This flourishing village derives her name from the oil palm estate that dominates its environs. Our Church, occupying the highest point, is no less prosperous. Sitting on an half-acre of prime land, it is a miniature Life-FEBC complex. For 1990, the Kindergarten will open a fifth class.



The Kindergarten is a nursery for the Church. Little tots who learn the Word are saved at a young age. This was evidenced by a string of 6 children I baptised last Lord's Day together with their mother. The father is an old-timer, but the mother has just been converted. The joy of baptising her six children was from the knowledge of their salvation by attending our own kindergarten. Baptised with their mother and children was another adult.

Another pleasantness was the spontaneous gathering of offerings by her members for our EBF. This is the third time of expressing their liberality. I must also thank Elder Sng Teck Leong for driving me in, which gave me a time for relaxation and meditation. Elder Sng visits Kelapa Sawit once a month and preaches at Air Bemban the same evening, where we have another flourishing kindergarten. (Air Bemban is 3 miles up the road.)

Out of Kelapa Sawit are born half-a-dozen sweet fruits. These are those who have or are being trained at FEBC and are serving the Lord fulltime. Miss Ng Sang Chiew, one of FEBC's earliest students, is the lady missionary. Miss Esther Chai serves at Air Bemban. Jit Thye is preacher at Calvary Jaya BPC, Petaling Jaya. Elder John Ling is in the last semester of his study at FEBC. Two other fruits, one graduated from Chin Lien is serving at Tampoi Johore; another, from SBC, is serving at Scudai. Kelapa Sawit, where the Gospel has flourished the last 35 years, is extending her branches beyond to other parts of Malaysia.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

### Giving and Living (1 Cor. 16:2)

by Sylvea Wong

Many people who didn't leave a will might "roll over in their graves" if they knew how poorly their wishes were carried out. No doubt that's why someone has given this advice: "Do your giving while you're living, then you're knowing where it's going." Now I realise it's not at all that simple. No one knows for sure how long he is going to live or how much is needed to provide for the future. We should be diligent, however, in giving to the Lord on a regular basis, as He prospers us.

A pig was once lamenting his lack of popularity. He complained to the cow that people were always talking about her gentleness and her kind eyes, while his name was used as an insult. He admitted that cows gave milk and cream, but he maintained that pigs give more. "Why, we give bacon and ham and bristles, and people even pickle our feet," he grumbled. "I don't see why you cows are so highly esteemed." The cow thought a while and then said gently, "Maybe it's because we cows are giving while we're living."

You can't take money to heaven, but you can send it on ahead to Life B-P Church and invest it for eternity and for future generations to worship the Lord.



+ 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

18 - 24 December 1989

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting  
SAT 10.00 am Pastor Tow to Tg Pinang  
4 - 6 pm Sunday School Christmas Party  
SUN 8.00 am "Freedom in Christ"  
(Eld. Chia Kim Chwee)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan  
10.00 am Rev Tow at Tg Pinang  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
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  
7.45 pm Christmas Eve Service

NBC This Week: WED - Newton; THU -  
Bukit Batok; FRI - Tampines; SAT -  
Henderson.

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 317)\$250; 318)  
\$100; 319)\$60; 320)\$150; 321)\$20;  
322)\$5000; 323)\$90; 324)\$205; 325)\$158  
326)\$72; 327)\$151.20(Peace BPC);  
328)\$564; 329)\$1200(Calvary YAF);  
330)\$200(Shalom BPC); 331)\$925; 332)  
\$300; 333)\$200; 334)\$50; 335)\$50;  
336)\$200; 337)\$1000(Ev. China F.);  
338)\$300; 339)\$1600; 340)\$1000; 341)  
\$50; 342)\$100; 343)\$800; 344)\$1000;  
345)\$5000; 346)\$100; 347)\$50; 348)\$400  
349)\$3000; 350)\$1000; 351)\$500; 352)  
\$400(Chinese YF); 353)\$100; 354)\*\$6919  
355)\*\$7456; 356)\$5000.

Total \$1,156,552.75 Stop Press! 357)  
\$3000; 358)\$1356.50; 359)\$500; 360)  
\$24,000. LOANS 17)\$10,000; 18)\$10,000;  
19)\$8000; 20)\$50,000; 21)\$10,000; 22)  
\$10,000; 23)\$3050. Stop Stop Press!  
Total Loans \$1,018,250 357)\$10,000  
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,213,659.25

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$6,919 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,456 (10.30 am)

#### Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. We saved some money from the love gifts from various churches in our North Malaysia Mission Trip. We hope it (\$564) adds a little help to the EBF - FEBC Team.
  2. Jehovah has granted Life Church a mansion for the extension of His work. From a human standpoint, this is a very difficult project, but the Lord can do anything. Praise the Lord, He has given you strength to do His work. Here is my small offering which I pray God will accept. - from an old lady, Kelapa Sawit.
  3. A visitor to Life Church writes: "I became a Christian a month ago, but my family is against all forms of religion. I'm going to tell them of my newfound faith, and I pray that they'll understand me even though they've told me never to get involved in religion. I also want to pray for your Building Project and I hope that enough money is raised."
  4. A sister brought a \$5,000 cheque with the added encouragement, "This is the first instalment of a \$50,000 pledge."
  5. A new Lifer brought a \$8,000 cheque and joyfully declared it was a loan from him and his wife.
  6. A Chinese Service old lady gave a thankoffering of \$5000 on behalf of her son-in-law who has had a successful operation.
  7. "Enclosed is a cheque for \$1,200 for the Eye Clinic Property. We thank God and rejoice with you and your Church for the purchase of this building." - YAF of a BP Church
  8. A John Sung old-timer phoned to offer \$1,000 from her Church Fund, plus \$5,000 from a lady who loves the Lord and Life Church.
  9. A year-end bonus offering of \$925 from a young brother - "a sinner saved by grace, just repaying what the Lord has given me."
  10. Our plumber phoned to say, "Don't send me the payment for my bill of \$40. Give it to your Church Building Fund."
  11. Phone message: "We just heard that Life Church is buying the next door property. Our Chinese house-church group would like to loan you \$10,000, being all of our savings."
  12. A student Lifer writes, "Attached is a cheque for \$3000 being my bonus salary received yesterday, to express my thanks to the Lord for His goodness towards me, and to play a small part in the Beulah Land work. I want to give immediately so that I won't be tempted to spend unnecessarily during the festive season. Also I want to thank Him for helping me pass my part-time exams and giving me a new job too. 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me' (Ps 116:12). Attached is also another cheque for \$1,356.50 from my sister, who writes, 'I want to have a part in God's work too. Here's my allowance from my bursary award. God has provided for His children well and above all that we need! Though this is like a big mountain to us, with our Almighty God on our side, nothing is impossible!'"
- We extend a very warm welcome to Rev Dan Ebert III our guest speaker at both the 8.00 am and 10.30 am services.  
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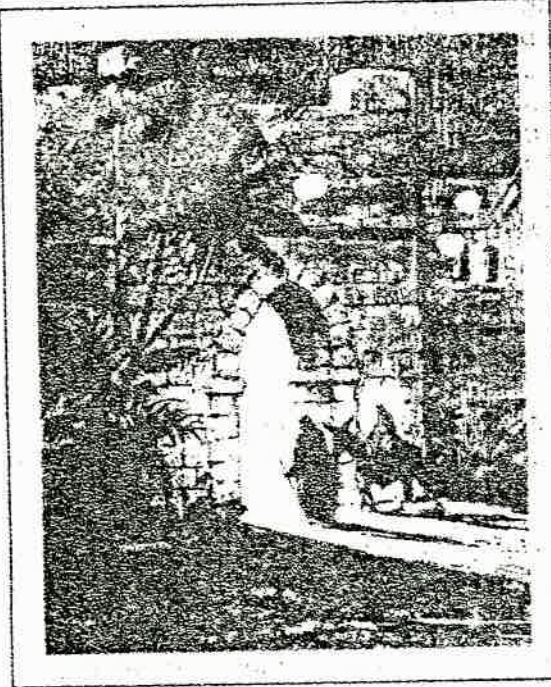




WISHING OUR READERS A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## PEACE ON EARTH?

This Christmas we hear of peace talks everywhere, especially the sweet-cooings between the Super Powers. So the United States is going to reduce a big chunk of her national spending on weapons of war.



The people-power that is toppling over 40 years of totalitarian rule in East European countries without bloodshed (so soon the massacre of thousands of innocent students at Tiananmen is being forgotten) seems also to lull the world to peaceful slumber. What does the Bible say to all these things?

Paul forewarns, "For when they will 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). While the thinking of the world is misguided by the doctrine of evolution, that somehow things biological, economic or political are working upwards to better realms, the Bible declares that because of SIN, these tend to work downwards to perdition. According to Paul's warning, we can predict that the peace that swirls smoothly before our eyes is but an illusion. I must tell you, my Readers, that hard times rather are ahead! A first breath of warning has already come from the Eastern Bloc, whether plainly or veiled, that the hastening of German Reunification will result in WAR. Far from solving the quagmire situation in Eastern Europe, Africa, South America or Asia (Cam-

bodia is a decade of headaches), according to Jason Linn, "There can be no peace until Jesus comes!"

Insofar as Singapore is concerned, Christmas 1989 still echoes the Peace Message of the First Christmas - not from Orchard Road, but from every faithful pulpit of the Island. The message of Peace is from the announcement of the angels, the amnesty message from heaven to a sin-cursed earth, to every sin-sick soul. That peace cannot be received but by the humble heart, not of haughty tyrants but of the lowly shepherds. Have you received the Christ-Child into your heart in all lowliness of mind, confessing you are a lost sinner without hope and without God outside Jesus? Have you knelt before Him, Prince of Peace, to receive Him as your Saviour?

The Message of Peace we hear this Christmas, as it is being preached anew, is not to lull us to self-indulgence in luxurious spending and surfeiting, careless tourism with no thought of the greater needs of our missionary responsibilities to all the world. Therefore I would challenge you once more to give to the Lord's present needs in Beulah Land and to such an urgent need as Rev Dan Ebert's HillTop Project, for His Kingdom!

## SINGAPORE'S GROWTH MUST BE SEEN TO BENEFIT REGION" - PM

These words of wisdom by our Prime Minister in last week's Sunday Times have been enacted by our Church ever since ASEAN was formed! The offerings you have designated for Missions have gone a long way not only to promote God's Kingdom but also relieve the poor (Gal. 2:10) through faithful hands in three ASEAN countries - Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, and even Burma.

Since we have the visit of Rev Dan Ebert III in our midst, we take pleasure to recall how your offerings in the past five years have helped build 3 Filipino Churches and another 3 "by the wayside." Before the Beulah Land project, \$30,000 had been given to help Rev Ebert acquire some HillTop property with the view of building a proper Bible College.



With our tight situation prior to Feb. 28, '90, when we must pay up US\$6.95 million + 3% stamp duty, the \$30,000 for Philippines is temporarily frozen. Since Rev Ebert must pay US\$55,000, half of the HillTop land price, by Dec. 31, '89, Calvary BPC has stepped forward to underwrite this urgent need. This means, after Feb. 28, '90, Life Church must come in with hers. To send \$30,000 to some charitable organisation in Manila would evaporate into thin air in the face of overwhelming physical needs. To invest it in sacred property

whereby pastors will be trained will result in much greater benefit to our ASEAN-Filipino friend.

If the Holy Spirit should touch you, my Reader, to lend also a hand, to go a second mile, in the good work you have done, there's no one to forbid you! "Singapore's growth must be seen to benefit Region" shall be realised through our Missions Outreach according to Matt. 28:19-20. And we have the power of God that transcends heaven and earth to further back us up. This is Christmas!



# BEHOLD, HE COMES!

When came in flesh the Incarnate Word,  
The heedless world slept on,  
And only simple shepherds heard  
That God had sent His Son.

When comes the Saviour at the last,  
From east to west shall shine  
The awful pomp, the earth aghast  
Shall tremble at the sign.

Lord, who could dare see Thee descend,  
In state, unless he knew  
Thou art the sorrowing sinner's Friend,  
The Gracious and the True?

Dwell in our hearts, O Saviour blest:  
So shall Thy advent's dawn,  
Between us and Thee, our Bosom Guest,  
Be but the veil withdrawn. - Amy Phua

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25 - 31 Dec)

MON 9.00 am Korean Church Christmas Service  
TUE 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)  
8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
THU - SAT Life Church Combined Fellowships Camp (New Life BPC)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF  
3.00 pm LBC; 3.30 pm - YF  
4.00 pm YAF  
SUN 8.00 am "Occupy Till He Comes" (Rev P. Tan)  
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 Church Service  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
6.00 pm Tamil Service  
6.00 pm YF/YAF Anniversary (Rev Tow)  
10.45 pm Watchnight Service (Lord's Supper, Rev Tow with Pr. P. Chng interpreting)

## LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$11,905 (8.00 am)

\*\$15,977 (10.30 am)

NBC This Week: WED - Bukit Timah (at 5, Lily Ave), Chinatown; FRI - Tampines. Get an NBC Card from the church counter for more information.

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 362)\$10,000; 363)\$600; 364)\$450(Hope BPC); 365)\$550; 366)\$250; 367)\$100; 368)\$500; 369)\$3000; 370)\$97.50; 371)\$1000; 372)\$2200 (Box); 373)\$200(Box); 374)\$1000; 375)\$50; 376)\$95; 377)\$100; 378)\$207.69; 379)\$482.48; 380)\$15,000; 381)\$500; 382)\$700; 383)\$1000; 384)\$200; 385)\$720; 386)\$200; 387)\$1000; 388)\$150; 389)\$50; 390)\$100; 391)\$1000; 392)\$50; 393)\$850; 394)\$200; 395)\$500(Children's Min.); 396)\$900; 397)\$1500; 398)\$1300; 399)\$1000; 400)\*\$11,905; 401)\*\$15,977; 402)\$80. Total \$1,271,173.92

Stop Press! 403)\$1000; 404)\$1925; 405)\$500; 406)\$300; 407)\$20; 408)\$1000. LOANS 24)\$50,000; 25)\$75,000; 26)\$15,400; 27)\$3500; 28)\$10,000.

Total Loans \$1,172,150.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,448,068.92

OFFERINGS FOR: NBC \$100; Missionaries Fund \$50.

## CHRISTMAS INFANT BAPTISMS

01. Cheong Jialing, Joanne  
d/o Dr & Mrs David Cheong
02. Chew Jia'en, Christa  
d/o Mr & Mrs Richard Chew
03. Chew Jiahui, Christie  
d/o Mr & Mrs Richard Chew
04. Chow Zhong Wei, Samuel  
s/o Mr & Mrs Andrew Chow
05. Gwee Xiu Min, Hannah  
d/o Mr & Mrs Herbert Gwee
06. Ong Swee Lee, Sheryl  
d/o Mr & Mrs Ong Eng Lam
07. Seah En Seng, Faith  
d/o Mr & Mrs Joel Seah Geok Leng
08. Seow Jian Shu, Gordon  
s/o Mr & Mrs Edwin Seow
09. Teo Hwee Jia, Rachel  
d/o Mr & Mrs Teo Peng Joo
10. Yiew Jinmian, Luther  
s/o Mr & Mrs Yiew Pong Sen

Baptisms on 9 Dec '89 by Rev P. Tan, assisted by Elder Sng, at the home of Dr K.K. Lim: Gordon Ooi Taw Chiew, Felicia Ooi nee Lim Siew Kiat, Jason Ooi Peng Joo, Eugene Ooi, Robert Phun, Betty Phun Set Wah, Esther Lim Pai Chet, Iris Liew, Bobby Lim Kok Beng, Lorraine Lim Hwa Gek. Reaffirmation of Faith: Stephen Liew.

We would like to thank the YAF for decorating the Church sanctuary and grounds for Christmas; and Bro. Jimmy Tan & Sis. Shirley Chew for their contribution of Christmas posies for the pillars.

Words of encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. "The Lord has prospered me in my business. So I'm offering another \$10,000 on top of my first gift."
2. "Dear brothers & sisters at our Mother Church, we love you and pray for you (Phil. 4:19)," with enclosed gifts from Hope BPC and the Paaues, Adelaide.
3. Through the kind offices of a Life Church lover a one-year loan of \$50,000 is pledged by his sister, truly a sweet-savour offering unto the Lord, for she worships in another Church. The blessing of God according to Judges 5:24 be hers.
4. "I feel there is a great need for all members of Life to do their part to raise the fund for acquiring the land opposite our Church. Therefore I'm enclosing a cheque for \$10,000 being loan for the said acquisition."
5. "How precious and priceless have been the reports of God's significant work there in the Far East . . . Beth and I want to have a part in the 'march to Beulah Land.'" As I spoke to her this morning, our hearts were joined together in the desire to offer this small sum but heartfelt gift for the EBF - American pastor
6. "These two sums are windfalls which I must return to the Lord."

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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Tanjung Pinang

My visit to Tanjung Pinang this year sees a breakthrough in the work of the Church. A new generation of young people, pupils both of the Day School and Sunday School, has flooded the Church. At the Saturday evening service, three choirs, each 40 strong, sang. Sunday morning, 6 adults and 3 infants were baptised. The Lord's Supper was served to nearly 100.



Kiantoro, FEBC Senior, returned home to visit his people. He spoke several times to the younger generation in Bahasa Indonesia.

The Church collected 3/4 million rupiahs for Beulah Land, but this amounts to S\$800. More offerings are on the way. Spontaneous offerings from a daughter church are honey-sweet.

This is an age of rampant tourism. Travel by speed-boat to Tanjung Pinang, a distance of 48 miles in 2½ hours, makes it ever more popular. If not for Deacon Linus' good offices, I might not have come back in time for Christmas Eve, despite my confirmed return

booking. Old traveller's advice: Make ample preparations before leaving Singapore anywhere. Have cheers, not tears!

Another Year of Peace - and Plenty . . .

The Lord has favoured Singapore with another year of peace - and plenty . . . . As for Lifers, "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup, thou maintainest my lot" (Ps. 16:5). Is the Lord the Treasure of your heart? Has He kept you through this year?

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Ps. 16:6). The lines in this verse refer to the surveyor's measuring lines, to mark out the portion of land that is given for my possession. Have you been awarded an HDB flat with a location to your delight? Such as with a good view, a high ground, or near an MRT station? Corporately, Lifers have been given a most delightful property, ready for use, just one hop from this side of Gilstead Road. Are we thankful for all these inheritances?

The Psalmist is thankful, so in the verse following he says, "I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel; my reins also shall instruct me in the night seasons." When we are in the right communication with the Lord in praises and thanksgivings, He will give us Wisdom, yea, even when we are resting at night will He direct our thoughts aright. Let us, at the close of 1989, turn unto the Lord again with grateful worship. (And why miss out His special blessings on Watchnight Service tonight, 10.45 pm?)

While we Singaporeans are favoured with peace - and plenty, there are countless places in the world that are not so. Rumania and Panama, now most prominent in the news, are in turmoil. Here we see anarchy and bloodshed, revolution and demolition. So close to our ears are the cries of Hong Kong refugees, yea, the voices of blood-soaked Tiananmen are still howling in our ears.

There is a Chinese saying, "In time of peace, reflect on the eventuality of war." We can not say, "We have never had it so good" all the time. There are 14 million refugees (official count) in the world today. The BBC seminar projects a possible 50 million by A.D. 2000. Why? Wars are increasing, not diminishing!

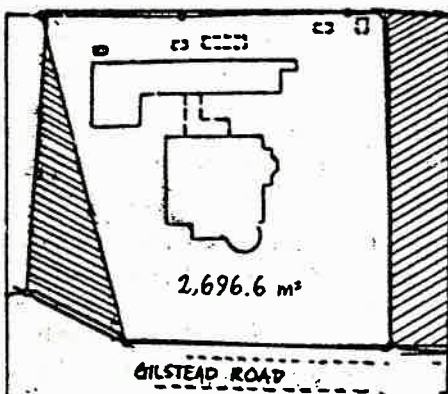
"And in despair I bowed my head,  
There is no peace on earth, I said,  
For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men."

While we still have peace and plenty in Singapore into 1990, let us extend God's Kingdom, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Come, Lord Jesus, and rule over this earth, Thou Prince of Peace. Maranatha. Amen.

For Future Record!

Upon receipt of an urgent communication from Ms. Lim Li our solicitor requesting action be taken on the Sales Agreement advanced by the Vendor, an emergency meeting of the Trustees was called by Dr Tan to meet with her the same afternoon of 28 Dec, '89. Elder Chia also came along as Session representative.

The Sales Agreement was signed by pastor on behalf of Purchaser except Clause 11 for adjustment with Vendor. On Friday, 29 Dec, '89, a cheque for \$695,000 was delivered to our solicitor for transmission to Vendor, being the usual 10% deposit. What brought great relief was that the previous Date of Completion of Payment (28.2.90) is now extended to 30 April 1990! This extension is to allow us time to



apply for Permission to Purchase and to obtain Change of Use of the said property. Praise the Lord for His Higher Hand in this transaction, for God is faithful, "who will not suffer you to be tempted (tested) above that ye are able, but will with the temptation (testing) also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

This extended date gives us a breather. With a little relenting in our uphill climb, we shall renew our strength, and shall mount up with wings like eagles (Isa. 40:31)!

- Yours affectionately, T.T.

# --- TIME AND TIDE WAITS FOR NO MAN ---

Time is like an ever rolling stream,  
Ever rolling on;  
We are like little floating leaves,  
Floating like a dream.

## CHORUS

Floating on, floating down,  
Time and tide waits for no man;  
Time is like an ever rolling stream,  
Ever rolling on.

A thousand years is to Thee like a day,  
Like a day to Thee;  
Our life span at most is ten times  
eight years,  
Soon we'll fly away.

O teach us our days to number,  
Number our days;  
Help us spend our time ever with the  
wise,  
Never to slumber.

One by one we are carried to sea,  
And we say adieu;  
Blessed are they whom the Lord receives  
Into His glory.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(1st - 7th January 1990)

MON	3.00 pm	Lily Tan & Allan Oh Wedding (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.30 am	FEBC new semester opens
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Growth Group Ministry (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	LBC
	3.30 pm	Rev Tow at YF
	4.00 pm	YAF
	8.00 pm	Ordination of Mr Stephen Khoo at Calvary Pandan
SUN	8.00 am	"Christ the Giver of Life" (Pr Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	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
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service
	7.00 pm	Batam Anniversary Service (Rev Tow)

NBC This Week: WED - Chinatown, Newton;  
FRI - Tampines.

## LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

- \*\$7,412 (8.00 am)
- \*\$28,616 (10.30 am)
- \*\$27,799 (Christmas Eve Service)

EXTENSION BUILDING FUND 409)\$100; 410)\$2000;  
411)\$1500(Bethel BPC); 412)\$1000; 413)\$100; 414)  
\$50; 415)\$672(Tg Pinang Ch.); 416)\$200; 417)\$1000  
(Box); 418)\$2000; 419)\$2000; 420)\$10,000; 421)  
\$300; 422)\$160(Box); 423)\$200(Box); 424)\$50; 425)  
\$1000; 426)\$200; 427)\$930; 428)\$5000; 429)\$2000;  
430)\$1000; 431)\$1000; 432)\$15,000; 433)\$1665(LBC);  
434)\$100; 435)\$147.56; 436)\$50; 437)\$231; 438)  
\$100; 439)\$400; 440)\$600; 441)\$50; 442)\$900;  
443)\$2400; 444)\$3650(AF); 445)\$1650(AF); 446)  
\$1677(YAF); 447)\$1000; 448)\$50; 449)\$200; 450)\$5;  
451)\$1500; 452)\$4500(FEK); 453)\$250; 454)\$1000;  
455)\$400(LCSS, Pri. 3); 456)\$1500; 457)\$3000;  
458)\$212; 459)\$100; 460)\$88.42; 461)\$50; 462)\$200  
463)\$40; 464)\$2300(Servitors); 465)\*\$7412; 466)  
\*\$28,616; 467)\$27,799(Ch'mas Eve).  
Total \$1,417,223.90 Stop Press 468)\$200; 469)  
\$1355(Combined Tamil BPCs); 470)\$200; 471)\$400.  
LOANS 29)\$7000; 30)\$1500; 31)\$2000. Stop Stop Press!  
Total Loans \$1,182,650.00 Loan 32)\$40,000  
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,602,028.90

## Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. Take heart, dear Pastor,  
'Tis not time to fluster,  
The Lord is at hand,  
Anxious moments to amend.

We have Christmas Eve -  
Love-offerings we'll give!  
Chinese New Year red packets  
To fill our offering bags.  
Bonuses and tithes,  
Many are piling high.

Take heart, dear Pastor,  
For nothing will hinder!  
Those who love the Lord  
Will give yet a lot.

2. "We truly appreciate . . . and fully support  
all your endeavours. God add His bountiful  
blessings to your ministry." - AF
3. "The Lord has given me much. This is but  
a little that I offer Him in return. Praise  
God from Whom all blessings flow!"
4. "If the Lord blesses us with good profits,  
then it is only right for us to contribute  
back for the expansion of His Kingdom. Praise  
God from whom all blessings flow. Enclosed is  
my cheque for the sum of \$15,000."
5. "We're blessed by God the Father with yet another  
piece of land across the street. We'll  
endeavour with His showers of blessing and  
grace to purchase the Land. May you continue  
to be zealous for the Lord in His Kingdom  
. . . ." - YAFer
6. Offering to the Lord a hard-earned sum, this  
mother prays for the well-being of her son, on  
eve of entering National Service.

40th and Last showing of Blind Korean Pastor  
Film, at Life Church! - Sat, 20 Jan '90, 7.45 pm

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(By the end of  
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total 7 years  
at home  
was  
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million)