



## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

From Long-term Policy to Short-term Policy

In light of Peter's prophecy of an impending Judgment of Fire in the last days (II Pet. 3:7), "seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved," let us reverse totally our plans we had hitherto made for the future. Let our long-term policy be changed to short-term policy.

What do we mean by this? By way of example, a Lifer who loves the Lord told us why he would not promote himself from a 3-room to a 5-room flat. He said, "This world is not my home." Consider the amount of money you have to lavish on your temporary tabernacle on earth which could be used more profitably for God's eternal Kingdom. Another brother who has loaned a sizeable sum for Beulah Land has decided that it be permanently banked up in heaven. To buy a new car he'd rather take a loan from the finance company. A young Lifer, seeing the shortness of life in these perilous times, offers to serve in the Lord's army than continue in his present career. God's Kingdom must have priority over man's kingdom.

Briskly "Trading" for the Lord

In both the parable of the pounds (Luke 19) and the parable of the talents (Matt. 25), the word "trading" or "trade" is used to emphasise how we should serve the Lord. To trade, one cannot engage in losing business. One must make profit, which is the essence of trading.



Your liberal giving and loaning towards the Beulah Land project has saved us tens of thousands, yea hundreds, in interest payments, presently running at 8%. Many have poured out their POSB savings into the Lord's Treasury foregoing that smaller amount of interest to earn the bigger interest for the Lord.

A more effective corporate trading for the Lord is to bring our tithes, every earner, into the storehouse. This will bring profit not only to the Lord but also dividends poured down from windows of heaven, more precious than dollars and cents. If we withhold the tithe, the sacred tenth, we rob God! (Mal. 3:8). But I am persuaded better things of you. The hilarious surge of offerings during the Christmas and New Year services have touched six figures, and this should encourage you who love the Lord. And the increasing support for our various missions should spark more giving for the extension of God's Kingdom. The Great Commission is the First Commandment to the Church!

Far Eastern Bible College

reopened Jan 2 with Day of Prayer at Beulah House. We have admitted 6 new students with 2 Burmese from Rangoon awaiting exit clearance. Of the 6 who are here, 3 are from Singapore, 1 from Burma, 1 from Kenya and 1 from Korea. Please pray for the 2 Burmese students who are struggling through!

This academic year sees the College holding 4 evening classes! Apart from the Monday and Thursday classes taught by Rev Goh Seng Fong and Dr Wagner, there's a Hymnology class also taught by Dr Wagner, Wed, 7.30-9.30 pm. A Fri evening computer class, 7-9 pm, will be taught by Mrs Agnes Ong. There are only 2 or 3 vacancies left in this class, so if you want to join, hurry! This class is only \$15 per month or \$60 for 4 months. A course on Library Science is offered by Mrs Lim Yew Cheng, Tuesday, 3.00 - 4.00 pm. If you are free at this hour, here is your chance to equip yourself for running a Church library!

Why Didn't We Think of Beulah House?

The problem of noise disturbing worshippers in the porch, noise of running and playing children, I mean. To solve this problem it was observed the Korean Church had all their children shepherded to the green lawns of Beulah House. There, some adult is in charge of their activities. Why didn't we who own Beulah Land think of this?



Let all the tiny tots be taken care of by the Nursery. And let all who are above the Nursery and who enjoy open-air activity also be shepherded to the green lawns of Beulah Land. For this healthy recreation we can install swings and seesaws, etc. Who would give to this newest project? If the children need to drink, there is installed in the big kitchen a water cooler for their timely use. What

happened to the stone tables and benches we ordered?

The beauty of Beulah House is this - it is at our service even when we did not think of her availability. Note of Caution: Safety First. Be very vigilant when you cross the road to Beulah House! Traffic can appear suddenly from the junctions. - T.T.

"The Lord's Business Required Haste"

I received a Christmas Card from Haposan in which he reiterates his anxiety over the Medan "Beulah Land." When I woke up Fri 2 am the first thought that came to mind was, Go to Medan today. So I went in good time and should return Sat 11 am with good news, I pray! - T.T.



# URGENT LETTER FROM NORTH SUMATRA

In a letter dated Dec 13, '90, Haposan, FEBC-1987 (B.Th.) and now pastor of Medan B-P Church, writes Pastor as follows:

Last Wednesday at 8 pm (Singapore time), I did phone you, but I could not get you, for you were doing God's business in Tanjung Pinang. My reasons for phoning are these:



Mr Siagian (land-owner) of Medan B-P Church "Beulah Land" came 4 days ago. That is why my report about this land is late in coming. He told us that the price of that land is Rp60,000 per sq. metre. According to our estimation it is still expensive. Please pray that they may give us the best price; for the usual price in this area is Rp45,000 to Rp50,000.

I have seen the real need of a Fundamental Bible College here. As Rev Contento says, "Without a Bible college, the Church will die." The harvests are truly many, but labourers are few.

I've learnt something about the people of Medan during this Christmas season that makes me sad. They have heard the Good News preached, and they enjoy its message. But they refused to come to the Gospel light, for their deeds are evil. Shall we give up preaching? Not at all. For

this is a cross. As you have said, "When there is no cross, there is no crown." I studied from history that Medan means battlefield. Therefore Medan is our spiritual battle.

Let us pray for one another that God's Word might be broadcast in power especially during this season. I am still receiving many invitations to preach the Gospel, though I have to admit that God's flock entrusted to me must come first.

**Ed. Note:** The "Beulah Land" adjoining the Medan B-P Church property is 40 x 40 m. At about \$55 per m<sup>2</sup>, the selling price of this valuable property is \$88,000. Medan BPC has about \$25,000. We have \$11,000 offered for Medan thus far. If the Lord should move Lifers to give now another \$52,000, we can clinch the deal, and that for a song! The Beulah Land Haposan is talking about has to be seen to be appreciated. It stands between two trunk roads and is served by bus lines on each side!

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7 - 13 Jan '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong) (Registration at 7.00 pm)
TUE	4.00 pm	FEBC 'A' Level Divinity classes begin
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Paul Wagner)
THU	7.30 pm	The All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr P. Wagner)
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship (FEBC Hall)
	7.45 pm	Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)
	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	2.30 pm	Peter Hon & Ho Mei Peng Wedding (Rev Tow)
	3.00 pm	YF; 4.00 pm - YAF
	4 - 7 pm	LBC 15th Anniversary (Rev Tow, FEBC Hall)
SUN	8.00 am	"The Significance of Partaking of the Holy Communion" (Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	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 Bukit Timah, Henderson  
Fri Tampines

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,916.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$11,809.00 (10.30 am)

## WATCHNIGHT SERVICE OFFERINGS:

\*\$14,753.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 452)\*\$3916; 453)\*\$11809; 454)\$200; 455)\$350; 456)\$1000; 457)\$100; 458)\$1000(AF); 459)\$830; 460)\$490; 461)\$470; 462)\$730; 463)\$620; 464)\$520; 465)\$500; 466)\$980; 467)\$3000; 468)\$2000; 469)\$400; 470)\$400; 471)\$11; 472)\*\$14753; 473)\$600; 474)\$1000; 475)\$917(YF & YAF Anniv.). Total \$754,724.82

LOANS 7)\$400(MF). Total Loans \$13,340.00

**GRAND TOTAL: \$768,064.82**

**OFFERINGS FOR:** Gospel Posters \$150, \$250; Burma \$170; Medan "Beulah Land" \$5,200; Tg Uban \$20; Batam \$620(WF); Rev Tow \$100, \$1000 Jess Tamee \$200; D. Arianto \$200; Rev C. Wong \$300; Msgr C. Seet \$300; Pr David \$200.

**Corrigendum:** Item 436 for \$250 listed under EBF II last week should be for Hilltop Land, Philippines.

**Report on Medan Trip.** While the Beulah Land price is still under negotiation, the Lord has given us 20 souls baptised at Kota Bahru (Agus). Dohar is coming for one semester's refresher course while his youngest sister Mariana, a school teacher, is applying to study at FEBC in July. Bapak Siregar and Haposan send greetings.

**Words of Encouragement from Christmas offerings:** 1) To Jesus with love: \$1000. 2) God is my Creator and Redeemer! All I have is His. May God be pleased to accept this "little" from the abundance He has given us.

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My dear Readers,

### The Price of a Car!

With the pledge of \$5,200 coming in last week, a tenth of the \$52,000 needed to clinch the deal of Medan's Beulah Land, what Haposan needs is roughly S\$47,000. That's the price of a car! Of course there's the cost of construction of a school house with adequate classrooms for a Bible Institute and auditorium for worship as the next step of development. But, these are not within our purview just now! What our immediate objective is, is the land! Without acquiring this adjoining property with "marriage value," all our further extension for the Lord will be lost.



Beloved, here's a Beulah Land in Medan needing not \$7.2 million, but only \$47,000. Though it is a small sum, we need it most urgently if our purchase of the said property is to succeed. For there is a Chinese merchant offering to buy the same for expansion of his lumberyard business. If the Lord should move you to give to this Gospel outreach, then hurry to bring it in, marked "For Medan Beulah Land." The Lord bless your house as you devote a part of your substance to build His!

### How the Work Grew in North Sumatra

It began with a visit in November 1972 by Rev K. C. Quek and me, in answer to a Batak Church's request for spiritual help from ICCC.

From this early contact Dohar found his way to study at FEBC, and Sahat the next year. Then came Gloria (who after graduation married Dohar), and subsequently Haposan and Agus. All our Batak students did well, each earning a B.Th., except Agus, a Diploma. Agus, who is finishing Law in a year or so, is returning to FEBC to take his degree. Both Haposan and Agus were instrumental in starting our Indonesian Service, 4.00 pm.

The Life Church pastor, with the help of three white FEBC students - Andrew Bo, Mark Heath, Peter Clements - on three occasions visited Benta Kersik and Kuta Baru, across a mountain several hours' bus out of Medan. As a result, a branch church was established at Kuta Baru with money provided by Life Church. As for the Church in the metropolis, ie, Medan, Mr Wesley Siregar, their father, offered his "HDB" house for the running of a Sunday school and holding of services. I was in Medan on two occasions to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper.

Seeing that we could not maintain this growing work, we committed the N. Sumatran field to Galilee Church. In course of time, Galilee expended 25 million rupiahs to buy a valuable property in the neighbourhood, 14 x 40 m, which had a bungalow house with a garage, plus a used van. With this new development, our Medan brethren established a Kindergarten. This began about 7 or 8 years ago. The Kindergarten met a long-felt need and was a means of bringing parents and young people to worship and fellowship on the Lord's Day and on Saturday. As Kindergarten pupils got promoted to Primary School, our Batak brethren took the initiative to build several more rather crude classrooms in the backyard. These extra classrooms, together with rooms in the old bungalow, are packed with 300 pupils everyday, like sardines. (The Primary School will soon open a Pri. VI class.)

As the biggest classroom can take in about 60 - 70 people, that is the number who worship on Sunday or fellowship on Saturday. When I visited Medan last week, Haposan was enlarging the garage, so it could be converted into another classroom. This is the end of the measuring line! There is absolutely no more space for expansion.

Should a Bible School be started, there will be a good crop of students. Already two young men, who have been individually trained under Haposan, are manning the station at Kuta Baru in the mountain. The spiritual hunger and thirst of Medan's millions cannot be felt until you visit with the young B-P Church there. (A round-trip ticket is \$300+.) Who will go for us? Who will help Medan BPC to their feet with your surplus dollars? - T.T.

### "A New Road"

by Syivea Wong

Text: Ruth 1:1-18. Ruth said, "Entreat me not to leave you or to return from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

Orpah went back to what was well known and familiar to her. But Ruth chose not to leave Naomi. She did not know what lay ahead for her, but because of her love for Naomi and her deep devotion to the God of Israel; she was willing to venture into the unknown.

Sometimes life presents us with this kind of decision. A different kind of service to God opens up for us. We are called to turn our backs on the familiar, accustomed way and to venture into the unknown! Dare we attempt it? We feel that we have been doing good work where we are. The new path is strange, and we wonder what lies ahead. We wonder if we possess the strength and wisdom needed to navigate the twists and turns. Yet something compels us in that direction.



The new road was not easy for Ruth, but through love and obedience she established a new life for herself. So it is with us when we step into the uncertainty of serving God in a new, perhaps more difficult situation. Love and obedience to God will provide the strength we need.

May the Lord bless and grant you the strength to serve Him well wherever that service leads you. God is with you in every new path of service.

All of life is a lovely bouquet to be presented to the Lord in gratitude.

#### My New Year Dedication

Father, let me dedicate  
This new year to Thee,  
In whatever earthly state  
Thou wilt have me be:  
Not from sorrow, pain or care,  
Freedom dare I claim;  
This alone shall be my prayer:  
Glorify Thy name.

Can a child presume to choose  
Where or how to live?  
Can a Father's love refuse  
All the best to give?  
More than givest everyday  
Thou the best can claim,  
Nor withholdest aught that may  
Glorify Thy name.

If Thou callest to the Cross,  
And its shadow come,  
Turning all my gain to loss,  
Shrouding heart and home;  
Let me ponder Thy dear Son  
While He hung in shame,  
And in deepest woe pray on,  
Glorify Thy name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare  
Joys that yet are mine;  
If on life, serene and fair,  
Brighter rays may shine;  
Let my glad heart, while it sings,  
Thee in all proclaim,  
And whatever this year brings,  
Glorify Thy name.

- Amy Phua

Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my Name might be declared throughout all the earth." If War comes, it is started neither by America or Iraq, but by the decree of God - if you can see it theologically.

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Ps. 46:10). - T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14 - 20 Jan '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Paul Wagner)
THU	7.30 pm	All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Paul Wagner)
SAT	6.00 pm	AF 10th Anniversary (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	"There is None Righteous, No, Not One" (Rev Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
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Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead

#### THEOLOGICALLY SPEAKING

I heard on BBC at the 5 pm broadcast, Wed. Jan 9, 1991, how some European powers were wishing Saddam Hussein would withdraw partially from Kuwait. That would put US on the spot, and delay the War. This was their fond hope for a peaceful settlement. Who doesn't want peace?

I heard on BBC at the 6 am broadcast Thu Jan 10 that the Geneva meeting between American Secretary of State Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Aziz had failed, and how oil prices shot up several dollars in 4 seconds!

I heard on BBC at the 10 am broadcast Thu Jan 10 that the General Secretary of the UN would make a final trip to Baghdad Sat Jan 12 in a last-ditch effort for Peace.

Will there be brighter news on the Lord's Day Jan 13? Writing this short article, Thu Jan 10, 11 am, I think not. And all this is due to President Saddam Hussein's intransigence. Why is he not deterred by the Allied force of 28 nations arrayed against him?

There is no explanation for this apart from the theological. We have a luminous precedent in the person of Pharaoh. For ten times, he who was supposed to yield to God, rejected Moses. The reason was given as his hardening his own heart (Exo. 8:15,32), but it is also given as God hardening his heart, too, after he had hardened his heart. Yes, when we keep on resisting God, God will let us become more obstinate. This principle is given in Rom. 1:26, "God gave them up unto vile affections . . ." and in verse 28, "God gave them over to a reprobate mind . . ."

Why did God harden Pharaoh's heart in the process?

Rom. 9:17 says, "For the Scripture saith unto Pharaoh, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my Name might be declared throughout all the earth." If War comes, it is started neither by America or Iraq, but by the decree of God - if you can see it theologically.

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,937.00 (8.00 am Service)  
\*\$13,575.00 (10.30 am Service)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 476)\*\$3937; 477)\$100; 478)  
\*\$13575; 479)\$200; 480)\$200; 481)\$330; 482)  
\$50(Thai S.); 483)\$296.70(Coinafon); 484)\$50;  
485)\$722(Chinese S.); 486)\$200; 487)\$200;  
488)\$300; 489)\$600(Indonesian S.); 490)\$1000.  
GRAND TOTAL (with loans): \$789,825.52  
Stop Press 491)\$170.

OFFERINGS FOR: Missionary F'ship \$20; Burma \$50; RPG \$100; Medan "Beulah Land" \$500, \$100, \$110(Boxes); \$300.

Rev Thawm Luai Cables: "Our 2 Burmese students are tentatively arriving Jan 17, at same number flight."

Birth! To Mark & Linda Soh, in Canada; a baby girl, Sarah Marie Soh, on Jan 9, '91.

Found: A classical guitar with strap. Please claim from the Church Office.

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## P A S T O R A L   C H A T

My dear Readers,

### Bible Prophecy on IRAQ Being Fulfilled

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait on August 2, 1990, Iraq suddenly leapt into prominence. Not only into the world of power politics, but also into the perspective of Bible Prophecy. Iraq came into focus of our "Prophescope." Assuredly it did as we turned to Rev. 9:13-16, "And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month and a year, for to slay the third part of men. . . . and I heard the number of them . . . ."



The great river Euphrates is the river that flows through ancient Babylonia and modern Iraq. The loosing of the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates signifies God has given the go-ahead by His angels to release into action the armies on earth all poised for battle. War in the Euphrates' region (which includes Kuwait) breaks out, not in a hurry, but by God's appointed time, to the year, month, day and hour! Did this prophecy find its fulfilment after midnight, Jan 15, 1991 (S'pore time, 1.00 pm)?

We cannot say that the "Desert Storm" now raging over Iraq by Allied bombing under the UN banner is the exact fulfilment of Rev. 9:13-16. But if anyone will not admit there is a connection between today's escalating war in the Gulf region and the Revelation prediction, then he is spiritually blind and deaf. One year ago when everyone felt a new Peace Order was coming, no one could have foreseen all this.

Alas, this is not merely a war between an aggressor nation and the world community of nations. It is God's Judgment Day, beginning to unfold. It is the beginning of the end-times, wherein a global conflagration will devour one-third of mankind and when the wrath of God is finally outpoured on Armageddon, leading to the destruction of Jerusalem, two-thirds of Israel will be killed (Zech. 13:8)! The Foreign Minister of Lithuania says, "This is the beginning of World War III while World War II is not yet finished." He is calling attention to the ominous turn of events in the Baltic States that will add fire to the Gulf situation.

Do not think we in Singapore will be spared! In the awful climax of this World War, while the Great City was divided into three parts, the cities of the nations fell (Rev. 16:9). No capital city, whether in the West or East, North or South, will be spared. At the equator, are we not right in the centre? Let Singapore say not to themselves, "We are not hurt like those in the Gulf States." Let us hear our Lord's admonition to the Jerusalemites: "I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).

Dear Reader, it is nearer than you think! While we must still go about our business, the young daily to school, the executive to his office, the labourer to his factory, let us not plan any more that long-term policy for holding to this world. Let us adopt that short-term policy, of rather putting God's Kingdom and righteousness first, and let go our fond ambitions of worldly success. In this respect, may I once again challenge young men and women to serve in God's army.

More precious are the spiritual things, life itself, and not the paraphernalia of life. Jesus may come anytime now, but will you be caught up to be with Him to escape a burning earth? Or, are you still holding to your earthly pleasures and possessions? Do make good use of them before it is too late. What is your standing before the Judgment Seat of Christ when He comes to reward His servants (II Cor. 5:10,11)? Or will you be left in outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 25:30)?

### The Price of a Scrap Car!

Last week I disclosed to you that Medan needed \$47,000, the price of a car, to clinch that Beulah Land adjoining their present property. This week I have good news for you: All we need is now reduced to \$10,000, the price of a scrap car! This dramatic reduction is due to 2 factors: 1) The Lord moved His children to bring in 2 x \$10,000 cheques last week, and 2) are a confirmation! 2) Haposan, in closing the deal with the vendor, brought the price down to R55,000 per m<sup>2</sup>, ie, R5,000 less. Also it was discovered from the title deeds that the actual area is not 40 x 40 m<sup>2</sup> but 40 x 32.5 m<sup>2</sup>. Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Who will catch up with the third \$10,000? No sum is too big, no sum too small, when your heart is prompted





by His Spirit. God bless your house as you give towards IAIB, the Bible School that is taking shape at last! Meanwhile, Dohar, elder brother of Haposan, has come to take a semester's refresher course, to better equip for the teaching ministry.

As to the construction of the Bible Institute of Western Indonesia, our view is for economy and utility, Sumatran timber and asbestos roofing. Neither should our members indulge in luxurious living, for the Lord's coming is at hand. Let us save every luxury spending to put that into missions! Let us keep on reducing our Beulah burden which now stands at \$2.43 million. One way of relieving that burden is to loan your money to the Church. Sounds paradoxical, but it is true! As I say this here comes a \$900 loan from a young Lifer, a National Serviceman! - T.T.

#### A PRAYER AT CLOSE OF THE LORD'S DAY

Father, Creator of the light,  
Making day with radiance bright,  
Thou didst o'er the forming earth  
Give the golden dawn its birth.

Shade of eve with morning ray  
Took from Thee the name of day;  
Darkness now is drawing nigh;  
Harken Thou my humble cry.

May ne'er I be guilt-depressed,  
Lose the way to peaceful rest;  
Nor with idle thoughts and vain  
Ground my soul to earth again.

Lord of Sabbath, hear our prayer  
Through Jesus Christ Thy Son and Heir  
Whom our thankful hearts adore  
Through Thy Spirit forever more.

- Amy Phua

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MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Wagner)
THU	7.30 pm	All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)
SAT	7.30 pm	Missions Seminar: "Focus on Africa" (FEBC Hall)
SUN	8.00 am	"Did God Choose Us Un-Conditionally?" (Rev Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
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\*\$5,056 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,219 (10.30 am)

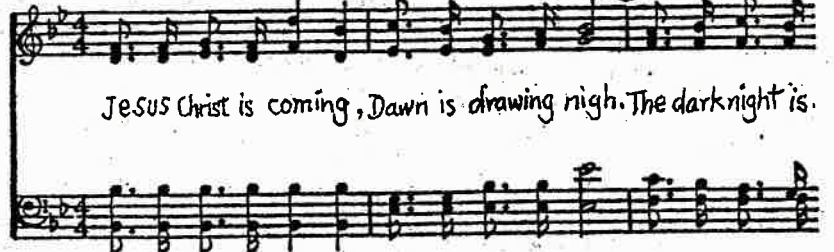
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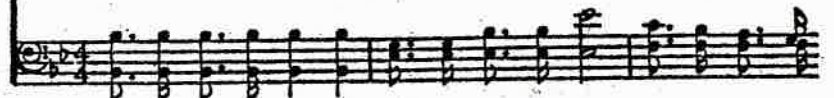
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*Joyfully*

### Jesus Christ Is Coming!



Jesus Christ is coming, Dawn is drawing nigh. The dark night is



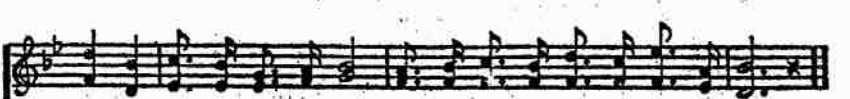
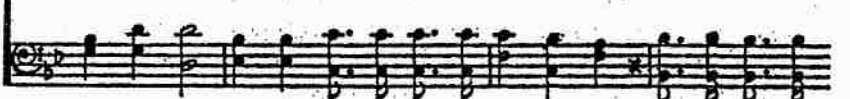
turning now to day Wake up, wake up Christians, lift the banner high



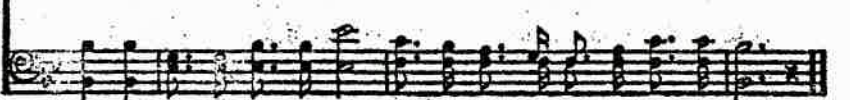
Sound the Gospel and the Word display. Glory, Glory Christ is



Coming 'gain! Glory, Glory, let all saints proclaim Ever watching



praying, faith and hope our song, Lo, He comes fr. heav'n to save His own.



OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$100, \$100; Missionary Fund \$50; RTL \$30; Medan Beulah Land \$10, \$1000, \$10,000; S. School \$20; Rev C. Wong \$100; Rev Tow \$600; Rev Wan Khwen Lam \$400.

#### Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1. "God has blessed us richly. The last time we gave, He returned it all, within 2 weeks! The Lord provides!" - Lifers

2. "May this small amount do its part in relieving the Church's debt burden and help others who have loaned and may need the money back urgently." - Young Lifer

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## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

## Two John Sung Choruses

Last November we were invited to hold two nights' special meetings on Christ's Coming by Tanjong Pinang. To infuse new spirit to singspiration (not perspiration), the Lord enabled us to translate JESUS CHRIST IS COMING from the John Sung Choruses, which, I'm sure, you'd like to sing again this Lord's Day:-

JESUS CHRIST IS COMING, Dawn is drawing nigh,  
The dark night is turning now to day!  
Wake up, wake up, Christians, lift the banner  
high.

Sound the Gospel and the Word Display!  
Glory, glory, Christ is coming again  
Glory, glory let all saints proclaim  
Ever watching, praying, faith and hope  
our song

Lo, He comes from heaven to save His own.

WHEN DOES THE RAPTURE TAKE PLACE?

The traditional pre-Tribulation view which puts it at Rev. 4:1 has little Biblical foundation. It is fading out.

I'd rather accept my teacher Dr. Buswell's teaching that, as Paul reveals to us the mystery at the sounding of the last trump = the seventh trumpet in Rev. 10:7, it will occur in the midst of "great tribulation" (Rev. 7:14). Under the sounding of the seventh trumpet, the Rapture is seen from another angle to occur at Rev. 11:18. Marvin Rosenthal also identifies the Rapture to occur at the seventh Trumpet, and since after the Trumpet Tribulations come the Bowls that pour out the Wrath of God, he calls it Pre-wrath Rapture. We may call this Mid-Tribulation Rapture or Great Tribulation Rapture. As the Gulf War rages and the ripples coming to our shore becomes a strong current, you will realise there is no easy way out for Christians either. Does this not drive us to wait for the Lord to pluck us out of a burning earth? The logic of the Rapture is seen in the context of lasers and missiles, gas warfare and nuclear bombs. Will you be in the company of Christians caught up to heaven or will you be left below on earth? The choice is yours today! Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

MEDAN MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

I flew last Wednesday to Medan, and having accomplished the Mission of acquiring the Beulah Land, I returned Thursday noon. The property that was selling at 100 million rupiah was finally knocked down to R64,625,000 (S\$1=R1098). Our contribution is \$43,000.

The vendor would have got a higher price from a Chinese timber merchant, but he had no peace. The Lord moved him to sell us apparently through his wife's sickness. Our brethren prayed for her and she has recovered. In view of this we paid him another visit. I had the joy of witnessing to him the Second Coming of our Lord. He is pleased

Singapore is helping Medan.

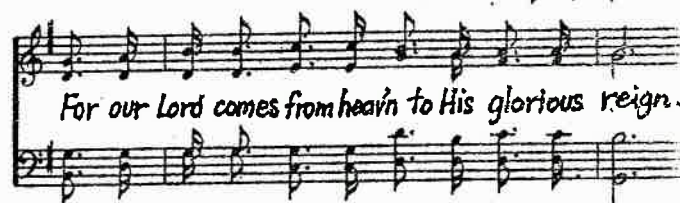
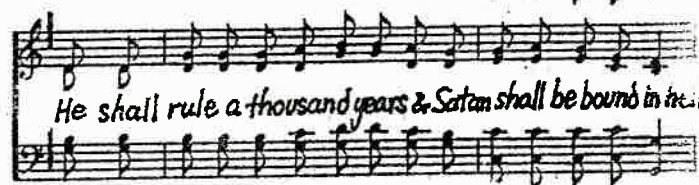
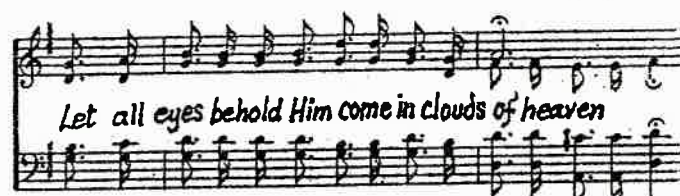
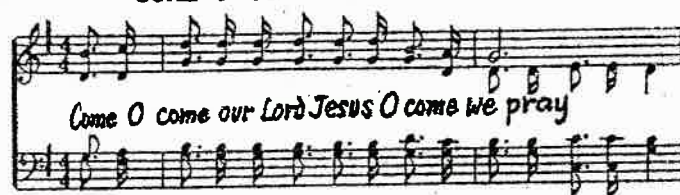
The teachers of the Kindergarten and Primary School gathered for morning devotions at 7 a.m. I spoke on the need of everyone contributing to the building of their Bible School and classrooms, now that the land was theirs. I challenged them including the Siregar family to give half a tithe or 5% of their income monthly to the B.F. All agreed, including Ranto, another FEBC graduate, also in the Lord's Service. Medan is taking a lead in this most exciting enterprise, an example to other fields. When will their mission of building God's house be accomplished?

A word to you on the homefront, to you who have gone the second mile to support the Lord's work: "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God... And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (II Cor 9:12-15).

"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).



## COME O COME OUR LORD JESUS





**ECHO FROM LAST WEEK'S SERMON  
ON THE GULF WAR**

"While the world wishes for the best, Christians should be prepared for the worst." The world, which has no future beyond this life, pins all its hope on a quick solution to the present conflagration. Americans are reported to see this war to end in a matter of days. But the president is sobering them down to a prolongation to months and to some Iraqi victories. We also wish peace would come early, but in the prophetic light of Holy Scripture, we must be prepared for gloomier times. We are told to persevere to the end. Above all we must be ready, "And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately" (Lk 12:36).

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life and that day come on you unawares .... Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that should come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Lk 21:34-36).... "and that we must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). - T.T.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK**

(28 January - 3rd February 1991)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Wagner)
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)
THU	7.30 pm	The All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	Tan Tong Hai-Pollyanna Hwang Wedding (Rev Tow)
	3.00 pm	YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF
	4.00 pm	Rev Tow at YF
	7.00 pm	Filmshow: "SHIOKARI PASS"
SUN	8.00 am	"Living for Jesus Daily" (Msnr Charles Seet)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Junior Choir Practice
	10.45 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service (Rev Tow)
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Fri Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines.

**LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:**

\*\$3,624 (8.00 am)

\*\$8,834 (10.30 am)

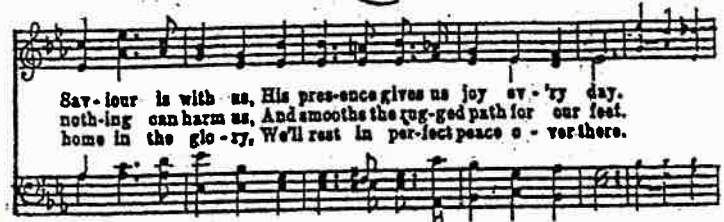
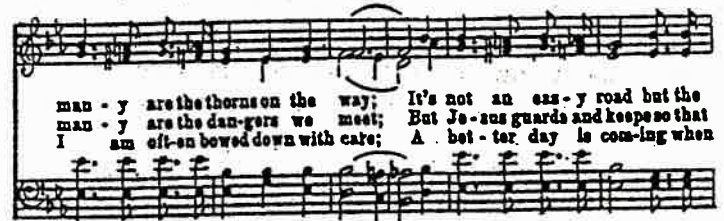
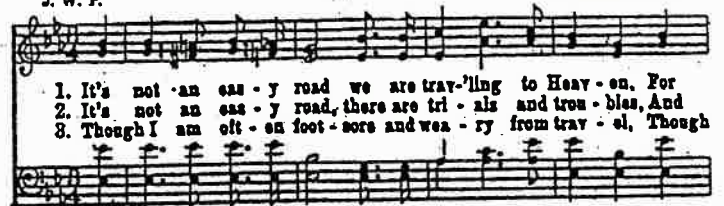
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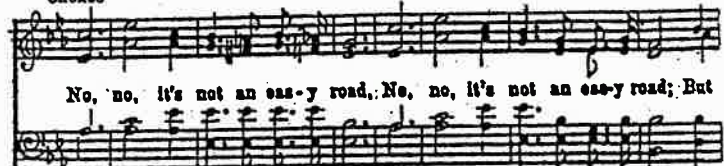
**It's Not an Easy Road**

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MEDAN BEULAH LAND: \$1,000, \$100, \$1,200, \$500, \$70, \$10, \$1,000, \$148(Coinafon), \$1,030, \$50, \$621.90, \$783.90, \$495, \$300(Indonesian S.), \$400, \$250.

OFFERINGS FOR: Marantha BPM \$10, \$100; Missionary F'ship \$100; Tg Uban \$50; FEBC \$100; Philippines Hilltop Land \$2,000, \$20. Will Mr Wong Kai Mann kindly see the Treasurer, Mr Charlie Chia, at the counter today?

Surplus clothing for Philippines. Please place your parcels at the Parsonage Staircase.

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\* SHIOKARI PASS \*

\* The true story of one man who \*

\* found enough strength to overcome \*

\* his weakness, enough courage to \*

\* conquer fear; and enough love to \*

\* give life to others. \*

\* Filmshow at Life B-P Church \*

\* on 2nd Feb 91 at 7.00 pm \*

\* ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING A FRIEND! \*

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You are cordially invited to the 9th Anniversary Thanksgiving of the Indonesian Service next Lord's Day, Feb 3rd, 91 at 4.00 pm at FEBC Hall, Pastor Tow will be the Lord's messenger. Hear him report on North Sumatra, West Kalimantan, Sarawak, Batam and Bintan, our mission fields. Bring a friend.

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My dear Readers,

## Kebaktian Indonesia 9 Years Old



Our missions in S.E. Asia

Our Indonesian Service was started on February 7, 1982 after much prayer with 6 FEBC students, viz., Haposan, Agus, Macarewa, Simon Tsai, Irene Lee and Peter Clements. No sooner had we launched out than Deacon Charles Chia and wife joined us. This Aquila-Priscilla couple have since been the mainstay of the Kebaktian. While the principal took an active part in the early years, owing to other commitments, he had to leave the preaching to his students - Haposan, Agus, Kiantoro and Arianto. We're glad Dohar who has returned for a semester can also help. Through these years, though small in numbers, we've never stopped assembling every Lord's Day 4 p.m. This fact should be great cause for thanks-

giving. We extend a cordial invitation to Session members of the Mother Church especially to join us this afternoon, and to Indonesian speaking members of Life Church, including peranakans. Those who often express interest in a mission trip to Indonesia need not go very far. Little Indonesia is right in our Church campus to give you a foretaste of the great Archipelago of 13,000 islands.

The first commandment to the Church is to advance to the uttermost part of the earth, beginning from Jerusalem, then to Judea, and to Samaria. We count Malaysia and Indonesia our Samaria. Can you identify the dots on the sketch map that are clustered across Sumatra, Malaysia, Singapore and West Kalimantan? And which are the 3 dots, almost in a line on top?

Although our Indonesian Service is small, God has enabled us to do our bit for missions, wherever there is a need. Since Medan has of late been well taken care of, it is proposed that our thankoffering be channelled to the Philippines Hilltop, towards the building of a Bible College. (The Kebaktian has done their best in contributing to Beulah Land.)

## Philippines the Neediest of All

Of the Asean countries, I am sure you'll agree that Philippines is the poorest. Not only economically, but also spiritually. For, 85 per cent of her population are Roman Catholics. In this land of blood, sweat and tears, God has raised Rev. Dan Ebert III to found a Bible College with the help of his two missionary sons and a lady missionary, and not the least, with the support of his wife. In view of the tight situation in Metro-Manila, they were obliged to look for space in the suburbs. Praise the Lord, they found what is now known as the Hilltop. They acquired a 5-acre hilltop a year ago with much help from Calvary. The price they paid was nothing compared with our Beulah. This is due to our strong dollar versus their weak peso.

I want to praise the Lord for instilling a keen interest in a number of Lifers, professional men not only in architecture and civil engineering, but in other walks of life. This committee is instrumental in drawing a master plan in no time and having it sent to the Eberts. Based on this Singapore masterplan, the Filipino brethren will build! (Not all at once, but in 4 stages, as the Lord provides.)

Now I have received a second letter inviting us to minister in Manila. Rev Dan Ebert III writes:-

"Our Council met the day after your call to plan for your stay with us. On Wednesday night we will have a combined meeting of the churches in the city so you can address them. Any message of challenge and encouragement in these difficult times will be a blessing.

"On Thursday, the men of the Center would like to have a special time of fellowship with you. These are the men whose lives have been affected by your ministry at Center for Biblical Studies through the years. These pastors are now the leaders of our church fellowship as well as the Metro-Manila School of the Bible. They also fellowship closely with us in the development of the Hilltop. The plan for the day is to gather at our home for a fellowship lunch, after this we will proceed to the Hilltop. The land has not yet been dedicated and we would like you to have a prayer of dedication there. It would be good if you could speak to the pastors both at the house and then again at the Hilltop.

"Friday, you will have two sessions at the Bible School, this will be a combined meeting of the two schools. Whatever topic the Lord lays on your heart will be a blessing.

"We appreciate your giving us this time from your busy schedule and would not want to impose in any way. However, the men have requested me to ask if there is any possibility that the church could spare you for the coming Sunday, that is to say you would leave on Monday morning rather than Saturday morning. If this would be possible we could then schedule you to speak in two of the churches that Life Bible Presbyterian Church of Singapore has helped through the years. We would hold Saturday open so that Bill and I could have a time of fellowship with you. Once again we do not want to impose and if this is not possible we will understand.



"All of us here will be much in prayer as we look forward to your coming and know the Lord will bless your ministry as He has in days gone by. Please greet everyone there for us and thank them again for their prayers and interest in the Lord's work here."

In view of my pre-appointment with the Calvary Sunset Gospel Hour to speak on "Israel, Dispossessed and Dispersed", Feb.17, we cannot help but fly back Saturday night, Feb.16. Our Chinese New Year vacation at least affords us 4 days' ministry out of Singapore.

One message upon my heart is this: As I challenged Haposan and his kindergarten and Primary School teachers to give half a tithe or 5% of their income to build their Bible school, so I'll try to impress on our Filipino friends the need to do the same. We'll bring along as much good surplus clothing as possible as in previous visits. Pray for us, for souls to be won to the Lord!

Yours faithfully - T.T.

#### COME O COME OUR LORD JESUS

Come O come our Lord Jesus O come we  
pray  
Let all eyes behold Him come in clouds  
of heaven  
He shall rule a thousand years & Satan  
shall be bound in hell  
For our Lord comes from heav'n to His  
glorious reign.

## Jesus is Coming Again Real Soon

### 主再臨已極近

This slogan comes from Rev C T Hsu, a founder member of Life Church, who has settled in New York since 1960. At first a deacon, I had the honour of ordaining him through a special Council of Presbyterian ministers at the 3rd General Assembly of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches, Aug. 1956.

Though he has left Singapore for 31 years, he has not forgotten the Mother Church. For 31 years, without a break, he has supported our missionary outreaches, especially Malaysia and Indonesia. When we were in great need acquiring Beulah Land last year, he sent us several instalments of several hundred U.S. dollars each. Now, he has sent US\$460, earmarked for Beulah Land again - to help lighten our debt-burden.

What lesson can we draw from C T Hsu? By the slogan which he stamps on every letter he mails, he is trying to witness to the postman and any other person that will handle his mail that our Lord's coming is near, even at the door. By the gift he sends our Church he is showing Lifers the example, 'Occupy till I come' In times like these, there are self-centred Christians who tend rather to hoard than to help. Rev Hsu is in his seventies, but he doesn't decrease in the Lord's service.

- T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3-10 Feb 91)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)  
FRI 8.00 pm House Blessing at 20 White House Park, S1025 (home of Mr & Mrs Ong Tjong Swie)  
SAT 7.30 pm Evangelistic Rally, FEBC Hall (Rev Stephen Khoo)

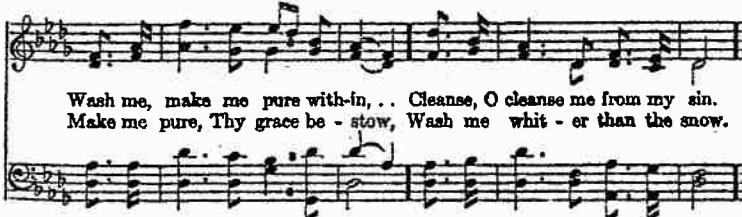
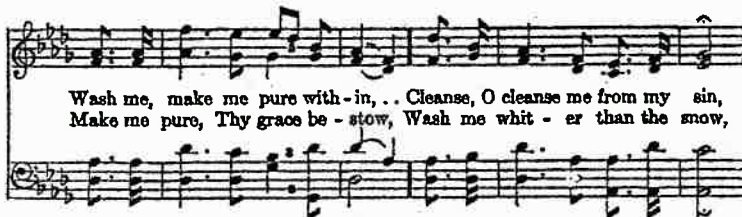
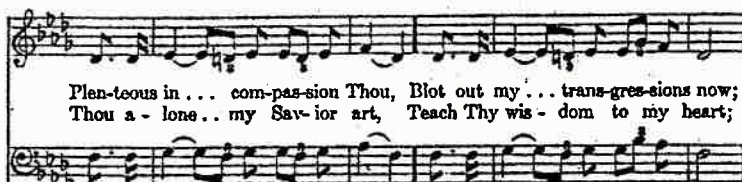
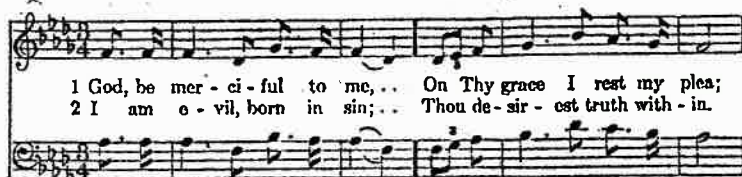
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#### God, Be Merciful to Me

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Joseph P. Holbrook, 1862



[Selected Stanzas]

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

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

SUN 8.00 am "The Joy of Salvation"

(Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)

10.30 am Rev Tow

6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour

"The Land of Promise"

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,404.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$8,507.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND II 520)\*\$3,404; 521)

\*\$8,507; 522)\$789.12; 523)\$200; 524)\$50.

Total \$826,957.24

LOANS 9)\$390(MF). Total Loans \$14,630.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$841,587.24

MEDAN BEULAH LAND: \$1,000, \$1,250 (Henderson NBC), \$600, \$348.90, \$1,200

OFFERINGS FOR: Marantha \$100; Deeram \$10; Thailand \$100; Sang Chew \$100; Philippines Hilltop Land \$20, \$187, \$200.

Please note that NBC Bukit Timah & Henderson will meet on 6 Feb instead of 13 Feb.

All are welcome to Dr Paul Wagner's recital on 3rd Feb & 3rd March, 5.00 pm at Calvary BP Church.



My dear Readers,

Combined Chinese New Year Worship

Our Combined Chinese New Year Worship this year falls on Feb.15, 8.00 a.m. This new tradition of several years has been blessed of God. It is also unique in BP circles. We invite you of Maranatha, Tabernacle, Kebaktian, and of other BP Churches to join us. The Lord bless our Chinese New Year as we seek Him first before going out on our traditional Family Visitation. This is one part of our Chinese culture that is worthy of preservation. The Fifth Commandment!

Dr Tan is chairman. Rev Goh Seng Fong is the Lord's messenger. Rev Lim Jui Kai is interpreter. Mrs Lee Choon Ngee is coordinator for Chinese Service. Mr J.P. David is in charge of distribution of the red book, "Gospel of Life". As for myself, we shall be in Manila ministering to the Filipino churches in conjunction with Rev. Dan Ebert III, especially in the Hilltop project of building a Bible College. My burden is to challenge Manila as I challenged Medan to give 5 per cent of their income to their own B.F.

Wall and Fence

This Chinese New Year also sees the erection of a wall and fence for the security of our Church-College-Kindergarten compound. This was prompted by the Gulf Crisis. We foresaw bad times ahead and took this necessary precaution against a worsening situation. The handsome enclosure designed by our AKL architects costs \$16,000.

The new wall-and-fence has automatically shut out many a truck and pickup that has ruined our green-grass verge at the very front of the Church. We have asked our architect to repair and reinforce the affected strip for proper parking.

While it is a welcome sign to see the intruders conspicuously absent, we do not want to exclude Lifers and friends (Koreans) and other BPers who have been parking here for one reason or another. We welcome BP cars in the bonds of Christian brotherhood. (If you are a Methodist we welcome you too!)

Your Pastor at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan

With the launching of the new series of 13 messages titled "Iraq, Israel, Armageddon" at the Sunset Gospel Hour, the attendance has soared phenomenally to 1,000. This Lord's Day evening I shall continue in the series with a first message, "The Land of Promise". This will be followed by "Dispossessed and Dispersed" on Feb.17; "Jerusalem Past", Feb.24; "Jerusalem Future", Mar 3; and "Armageddon", Mar 17. I specially need your prayerful support! Pray for me that I might speak His Word with power. A new song will be tailored to boost each message. The message will go out also in print.

Pray also for Dr Wagner's Organ Recital Mar 3, 5.00 p.m. and for his two messages, "Israel Reborn", Mar 10 and "1,000 Golden Years", Mar 24. The last message, "Go Ye Therefore", Mar 31

by Rev James Chan.



"Prophescope" on the Gulf

It is our prayer that the Lord will spare us. We do not deserve this tranquility in a country highly favoured. While we pray for the alleviation of suffering of war victims, we must repent ourselves, for our Lord says, "Except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish" (Lk 13:5). It is good to hear President Bush call for a rational day of prayer. Without repentance there is no salvation.

We dare not say anything beyond what is revealed in His Word. No one can predict what will turn out in a day. But we are certain: "Jesus is coming again real soon" (C.T. Hsu). Did you ever ask, Why? Of course there are various reasons.

One reason is: That is the only solution to a sin-cursed earth. And all this warring, non-stop warring, between nations (nearly 100 of them since WWII), is due to Satan's deception (Rev 20:3). Nor will the people repent: "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts" (Rev 9:20,21). God's recurring Judgment on the perdition of men is on, but sinful men do not awake to this His righteous punishment. Unless Jesus returns to earth to take charge of the situation visibly and personally, there can be no solution. Solution of the Middle-East Problems, including the Palestinian Problem, cannot come by U.N. or U.S. and U.S.S.R., the super powers. It can be resolved only by Supernatural Power. In the words of Rev Jason Linn, "This mess cannot be cleaned up except Jesus comes."

Should the Hydra-Headed monster of the Gulf War be cut off by the Sword of the Allies, out of it will arise nine others, to be sure. There can be no peaceful solution to this world's problems, Middle East or Middle Europe, Far East or Far West, unless the Prince of Peace comes. Even so, come Lord Jesus.



Reader, how about your own? Jesus says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28). "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). Amen.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

JESUS CHRIST IS COMING, Dawn is drawing nigh,  
The dark night is turning now to day!  
Wake up, wake up, Christians, lift the  
banner high.

Sound the Gospel and the Word Display!  
Glory, glory, Christ is coming again  
Glory, glory let all saints proclaim  
Ever watching, praying, faith and hope  
our song

Lo, He comes from heaven to save His own.



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##### Students

Number 60, from 12 countries, viz., S'pore, Malaysia, Sarawak, Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, India, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Ghana, Kenya.

Daily Vacation Bible College (June 10-14, 91)

Dr John Whitcomb will lecture on "Bible and Modern Science" and "Coming Great Tribulation & Current World Situation".

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11-17 FEBRUARY 91)

MON 7.30 pm Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)

WED 11.00 am Pastor & Mrs Tow to Manila  
1.30 pm FEBC Vacation begins  
(No Hymnology Class)

THU No Evening Class

FRI 8.00 am Combined Chinese New Year Ser.

SAT Pastor & Mrs Tow return

#### Beulah Land

EDGAR PACE Jno. B. SWARTZ

1. I've reached the land of corn and wine, And all its rich-ess free-ly mine;  
2. My Rev-er-ence and walks with me, And sweet com-mun-ion here have we;  
3. A sweet perfume up-on the breeze is borne from ev-er-ver-nal trees,  
4. The zephyrs seem to float to-me, Sweet sounds of Heaven's mel-o-dy.

Here shines undimmed one bliss-ful day, For all my night has passed a-way.  
He gen-ty leads me by His hand, For this is Heav-en's bor-der-land.  
And flow'rs, that nev-er-fad-ing grow, Where streams of life for-ev-er flow.  
As an-gels with the white-robed throng Join in the sweet Re-demp-tion song.

CHORUS

O Beu-lah Land, sweet Beu-lah Land, As on thy high-est mount I stand,

I look a-way a-cross the sea, Where mansions are pre-pared for me, And  
view the shin-ing glo-ry shore,—My Heav'n, my home for-ev-er-more!

SUN 8.00 am "For Whom Did Christ Die"  
(Rev Colin Wong)

9.30 am Sunday School

9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)

10.30 am Rev Tow (15 mins sacred music by Dr Wagner)

10.30 am Junior Worship

10.30 am Junior Choir Practice

10.45 am Church Choir Practice

6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour  
"Dispossessed and Dispersed"

No NBC this week due to Chinese New Year celebration.

#### LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,566.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$12,462.00 (10.30 am)

EXTENSION BLDG FUND II 525)\*\$3,566;  
526)\*\$12,462; 527)\$100; 528)\$50; 529)\$100;  
530)\$1,000 (Chinese Service); 531)\$1,000  
(Sharon BPC); 532)\$100; 533)\$50; 534)\$100;  
535)\$130; 536)\$150. Total \$845,765.24

LOANS 10)\$2,500. Total Loans \$17,130.00.

GRAND TOTAL: \$862,895.24.

MEDAN BEULAH LAND: \$300, \$150, \$70, \$100,  
\$35, \$1,030, \$50 (NBC Henderson).

OFFERINGS FOR: FEBC \$1,250; Philippines  
Hilltop Land \$50, \$200, \$265, \$100.

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## WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

(Scripture : Luke 7:36-39, 48-50)

Chinese New Year is round the corner. Many open their doors to guests. If you were living in the time of Jesus would you invite him to be your guest? It was common for the Jews to invite others to their home to eat, especially travellers. This passage tells us one Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner. His name is Simon. He did not know that he had the Son of God in his house. In v.39 we see there is a question in Simon's mind, Is Jesus a prophet? Was Simon's invitation to entrap Jesus, rather than to learn from him? Simon treated Jesus only as an ordinary guest. He did not give Him a special welcome.

Now, another person comes into the scene. In v.37, we read, "Behold". This is a word calling us to attention! All eyes turned to stare at her. It was a great surprise to all who were in the room, except Jesus. Was it because she was an uninvited guest? No, it was the custom to allow needy people to visit such a party to receive some of the leftovers. What was so strange to them was this woman was an open sinner to everyone in the city. Don't mistake her with Mary Magdalene or the one who anointed Jesus at Bethany much later. She is unnamed here, nor is it stated what sin she had committed. What caused her to come? She must have heard Jesus that day, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Jesus' word opened the kingdom of heaven to her. This woman believed the promise given by Jesus. The heavenly light shone into her heart! She was freed from the heavy load which she was carrying - that was her sin. Let us notice the action words used to describe her in vv.37,38: 1. She brought ointment. 2. She stood at Jesus' feet. 3. She was weeping. 4. She washed his feet with tears. 5. She wiped them with her hair. 6. She kissed his feet. 7. She anointed them with the ointment. There are altogether seven action words used to describe what she has done to Jesus. What caused this woman to do so many things? It is the power of the Gospel, just as Paul said in Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." She was like the Samaritan woman at the well who left her waterpot and bravely went into the city after she found Christ.

Let us look into her heart: She has a (1) Contrite heart: She wept, not a few drops. It was so much as to wash Jesus' feet. She grieved for her sins. Her spiritual eyes were opened. She was no more in ignorance of her sins.

There are two famous Psalms written by King David when he repented of his sin. They are Psalms 32 and 51. In Psalm 51:17 he says "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." This woman has a contrite and repentant heart. How about us? Let us examine ourselves, have we ever grieved for our sin, and know what stage we are actually in as a sinner. Or do we only feel sorry for our sin, but there is no repentance? This woman knows the first point of Calvinism, the total depravity of man. And Jesus is a Saviour to her.

(2) God fearing and reverent heart: By observing what she has done we can see that now she is a God fearing person. She knows who Jesus is, she need not utter a word. She pays her full reverence to Christ. We need to learn from her. Do we go to worship service with a reverent heart? How about chapel here every morning? Does our reverence diminish day after day? year after year? I have to confess that sometimes I whisper to my friends who sit beside me when something prompts my mind. Let us remind ourselves. We are before a Holy God. In Ecclesiastes 5:1 we read, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil."

Besides, she also has a (3) Grateful heart: She comes with ointment. Not only this perfume shows her gratefulness. Her actions show. Are we grateful to God for His grace and salvation? Or we think we are being very friendly to Him by accepting Jesus, and are doing a favour to God by entering to the full time ministry?

This woman knows who Jesus is. She has a totally different heart from the Pharisee's. Earlier on we see Simon questioning who Jesus is. In v.39 we also can see that he despises the woman. He is a self-righteous man! How often we also have this thought "I am better than him." I also have this kind of struggle in me. Only two days ago when a brother whom I respected did something wrong to me, I was very angry. The idea of "I am better than him" came to my mind. It took me about a day to forgive him. May God help us to remember we are only sinners saved by grace. Let us realise the total depravity of ourselves and humble ourselves. Do you have the thought "I am better than him"? Jesus knows your thought as we see Him answering Simon's thought with an illustration: this illustration is according to the Jewish notion, "He would love most to whom most had been forgiven" which means, "Much benefit, much love, little benefit, little love." Does it mean Simon is less sinful than this woman? No. Dr Chia, teacher of Rev Tow in China said this, "The sin of the heart and mind is ten times worse than the sin of the flesh." Do we realise our many sins have been forgiven? If we do we will show much love to Christ. In v.48 Jesus says "Thy sins are forgiven." I believe her sins were forgiven at the point when she repented and acknowledged Jesus as her Saviour.

Now Jesus assures her by speaking to her personally. In v.50 Jesus tells her, "Your faith has saved you." Therefore she must have been forgiven and saved before she did anything to Jesus. Jesus did not say "Your tears have saved you." Neither did Jesus say "By washing and anointing my feet you are saved." Jesus only said, "Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace." What a great blessing she had received. Jesus told her "Go in peace." In the Greek text the literal meaning should be "Go into peace." Yes, now she could go into peace of heart, into peace of rest, and into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of Heaven thereafter and forever. "For by grace are ye saved through faith" Eph 2:8. Jesus is a wonderful Saviour to her. Her repentant, grateful heart and love to Jesus was outwardly manifested in her action. On the other hand, Jesus was only a guest to the Pharisee, maybe less than a guest.

Chinese New Year is here. Do you invite Jesus to your house?  
Chapel message by Choong Siew Lean at the Homiletics Hour, FEBC.

# P A S T O R A L C H A T

Wed. Feb 13, '91

My dear Readers,

## Manila Mission to Accomplish



We fly 11.00 am this morning to Manila and return Sat. evening. "The King's Business required haste" (1 Sam 21:8). We carry an overload of 50 kilos selected surplus clothing, mostly for children, plus books, RPGs and Banner. I had asked Deacon Chia for US\$1,000 from Philippines Hilltop Fund to bring along, but the Lord has more than doubled this amount to add to it.

Last Lord's Day afternoon, a sister brought to the parsonage a \$2,000 envelope with this message, "The Son of Almighty God is coming. Creator of heaven and earth. Jesus shall reign. Matt 24:14 - 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." The same day the Lord sent us 5 other sums which amounted also to \$2,000! 2 x \$2000 = \$4,000! What a confirmation not only on Medan Beulah Land but also Philippines Hilltop.

If you read the Hilltop Report by Rev Dan Ebert III in the latest Banner, you'll see what a good buy Hilltop is. 2,000 sq.m. for US\$134,600.50 only, which is 50-60 cts per sq.ft. The Lord says, "For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance..." (Matt 25:29). There is no doubt but that this Hilltop Project must succeed. God bless the spontaneous, cheerful givers, and all who would contribute to the raising of a Gospel Lighthouse (Bible College) on the Hilltop!

Yours faithfully, T.T.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (18 - 24 FEB 91)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Wagner)
	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	The All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF
	7.30 pm	Sharon AF at Beulah House (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	"The Infallible Grace of God" (Rev Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.45 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr "Jerusalem Past"

NBC This Week: Wed Newton

Fri Tampines

## LAST WEEK'S GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$6,202 (8.00 am)

\*\$6,408 (10.30 am)

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EXTENSION BLDG FUND II 537)\*\$6,202; 538)\*\$6,408; 539)\$300; 540)\$25; 541)\$70; 542)\$100; 543)\$50; 544)\$10; 545)\$6; 546)\$31.16.

GRAND TOTAL: \$876,094.40

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines Hilltop Land \$200, \$500, \$2,000, \$200(Pepsi), \$200 (Children's Camp), \$100(Children's Choir), \$800; Missions \$50, \$100, \$100; Batam \$600.

Expresgram to: 1)Roger Martin: Thank you for your airletter and check. 2)Rev Dorsey: New Delhi: Box of books sent. Our gift! 3)Rev Carl Martin: We'll print Dr MacRae's Book on Daniel. 4)Rev C T Hsu: Have you received our letter and check? 5) Rev Djunaidi, Pontianak: Thanks for your ministry at Kuching last Christmas.

Rev Dan Ebert III: Phone 005-632-665-2627.

Latest Banner: Read on the news about Hilltop! RPG (March) is commentary on Psalms by Pastor Tow.

Our New Wall and Fencing costs only \$16,000. Who would give to the protection of God's House?

Life Church Family Camp on Fraser's Hill. Mar 18-22. A boon to your Chinese-speaking parents (Pastor Tow speaking). This is the last call! Have you registered?

Many thanks for your surplus clothing.

It goes also to Burma and East Malaysia.

"Do something good for Jesus everyday, till He comes!"





My dear Readers,

Mission to Manila

Contrary to current report, our SIA flight SQ72 was filled to the last seat! Thank God for prospering our national carrier.

Rev Bill Ebert and mother were on hand to receive us in their minivan. As it was Ash Wednesday, when RCs sprinkle ashes on their heads and visit shrines, traffic was especially heavy. It took us 2 hrs to fight through our way home (a distance of 20 km).

The same evening we had to struggle through unrelenting heavy traffic to get to our destination in town. It was a rented hall seating 450, and 400 by count filled the auditorium. Pastors and members from 28 churches gathered at this first Combined Prayer Meeting, some "to hear the Chinese preacher preach in English," though a goodly number had heard me before.

The topic of my message was "Who will win the Gulf War?" and the text was taken from Dan 2:31-35. From the smashing down of Nebuchadnezzar's statue and the breaking of it into pieces so that it was blown away by the wind, while the Stone that struck it from heaven grew into a mountain that filled the earth, I said neither U.S. nor Iraq would win, but JESUS CHRIST our Lord. I urged young people to give their lives to serve the Lord as we await His soon coming and the older generation to serve God with their energy and substance. I challenged them to give 5 per cent of their income to the Hilltop Project of building a Bible College. This was agreed by the Chairman and congregation.

Thursday afternoon I was taken to Metro-Manila School of the Bible situated in another part of the City. It functions in a first floor flat consisting of several classrooms and a library. Male students commute from far and near to attend classes. Female students are accommodated in some nearby quarters and that limited to only half a dozen. It is for this reason that God has answered their prayer for better facilities by moving a Chinese tycoon to sell them 20,000 sq metres of hilltop land for a song. This hilltop is 15 km from the City in the township of Antipolo.

There were 70 students to hear me lecture on "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God". Dr Chung my oldtime friend since primary school days and his wife kindly came to hear me and to wish us well. The application of the lesson taught should move every student to do God's will in all areas of their lives. The doctrine of predestination was clearly seen in the Decretive will of God, while Hyper-Calvanism was refuted by expounding the Desiderative will of God. John 3:16 is God's offer of salvation to the whole world (Greek *kosmos*), not merely to the so-called world of the Elect. Calvin's commentary confirms this. To say that John 3:16 is open only to the Elect is like holding a sale with its stipulation that only buyers can enter.

Visit to Hilltop

Friday morning saw the gathering of about 25 pastors with several of their wives at the Ebert home for a final meeting. I spoke on the Great Commission of Matt 28:18-20 as being the First Commandment to the church. It commands the church to Missions, Evangelism, Church organisation through Baptism and Indoctination. The last point, Indoctination of the church (through the running of a Bible College) concerned us in the Hilltop Project. Now that the land was acquired (at a give-away price), it behoved the Filipino churches associated with Rev Ebert III to pool their resources to get on with the construction.

As there is no water supply to this hilltop situation, the solution is the drilling of a well at the lowest slope. Since this is still high ground it is estimated the drilling would reach 600 feet below and the cost between US\$20,000-\$25,000. In response to my message Pastor Bona proposed that an immediate collection be taken. This yielded P6,460.50 (US\$1.00 = P29). Praise the Lord, that was not a bad beginning! The Pastors also pledged to give 5 per cent of their salary to the Hilltop Project.

"Seeing is believing." What a Beulah Land is this Hilltop! Though at the top of the hill our land of over 5 acres occupies a gentle slope. When it reaches the top it drops suddenly and steeply into our neighbour's land which makes it a kind of no-man's land between us. O the breath-taking view of blue mountains and heavenly horizons above the clouds.

Moreover, the land is a good land of fruit trees and vegetable gardening. There is a caretaker's hut overlooking 46 mature mango trees. When in season these trees will yield some precious pesos, as well as provide for the dinner table.

The immediate need is the well. So it was decided to call the contractor to view the land and start drilling forthwith! Water is life. Without water the land is lifeless, except for the trees. The help you have rendered, whether big or small is like a stream of life-giving water, that nurtures forever more. Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

Why Israel?

In the present struggle between Iraq and the Allies, why must Saddam Hussein single out Israel who is not involved for abuse and attack? The reason is, there is an inherent hatred between Arab and Jew traced to the womb of Rebecca. Between Esau and



Jacob. "And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger" (Gen 25:23).

You know the story of how Jacob the younger outwitted Esau the elder. But, it was the higher hand of God that caused the father of the Israelites to prosper and Esau, father of the Edomite (Arab) races to dwindle. "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated" (Rom 9:13). Why did God choose Jacob but leave Esau in the cold? The Bible says, it is all up to Him, as He wished! The Bible asks, "Is there unrighteousness with God?" The Bible answers, "God forbid. For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy upon whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (Rom 9:14,15). So, it is with our salvation. Paul tells us in Eph 2:8,9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." All mankind deserves to perish. If God should choose to save a portion, all the more must He be praised.

But Israel did not keep faith with her God. She turned from God time and again to serve the idols of the surrounding nations. She came under severe chastisement. She was sold into captivity. She served the Assyrians and Babylonians. She was subjugated under the Romans and was finally scattered throughout the earth. Israel suffered heavily according to the principle, "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes" (Lk 12:47).

#### Why is Israel, such a small nation, so prominent?

In the last days, after Israel has suffered long enough, God will return to Israel to bring her back to her Homeland - as a Father cannot forget his son and a Husband cannot forget his wife (Isa 54). Israel has been brought back for over 40 years.

During these 40 years, Israel had to fight 5 wars for her survival - 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1982. She came out of these wars victorious, not by her prowess but by the mercies of Jehovah. Do the Jews know this?

God has preserved Israel, nevertheless, for a higher purpose. Israel is restored in order that the throne of David might be reestablished and David's Greater Son, Jesus Christ, might reign on earth 1,000 golden years. The Christmas message is all comprehensive: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isa 9:6,7).

But before the Golden Day comes, Israel must be purified with fire, even go through Armageddon, that is not far from hence. Maranatha. Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25/2 - 3/3/91)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Dr Wagner)
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Wagner)
THU	7.30 pm	The All-Complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	3.00 pm	YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"The Joy of Sharing the Gospel" (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.45 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr "Jerusalem Future"
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson  
Fri Bt Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines

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#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,019.00 (8.00 am)  
\*\$12,914.00 (10.30 am)

#### CHINESE NEW YEAR SERVICE OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,013.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 547)\*\$5019; 548)\*\$12914;  
549)\*\$3013; 550)\$150; 551)\$200; 552)\$200;  
553)\$200; 554)\$300; 555)\$489.70; 556)\$780;  
557)\$200; 558)\$131; 559)\$540; 560)\$100;  
561)\$7775.20 (New Life); 562)\$300 (Cal-Jurong  
YAF); 563)\$30. GRAND TOTAL: \$908,289.30  
OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines Hilltop Land  
\$10, \$100, \$1000, \$100, \$50; Medan "Beulah  
Land" \$6, \$880, \$1225, \$730, \$970.30,  
\$42.50(US\$25); Missionary Fund: \$50; Rev  
Dan Ebert II \$340; Missionary F'ship \$200;  
Jess Tamee \$200; Daniel Arianto \$200; Thai  
RPG \$1375; FEBC \$3400.

Mr & Mrs Charles Seet have been accepted by the Christian and Missionary Training Fellowship (Rev Dan Ebert III) to teach at the Metro-Manila School of the Bible. They are tentatively booked to leave S'pore May 27, 91. A commissioning service will be held on May 26 to send off our missionaries.

A few vacancies are available in our Bible Camp at Fraser's Hill. First come, first served!

Hear Dr Wagner's recital on 3rd March, 5.00 pm at Calvary BP Church.





My dear Readers,

## Report on my eye-operation



Thinking that my eye operation would be a simple one, I applied to Session for 3 days medical leave. Elder Mahadevan commented, "At least one week."

When Elder Dr Ang Beng Chong operated on my left eye Monday morning Feb 25, neither did he realise it would be a major one which took 1½ hours. He said my eye was filled with blood, etc and might have to return for another operation on the cataract. He ordered a complete rest of one week, which relieves me of my pulpit, both at Life Church and at the Sunset Gospel Hour.

I agree heartily, for proper rest is a condition for wholesome recovery. And what better retreat for my incised eye than 5-10 East Coast Chalet which sits in a shaded wood facing the blue Singapore Straits, beyond which are Batam and Bintan of the Riau Islands.

I am deeply thankful to the Almighty Father for leading us here and to you who have prayed for me individually and corporately, for your many get well cards and phone inquiries - to Elder & Mrs Khoo especially who know the ins-and-outs of G.H. in accompanying me to the various departments. Last but not least is the personal attention from my wife, and I must not forget FEBC students who helped us in logistics.

The chalet we rent here from Government is \$70 per night. It has two storeys. Downstairs is the living room, "kitchenette" and bath. There's a mini-porch which looks out to sea. Upstairs is a bedroom for two. This gives privacy especially when chalets are fully occupied and the grounds are crowded at weekends. Since we are here only during weekdays, we are monarchs of all we survey, and that is what we want. Seclusion is a rare commodity today. But you need not go to Fraser's Hill to find it. This East coast resort projected by our Government is yours - at your doorstep. The only deficiency in this chalet arrangement is a small fridge and stove. This would attract more patrons or with fridge and stove, half of the makan problem is solved.

There is a BBQ set up obliquely from our chalet by the sea. To let the whole College share the beauties of nature, we declared Wednesday Feb 27 a half-holiday, so they could come and swim and eat their own charcoaled chicken wings in the setting sun. Our students, who hail from 12 countries, are being nurtured also in Christian community life, no man serving God can be a recluse. How can he serve God whom he cannot see, if he does not serve his fellowman whom he can see?

## Gospel lesson from the change of clothes

This is the first time I ever went on the operation table. Let me share with you what it is like to meet the surgeon's knife. First of all I had to strip all the clothes, and put on the patient's wear. This consists of a light pale blue covering for the front of the body. There is also a plastic cap. At the theatre which is air-conditioned there is a woollen blanket that protects you from cold.

This reminds me of my clothings that they are as filthy rags, even my righteousness, before God (Isa 64:6). This reminds us also of the uninvited guest without the king's garment who was thrown out of the wedding feast (Matt 22:13). Reader, are you clinging to your own show of dignity, wealth, power, position, education? And you have not bowed to the Lord Jesus Christ? As the patient has to strip himself before the surgeon, so must we take away all our covering of outward good before Jesus the Great Physician.

## Painless Recovery

The nurse injected something into my arm and soon I entered in a soothing sleep. What a pleasant dreamland! Then I awoke as it were after some minutes (but it was one-and-a-half hours). When I was pushed back to the sick bay from the operation theatre, realised my left eye was taped, but my right eye seemed sparkingly clearer than before.

A painful heaviness weighed over the incised eye and an intermittent twitch followed that gnawed like an ant-bite. The nurse said this might become worse during the night, and I was advised to take panadol when (or if) this worsened. By God's grace, the heaviness on the eye and the twitches began to subside as we left hospital after being put to bed for 4 hours. The next morning I felt 90 per cent normal. No panadol needed. The Lord does give you the desires of your heart (Ps 37:4). The nurse who cleaned my eye the next day was surprised to see such quick improvement.

Nevertheless as this is a major operation, I cannot see yet with my left eye. It takes some time to recover. I am ordered one week's complete rest. But I can write this letter with my right eye while the left eye is shut out - so there is no strain at all.

## Who wins the Gulf War?

This was the title of a message I preached in Manila. My answer to this question is: "Neither Bush nor Saddam but Jesus Christ!" We are happy that Righteousness has prevailed over Aggression. But war brings suffering to all sides. Nor is U.N. able to settle its many problems ahead in the Middle East. Neither U.S., nor U.S.S.R. This last decade of the 2nd millennium is fraught with more wars, big and small, until the

final world war breaks out in the Euphrates region (Iraq again). This leads to the Battle of Armageddon (Rev 9 & 16).



There is the Greek mythology of the Hydra-monster. This Hydra has nine heads. When one head is cut off, it produces two. If all 9 heads are cut off, then it becomes 18 heads. From Bible prophecy we see no solution at all to the Arab-Israeli Problem. This Problem cannot be settled except Jesus the Prince of Peace comes.

But Israel will take a terrible battering before long. Zechariah 13 says two-thirds of her population will be killed! In that hour of doom the Messiah will descend from heaven and stand on the Mount of Olives, opposite Jerusalem (Zech 14, read also Rev 19). All carnage will then grind to a halt. Then will begin Christ's thousand years of golden reign on earth. God loves this creation still as Paradise is restored. Jerusalem will become the capital of the world.

With the Gulf War soon concluded, many businessmen are thinking of making money from the post-war situation. The peace that follows is deceptive. As for the Church, we must hasten rather with the extension of God's Kingdom. Let Lifers take part in whatever outreach God has led us into. But, our first duty is to lessen the Beulah debt-burden. In this respect, I'm glad for the gifts that have come in during Chinese New Year.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (4 - 10 Mar 91)

MON 7.30 pm Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)  
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)  
 WED 7.30 pm Hymnology (Dr Wagner)  
 THU 7.30 pm All Complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)  
 FRI 7.45 pm Men's F'ship (FEBC Hall)  
 7.45 pm Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)  
 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
 SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF  
 3.00 pm YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF  
 SUN 8.00 am "A Living Sacrifice" (Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)  
 9.30 am Sunday School  
 9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)  
 10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan  
 10.30 am Chinese Service  
 10.30 am Junior Worship  
 12.00 pm Camp Briefing at Beulah Hse  
 3C This Week: Wed Newton  
 Fri Tampines, Joo Chiat

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,173.00 (8.00 am)  
 \*\$6,319.00 (10.30 am)  
 (TN BLDG FUND 564)\*\$4173; 565)\*\$6319;  
 566)\*\$125; 567)\*\$50; 568)\*\$1,000; 569)\*\$1,000  
 (Sharon BPC).  
 GRAND TOTAL: \$920,986.30  
 OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines Hilltop Land  
 \$90; Medan "Beulah Land" \$10; Batus  
 Alam \$50; Chinese Word Processing S'ware  
 \$75; Maranatha \$100; Tg Uban \$50; Youth  
 ship \$200; Charles Seet \$500, \$1,000;  
 EBC \$500 (Sharon BPC).

CONDOLENCE to Way Chor and Julie for the  
 passing of their father Lee Paw Meng,  
 aged 92. He is father-in-law of Dn Yiew  
 Hong Sen and Teo Ghim Tong. Vigil service  
 at, conducted by Rev Colin Wong. Funeral  
 (Sun) at 2.30 pm from Singapore Casket  
 Room 302. Service will be conducted by  
 Rev Patrick Tan.

Ministered by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow,  
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#### Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

1) Enclosed is a free-will offering for  
 the Church EBF. This is all the "Ang Bao"  
 money that the good Lord had given me this  
 Chinese Lunar New Year and I would like  
 to give it back to the Lord. God bless  
 you! - A sinner saved by grace. 2) This  
 \$1,000 I had wanted to loan to the Church,  
 but now I would convert into a gift to help  
 the EBF. 3) This offering is for the pur-  
 chase of a Chinese wordprocessing software.  
 Please contact Lim Ching Wah who is presently  
 arranging the purchase for Life Church out  
 of his own pocket. Kindly acknowledge  
 receipt by printing the offering amount  
 and its purpose in next week's church bulle-  
 tin (B-P Weekly). With thanksgiving to  
 God, Two Life members. 4) I am happy to  
 read about our Church's extension and the  
 progress that has been made toward the acqui-  
 sition of No. 10 Gilstead Rd. I was pleased  
 to be remembered by you thro' the receipt  
 of a copy of "Chronicles of Conquest",  
 and have found it enlightening and inspiring  
 ... I thank you for all your prayers for  
 my family here in Toronto. In the last  
 year during which there were many trials  
 & tribulations, I have drifted from God.  
 However, since the New Year & my parents'  
 visit with us, I have become closer to God  
 and pray that you will continue to pray  
 for us. My thoughts & prayers are with you  
 and the Church as you work toward furthering  
 the Kingdom of God... Please accept a small  
 token contribution toward the EBF. When  
 I can, I will help in a bigger way. - Lifer  
 in Canada.

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 welcome from David & Patricia Kiang awaits  
 all guests at this brand new luxurious deluxe  
 rest house for less than half the hotel  
 rates (only A\$30 per night).



PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Far Eastern Bible College



One of the subjects of my thoughts during my enforced rest at the East Coast Chalets is FEBC. It's a long, long road since we took the first step the morning of Sept 17, 1962 when the principal sat on a kitchen stool to lecture to the first three students (Eddy Chan and Ng Sang Chiew of Batu Pahat, Ivy Tan of Singapore). Since that Day of days, the College has graduated nearly 200 from 15 countries, a fifth of whom have furthered their studies abroad. Many of these are now engaged also in the training of others, pastoring churches, or holding executive posts. But we are not unmindful of those who are holding out in lonely stations, for example, Brutus Balan in the Aborigines country in West Australia (see Banner). And there is Miss Tiew Ah Tuan, for 2 decades principal of a 300 kindergarten in Kota Tinggi, Johore, Malaysia. Our first 3 African graduates are all pastoring churches and engaged in Bible College teaching. George Kutty of India, who married Kamala, our clerk, is pastor of Grace Bible Church in Providence, USA, ministering to Cambodian refugees, etc., etc.

Today, FEBC is at her highest tide in enrolment - 60 full-time students from 12 countries. The latest additions are 3 Burmese students. Two of these students have tertiary education. They are sent by Rev Robert Thawm Luai to train at FEBC so they might return to train others. With the acquisition of Beulah House, we are enabled to take in many more students. And many more are seeking entrance from other parts of the world.

Why should students come from as far as West Africa and from as north as Japan and Korea? I asked a Korean graduate student now pastoring a Korea Presbyterian Church in Singapore why he chose FEBC. He said, "For its strong theology and Calvinistic doctrine, and for Greek and Hebrew".

We have also the advice of a visiting professor, who after examining our curriculum, has encouraged us to work towards a graduate programme. As more of our graduates return, we will surely implement this. Our earnest prayer is that those who are joining the teaching staff remain loyal sons of the Faith. During all these years FEBC has stood bulwark for Sound Doctrine, for the infallible, inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God.

With a good endowment for the Library, we shall soon open up a fully equipped mezzanine floor of the Church Tower. Books, books, books are needed! If you have any which you little use but are of value to us, please send them in. As we receive, so we give. FEBC publications are sent to other parts of the world upon request, from time to time. The latest book to come from the principal's pen is "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God" (130 pages).



We returned from the East Coast Chalets Sat. morning Mar 2 to another hideout in the FEBC Block, and to an avalanche of good wishes from you in many kind expressions. With your constant prayers for me I am uplifted to face the surgeon a second time Fri. Mar 8. This operation will take place at 7.00 am at Mount Elizabeth Hospital. The Lord give grace and wisdom to the surgeon, and bless the work of his hands.

After this second operation I shall be under another enforced rest. As this Lord's Day is my turn to preach at the Chinese Service, I have to find a substitute. Mrs Lee has kindly found one in Rev Lim Jui Kai. Incidentally, Rev Lim and his wife will join us at the Family Camp up Fraser's Hill. He will minister in my stead to the Chinese-speaking section.

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

This couplet spurs us on to serve the Lord wherever He leads, to the best of our ability, until life's end.

"Owe no man anything" (Rom 13:8)



By this law of Divine economics to which we have faithfully adhered, God has blessed our Church Funds the last 40 years. As we had cleared every debt in the building of Gilstead Road (1962) and of Woodlands (1983), so we are now paying promptly every sum on demand. Our debt-burden of \$3 million is reduced to \$2.3 million.

The Lord has caused His children to redouble their efforts towards EBF during this Lunar New Year. We should aim at piercing the first million by Easter, which is only three weeks away. Meanwhile, we have not neglected the support of missions. By your extra efforts we have helped Medan acquire their Beulah Land with a mere \$43,000, and have accumulated for the Philippine Hilltop \$10,000.

With the rallying support of the Missionary Fellowship, we should be enabled to send the Charles Seets to Manila to teach at the Metro-Manila School of the Bible. Thank God for 2 sums that came in last week. When we spend on Missions, we are but paying our Gospel debt. "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Rom 1:14). Salvation is free, yet it is costly.

Speaking on missionary support, here comes a request from Rev Robert Thawm Luai, of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Yangon (Rangoon) for a standard typewriter much needed for their office, and for a refrigerator for their College kitchen. (They have now 37 students, and soon a first batch of graduates will be despatched to the vast Burmese harvest fields). A standard typewriter will save much time over the portable one which has been given, and a refrigerator will save much food from deterioration and loss. Are these luxurious? A corollary to "Owe no man anything" is Prov 3:27, "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."

Incidentally, one of our African students, Geoffrey Lidodo, is sick up Beulah House L-Block. Who would give him some encouragement? "Do something good for Jesus everyday."

Yours obediently, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (11 - 17 MAR 91)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
TUE	7.15 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Dr Wagner)
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Wagner)
THU	7.30 pm	The All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	2.30 pm	Tan Ming Song & Jessie Lim Wedding (Rev P. Tan)
	3.00 pm	YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"Will God's Elect go on to Eternal Salvation?" (Rev Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.45 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson, Newton; Fri Bukit Batok, Tampines, Chinatown, Bishan.

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,199.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$13,167.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 570)\*\$4199; 571)\$100; 572)\*\$13167; 573)\$130; 574)\$500; 575)\$110 (YAF & Church Choir); 576)\$1400; 577)\$15000; 578)\$177.53 (Children's Ministry); 579)\$600 (Chinese Service).

GRAND TOTAL: \$956,369.83

OFFERINGS FOR: Chinese Word Processing S'ware \$5; Brutus Balan \$50; Missions - Philippines \$50; Missions \$50; Rev Tow \$150; Philippines Hilltop Land \$20, \$50, \$200.

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God: Thanks for the book entitled Chron-icles of Conquest. When it arrived I asked God to bless me as I read it.

I am thrilled with its contents. In fact, I think so much of it I am giving it to one of my former boys who has just built a new church seating 7,000 in Charlotte, North Carolina. I believe with all of my heart you have put together a splendid example of how to raise funds. God bless you for writing it. - Dr Jack Murray USA.

Registration for Playgroup, Nursery and Kindergarten classes will be opened to church members from 11 Mar 91 to 5 Apr 91. Registration fee is \$30. For further details/enquiries, please call 2513676 (9.00 am to 2.30 pm).

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Pray for Sis Ng Sang Chiew, Rev & Mrs Yap Beng Shin and Leong Fook Thim, Tabernacle BPC as they set out for China, Sat Mar 9. They'll visit Pastor Wang Ming Tao in Shanghai and Mrs Jason Linn in HK.

Attend Kebaktian Indonesia 4.00 pm at FEBC Hall. Before you visit Indonesia, visit our Indonesian Service!

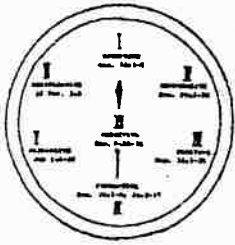
Expresgram to Rev C.T. Hsu. Your gift tract "Have a Good Day" is sent along my Easter letter to Lifers. Our Beulah debt now is \$2.3 million.

The cost of one Olivetti Linea 96 (18 ins) is K31,500 = US\$788. 1 large size refrigerator is K70,000 = US\$1,750. Burma calling! Pastor Tow latest. After a second successful operation Fri Mar 8, he is under enforced rest for five days.

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## WHAT IS THE DESIDERATIVE WILL OF GOD?

(from "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God" by T.T.)

Another aspect of God's will is what we call the Desiderative. This word comes from the Latin implying desire or a longing for. The desiderative will of God is revealed in such Scripture verses as follows:

1. "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:3,4).
2. "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" (Ezek. 18:23).
3. "For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye" (Ezek. 18:32).
4. "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 Pet. 3:9).

Whether stated positively or negatively, these verses express the attribute of God in His "goodness" (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Answer to Question 4). The word "goodness" here refers to the outgoing of God's grace and love and mercy toward the creature in his sin and need. "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2:4) — Buswell.

It is of God's character not to exult like Nero in the torture and death of his Christian subjects, nor like Hitler exterminating six million Jews with a stone-dead heart, but the very opposite. God is good, God is love. So it is in Himself to see sinners turn to Him in repentance, for He is not willing that any should perish.

Thus when we read John 3:16, the most famous verse in the whole Bible, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," we take the plain, simple sense that salvation is offered to all mankind. John 3:16 expresses the Desiderative Will of a God of goodness, to both the good and the evil (Matt. 5:45). But there are the Hyper-Calvinists who see God's goodness only on the elect, that they cannot but conclude the world (*cosmos* in Greek) to be the world of the elect. And when 2 Pet. 3:9 is quoted that He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," these same Hyper-Calvinists must interpret it to refer again to the elect. John 3:16 is not a universal offer of the Gospel but a limited one — only to the elect! This is like holding a sale for a departmental store with a restrictive sign under the word SALE — "only buyers can enter! Now, if these Hyper-Calvinists know there is an aspect of God's will known as the Desiderative, their blind spot on God's Abounding Grace would be removed. "I counsel thee to buy of Me ... anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." (Rev. 3:18).

What does Calvin himself say of John 3:16? In his commentary on this verse touching the word "whosoever," he says, "And he has used a general term, both to invite indiscriminately all to share in life and to cut off every excuse from unbelievers. Such is also the significance of the word 'world' which He had used before. For although there is nothing in the world deserving God's favour, He nevertheless shows He is favourable to the whole world when He calls all without exception to the faith of

Christ which is indeed an entry into life." If the Hyper-Calvinists should still insist on the Gospel in John 3:16 being offered only to the Elect, let them answer what the apostle John says in 1 John 2:2: "And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." By the desiderative will of God we will see clearly what is succinctly stated by Augustine on the effectualness of Christ's death — "Sufficient for all, efficient for the elect." — Calvin in his commentary on 1 John 2:2 above accepts this formula as correct (Buswell).

Another way to show that John 3:16 is a universal offer of salvation to the lost is the parable of the sower (Matt. 13:3-8). According to the Hyper-Calvinists the sower would be seen digging a hole in the good ground and pouring all the seeds into it. These are their precious elect. According to our Lord, however, the seeds are scattered to the uttermost part of the field. Hence, there are those that fall by the wayside, on stony ground and among thorns and thistles. The last three places where the good seeds landed yielded nothing. That cannot stop the good ground bring forth an hundredfold. Nor do we dispute the supralapsarian emphasis of Christ dying in fact for the elect, but to restrict John 3:16 to the elect is like pouring all the seeds into that hole.

As to 2 Peter 3:9, "... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," this is what Calvin has to say:

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

It could be asked here, if God does not want any to perish, why do so many in fact perish? My reply is that no mention is made here of the secret decree of God by which the wicked are doomed to their own ruin, but only of His loving-kindness as it is made known to us in the Gospel. There God stretches out His hand to all alike, but He only grasps those (in such a way as to lead to Himself) whom He has chosen before the foundation of the world.

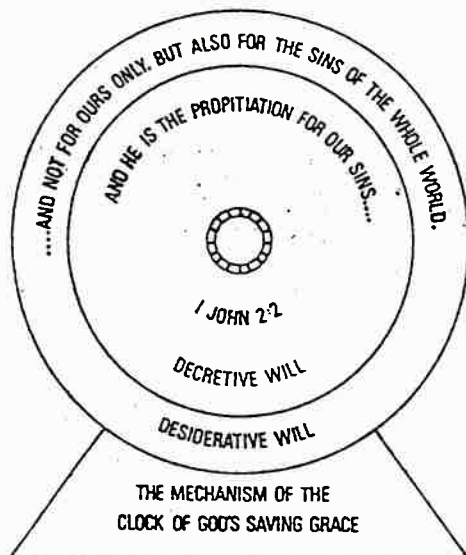
Now, when we see the desiderative will of God applies to all men, we will be the more zealous to spread the Word to as wide a field as possible. We will not like those Hyper-Calvinist Baptist ministers, when approached by William Carey to support his mission to India, be heard saying, "God has predestined whom He would save. He doesn't need you!" How like the Sale in that departmental store we have mentioned above that has a restriction beneath the big sale sign: "Only buyers can enter!"

But our God is not static. Our God is dynamic. Our God is not a computer. Our God is Controller of the universe and Comforter to the Church, yea, even to you and me, who says, "And him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). God's grace is not bound, but abounding. John 3:16 is God's universal offer of salvation to everyone who believes. When you believe, you will soon know from Scripture you are elect.

### On the Desiderative Will of God

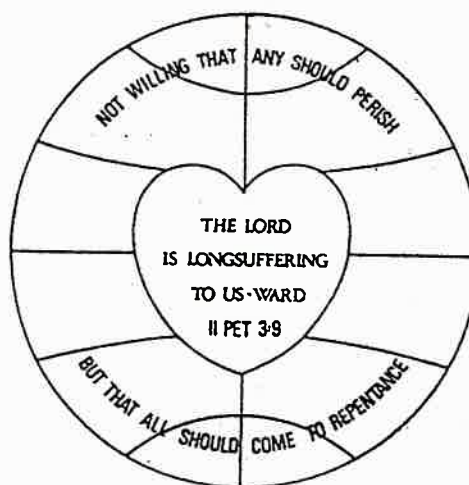
A picture is worth 1,000 words. To illustrate the relationship between the various aspects of the Will of God, we have produced a number of diagrams. Two of these are reproduced overleaf showing the connection between the world-at-large and the elect or chosen ones.

"SUFFICIENT FOR ALL,  
EFFICIENT FOR THE ELECT"



1 John 2:2 = John 3:16

"SUFFICIENT FOR ALL,  
EFFICIENT FOR THE ELECT"



The heart represents God's Decretive Will in electing us, and the sphere His Desiderative Will towards all mankind.

## P A S T O R A L C H A T

My dear Readers,

### Report on my second operation



When I went in the second time, I was a little flurried. But my confidence was soon restored to the fullest when the Christian surgeon fixed into my ears something soft, out of which flowed all the old-time hymns like "What a Friend we have in Jesus" and "Jesus keep me near the cross". As local anaesthesia was applied, I could hear the conversation going on, but I was drawn rather to the sacred music and the words of Grace. I felt not a single twitch of pain during the whole operation. "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...and with His stripes we are healed" came to mind. But the doctor said I must rest, and I would not see yet for the next five days.

Not only the Lord helped, He has also heard your earnest prayers on my behalf. And I must thank you for many get well cards, flowers, ang pows and consolation prizes like fruits and chicken essence. One card with a mountain scene specially touched my heart. It brought immediate remembrance of Ps 121:1,2 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" and the Fraser's Hill.

Yes, Fraser's Hill! We have an appointment there, and we do not want to miss. But we would be satisfied to stay if the doctor said otherwise. When we went for my check up Thursday morning Mar 14, the doctor smilingly okayed: we could join the coach up. Moreover, he said, "You are on the way to recovery. See me when you're back from the Hill!"

Before I saw the doctor Thursday morning, I was still in the valley of expectation. Now I am on the mountain slope of full recovery. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Prov 17:22). See you at the 10.30 am this Lord's Day!

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

### PPPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17 - 24 MAR 91)

ON-FRI FEBC Vacations  
ON 6.00 am Coaches leave for Fraser's Hill  
UE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Msnr Charles Seet)  
ED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Lau)  
RI 7.30 pm Campers return to Church  
ALM 8.00 am "Shall I crucify your King?" (Pr J P David)  
UN 9.30 am Elders and Catechumens Mtg  
10.30 am Rev Tow  
BC: No mtg this week due to Church Camp.

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### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

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\*\$6,083.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 580)\*\$4310; 581)\*\$6083;  
582)\$40; 583)\$60; 584)\$150; 585)\$300;  
586)\$50; 587)\$272.70(Coinafon); 588)\$546;  
589)\$100; 590)\$850 (jewelry sale); 591)\$40  
(boxes); 592)\$2,000 (Thanksgiving).  
GRAND TOTAL: \$971,171.53  
OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines Hilltop Land  
\$500, \$50, \$100, \$200; Chinese Word Pro-  
cessing S'ware \$70, \$100; Rev Tow \$300,  
\$1,000; Msnr Charles Seet \$50, \$60, \$600;  
Maranatha \$30; Batam \$640 (Women's F'ship);  
Missionary F'ship \$180; Jess Tamee \$600;  
Roska \$300.





My dear Readers,

"A New World Order is Coming"



THE WALL OF JERUSALEM

These words uttered by President Bush in the wake of victory over Saddam Hussein with reference to his administration (which is short-lived), unwittingly, points to that Day when the Prince of Peace comes!

Let us not be deceived by the "PEACE" and conferences for peace that are being held under that New World Order. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (I Thess 5:3). Until Jesus comes, any peace treaty made by men will be torn to bits. Until Jesus comes there can be no New World Order.

Today is Palm Sunday when we commemorate our Lord's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. This is the beginning of Holy Week. "All this was

done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.". This ceremonial riding into Jerusalem heralds the day when He will come in great power and glory according to St John in Rev 19:11-16, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns: and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." As Jesus comes into Jerusalem by the Mt. of Olives, in the Day of His Second Coming, it is prophesied by Zechariah he will do the same, as attested also by the two angels to the gazing Galileans.

But before Jesus comes to judge the world, He must conquer it by yielding his body to be crucified to break the power of sin and evil. This was the climax of His mission from heaven to earth. Praise the Lord, our Lord had stooped to conquer. He suffered and shed His precious blood to redeem us. He entered the jaws of death to snatch us out to life. His Resurrection was His Victory over His enemy. His Ascension was to His Kingly throne from which He is soon coming again to establish a New World Order that will last 1,000 years. Do you know that is what Palm Sunday means? As the children hail the King of Kings with loud hosannas (not "God save the king" but "God the King save"! ) so must the whole world kowtow before Him that soon coming day. And where will you be? Are you among the saved or the lost?

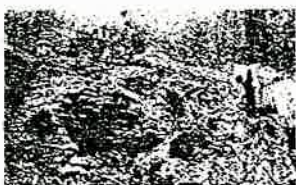
And what preparation are you making for that glorious day to come? It is nearer than you think! Don't say 2000 AD! It can come next year or year after next, as suddenly as the Gulf Crisis erupted. Serve Him with your whole life now before it is too late. Maranatha.

"We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost" (Acts 19:2)

This was the answer given by the Ephesians to Paul when he examined them in the Faith. When I was a boy I had heard of the Name of the Holy Spirit but without understanding. When I was soundly converted and born again by the Holy Spirit at the great revival meetings of Dr John Sung in 1935, I was filled with the joy and power of the Holy Spirit. Ever since, He has guided me each step of life's way.

At the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary-Pandan BPC, I shall be speaking during the month of April 4 messages on the Holy Spirit. These messages will be followed by others to be delivered by Dr S H Tow, Dr Whitcomb and Rev Stephen Khoo. As we are living in the Age of the Holy Spirit, all the more we need to be instructed in the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. O Lord, even now stir up the heart of every Reader to come and hear Your Word!

- T.T.



Lead me to  
Calvary!  
Good Friday  
Service.  
Mar 29, 8pm



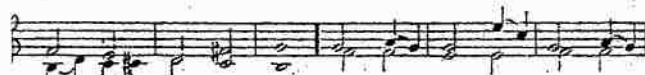
Easter Sunrise  
Service under  
Royal Palms  
Mar 31, 7am  
sharp!







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



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

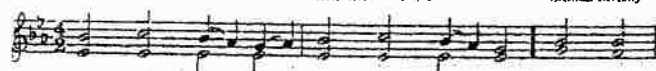


plac - es Be the sound - ing an - them raised.  
great - ness; Fit - ting prais - es then pro - claim.  
vi - ol, Let His glo - rious praise a - bound.



Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah,  
With the flute His praises sing;  
Praise Him with the clanging cymbals,  
Let them with His praises ring.

5 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
All that breathe, Jehovah praise;  
Let the voices God has given  
Joyful anthems to Him raise.



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Earth and  
2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Mag - ni -



heaven in sweet ac - cord Join to sound Je -  
fy Je - ho - vah's Name; Praise the liv - ing



ho - vah's prais - es, Tell the glo - ry of the Lord.  
God, your Mak - er, All that breathe, His praise pro - claim.



#### PPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25 - 31/3/91)

ON 7.30 pm Christian Education of  
Children (Rev Goh)

UE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)

ED 7.30 pm Hymnology (Dr Wagner)

HU 7.30 pm No evening lecture

8.00 pm F'ships Coordinating Com-  
mittee Mtg @ FEBC Library

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FRI 8.00 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Rev Tow)

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF

3.00 pm YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF

SUN 7.00 am COMBINED EASTER SUNRISE  
BAPTISMAL SERVICE (Rev Tow)

8.45 am Easter Breakfast

12.15 pm Korean Church Service

12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship

3.00 pm Thai Service

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service

6.30 pm Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson,  
Newton; Fri Tampines

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$2,869.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,722.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 593)\*\$2869; 594)\*\$7722;  
595)\$74; 596)\$100; 597)\$100; 598)\$300;  
599)\$170.

GRAND TOTAL: \$982,506.53

OFFERINGS FOR: Chinese S'ware \$100, \$70,  
\$175 (received on 3/3/91); Missions \$50,  
\$54 (YF/LTF); Philippines Hilltop Land  
\$50, \$400(MF); Rev Tow \$570, \$500; P'pines  
Mission \$100; Thailand \$1,000; Baraka BPC  
\$1,000; Sale of old piano \$100.

Dr Wagner's mission work in India (received  
at Church Camp): M\$976 + S\$827.

CHRONICLES OF CONQUEST: (1) Warmest Christian  
greetings from Jakarta in the Name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to renew  
my thankfulness toward you for sending me  
Life BP Weeklies and especially the 'Chroni-  
cles of Conquest.' Terima kasih banyak.  
May our powerful Lord Jesus bless you richly  
in doing His business in this chaotic world.  
- Situmorang. (2) I've given a few copies  
of 'Chronicles of Conquest' to friends and  
a lecturer at NUS. They have marvelled  
at our "conquest" in purchasing Beulah Land/  
House and wished that their church members  
could follow our example as they are worship-  
ping in rented cinemas and ballrooms. Land  
to build a church in S'pore is scarce and  
Beulah Land is indeed a good 'catch' for  
the Lord. - A Lifer. (3) I just received  
a copy of your latest book Chronicles of  
Conquest and have enjoyed reading it. It  
represents for me significant monuments  
of God's grace in your ministry and among  
the believers in Singapore. Especially  
interesting to me was chapter 13 (page 53)  
that recorded your visit to Tanjung Pinang.  
I have many fond memories of visiting Tan-  
jung Pinang with you, and the event is etched  
in my memory. Thank you once again for  
your thoughtfulness in making this important  
book available to me. - John J Davis.

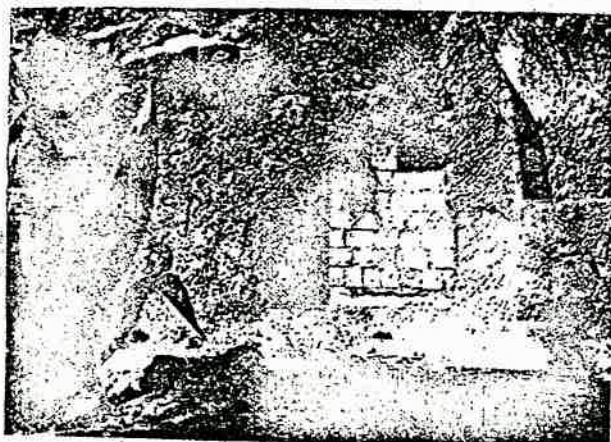
Sunset Gospel Hour TONIGHT. Dr Tow will speak  
on "Marvellous Millennium". After Armageddon  
- Millennium! When will the Millennium begin?  
Where will it be - in heaven or on earth?  
Who will inhabit the Millennial Kingdom?  
How will it end? These and other "burning  
questions" will be answered - and more!  
Come tonight to SGH and be enlightened.





My dear Readers,

Welcome, Happy Morning!



THE GARDEN TOMB, JERUSALEM

Christians of the uniqueness of our Faith. We worship not dead idols made by human hands but the living and true God (I Thess 1:9). That Christ has risen from the dead shows He is GOD. He is the Son of God who has come down from heaven through the Virgin Mary, that He might die for our sins. By rising from the dead the third day He vanquishes death and hell for us. His Ascension to Heaven guarantees our Rapture in that soon coming Day, that we might live with Him forever more.

10 Appearances

Every Christian should know the 10 appearances of our Lord to the early disciples. Can you count them?

Five occurred on the first Sunday. They were to 1) Mary Magdalene; 2) the other women; 3) Cleopas and companion on way to Emmaus; 4) Peter; 5) All disciples except Thomas.

The other Five to 1) All disciples with Thomas the next Lord's Day; 2) Seven by the Sea of Galilee; 3) 500 on a mountain; 4) James in Jerusalem; 5) Disciples, the last time on Mt of Olives, before the Ascension.

No historical event is more attested than the Resurrection of our Lord, and this goes on and on as He appears to His special chosen ones, such as to Paul on the Damascus Road and several times more in his missionary journeys.

But it is not necessary for us to see a vision of Jesus as is emphasised by the Charismatics. Jesus said to Thomas, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (Jn 20:29). So says Peter the Chief Apostle in his First Epistle, "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing..." (I Pet 1:8). To see Jesus everyday the surest way is to read His Word. Read the 4 Gospels for a start. Does He not come to bless your heart as you meditate on His power and love? He speaks to you through the sacred pages! Resolve to read your Bible more this Easter Lord's Day! Are you using the RPG for help? - T.T.

A Young Lifer's Impression of the Fraser's Hill Camp

Having attended the Bible Camp on the theme 'Walk Worthy of the Lord', I came to know more about the dos and don'ts in Christian living. Being a believer for 3 1/2 years, I committed my life to the Lord only in November 1990 in baptism.

In this camp, apart from learning that I have salvation by grace through faith with the help of the Holy Spirit, I also realised the importance of living in a Christian community. As this was a family camp, there were many families among the campers. I have noticed that a family with Christ as the head is indeed a blessed family.

During the last 3 1/2 years, I had very little fellowship with other church members. Being a choir member I don't know many people. I believe there are many people in the church like me. In the camp, there were many opportunities to get to know people whom I didn't know before. Did you have the record of knowing 70 church members in 4 days? Also, did you have lunch at the same table with the Pastor and his wife? I felt very nervous and happy sitting beside the Pastor. I pray that the Lord will restore his left eye as soon as possible, and bless him with perfect health for many years to come.

For those who have missed this camp, there is always the next one to look forward to. Church organised camp is a place where you can learn and grow overnight in the warm fellowship of your own church members. I also realised that advice from a God-fearing person is always sincere and never out of God's view. I am looking forward to next year's Family Camp.

- Belinda Chan H L

I CORINTHIANS 15:55-57 "O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY? THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN; AND THE STRENGTH OF SIN IS THE LAW. BUT THANKS BE UNTO GOD WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

# TESTIMONY

I was born in a Christian family in 1976. Thus, I was baptized as an infant. They brought me to Sunday School at a very young age. It was from there on that I first came to learn of Jesus and the Bible. The Sunday School teachers told me lots of interesting stories from the Bible. I came to learn that there is only one true and living God, and that everyone is born a sinner and is condemned to eternal hell. I was told that the Bible tells us that the remedy for our sins is only through the Lord Jesus Christ. We have to first repent from our sins before we can accept Jesus as our personal Saviour. In 1985 I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour and repented from my sins.

Since then, I have been a regular Sunday School student and was a member of the Life Church Children's Choir until 1989. When I first attended the worship service, I couldn't really understand the sermon. Now I have grown in age and maturity, I could understand the sermons better. Since leaving the choir, I have been regularly participating in the work of the Evangelistic Band Fellowship. I have come of age to understand that there is no other way to heaven except to believe in the Lord Jesus and accept Him as my personal Saviour. So I take the opportunity now to reaffirm my faith where my parents, Sunday School teachers and pastor have since helped me to understand God's plan of salvation better. - Samuel Sng Keng Yeow

## INFANT BAPTISM

01. Lau Jia Jun, Jeremiah,  
s/o Mr & Mrs Lau Hwai Keong
02. Ong Jan Lee, Sandra,  
d/o Mr & Mrs Ong Eng Lam
03. Shin Eun Shig  
s/o Mr & Mrs Shin Yeong Gil
04. Tan Wei En, Joshua,  
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Liang Ping
05. Tan Xue Wei, Rachel,  
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Eng Heong
06. Tang Soke Teng, Christina,  
d/o Mr & Mrs Tang Heng Cheong
07. Yang Sen Chiang, Matthias,  
s/o Mr & Mrs Yang Teo Ning

## REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 01. Miss Chang Hui Chuien                | Student       |
| 02. Mr Cheang Whye Kin, Melvin           | Student       |
| 03. Mr Chia, Elia                        | FEBC Student  |
| 04. Miss Kan Wai Yin, Cordelia           | Student       |
| 05. Miss Seng Sheh Ling,<br>Joanna Joyce | Undergraduate |
| 06. Mr Sng Keng Yeow, Samuel             | Student       |

## TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 01. Miss Chin Yuen Teng           | Bank Officer         |
| 02. Mr Chong Chee Kwong, Vincent  | Draughtsman          |
| 03. Miss Chua Ai Peng, Ada        | Manager              |
| 04. Mr Heng Jee Seng, Philip      | Counsellor           |
| 05. Mr Ho Kee How                 | School Teacher       |
| 06. Mr Ng Wee Hock                | Photographic Chemist |
| 07. Miss Ong Siew Cheng, Joscelyn | Student              |
| 08. Miss Phan Siok Lay,<br>Susan  | Credit Analyst       |

## BAPTISM

- |                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 01. Miss Cheung Siew Li          | Student            |
| 02. Mr Ho Shen-en, Kenneth       | Student            |
| 03. Mr Koh Suan Kee              | Apprentice         |
| 04. Mr Kwek Kiok Seng            | NSF                |
| 05. Mr Lee Choon Loong           | NSF                |
| 06. Miss Lee Ee Jia, Rhoda       | Student            |
| 07. Miss Lee Liew Hua            | Material Planner   |
| 08. Miss Lee Shyh Jia, Rachel    | Student            |
| 09. Miss Lim Poh Lay, Hazel      | Asst Manager       |
| 10. Miss Lim Soak Lee, Joy Joyce | Undergrad.         |
| 11. Mr Ng Huang Ronghau, Herman  | Student            |
| 12. Miss Ng Mui Keng @ Elisabeth | Secretary          |
| 13. Mr Tai Ji Meng               | Knowledge Engineer |
| 14. Miss Tan Hwee Phio, Charlene | Student            |
| 15. Miss Tan Shu Min, Emily      | Student            |
| 16. Mr Tan Swee Thim             | Engineer           |
| 17. Miss Wong Pui Yee, Stephanie | Student            |
| 18. Miss Sharon Vasoo Sushilan   | Student            |

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (1 - 7 APRIL 91)

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| MON | 7.30 pm  | Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)                      |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)   |
| WED | 7.30 pm  | Hymnology (Dr Wagner)  |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | The All-Complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)                           |
| FRI | 7.45 pm  | E-Band Fellowship  |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF  |
|     | 2.00 pm  | Roland Low & Carol Tham Wedding (First Ev. Reformed Church, Rev Lau C K) |
|     | 3.00 pm  | YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF  |
| SUN | 8.00 am  | "Feeding on the Living Word of God" (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)                 |
|     | 10.30 am | Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)  |
|     | 6.00 pm  | Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr "The Holy Spirit and the Trinity"            |

NBC This Week: Fri Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$2,904.00 (8.00 am)  
 \*\$8,405.00 (10.30 am)  
 EXTN BLDG FUND II 600)\*\$2904; 601)\*\$8405;  
 602)\$200; (Thanksgiving); 603)\$100;  
 604)\$1000 (50th anniv. thanksgiving).  
 GRAND TOTAL: \$995,115.53; GOOD FRI: \$12,154  
 OFFERINGS FOR: Batam \$50; Burma \$200;  
 Missionary Fund \$50; Philippines Hilltop  
 Land \$1,420, \$50; Missionary F'ship \$50;  
 Msnr Charles Seet \$150; Easter Breakfast  
 \$50; Total Van Fund \$5,725.

Tanjung Uban Presbyterian Church, affiliated to Tanjung Pinang and supported by our Chinese Service is inaugurated this Easter Lord's Day, Mar 31, '91. Rev Koa Keng Woo is the Lord's messenger at the Maundy Thursday Service.

"I am one of the hostages of SQ117." These words were uttered by a smiling young man among those who shook hands with the Pastor at the Church entrance. He came to pay his vow to the Lord. Thank God for saving SQ117.

A WARM WELCOME to Sharonites to our Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast!

AF Camp 3-6 June @ Desaru View Hotel. Pl. contact Hung Woei Juan (2595240).

NOTICE IS GIVEN of our ACM to be held April 21, 10-10.25 am!

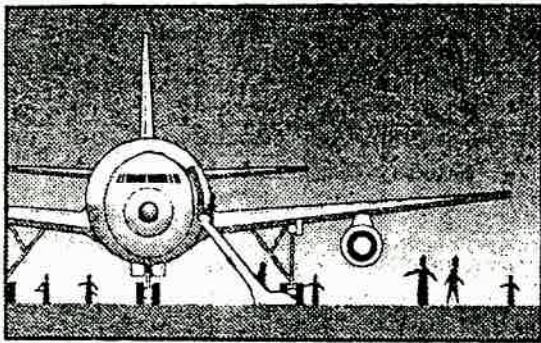
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My dear Readers,

## Thoughts on the Rescue of SQ 117



For a quarter century this little Island State of Singapore has never had it so good. This no doubt is due to a just and honest government but in our public prayers, we have always been careful to render due honour and glory to a merciful God. To the Almighty who has favoured our people according to His good pleasure and counsel of His own will. For He says, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (Rom 9:15). In private conversation we have often expressed thankfulness to our Father for keeping us from international terrorism and bomb scares that

have erupted, plaguing such a nearby country as Philippines during the Gulf War.

When the SIA flight SQ 117 from KL to Singapore Tuesday night Mar 26, '91 with 114 passengers and 11 crew was hijacked by 4 Pakistanis, my personal fears of such eventuality stared me in the face. It is only when it was all over in 30 secs. of commando operation by the S'pore Army that I was moved to offer thanks to God at the Invocation of our Good Friday Night Service. A European passenger commenting on the swift despatch of the terrorists said it was like Entebbe.

Among those who shook hands with the Pastor at the end of the Service was a smiling young man who told me he was one of the 114 passengers. After the Easter Sunrise Service the same person shook my hands again and mentioned that his wife would also come to Church. In my sermon that morning I contrasted the saving faith in this young man with the fears and faintings of those who most probably were outside Christ. It would be wonderful if this "Lifer hostage" would contact the AF or Men's Fellowship whereby we might hear from him firsthand his valuable experience through this ordeal, and better still, about his new resolve to follow the Lord.

We are thankful for a wise Government in handling such a nerve-wracking situation, and to our Armed Forces for such efficiency in tackling international terrorism. But we must not forget to thank God who governs every event of life, great or small, even the wing of a sparrow and the petal of a flower. God is great and God is merciful in preserving the lives of SQ 117. God is the Protector of our Island Nation. God save Singapore. Ugly Singaporeans need a transformation of that image by humbling ourselves and walking softly before God and man. Let our Church redouble her efforts to extend the message of salvation to the ends of the earth while the twilight of 'peace' lingers. Maranatha. Amen.

## "...I must be about my Father's business" (Lk 2:40)

These words are taken from the 12-year old Jesus, whose parents having lost him for three days after the Passover Feast, found Him sitting among theological professors in the Temple. "Wist ye not I must be about my Father's business?" To study God's Word, to preach, and to teach, is to do God's business. To cleanse the Temple, when Jesus began His public ministry, is also doing His Father's business.

There are unseen hands, loving hands, that go through the pews of the Church, that go around the garden compound, yea, every nook and corner, to keep God's House clean. They are just as much involved in the Father's business.

Now, there is one important part of God's business that every Lifer must be about, to fulfill even the requirements of Law, and that is the Annual Congregational Meeting in two weeks' time, Sunday April 21, 10-10.25 am. This 25-minute meeting of the whole Church is held in order to hear the Session's Annual Report, the Treasurer's Report and to approve the Budget of the new year, etc. There is the law of the quorum to be fulfilled, for without the adequate number of members present, the Congregational Meeting will be disqualified. As you are being notified, please make it a point to be present April 21, 10-10.15 am. You who attend the 8.00 am Service, please remain behind a while. You who attend the 10.30 Service, please come half-hour before time. Just once a year! Can you be delinquent in your membership?

As the Church grows there are new commitments, especially the sending of missionaries abroad. Come and deliberate on what we all can do to advance God's Kingdom! Be about the Father's Business!

- T.T.

## Report on Beulah Land, Medan

We are sorry to hear that you have an eye problem. Knowing of your sickness we prayed to God, that He may give you a speedy recovery. The words of the Psalmist is also our words to you (please read Psalm 20).

As a word of encouragement for the glory of God, I would like to report that your last coming here, especially your last speech before going back to Singapore, has caused a great result. First, teachers and workers who also join the Basic Theology for Everyone have become



more dedicated to God. Second, they are faithful in giving to God of what they have. Some give 5%, others 10%, while another gives 15% of their salary for the B.F. Our church members are not left behind. They also give what they have as their hearts are moved by the Spirit of God. Actually the money you gave for the purchase of the land has a credit balance of Rp490,000. This is used for the gate. And now we are walling and fencing all our property for safety. Besides that we are levelling the ground. Now it's useful. The students are very happy, for they have a playground. Very soon I will send you pictures of our finished walls and our activities here at Medan.

#### Sunrise Service

This coming Sunday at 5.00 early morning we will have a Sunrise Service at our new property. These meetings will be a combined Service of Sunday Schools from 3 places. Also YF and AF with their prepared items.

#### Evening Bible School

Since my return from Singapore 1987, our Evening Bible School that we called Basic Theology for Everyone is continuing well. How wonderful it will be if Basic Theology for Everyone is raised to INSTITUT AKITAB INDONESIA BARAT.

I heard that Rev Tan and sister Kimiko are coming. Praise the Lord for their zeal. Now is the time to start a Fundamental Bible College especially here at Medan. For not even one good Bible school is here. Let's start it in God's way. For God's work must be done in God's way as you have said so. If IAIB is recognized by the Government, we will have no problem welcoming lecturers from Singapore. The people of Medan long to see you. Because whenever you come it's only for one day, and tomorrow you disappear.

Finally, greetings to the household of faith at Life Church.

- Haposan

#### Advancing God's Kingdom by Geometric Progression

And the way to do it is through our growing Bible College movement.

Since FEBC was founded in 1962, we have graduated 180 from 15 countries. Our first 3 African graduates are not only pastors, but also teachers, two having started their own Bible schools. The third is Rev Kivai who teaches at his alma mater Bible College of East Africa, Nairobi. Incidentally Rev Kim Kyung Soo, another FEBCer, is now principal of BCEA. Now, yet another FEBCer is joining him on the College Staff. (Rev Kim is here on a short visit.)

Rev Robert Thawm Luai, FEBCer (1986) is founder and principal of the Far East Fundamental School of Theology, Rangoon with 37 students. The College is supported by S'pore.

Mr Charles Seet and wife Frieda, are headed for Manila to teach at the Metro-Manila School of the Bible. Mr Seet has taught one full year at FEBC.

Last but not least is the coming establishment of the West Indonesia Bible Institute, headed by Hoposan.

Our Bible College movement has opened from Singapore to Kenya, to Burma, to Philippines and to Indonesia. By geometric progression.

- T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (8 - 14 APR '91)

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS (EASTER):

MON 7.30 pm Christian Education of Children Rev Goh Seng Fong)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting (Dr Wagner)  
WED 7.30 pm Hymnology (Dr Wagner)  
THU 7.30 pm The All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)  
FRI 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
8.00 pm Family Worship at the new home of Mr & Mrs Chua Too Swee, 2A Jln Aruan, S0922 (tel: 7345359)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF  
3.00 pm YF & LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF  
7.00 pm Men's F'ship 1st Anniv. (Rev Tow, FEBC Hall)  
SUN 8.00 am "The Necessity of Prayer" (Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan  
10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow)  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.45 am Church Choir Practice  
12.15 pm Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach  
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr  
"The Holy Spirit and Creation"

\*\$25,913.00  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 605)\*\$25913; 606)\$10000; 607)\$10; 608)\$100; 609)\$100; 610)\$20; 611)\$357.30; 612)\$100; 613)\$1600 (Sharon BPC); 614)\$100; 615)\$100; 616)\$70; 617)\$136 (boxes); 618)\$10,000 (loan converted); 619)\$2000 (loan converted).  
Total \$1,028,591.83  
GRAND TOTAL: \$1,045,721.83  
OFFERINGS FOR: Msnr C. Seet \$50; YF \$10; Rev Tow \$10; Medan Beulah Land \$50; Rev Paauwe \$994.95 (Holland).  
EBF II 620)A\$200; 621)A\$25 (Belated Easter floral offering in memory of Mrs Nancy Tow).  
CHRONICLES OF CONQUEST: "Thank you for the book you sent to me. I very much thank God for the training I received from you. Here in Kenya, God is using me as He wills. I teach in our Bible College and also in our Bible institute named Africa Church Reformed Bible Institute. I am also a Pastor of a church at Mitaboni. Please, Sir, pray for me for the work here. Remember me to the FEBC students and the teachers and also to Mrs Tow." - Rev Kivai, Kenya.

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Fri Tampines

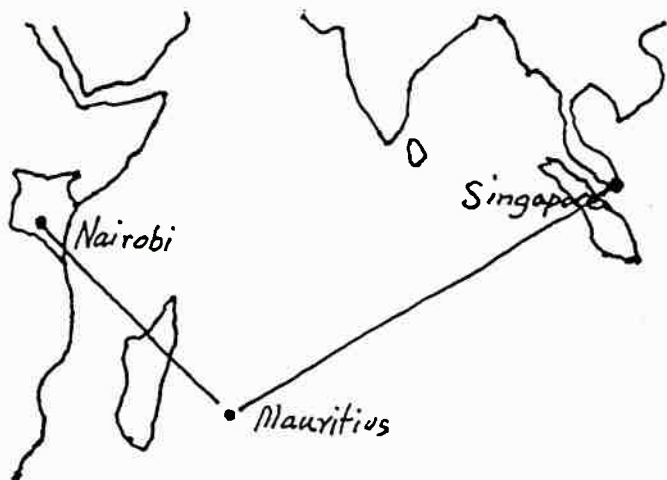
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KOREAN FEBC GRADUATE HEADS BIBLE COLLEGE OF EAST AFRICA

Last week when Rev Mark Kim Kyung Soo knocked on my door, I was almost floored by what I thought to be an apparition! He and his wife and two daughters had left FEBC a year ago to head the Bible College of East Africa. To my knowledge it was a long arduous journey flying up to Karachi and down the horn of Africa past Somalia and Ethiopia to Nairobi, Kenya. How did I know there's a shorter route by Mauritius and Madagascar, and the roundtrip fare is only US\$900. This has facilitated his coming. [Rev Kim has a BSc and BTh from Korea and DipTh(FEBC).]



Why did Rev Kim make this sudden trip to see me? He had come to enlist the help of another FEBCer. So, there will be 3 FEBCers serving at the Bible College of East Africa. The third one is also one of the three Kenyans who obtained their degrees from FEBC. He has returned to serve in his alma mater besides pastoring a church and teaching at the African Church Reformed Bible Institute started by Masila.

In a letter received by hand through Rev Kim, Rev Richard Kivai says, "Greetings from Kenya. I have not regretted for having studied in FEBC. I just want to assure you of my sincere prayers for you and the ministry there.

"Thank you for the book "Chronicles of Conquest" you sent to me. I very much thank God for the training I received from you. Here in Kenya, God is using me as He wills. I teach in our Bible College and also in our Bible Institute named Africa Church Reformed Bible Institute. I am also Pastor of a church at Mitaboni. Please, sir, pray for me for the work here. Remember me to the FEBC students and the teachers and also to Mrs Low.

"There is a teacher who works with me here and I am recommending him to your school. I hope he can do well. His name is Alex. Rev Kim will explain to you all the details.

"Sir, I would like to have more of your books for the work here. It's my prayer that God will enable me to visit Singapore sometimes. Why don't you think of visiting Kenya at least for two days? I would like to have you. Sir, may God bless you. NB: In Kenya, the fruit of FEBC is evident. We have a very good principal, Rev Kim. I am happy that he was a student of FEBC. We do pray for FEBC. God bless FEBC."

I have personally visited BCEA. That was in 1975. At present they have 23 students. The need of sustaining this fundamental school of theology is great. BCEA is the product of the Independent Board for Foreign Missions, which had sent Rev & Mrs John Grauley to FEBC in the sixties. But American missionaries seem to have run their part in the medley. It is high time for men and women of other races to carry on the baton. Especially those who are qualified to teach.

But here's a note of warning! Visits by church members to the mission fields, self-paying are good. But those who say they are called to be missionaries must first be qualified and be prepared to rough it out on a long-term basis. Are you willing to stay on the job for a term of 3 or 4 years? Any work for God must be cost effective. Of course there are arrangements for special stop-gap ministries, and a valid case in point is the valuable service by Elder & Mrs Khoo to the Australian Churches, particularly Bethel BPC, Melbourne.

Coming back to Rev Kim's unexpected visit to Singapore, there is another reason why he contacted us. It is for our help in the supply of theological books. The books we have published through CLBC and sent to Kenya through Rev Kim's container a year ago (500 at least) have been exhausted. They are used in several other schools and churches. So we have promised another 500 to be sent in time. We have also donated 100 copies used Trinity Hymnals to the African Church.

By the willingness of a Korean FEBCer to give his life to Africa, "a great door and effectual is opened" (I Cor 16:9) to our members and readers! If you cannot go, you can pray and pay! Incidentally there are 3 more Kenyans, 1 Ghanan and 2 Liberians training at FEBC, and soon one of them will graduate and return to teach in his homeland this July. Pray for FEBC that we may be enabled to train more workers for the farflung harvest fields of another hemisphere.

FEBC is the fountain head of a Bible College movement that has flowed to Burma (Thawmuaui), Philippines (Charles Seet), Indonesia (Haposan) and now Kenya (East Africa) - Mark Kim Kyung Soo. Do remember us in our day-to-day ministry in prayer. Amen.

## EASTER TESTIMONY

I first came to know Christ when I was in Sec 3. At that time, I attended worship service and S.S. with my classmates. It was then that I accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour.

However, after I left school, I left the church, as well as my classmates, and we were all separated. I backslided but God is always there waiting patiently for me to repent.

It was after a few years of fruitless wandering that I began to realize I can never run away from God. I was brought back to church by my Christian colleagues.

I re-affirmed my faith in Christ and began to grow spiritually. Since then, I have received many blessings from God even though I have had tough times too. Whatever the circumstances are, I have the assurance that Christ is always with me and He will give me the strength to overcome any problem or difficulty.

Several years ago, my mother was taken seriously ill. At that time, I prayed earnestly everyday for her salvation and to my delight, she accepted Christ as her Saviour. God is, indeed, wonderful. Though she was called home to be with the Lord, I know someday, we will be reunited in eternity.

I am now obeying His command by taking a step further in baptism. I pray that I will continue to grow spiritually in Him and be a witness to others. - Hazel Lim Poh Lay

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15-21 Apr '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Dr Wagner)
WED	7.30 pm	Hymnology (Dr Wagner)
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	The All-complete Plan of Salvation (Dr Wagner)
FRI	7.45 pm	Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)
	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF
	7.00 pm	Filmshow "Patmos"
SUN	8.00 am	"Be Filled with the Holy Spirit" (Rev C. Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.00 am	Annual Congregation Mtg
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.45 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr "The Holy Spirit and Revelation"
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Wed Newton

Fri Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$2,748.00

\*\*\$12,151.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 622)\*\$2748; 623)\*\$12151  
624)\$50; 625)\$150; 626)\$130; 627)\$100;  
628)\$50; 629)\$200; 630)\$200; 631)\$855  
(Chinese S.); 632)\$2,100; 633)\$200(Pepsi).  
Total: \$1,047,525.83

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,064,655.83

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines Mission \$300,  
\$2,517.23; FEBC \$100; DVBS \$200; Msnr  
C. Seet \$100, \$300; Jess Tamee \$300;  
Van Fund \$830, \$857.90, \$950, \$1080,  
\$1080, \$1130, \$1100, \$1900.

Please be reminded of the Annual Congregation Mtg at 10.00 am next Lord's Day.

Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2502138, 2569256.

### CHRONICLES OF CONQUEST: (1) Thank you very

much for my copy of The Chronicles of Conquest

It is a remarkable compilation of the strives

behind the acquisition of "Beulah Land."

I have read many portions of it and find

that it not only strengthens one's faith

in our great God but instructs me in His

ways. Indeed, it may well serve as a vade

mecum for someone embarking upon a venture

of faith similar to that of the Life B-Pers.

Scattered throughout the book are golden

nuggets of sacred songs and verses, personal

testimonies of young and old, short accounts

of sacrificial gifts. The entire book is

a thrilling testimonial of the varying methods

by which the Lord uses the talents of His

children who yield themselves completely

to His will. - Dr Lois G Dickie, USA.

(2) I want to thank you for sending me Chroni-

cles of Conquest. I praise God for the way

he has worked there and is continuing to

work in Southeast Asia. I pray that you

and your family are doing well physically

and that each one of you are growing in the

grace and knowledge of our Lord & Saviour

Jesus Christ. - Roger E Martin (Encl'd US\$25

cheque). (3) We thank you for the book Chroni-

cles of Conquest received recently. We de-

layed writing to you until we had opportunity

to read it, so that we could comment. It

is truly an encouraging chronicle of our

Lord's working through the hearts and minds

of His own to accomplish the impossible,

humanly speaking. We treasure this book:

it is heartwarming to see what can be done

under dedicated capable leadership. Once

more, thank you. - Dambach.

(4) Thank you so much for the "next" book

you sent me, Chronicles of Conquest. I am

indeed happy to have it. It is the story

of a monumental task to the glory of God.

May it ever stay that way. I also wish to

thank you again for the Life B-P Weekly.

I read them carefully, as soon as I get them,

and I wanted to thank you at one point for

one of the weekly dissertations you made

on prophecy, just before the January 16th

date of the war breaking out. Now we are

at this point in time, after the shooting

and before a permanent cease fire, and the

options before us are awesome - in the unfold-

ing of prophecy. - Tato, USA.



P A S T O R A L   C H A T  
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My dear Readers,

Before the Judgment Seat of Christ

Today is our Annual Congregational Meeting. It is to report to the Congregation the events of the Church during the year that is past. Particularly the income and expenditure of the Church. We who are the Session must render an account to you. As this is done also before the Lord, we are like rendering the account before the Judgment Seat of Christ. "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (II Cor 5:9-11).

As to the fiscal statements and the neatness of their presentation, I must commend heartily the faithful and diligent work of our Treasurer, the helping hands that count the money after every service, and the auditors for their clarifications. I must thank the Lord for all who have lovingly given to the support of God's work in one way or another, but particularly you, the Marys of Bethany, who give to the lightening of our Beulah Burden. God bless you with happiness and health, your home and children.

From Profit to Profit

In both the parables of the talents and the pounds Jesus used the word "trade" to teach us the importance of profit in our endeavours for God's Kingdom. Your hilarious giving to the Beulah Land Enterprise saved us taking a million-dollar loan from the bank. It brought the Lord good profit for by your effort we are saved from tens of thousands in interest-paying. This has enabled us to support missions in various fields, so that God's work is not hindered. This will help us, in part, to send two missionary couples - Charles Seet & Frieda to Philippines and Deeram & Jess to Thailand.

Is every Lifer "trading" wisely for the Lord?

As the Church is made up of individual members, it is of paramount importance that every Lifer "trade" wisely for the Lord. Are you one who brings home 100% profit like the five-talent and two-talent servants or are you the third one who buried his talent in the earth? Are you profitable or unprofitable to the Lord?

Since we are bought with a price (I Cor 7:23), even by the precious blood of Jesus Christ (I Pet 1:19), we are no more our own. We belong to Him. Let us live a wholesome, vibrant Christian life to glorify Him, and not be one in name only. Can he say to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"?

Practical Considerations

Coming to Church once a week as a matter of duty is not enough. How about joining the S.S. with your children to added profit? Coming to Tuesday night prayer meeting is a step in the right direction. To be more profitable, may I suggest you join one of our Fellowships. There are at least 10 of them to cater to every age group. There is no limitation of age or sex in the Missionary Fellowship. To further your Biblical knowledge there are the Monday and Thursday Evening Classes provided by FEBC. The various projects of our Church need material support. If every earner will keep up to the Lord's tithe, we will not be hampered in the advancement of God's Kingdom. (God doesn't require what you have not.)

If you are a father or mother with young children, now is the time to train them up in the way of the Lord. Holding a nightly family worship and telling them the wonders of God's work from the Bible will lay foundations for their early salvation. Disciplining them in study and recreation (the TV set must be strictly regulated), is part of your wise "trading" for spiritual profit for your whole family. Do you read a portion of God's Word everyday, underlining "golden texts"? Do you underline the texts preached every Lord's Day? This will enhance your understanding of the Truth. Do you pray to the Lord in sweet communion with Him? Do you bring all your problems to Him? Do you give thanks when He answers? All these questions I put to you are to start you on the right track to "trading" for the Lord. How much profit will you bring to Him?

Cost-effective Missions

According to the Divine mandate of "profitable trading", so has our Church's involvement in Missions been cost-effective from the beginning. A few examples will suffice: 1) Kulai Besar Corner Terrace House, now home for Kulai Besar BPC and Kindergarten. Acquired in 1972 for M\$14,700, its value is easily 5 times that today. Here is a flourishing self-supporting Church of 30 under Rev David W.T. Wong with a Kindergarten of 40. 2) Selayang Segar (KL). By extending a loan to Rev Liew Hon Seng, this "A-1" flat at the corner of the



2nd floor, dedicated by Dr Arthur Steele, is now a busy centre of worship, etc. Rev Liew has also a work at Taman Sri Melati, 2 miles away. The Peace BPC, for that is their name, will be fully self-supporting 1992. 3) A 2½-acre Church-Kindergarten, School-Orphanage complex with several pieces of land therein bought by Life Church for Rev Djunaidi, this Christian Village became self-supporting since April 1988. Rev Djunaidi has expanded the gospel work on his own and built two churches at Kumpai and Biong (15 adults were baptised, Christmas 1990).

With support withdrawn from the above-mentioned three enterprises, we are enabled to go to the aid of new missions. The first is B-P Mission on Batam Island under Sis. Roska. With the prospect of acquiring a house in the National Development Estate near Sekupang costing S\$10,000, our Batam Mission costs \$18,160 (1991-92). 2) Burma. Under Rev Robert Thawn Luai's leadership, the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology receives S\$25,000 every year. This sum has helped to rent 2 houses, pay the staff and offer a number of scholarships. 3) Philippines. In association with Rev Dan Ebert's Metro-Manila School of the Bible, Mr & Mrs Charles Seet will be sent. Their support is estimated to cost S\$36,650 a year. 4) Thailand. Deoram and Jess with two children will return to Chiang Mai where they will start a Kindergarten and Church. Their expenses will total S\$21,975. The grand total for Missions to Batam, Burma, Philippines and Thailand is S\$101,785 for one year. Since offerings for their support are far from adequate, gifts designated to the persons concerned shall be channelled to their public account and not directed to the individuals. This is a universal missions policy.

In pursuance of our policy of self-support and cost-effectiveness, with the view of nurturing a strong national church, it is hoped our various constituencies in the field will follow the example of Kulai Besar and Rev Djunaidi in Kalimantan. With this procedure, new mission fields will be opened. In view of the fact that our Beulah Debt-burden is still over \$2 million we will concentrate on lightening its load. It is hoped we can be freed of this debt by June 1993.

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### Echoes to Psalm 23

The God of love my shepherd is,  
And He that doth me feed;  
While He is mine and I am His,  
What can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grass,  
Where I both feed and rest;  
Then to the streams that gently pass:  
In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, He doth convert,  
And bring my mind to frame,  
And all this not for my desert,  
But for His Holy Name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode  
Well may I walk not fear;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
To guide, thy staff to bear.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love  
Shall measure all my days;  
And, as it never shall remove,  
So neither shall my praise.

- AMY PHUA

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (22-28 Apr '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Christian Education of Children (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Dr Wagner)
WED		No Hymnology Class
THU	8.30 am	FEBC Final Exams begin
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC
	4.00 pm	YAF (Rev Tow, Beulah Hse)
SUN	8.00 am	"Knowing the Will of God" (Rev C. Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice

SUN 10.45 am Church Choir Practice

12.15 pm Korean Church Service

12.30 pm E-Band Outreach

12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship

3.00 pm Thai Service

4.00 pm Indonesian Service

4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service

6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

"The Holy Spirit & Illumination"

NBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson,  
Joo Chiat; Fri Bukit Batok, Tampines

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,550.00

\*\$6,150.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 634)\*\$3,550; 635)\$300;  
636)\*\$6150; 637)\$1000; 638)\$262.06(Australia);  
639)\$50; 640)\$100; 641)\$223(Coinafon); 642)  
\$200; 643)\$71(Boxes); 644)\$300; 645)\$40.47  
(USA). Total: \$1,059,772.36.

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,076,902.36

OFFERINGS FOR: Missionary Fund \$50; Easter Flowers \$32.76(Australia); Batam \$700(WF);  
Missionary F'ship \$10; Thanksgiving \$190,  
\$200; Dohar Siregar \$300; Daniel Arianto  
\$300; Medan Beulah Land \$320; Van Fund \$730,  
\$2100, \$930.

Madam Cheong Ah Yong, 83, mother of Sam Sum of Bethel BPC, Melbourne, was baptised at Ward 75 SGH, April 15 in the presence of Eld Khoo and Amila, a Sri Lanka domestic help. Through this testimony, Amila also received Jesus as Saviour, and a copy of the Gospel of Life. Praise the Lord!

Our deepest sympathy to the Wong family (Foon Leng, Wendy, Mrs Wong of Chinese Service) for the passing away of Mr Wong Dong on 16 April. Vigil service was conducted by Rev C. Wong and funeral by Rev P. Tan.

All are welcome to Dr & Mrs Wagner's Organ & Piano Recital on April 28, 5.00 pm @ Calvary (Pandan) BPC.





My dear Readers,



"Owe no man anything" (Rom 13:8)

At last week's Congregational Meeting it was disclosed by the Treasurer that since we acquired the Beulah property Apr 30, 90 to this day we have cleared \$790,447.40 from our \$3 million debt. So, we are now owing \$2.2 million. Reflecting on this healthy situation, I wrote the same day we should aim at wiping the remaining sum by June 1993.

To accomplish this we need to stretch our sinews again! We need to mobilise every department and fellowship of the Church. Meanwhile, the Men's Fellowship had led the way with a gift and loan. Maranatha followed suit with a goodly loan. In order that each department and fellowship might exert an equal effort, it is proposed that 50% of your respective incomes be channelled to the EBF II. Or should "many sons starve a father," according to a Chinese proverb I had quoted? Rather, "Bear ye one another's burden and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2).

"Every work for Jesus will be blest, But He asks from every one his best

Our talents may be few these may be small, But unto Him is due our best our all,"

What happened to those who beautify their own houses  
to the neglect of God's House?

After the Jews' Return from 70 years exile in Babylon they were told to rebuild Solomon's Temple that was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. They had built first the altar and laid the foundations when they were suddenly stopped by the higher authorities. That stop lasted 15 years.

Meanwhile the people built their own houses and lavished them with decorative ceilings, with never a thought for God. Listen to the prophet Haggai's message that might well apply to ugly Singaporeans, "Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes...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 1:5-8).

Nor can we withhold the tithe, the sacred tenth without His rebuke, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal 3:8-11).



Powerhouse for Missions



There is a reason why God has sent us students from a dozen countries. He wants FEBC to be a powerhouse for Missions. This is shown e.g. by Rev Mark Kim of Korea being sent to head the Bible College in Kenya; by the first three African graduates Masila, Kivai, Koech returning to pastor and teach in their own churches, in town or country. Of the two couples to be sent to the fields, Charles Seet and wife Frieda are both B.Th. holders from FEBC. Charles, a pure Lifer, has also taught at FEBC for

the last one year. The other couple are Jess, another Lifer and Deoram. Deoram her husband is Thai, so they will return to their original field in Chiang Mai. Another FEBCer, member of a local Presbyterian Church, is being sought by Rev Kim to go to Kenya. And so the line up of those going out keeps lengthening.

To keep up the tempo of training our present body of 60 students, we are enlisting three new lecturers in the next academic year 1991-92, which is our 30th Anniversary:

1. Rev Dan Ebert III, Director of the Metro-Manila School of the Bible and of the Centre of Biblical Studies for Graduate Students. He is the creator of the written script of the Palawano language (Southern Philippines) and translator of the New Testament.
2. Rev Albert Ong, FEBCer B.Th., M. Div., Th.M., is a lover of the alma mater, whose wife Agnes, M.A., M.A. has taught a computer class this semester.
3. Mr Das Koshy, a graduand, who having studied 3 years Greek is taking an intensive course under Dr Paul Wagner. His teaching of Greek Reading next year is part of FEBC's launching of her master's programme. Mr Das Koshy holds a B.Sc. in Chemistry. He comes from India.
4. The principal himself is taking a 5-week refresher course in Modern Hebrew over the 5-month Ulpan course he had graduated from the American Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem 1969-70. This time he'll be away in June-July, '91.
5. Rev Goh Seng Fong, old-timer FEBCer, Cert.R.K., M.A., M.Div. is leaving for States to take his doctorate in Ministry this August. He is sponsored by the alma mater.
6. Dr Whitcomb who is speaker at Calvary's Combined Family Camp will teach one week's Vacation Bible College



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at Calvary and FEBC in June '91. FEBC students who attend the one week's intensive course, both morning and evening and write a paper will earn one credit, N.B.!

7) A Third Holy Land Study Tour under the auspices of FEBC is being considered for March 1992. FEBC students who join this Study Tour and write a paper will be granted 2 credits, as in the last two study tours. (As a result of this link-up between Singapore and the West Bank, Israel, we have through Life Church bought a piece of land at Beit Sahour, 3 miles from Bethlehem, for the Arab Church.)

Upholding the labourers' hands in the fields

I'm glad to hear of the Men's Fellowship paying a visit to our mission outreaches to Batam, Tanjung Uban and Tanjung Pinang under the guidance of Eld Sng. They will worship I understand, at Tanjung Pinang, our oldest contact since 1973. There they'll find a flourishing Chinese Church with a new 3-storey building. May the spirited singing at your 1st Anniversary be repeated before our Indonesian brethren to stir up their hearts.



The highlight of your visit, I'm sure, will be Tanjung Uban. On Easter Sunday the sign-board of the Church was erected with official approval. Our workers there are Mr & Mrs Chia Jung Kong, No. 35 Jalan Hang Tuah. This newest station, our 40th, needs an electronic organ (portable). Perhaps the Lord might send one through the MF, so that your visit will bring enhanced joy to the new worshippers. This is missions!

With this parting greeting, Shalom, I am,  
Yours faithfully, T.T.

POINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (29 Apr - 5 May)

- ON 7.30 pm Christian Education of Children Exams
- UE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Wagner)
- ED 10.00 am Family Seminar "Living Together..Yet Feeling Lonely"
- RI 3.00 pm FEBC End-of-Semester Gathering
- 7.45 pm Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)
- 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship
- AT FEBC Vacation Begins
- 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
- 3.00 pm LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF
- JN 8.00 am "Overcoming Temptation" (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
- 9.30 am Sunday School
- 10.30 am Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
- 10.30 am Chinese Service
- 10.30 am Junior Worship
- 10.30 am Children's Choir Practice
- 10.45 am Church Choir Practice
- 12.15 pm Korean Church Service
- 12.30 pm E-Band Outreach
- 12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship
- 3.00 pm Thai Service
- 4.00 pm Indonesian Service
- 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
- 6.30 pm Tamil Service

C This Week: Thu Newton

Fri Bukit Batok, Bishan,  
Chinatown, Tampines

ST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$6,161.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$6,737.00 (10.30 am)

TN BLDG FUND II 646)\*\$6161; 647)\$100;

8)\*\$6737; 649)\$50; 650)\$300; 651)\$357.30.

tal: \$1,073,477.66.

ANS 11)\$10,000(Maranatha); 12)\$105(MF).

tal Loans \$27,235.00

AND TOTAL: \$1,100,712.66

OFFERINGS FOR: Msnr C. Seet \$100; Baraka BP Church \$150; Van Fund \$900, \$60, \$1030, \$820, \$1000, \$200; Thailand \$100, \$100.

Excellent Helps to Family Worship. As the RPG is published to help Daily Reading of the Bible, so Dr Tow Siang Hwa has put out a selection of 69 Hymns for Family Worship called "Every Home a Godly Home." He says, "Attending church is not enough. Daily personal Quiet Time with God is not enough. The family must gather as a family to seek God's face in worship, that is, if you value your Christian heritage and desire God's best for your children." Helps to Scripture reading are Morning and Evening by Spurgeon, Daily Light, Days of Praise (ICR), Ryle's Expository Thoughts on the Gospel, and The Gospel of Life - available at CLBC our own Bookroom. Start Family Worship with your young children tonight!

Attend Dr & Mrs Paul Wagner's piano-and-organ recital at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC this evening, 5.00 pm. The Wagners will leave for Australia with Eld & Mrs Khoo, May 2, for a month's ministry with the Bethel BPC, Melbourne.

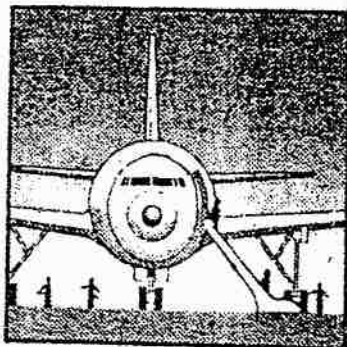
Vacation Bible School 1991 (10-14 June, 9am - 12 pm, Life BPC). VBS is our annual project to reach out to unsaved children (4-14 years). Please use the blue VBS cards available at the church counter to invite children you know. You can also help by joining the canvassing teams on Sunday afternoons, and by signing up to be teachers, song-leaders, bus-runners, guitarists, pianists, kitchen assistants, or administrative staff. Application forms are available at the Church counter.

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## TESTIMONY BY THOMAS KHOR BOI HUAT



The Lord has been extremely kind and merciful to my family in protecting me during the 8-hour long SQ 117 hijack on 26 March 1991.

At 9.48 pm flight SQ 117 took off from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore. I was seated on the fourth row Economy Class. Refreshment was served at 10.00 pm and I was the last to be served. Suddenly a big commotion came from the rear of the plane. A tall, slim Pakistani rushed forward and shouted to all the passengers, "This was a hijack!" All Economy Class passengers seated on the first 3 rows were commanded to move to the rear. There were 4 hijackers. They carried 2 detonators each. They told us that the purpose of the hijack was to release the jailed political leaders of the

Pakistan People's Party in Pakistan.

The most notorious hijacker, Mohammed Khan, was guarding the centre exit. The chief Mr Shahid commanded the plane to be flown to Sydney. Fortunately, Cpt Lim managed to convince them to refuel in Singapore. The plane landed at Changi airport at 10.24 pm.

Negotiations were proceeding, but at midnight the hijackers had not received the fuel on the first deadline. Two stewards were pushed out of the plane. The notorious Mohammed Khan threatened to kill one passenger every five minutes. I kept this passage of God's word in my heart, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I prayed to the Lord to move me several rows backwards. I requested permission to go to the toilet. I returned to a new seat on Row 6.

Demands were made with deadlines imposed. The hijackers got upset at 2.45 am. They poured alcohol all over the plane and almost ignited it.

At 6.45 am the hijackers refused to wait any longer. Mr Shahid ordered the captain to start the engine within 5 minutes or else he would kill all the passengers. He counted four, three ... when I heard the Commando's command "LIE LOW!" All the passengers dived low. The passenger sitting next to me was shivering and petrifying with fear. Praise the Lord, I was slightly frightened. Shots were heard. In less than 30 seconds Operation LIGHTNING STORM was over. The four hijackers were killed. We were ordered to sit up and keep our hands on our heads. I praise the Lord for protecting me throughout the 8 hours trial. The Lord has brought my family closer to Him as a result of this hijack ordeal.

## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found..."

..."Call ye upon Him while He is near!" (Isa 55:6). But we must cleanse ourselves before He would hear us. So the prophet continues, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa 55:7).

You have read Bro Thomas Khor's testimony above. The difference between him and the one sitting next is the Lord's presence with one and not with the other. May the word from Isaiah remind us to draw nigh to God always.

Conversely, hear the words of King Solomon, "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord" (Prov 1:24-29).

Something Personal

Many have been inquiring after my left eye. Praise the Lord, though recovery is slow, it is sure. I'm heading towards 40% as announced by Eld Seow to the Chinese Service. We're deeply thankful to God for His gentle mercies, so we will hold a Thanksgiving Service Fri. May 10, 8.00 pm at the FEBC Hall. Not only to thank the Lord, but the whole Church, you who have specially shown me kindness, not the least Eld Ang Beng Chong the eye-surgeon.



We have been granted 2 months sabbatical and study leave by Session. The main purpose is to attend to Jemima's wedding to Jeffrey Khoo. They will be married at Suncoast B-P Church, Florida by the hands of Dr Howard Carlson and Dr Arthur Steele. The date is May 22, 10.00 am. We leave May 11 TG414 2040 hrs via Bangkok. We arrive in N.York Sun May 12, 1445 hrs. As usual our stalwart Lifer abroad, Rev Hsu and wife will be at hand to "deliver" us. Usually my son John would drive us to Philadelphia, but as he is now fulltime in the

Air Force, he seems not able to make it.

We'd visit relatives and friends in Baltimore and the Philey area, then the Turners at Harrisburg and from there to Akron, Ohio to see daughter Lily. From Akron by Greyhound still to a little town Morton in Illinois to visit with William Teo. May 20 we fly down to Florida. We leave the States May 29 for Israel, where we'd spend 40 days on a refresher course in Modern Hebrew, returning S'pore July 10.

#### Has Life a Purpose?

The events that have overtaken me the last three months have taught me many lessons. Once again I see the sovereign Hand of God, working out a higher purpose. For this reason my parting sermon to you is "Has Life a Purpose?" Bring an unsaved friend, especially, to the 10.30 am Service.

Because life has a purpose for the Christian, we are not discouraged by sickness or old age or by the many problems we encounter. May God comfort Bro Wee Hian Kok and his wife and children in his recent ordeal. Thank God, he is fast on the road to recovery. Psalm 20, which Haposan quoted for me, I pass on to them!

Yours faithfully, T.T.

#### EACH STEP I TAKE

1. Each step I take my Savior goes before me,  
And with His loving hand He leads the way;  
And with each breath I whisper, "I adore Thee!"  
O what joy to walk with Him each day.  
Chorus:  
Each step I take I know that He will guide me -  
To higher ground He ever leads me on;  
Until some day the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer home.
2. At times I feel my faith begin to waver,  
When up ahead I see a chasm wide;  
It's then I turn and look up to my Savior,  
I am strong when he is by my side.
3. I trust in God, no matter come what may,  
For life eternal is in His hand;  
He holds the key that opens up the way  
That will lead me to the promised land.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (6 - 12 May '91)

- TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Rev Tow)  
FRI 8.00 pm Pastor's Thanksgiving Service (FEBC Hall)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF  
3.00 pm LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF  
8.40 pm Pastor & Mrs Tow to USA (TG 414)  
SUN 8.00 am "Getting Along with other Christians" (Rev P Tan, Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev P. Tan  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.45 am Church Choir Practice  
12.15 pm Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach  
12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service  
6.30 pm Tamil Service

IBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson  
Fri Joo Chiat

#### AST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,252.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,031.00 (10.30 am)

XTN BLDG FUND II 652)\*\$3252; 653)\$200;  
54)\*\$7031; 655)\$70; 656)\$100; 657)\$200;  
58)\$1,500(Life Sunday School); 659)\$600;  
60)\$1,200(Sharon BPC).

total: \$1,087,630.66

RAND TOTAL: \$1,114,865.66

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OFFERINGS FOR: Van Fund \$1050, \$1000,  
\$50, \$600, \$1130, \$820; Thailand \$100;  
Msnr C. Seet \$80, \$150, \$50; Thanksgiving  
\$100; Philippines Hilltop Land \$100;  
FEBC \$150; Baraka \$400.

Baptised - on May Day at his own house,  
Blk 34 #02-110 Dakota Crescent, S'pore  
1439 was Lim Teng Wah, 79, by the Pastor  
with the assistance of Eld & Mrs Sng  
in the presence of the whole family and  
of Mrs Lee, etc.

Praise the Lord for a lively session  
and Seminar on "Living Together .. Yet  
Feeling Lonely" on May Day at which 85  
attended.

During Pastor's study leave (May 30 -  
July 10) in Israel, he will be stationed  
at the Mission Qrs. at Baraka Bible-Pres-  
byterian Church, Bethlehem. All mail  
to him abroad should be sent to P.O.  
Box 26, Bethlehem, Israel. It takes  
10 days to get there. Latest news about  
the land Lifers bought for the Arab Church  
- the property is now enclosed by a wall  
... otherwise barren.

FEBC is closed for the long vacation.  
The College reopens July 22 into her  
30th academic year. Students are to  
meet Mon. May 6, 9 am for Day of "Spring  
Cleaning."

During the Pastor's absence, Mr Peter  
Yiu, is appointed to supervise other  
registered resident students in their  
assigned duties.

Pr J P David is now residing at Blk 13  
#05-23 Short St (0718). Tel: 3395632.

Kebaktian Indonesia welcomes the MF's  
Missions Team to her 4 pm Service before  
they launch out to the Riau Islands!

Praise the Lord for the gift of a new  
Toyota 10-seater mini-bus. The old FEBC  
VW Kombi is given to Maranatha  
for pioneering service.

CLBC's new stock of Books and Bibles  
are at your service. Give Bibles and  
Christian books!

Anyone who has lost some jewelry, please  
claim them from the office.

Pastor's overseas contact:

1) Phone 005-1-813-797-2045 c/o Dr A.  
Steele (May 20-24)

2) Phone 005-972-2-74-2480 c/o Miss Joan  
Davenport, Bethlehem (May 30 - July 7).

Telephone: Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Rev  
C. Wong 2564900(H); Coinafon 2544407;  
Far Eastern Kindergarten 2513676.





## HOW THE LORD LED ME TO THAILAND By Jess Tamee

It was in 1981 when I first went to a youth camp in Pattaya, Central Thailand; playing the role of counsellor to English-speaking varsity students. Never before in my life did I see so many temples (practically found on every street). Also, families that have two fathers, or three or four mothers. Yes, idolatry and adultery are a way of life in Thailand! And so, a burden for this heathen country started to burn in my heart.



Then in 1984, I went on a mission trip to Chiangmai, Thailand; playing the roles of preacher, medic and general helper to the various hill tribes. Never before in my life did I see so many animal bones (practically found on every doorpost). Also, drug-trafficking, murder and a real-life war. Yes, animism and barbarism are a way of life in the Golden Triangle! And so, that same burden burned even more in my heart.

After that, I took up Thai lessons with Tuanjai, wife of Prachan, an FEBC student then. I also shared this burden with Rev Tow. But he reckoned that it was not time to send me to Thailand as yet for I was still very young and single. Besides, Life Church did not have any station in Thailand.

In late 1984, I was to go on a survey trip and to a family camp in Yala, Thailand. Before that trip was made, Rev Tow received a letter from the director of the Frontier Labourers for Christ asking for a missionary to help. Rev Tow asked if I minded working in the North. Of course, no. A door had opened for me to enter Thailand. A commissioning service was held Oct 14.

In that same year, the Thai government had a new ruling not to issue new missionary quotas. In-coming missionaries only could replace outgoing or deceased missionaries. Many were affected and had to leave Thailand for Penang every 3 months to renew their visas. But thank God, I got my quota through a foreign mission for a fee of US\$100 per annum.

In 1987, that foreign mission raised the fee to US\$500! But thank God again, I got married to a Thai national, Deeram Tamee. And in 1990, a new government directive ruled that only Thai citizens could spread religion among the Tribals. The latest 1991 directive makes it compulsory for foreign missionaries to pass grade 6 Thai to qualify.

What next? The door is closing little by little. Come May 15, Deeram and Jess will go back to Chiangmai to start a Bible-Presbyterian Church and a Christian kindergarten.

May the Lord go before us and be with us always.

### PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

A new page in Missions is opened when our Church commissions Jess and Deeram and their two children this Lord's Day to start a B-P Church in Northern Thailand. As Rome was not built in a day, so you have read their testimony above that it is almost a decade of trial, testing and training before they are prepared to enter the field.

Our prayers go with them, but more effective are our payments of the bills they incur in travel and living in a frontier country. I've told you the anecdote of a line of brothers and sisters who visited a sick member in hospital. Everyone said a long prayer to comfort the bedridden, but the last one merely handed the patient an envelope. When the envelope was opened, lo and behold, a crisp \$100 note! Whose prayer was more effective? Missions is easy going when we make a visit to the field. To send a family there needs your support to bring the tithes into the storehouse.

#### Rev George Kutty of Rhode Island

As I write on Missions to Thailand, here comes a long distance call from George Kutty, Rhode Island, USA. In a sense he is our missionary to the other side of the world. George graduated from FEBC years ago. He married Kamala our office secretary, a devout young lady. Together they started a work among the Cambodian refugees. Now they have a thriving Grace Bible Church. George is arriving Singapore, May 28. He comes very timely to fit into our Church's Mission Month in June. Let us give him shelter in Beulah house, to do the least!

#### Thrust into the Philippines

It is my pleasure also to commend Charles Seet and Frieda and daughter Stella to the land of 7,000 islands, to Metro-Manila, a sprawling city with 8 teeming millions. The Seets are both graduates of FEBC, with many artistic talents. Charles has served as short-term missionary to Adelaide. After graduation he taught one year at the alma mater. His moving on to help in the Metro-Manila School of the Bible will fulfill a crying need. We're glad Singapore can be a blessing to the Filipinos. In Manila, however, there is a lost tribe, mostly descendants of Hokkien migrants (Mrs Aquino is Hokkien by race). Charles could be very acceptable to them, himself a Hokkien peranakan. While teaching at the Bible School, he is commissioned to start a B-P Church wherever the Lord leads them. J.J.



## Motherhood is Partnership with God ...

by Sylvea Wong

"The cornerstone of every home is never laid upon earth but on a mother's heart."

Whenever God wished to produce a man who would be great in His eyes, He always prepared a mother first (Prov 31:1-9). Woman is endowed with a heavenly wisdom. She knows not only why, but also how and when to speak. King Lemuel had a good mother. Her words to her son, recorded in our scripture passage, urged him to be a pure, sober, honest, and compassionate king. Mothers are keepers of the little springs high in the hills clear and free of impurity if the flowing rivers are to bring blessings to mankind.

In bringing up your children, you mothers must remember that while it is essential to be wise and firm, indulgence and affection must not be treated as interchange terms. Besides training your sons and daughters in the softer and milder virtues, you must give them those stern and hardy qualities which in after life they will surely need. Some children will go wrong inspite of the best training; and some will go right even when their surroundings are most unfortunate. Teach boys and girls alike that they are not to look to a life without difficulties. Teach them that work for others is not a curse but a blessing. Seek to make them steadfast and resolute, to do their duty before God and man.

Set aside a day each year for Mother's Day. I'm glad that we do. The majority of them deserves it. "No man is poor who has a godly mother."

Mothers have problems too. Interrupted sleep, twenty-four hours of duty and the risk of heart-break and rejection. All these are within God's plan. We must not idolize mothers. They have their weaknesses and faults like everyone else. No woman is perfect. Yet, the Lord honours mothers and so should we. Let's give moms and grandmas the love and respect they deserve.

"Love is the language all hearts understand. Whatever we may achieve in life will be continually evaluated. Whatever we may accumulate in life, time will erase. All that really lasts is the love we share with others. I say it from my heart, "Mothers and grandmothers, I love you."

### Chittagong Experience

It was about 1.30 pm Mon 29/4/91 at the factory in the Chittagong EPZ when the local M.D. told me a cyclone was heading N.N.E. in the direction of Chittagong. "Not in 20 years has a cyclone of such magnitude been reported." He said the core speed of the cyclone would be 185 kmh to 210 kmh.

At 1.30 pm, the M.D. decided we (there were 3 of us from S'pore) should return to the hotel. The sky was getting darker and the air was chilly.

Back at the hotel, the rain started to fall with strong wind. I went to bed around 10.30 pm. I was awakened by the sound of crashing glass. The howling wind was something I've never heard before. The pounding rain continued incessantly. I looked at my watch. It was 2.30 am. I prayed to the Lord to spare the city.

The next morning, the cyclone had moved on. We made our way to the factory. My colleagues and I witnessed the devastation along the way. When we arrived at the EPZ, many factories were damaged, our factory was also damaged. We spent the next few days helping to restore the factory.

As the communications were disrupted, we could not contact anyone outside of Chittagong. I sensed that loved ones in S'pore would be anxious for some news but it was impossible to tell them I was safe.

Many of the locals had become sick with diarrhoea. I prayed for guidance and good health. It was decided on Mon 6/5/91 that I should return to S'pore.

As I landed safely Tue pm, I gave thanks to the Lord. On my journey back by the night train from Chittagong to Dhaka, I shared a 4-berth compartment with 3 Bengalis. 2 of them could speak perfect English and volunteered much helpful information. As it was a requirement to confirm 72 hrs before take-off, I decided to call at the SIA Office. I was fortunate to fly back to S'pore the same day. I would like to thank everybody for all your prayers and kind words to my family in their anxiety.

- Jimmy Kee

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13-19 May '91)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr P. Tan)  
WED 3.50 pm Deeram & Jess to Chiangmai  
via Bangkok (CX 712)  
FRI 6.00 pm Session & new members  
Fellowship Dinner  
SUN 8.00 am "Sharing our Christian Faith  
with others (Rev C. Wong)  
10.30 am Elder Chia Kim Chwee

NBC This Week: Wed Newton  
Fri Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines  
LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,244.00 (8.00 am)  
\*\$12,367.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 661)\*\$3244; 662)\$100;  
663)\*\$12367; 664)\$80; 665)\$50; 666)\$1500;  
667)\$100. Total: \$1,105,071.66  
GRAND TOTAL: \$1,132,306.66  
OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$50, \$100; Baraka  
\$50, \$1,000, \$400, \$40; Missions \$280; Sunday  
School \$20.

Transfer of Membership Deeram Thua Tamee  
from Beulah Thai Church, Chiangmai.  
New FEK Board of Directors: Dr P. Tan, Super-  
visor; Eld Seow C P, Sec; Mr Joseph Tern,  
Treasurer; Eld E Mahadevan, E Tay, Mr Eio  
Eng Hua, members.  
New phone. Yew Kowng Poy, 299-0586

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## MEDAN LATEST FROM DOHAR'S LETTER TO FEBC PRINCIPAL

I really thank God for a semester's refresher course at FEBC. Now I am back with my family in Medan. The Lord is good in protecting us. We are rejoicing in the Lord.

Last night after the prayer meeting we had a meeting: Bapa Wesly, Haposan, Agus, and myself. We discussed the work in Medan. We were able to make some decisions in our



meeting. I would like to share with you the agreements that we have made: 1) Concerning myself, we are all agreed to serve the Lord in unity. I am now helping my brother Haposan and Agus, in whatever way I can. I will be assisting Haposan at Sunset Gospel Hour, in Sunday School, in Family Worship, in Night Bible Class, Visitation, and Men's Fellowship. I will also go up to the mountain Kuta Baru Church at least once a month to help Agus. 2) The Sunday School which is in my house, we will combine it with GAPPY. The trained Sunday School teachers, 5 of them, will teach the children. 3) As to my allowance, I let my father and my two brothers make the decision. Last night they agreed to support me financially S\$300 per month. That includes transport, water, electricity, and house bills. I do accept it with thankful heart. I know God will bless the ministry if we serve the Lord faithfully. 4) Prayer Meeting will be held every Saturday at 8.00 am - 10.00 am. This will

make us help one another in our spiritual life. Through this prayer meeting, the four of us may have the same spirit, the same purpose and the same vision. 5) My wife Glorya will be helping me in whatever way she can, in my ministry. 6) We will meet tonight, to prepare for the coming of the team from Singapore.

Thank you for every advice that you have given me. I hope you will continue to pray for us. God may use us as His instrument to bring people to the saving knowledge of the gospel.

Thanks also to Mrs Tow for so good in taking care of our meals at FEBC. We will pray that God may grant you a merciful journey to the States. May God bless Jemima's wedding too. May your visit to the Holy Land be smooth, and God bring you back to FEBC with the new added strength.

Send my warmest greetings to the brethren at Life Church.

## REPORT ON FAR EASTERN FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, BURMA

By Rev Robert Thawm Luai, Principal

As I have already reported to you vide my letter of February 16, 1991, we now have 37 full-time students studying in the first, second and third-year classes. They belong to the following nine different denominations - Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian Church of Burma, Christian Reformed Church, Church of Christ, Evangelical Free Church, Fundamental Baptist, Evangelistic Prayer Group, Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma (our church).

We have received a request from one Seventh Day Baptist who is interested to enrol at our College for the new semester and hope he will soon submit application for admission. If he is admitted there will be ten different denominations among our students, or in other words, our Bible College will represent ten denominations from Myanmar (Burma).

Out of the 37 students, 22 are granted full scholarship by FEFST. The recipients of stipend awards comprise 15 students from EPCB; 3 students from Christian Reformed Church (ie Rev Chan Thleng's Church), one from Church of Christ (from Kachin State), one from Evangelistic Prayer Group (from Rangoon), one from Free Evangelical Church and one from Presbyterian Church of Burma.

We have a total of ten staff comprising eight faculty members and two office staff. Six members of the faculty are for theological teaching while two are for teaching English. Two work as office staff. All of the eight faculty members, two office staff and the 22 stipend holders are fully sponsored by the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore.

We now have three premises including Calvin's Building which was leased lately. These three buildings are situated close to each other and it is almost as if they were in one big compound. The first building accommodates residential quarters for me and my family; Principal's office, and one room is used concurrently as classroom for 3rd year students as well as library. The second building is Ebenezer which houses two faculty members and their families and also boys' dormitory. The third building, "Calvin's Building" is used as Girls' dormitory; resident for Dean of FEFST, residence for one office staff and his family and classroom for first year students. We are planning to arrange one more room in this house for use as classroom for the new semester. This building is named "Calvin's Building" in your honour because you told me that you helped me for being a Calvinist.



You may be surprised to learn that FEFST students will evangelize during the summer holidays in the whole of Myanmar. Just before our college was closed for summer vacation, we requested each and every student to dedicate his/her holidays in the service of the Lord by evangelizing faithfully in his/her respective area. At this, the students voluntarily vowed before the Lord to give their time to the Lord each ranging from one to three months. With the exception of the third year students, they are now on their way to their respective areas where they will be preaching faithfully. This will cover six provincial areas viz - (1) Shan State (2) Kachin State (3) Chin State (4) Sagaing Division (5) Irrawaddy Division and (6) Yangon (Rangoon) Division. The period of evangelizing is from one to three months depending on each student the time being May, June and July. Most of the students will concentrate their preaching and evangelizing in the remote rural areas. The third year students and I will look after EPCB local churches in the Chin State. They will accompany me to the Chin State where they will be engaged in preaching and evangelizing while I will administer the Church business. I believe this will be a great challenge for all of us as we are now in the last days of the Last Days. Please pray for us.

By the grace of God, we have been able to send two of our faculty members namely Mrs Thankipvel Zahau and Mr Fung Dun to Singapore in January 1991 for Theological training at the Far Eastern Bible College.

Budget Estimate for FEFST and EPCB. Our budget estimate for the fiscal year 1991-92 is K400,000 for FEFST and K100,000 for EPCB totalling K500,000 in all. This is roughly the equivalent of S\$25,000.

The lease agreements for the two houses will expire on April 30 and May 31 respectively. The third building called Calvn's Building has been rented till the end of October. Presently, we are in need of K200,000 by the end of this month.

We are trying to send the translation of The Shorter Catechism by book post or by hand. As far as my knowledge is concerned, it may not be possible to despatch so many copies by book-post. If that is so, we will send by hand. Please pray for us.

Ed. note. For cost-effectiveness it is quite obvious that the \$25,000 we give to Burma per annum goes the longest way. It is not support for a family but for a whole College including a 20% diversion for the Church. At end of this year a first class of students will graduate. Make your dollar a missionary dollar! Make it count for eternity. Don't forget Burma when you give to Missions.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20-26 May '91)

TUE 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tan)  
8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Rev P. Tan)  
FRI 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF  
2.30 pm Wedding of Soh Koon Teck & Wong Mei Foong (Tabernacle BPC, Rev P. Tan)  
3.00 pm LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF  
SUN 8.00 am "True Confession" (Rev C. Wong)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Msnr Charles Seet  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
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NBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson  
Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat

#### LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,522.00 (8.00 am)  
\*\$7,467.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUN II 668)\*\$3522; 669)\$10;  
670)\*\$7467; 671)\$50; 672)\$100; 673)\$100;  
674)\$300; 675)\$100; 676)\$80(Boxes).  
Total: \$1,116,800.66.  
GRAND TOTAL: \$1,144,035.66

OFFERINGS FOR: Van Fund \$1500, \$1400, \$1800, \$1080, \$1350, \$1030; VBS \$300, \$50; Deeram \$50; Msnr C. Seet \$100; \$50; Burma \$200; Batam \$700(WF); Dn Yiew Pong Sen \$500.

Word of Encouragement from Lover of God:  
I enclose a POSB cheque for \$100 (for EBF II) as part of my tithe for the month of April. For years, I have given many excuses for not tithing, like, 'It is not commanded in the New Testament', 'I have to give to my parents', 'I have to save for my old age', etc. Three months ago, I decided to accept God's challenge to test Him as set forth in Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this, say the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." I started to tithe and God has proven true to His Word. He has blessed me financially in ways that leaves me in no doubt that He is behind it. My health has also improved and I have a greater sense of God's presence. I am sure when the Apostle Paul exhorted the Corinthian Christians to give generously (2 Cor 9:6-8), he did not have anything less than the Old Testament tithe in mind. All praise be to God who works in most wonderful ways. - Lifer

Welcome dinner for Dr John Whitcomb and Rev Dan Ebert III, Lord's Day, 2 June after Sunset Gospel Hr (Pandan). Subscription: \$20 per person. Closing date: 26 May. Please register as soon as possible with the church office. Come and meet and hear these 2 eminent servants of God. Venue of dinner will be announced later (tentatively at Poolside Palace, International Road, off Corporation Road, Jurong).

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615 Taylor St.,  
Morton, Illinois, USA  
May 18, '91

My dear Readers,

We want to thank each one of you who came to the Fri. Night Thanksgiving Service, and who came to the airport to see us off. We felt we were borne on wings of your prayers.

At Bangkok Airport we were amazed at the improvement they have put into the new one. No wonder the Thais are called the fifth dragon! Is the church as enterprising? We landed at Heathrow early Sun. morning. After a break of 4 hours we transferred to TW 703 which ferried us into Kennedy Airport, N.Y. 1445 hrs, May 12.



What a relief to be warmly received by Rev C.T. Hsu and his wife.

Being the Lord's Day he did not drive his taxi. They came by bus, but had a hired taxi to take us to the City (costing US\$35). He put us safely on a Greyhound to Baltimore. Before he left he gave us a love gift and US\$200 to help us reduce the \$2.2 million debt! We arrived Baltimore 11.30 pm and sure enough my cousin Keng Eng and her husband came in their station wagon to transport us to their home. Keng Eng's husband is a professor of physics at Towson U. They both love the Lord and, like Aquila and Priscilla, are in charge of a Chinese congregation of 50-60 and worshipping at a rented Baptist Church. As we had no time, we phoned Lawrence and Lee Lin at Huntingdon Valley, Pa. We left Baltimore May 14.

From Baltimore we took Greyhound to Philadelphia where we were met by Rev Carl Martin. He drove us to see his Church at Spring City before taking us to Dr and Mrs Murray's at Hatfield, Pa. where we lodged for the night. That evening we were warmly received at a reception made up of old friends and new thru "John Sung My Teacher." I had a good visit with Dr Allan A. MacRae the next day in conjunction with a book on Daniel he is printing thru Paul Wong. He is delighted with the format I showed him. We had telecommunication with Miss Trato and also with Dr Carl McIntire.

May 15 afternoon Rev & Mrs Jim Turner kindly drove up from Harrisburg to take us to their new place of work. Having served with Child Evangelism for 30 years in the Far East and South Pacific, they returned to USA about 8 years back. They have served the Lord not only intensively but also extensively, from Pakistan and India in the West to Fiji and many Pacific Islands in the East. They spent a good part of the time in S'pore, having taught at FEBC. Lifers all know them and love them. Today they have a new ministry called TAP = Teachers' Assistance Programme. Their job is to gather Bibles and good Christian literature, pack and ship them to national pastors and evangelists, most of which go to the Philippines.

From Harrisburg we took Greyhound again to Akron, Ohio to visit with daughter Lily. She kindly put us to stay in a hotel because she said she had no air-con in her house. She wanted us to have a good rest before taking a 12-hour ride to Morton, Ill. Lily has one more year to go before she graduates in Nursing. Her husband is a lecturer in Bus. ad. and Accountancy. Her son, Jeremy is finishing high school. They attend a Methodist Church.

Early following morning, we rode Greyhound on the 517 mile journey to Peoria, for Morton where the William Teos stay is a small town. They came to the Bus station to take us to their spacious home, quiet and serene, in a farming district. After a hot see-sua soup and many exchanges of news items, we retired at 12 midnight. As I'm writing now, it is Sat. morning, May 18.

Our hearts are full of praise for the way He has led and provided for us at each step of the way. We must not take safety and comfort in travel for granted. We are aware of angelic hands superintending us, relieving us, leading us from airport to airport, city to city. Here's some advice from an old traveller. 1) Never carry anything that will not be used on the way. It is dead weight, self-imposed. 2) Suitcases without wheels are another wear-you-down exasperation. Don't save on your suitcase. Get the best, tractable one. 3) Even for your hand luggage, you must be equipped with hand-trolley. Do you see how the airhostesses and stewards pull them lightly along? 4) Save all your neat biscuits and buns served on the plane. They become timely rations when you hasten along. You never can tell. When we had no time to stop for a bite, four biscuits on the bus became a delightful meal!

On the way to Changi Airport Sat. evening, May 11, the strains of "Massa's in the old Ground," a Stephen Foster's negro spiritual from Paul Wong's car gripped me. The words married to the music began to flow, and filled my heart in Baltimore. I'd like to present this to our Choir to sing on Father's Day!

1. FATHER, O MY LOVING FATHER,  
I've wandered far from home.  
I have squandered all your earnings,  
Hungry, weary, sick, forlorn,  
Friends of flesh and wine have fled me,  
All with the wind are gone!  
Feeding pigs now for a living --  
Grunting, groaning all day long.

Chorus

Father my Father, Now, I'm coming home!  
I from every past sin repent,  
Never in this world to roam.



2. Father, O my loving Father,  
Will you receive your son?  
Though my sins be red as crimson,  
Please forgive me just this one!  
Father, O my loving Father,  
Let me your servant be.  
All your commands will I obey,  
Coming home, I'm come to Thee.

Chorus

Where're you my boy-boy?  
O my long lost son!  
Day and night I'm waiting, longing,  
Longing for my long lost son.

Repeat:

Come to the Saviour, All ye sinners come  
Jesus shed His blood to save you,  
You the wandering long lost one!

- Your wandering pastor, T.T.

"WHERE HE SENDS WE WILL GO"

"But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay,  
What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go--  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey--For there's no other way to be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey."



The words of the above familiar hymn express our feelings and hopes at the present time, as we prepare for our departure to the mission field on June 3 1991. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to God for having guided us and for the provisions He has made for us thus far, for His work in Manila. We are also deeply grateful to Life Church, in particular to Rev Tow, the Church Session and the Missionary Fellowship for their wonderful encouragement, prayers and support for us ever since we began to express a desire to serve the Lord on the mission field; not forgetting FEBC, our alma mater, where we were firmly grounded in the doctrines of the Faith, and trained for the ministry.

We count it an honour to serve God in the Philippines as missionaries of Life B-P Church. By His grace, we will endeavour to promote and advance God's kingdom, by training pastors and Christian workers for the ministry, and by seeking to establish an outreach to the Chinese living in Manila. As we anticipate a great deal of initial adjustment and effort to set up a home and ministry, we do covet your prayers for us. Please pray for us.

- Charles & Frieda Seet

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27 May - 2 June 91)

TUE 9.00 am Sembawang YF Combined Games Day  
(Beulah Hse)  
10.30 am Wedding of Lee Hock Chin &  
Wendy Chan (Rev P. Tan)  
8.00 pm Revival Mtg (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)  
FRI 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF  
3.00 pm LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF  
SUN 8.00 am "Abiding in Christ"  
(Pr J P David)  
10.30 am Rev Dan Ebert III  
(Lord's Supper)

No NBC This Week

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,445.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$6,982.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 677)\*\$3445; 678)\*\$6982;  
679)\$74.20(Coinafon); 680)\$357.30; 681)\$100;  
682)\$670; 683)\$869.90; 684)\$930; 685)\$95.40

Total: \$1,130,324.46

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,157,559.46

OFFERINGS FOR: Van Fund \$200, \$500, \$160.10;  
(Total Van Fund: \$36,093); Philippines \$684  
(Life Sunday Sch); FEBC \$150; Missionary Fund  
\$50; Manr Charles Seet \$50, \$50, \$100; Burma  
\$100, \$500(NBC Bt Timah), Thailand \$684 (Life  
Sunday Sch); Rev Tow \$1000; Jeffrey/Jemima \$800.

Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, Life Bible-  
Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Road,  
Singapore 1130. Tel: 2569256.

Welcome dinner for Dr John Whitcomb and  
Rev Dan Ebert III, 2 June after Sunset  
Gospel Hr. \$20 per person. Venue: Poolside  
Palace, Int'l Rd, off Corporation Rd,  
Jurong. Please register with church office.  
Johore Bahru B-P Church cordially invites  
members of Life BPC to the 4th Anniversary  
on Sun 26 May at 7.30 pm. Buffet supper  
will be served. Please meet at New Life  
at 4.30 pm for shuttle service into JB.  
Add: 46 Jln Bakar Batu, Taman Sentosa, JB  
Samuel Tan born to Mr & Mrs Tan Choon  
Seng on 12th May.

Daily Vacation Bible College by John Whi  
comb, 10-14 June. 1. "The Bible and Modern  
Science" at Calvary-Pandan BPC, 8.00-9.30am  
(instead of 9.00-10.30am). 2. "Coming  
Great Tribulation & the Current World  
Situation" at FEBC, 7.30-9.00pm. Closing  
date for registration: 3 June. Forms  
are available at the church entrance.

Easter Baptism Photos: Please collect  
your photos at the church entrance today.

5-Room Apartment, fully furnished, at  
Bukit Batok near MRT available for rent  
\$1200 pm. Please call Rev Lim at 5613615.

Calvary-Jurong needs a church clerk  
urgently. Any member or friend with good  
command of English and typing, please  
contact Elder Lim at 4682512 for further  
details.



3001 Lake Vista Dr.  
Clearwater, Fl. 34619, USA  
May 25, '91

My dear Readers,



We planned our stay with the Teos so we could attend the Church they have chosen - Grace Evang. Mennonite Church. Who are the Mennonites? They are a branch of the Protestant Movement dating from 1525. As followers of Luther (1517) are called Lutherans and we Bible-Presbyterians trace our spiritual ancestry to Calvin, so the Mennonites are descended from Menno Simons. Because the followers of Menno Simons were against infant baptism, requiring the immersion of adults, they are called Anabaptists, which means "Baptise Again." These Anabaptists were persecuted by both RC's and mainline Protestants, but they thrive to this day. There are Mennonites in 40 countries, and there is a Mennonite School

near Bethlehem where I preached the Gospel when we were there 1969-70. As the Mennonite Church at which the Teos worship require their son Samuel, who was baptised at infancy and reaffirmed his faith when he grew up to be re-baptised by immersion, they do not join as members. Nevertheless, they are cordially received into the fellowship of the Church.

We took leave of the Teos Mon. 20th by USAir Fokker 21-seater to Indianapolis for a Boeing 737 which landed us safely in Tampa. Dr Steele, the Khoos and Suan Yew were on hand to "deliver" us. A 15-minute drive via Clearwater Christian College brought us to the Steele home. This was our "field headquarters" all given to our use. Dr & Mrs Steele very kindly retreated to stay with their son Dr Jonathan across the street. We have a home away from home in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The night before Jemima's wedding, John my eldest son phoned from some Airforce base to offer his good wishes. The reason why we did not "find" him was his frequent service out in the field. During the Gulf War he was sent overseas. His job is servicing aircraft computers.

The wedding between Jemima and Jeff Khoo was officiated by Dr Howard Carlson and Dr Steele at Suncoast BPC, 975 County Rd., Palm Harbor, Florida, May 22 10am. It was conducted open-air on the 2-acre Church grounds under an oak tree. Dr Steele gave the Word according to a Bible passage chosen by the bride : Joshua 24:14,15. Dr Steele noted that this message of Joshua was given at Shechem (24:1). This Shechem was the first stop in Canaan after Abram had left the old county to enter the Promised Land. There God appeared to him. The couple and congregation were exhorted to review their faith, to return to the faith of their fathers. If you are a 2nd or 3rd generation Christian all the more are you required to examine your faith (II Cor 13:5). Then we are to fear the Lord with a holy fear, not just reverence or respect, because of such an Almighty and Holy God we worship. We are to serve Him in sincerity, honestly, and in truth, right doctrine. And Joshua's service of the Lord was one from his youth, since his days in Egypt. Were not Joshua and Caleb the only two who did well when they entered Canaan to survey the Land? Who followed the Lord wholly? The message Dr Steele preached was to start the married couple right as they embarked into life and to remind old-timers of the need of a steadfast faith. Despite an overcast sky the service went through with only a slight drizzle at the end. Mrs Carlson sang the Lord's Prayer and a Holy Land Song most appropriately.

Americans do not celebrate a wedding with a 10-course dinner like some of us in a big hotel. The custom is a buffet dinner in the Church compound, sparkling home-cooked food brought by friends and relatives. The same evening the next-of-kin of the married couple and friends involved with the ceremony and the pastor eat another buffet dinner at some restaurant "where you eat all you can!"

Visitors to Florida make sure they do not miss seeing Disney World and Epcot, the Sea World and Space Centre. These places are located on the East Coast, and Orlando in the Motel Capital. For greater economy we rented a minibus which ferried the eight of us to Fairfield Inn, which charged us ½ price, US\$31 per night. The special discount accorded by the Motel was due to the kind offices of a former Yamaha student of Rev Khoo's. She's on the staff of the Motel. The first place we visited was the Sea World. We saw how dolphins, seals and whales all acted in precision at the behest of their trainers. I wondered if we who are in the Lord's Service are as sensitive to His will? Perhaps God is calling you, young man, young woman, as He called Samuel, though not with audible voice. He is speaking to you, "Come, leave your petty ambitions. Come and serve me." And he is signalling you through some failure in your life. There's a saying, "Failure is the Mother of Success." Had not the Lord struck me down with failure, yea, even the death of loved ones, I would not have left the world to give my life to Him.

Today is Sat. May 25. While the others are headed for Disney World, I'd rather pen these lines inspired by "Juanita" (Spanish Air) in my motel closet.

# 1. WHEN DAYLIGHT'S FADING

And fast sinks the evening sun,  
In the soft twilight,  
My life's journey's run.  
Soon the dark night's falling,  
And the weary ones come home.  
Can I hear my Saviour,  
Calling me, welcome?

2. Deep though the midnight,  
Glean the eyes of thousand stars.  
Wide beams the moonlight  
To pilgrims from far!  
Far beyond the blue skies  
There's a City bright and fair.  
O to live with Jesus,  
Joy beyond compare!

3. There's coming a Day  
When all tears shall wipe away,  
When suns shall arise,  
And moons ne'er shall wane.  
In the new heav'ns, new earth,  
O what splendour shall endure!  
When the Lamb that was slain  
Reigns fore'er, and ever.

## Chorus:

*Jesus, Lord Jesus, Ever be Thou by my side.*

*Jesus, Lord Jesus, With my soul abide.*

May this hymn be dedicated to you my Readers, wherever you are, who are senior citizens. Though it is observed by Calvin that we all like to think we are living here forever, the Psalmist Moses wakes us up to the reality of a life span of only 70-80. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mk 8:36). By corollary, what shall it profit a Christian if he shall store all his treasure on earth like the rich fool, but is not rich toward God? "Jesus, Lord Jesus, With my soul abide!"

PS: Expresgram to William Chia, 209-1201 Ridgeway Way, Coquitlam B.C. Canada, V3J 1S8.  
My eyes now 45% bright.

## NEWS FROM AFRICA



We thank God because now the classrooms cum two offices are completely roofed and plaster is finished. This will enable us to have a bigger number than we used to have when we're studying in the dining hall.

Lord willing, we will reopen in these newly constructed classrooms. I have at the moment two new applications for next term which will start on 7 May 1991.

Thank you for your book, "Chronicles of Conquest." I have read it to one of my elders. I was deeply encouraged by this book as well as by the Blind Korean Pastor, An Yohan.

Your other books are welcomed and especially by our students.

- Rev Stephen Masila, PO Box 285 Mitaboni, Machakos, KENYA

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3-9 June '91)

MON - FRI YF Camp  
MON 9.00 am Msnr Charles & Frieda Seet to Philippines (SQ 78)  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Dr Lim Teck Chye)  
FRI 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF  
3.00 pm LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF  
7.15 pm Missionary F'ship 1st Anniv. "The Theology of Missions" (Dr John Whitcomb)  
SUN 8.00 am "Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit" (Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Dr John Whitcomb  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.45 am Church Choir Practice  
12.15 pm Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach  
12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service  
6.30 pm Tamil Service

VBC This Week: Wed Newton; Fri Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines

Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, Life 3-P Church, 9A Gilstead Rd (1130).

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,939.00 (8.00 am)  
\*\$7,536.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 686)\*\$3939; 687)\*\$7536; 688)\$50; 689)\$357.30; 690)\$83.75; 691)\$100; 692)\$55; 693)\$20; 694)\$1200; 695)\$2700; 696)\$780; 697)\$545.40; 598)\$500.  
Total: \$1,148,190.91  
GRAND TOTAL: \$1,175,425.91  
OFFERINGS FOR: Batam \$50; Msnr Charles Seet \$50, \$50, \$40, \$320, \$50, \$300; Deeram/Jess \$50, \$300; VBS \$40; Rev C. Wong \$300; Dn Yiew Pong Sen \$300.

Corrigendum: Last week's gift of \$500 by NBC Bukit Timah is meant for Thailand, not Burma. You may write to Rev & Mrs Tow at P.O. Box 26, Bethlehem, Israel. Tel: 005-972-2-74-2480. Horeb Good Book Shop. Sale of theological and children's books at cost price from 1-8 June. Add: Blk 61 Lengkok Bahru #01-454.

Our deepest sympathy to Mr & Mrs William Ong for the passing away of their grandmother, Kuan Siong, on 26 May. Vigil service was conducted by Rev Colin Wong and funeral by Rev Patrick Tan.

Msnr Charles & Frieda's Field Address: Christian Training & Missionary Fellowship, Box 955 MCC, Makati, Metro-Manila, Philippines.

Tamee & Jess Deeram Address: P. O. Box 198, Chiangmai, Thailand 50000.

Easter Baptism Photos: Please collect your photos at the church entrance today.



Bethlehem, Israel  
June 3, '91

My dear Readers,

The Sunday before we said good-bye to our American friends we drove 70 miles south of Orlando to worship at Grace BPC, Cape Canaveral, pastor: Dr James L Blizzard. Dr Blizzard is another good friend of mine at Faith Seminary, 1958-59. For many years after graduation he worked for Dr McIntire. Six years ago he started the Grace BPC, with seating for 100, as illustrated by this artist impression. We had informed him in advance of our coming, and I promised to "speak a word." When we got there, however, he "ordered" me to give the sermon. A pleasant surprise I had to comply with. I preached from II Cor 4:16-5:11. My theme: The Christian's world view: Short term policy for this life, long term policy for next life." To augment the message, I sang "When Daylight's Fading."



As our hearts were touched saying farewell to our friends, especially those at Clearwater, the Lord gave these lines to the tune of "Good Night Ladies":

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| <p>1. Good-bye brother, good-bye sister,<br/>good-bye dear friends.<br/>When shall we meet again?<br/>Praise the Lord, He has saved us,<br/>has saved us, has saved us.<br/>Praise the Lord He has saved us.<br/>We are bound for heaven.</p> | <p>2. God be with you, God be with you,<br/>God be with you.<br/>He'll wipe away your tears.<br/>Look to Him while here below,<br/>here below, here below.<br/>Look to Him while here below<br/>Banish all our fears.</p> | <p>3. We'll meet again, we'll meet again,<br/>we'll meet again,<br/>Our times are in His hand.<br/>He will save us to the end,<br/>to the end, to the end.<br/>He will save us to the end.<br/>In yon Glory Land.</p> |
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The time came for us to say bye-bye to one another. First the Toh couple, Rev Khoo's sister and her husband. They came on a free SIA ticket by virtue of Mrs Toh's job. They stay at the Loyang SIA Estate, a stone's throw from Maranatha. We introduced them to our branch, N.B. Dn Pong Sen! We sent the Khoos to Orlando Airport, May 28. In turn, Juan Yew, Jeff and Jemima sent us off May 29, whereupon they drove back to Clearwater to return the minibus before they themselves flew back to Indiana. After completing summer school, they'd enter Biblical Seminary at Hatfield, Pa towards the Th.M. and Mima the M.R.E.

Meanwhile, we've invited Dr & Mrs Steele to FEBC Jan 1992. This time Dr Steele will offer Daniel, Thurs. evening, and Proverbs. A textbook prescribed for the Daniel class is Dr Allan A MacRae's new publication by CLBC in which he has asked me to write the foreword. This book is good specially for students of prophecy. Dr MacRae takes the premillennial position to which we also subscribe. I had learnt David under him, as well as Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

Alas, the golden age of Faith Seminary, which produced stalwarts like Francis Shaeffer and Jack Murray, is gone! Out of Faith has sprung, nevertheless, Covenant, Biblical, and Western Reformed Seminaries. FEBC is an offshoot in the Faith tradition. By God's elp, we in the Far East shall endeavour to make her a centre of Biblical learning in the spirit of Paul's Mandate to Timothy (II Tim 2:2). Though we are launching the Masters programme, we desire to produce not dry as dust pedantics but humble yet effective servants of the Lord. And only those who are called and selected can come with us, not those who will pass out as professionals and "paper tigers" who boast of their Greek, reek, Greek!

### Israeli Thoroughness and Economy

June 2, '91

At Kennedy Airport, N.Y. when we showed our tickets at the El Al counter (Israeli airline), we had first to pass the security test. When the security officer heard the purpose of our entering Israel was to study Hebrew he was surprised. He wanted us to verify. And he wanted us to identify all our friends and relatives. When I gave our connection in Bethlehem, Miss Davenport of the Independent Board for Foreign Missions, was suspicious. Then I gave the name of Mrs Ben Asher our Jewish friend and her phone number. Immediately he rang her in Haifa. That settled it! He was all smiles and courtesy. We were put on a straight flight to Tel Aviv instead of our original plan schedule to fly via London. Rom 8:28!

"Economy is the mother of prosperity." This is a virtue shared between Chinese and Jews. We noticed how El Al economises on time and materials. They do not pass out earphones to passengers. They are all in the pockets. They do not lavish on meals. They serve the exact amount so there is no leftover as in other airlines. The green part of their airport is not grass, but vegetables. Beneath the orange trees they keep bees. Our Church has practised strict economy all these years. One way is openness of facilities to all departments. When you begin to make one area exclusive unnecessarily, economy goes, so prosperity. When so-called organisation turns to red tape, economy suffers.

Your hilarious giving and free loans have helped missions in no small measure. That's economy! And prosperity.

We are warmly received by the missionary and pastor of Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church. We are comfortably settled in the missionary quarters we had stayed 1969-70. To leave it empty for years is dead loss. To let it be used, which is productivity, is sound economy and prosperity.

Our schedule here is to spend 2 or 3 weeks to learn Hebrew from Mrs Ben Asher in Haifa. Because of the Lord's Day we must shuttle back to Baraka to give the pastor who has to earn his living as a nurse a break, I promised to preach for him 5 Sundays, June 2-30. My 1st sermon today is taken from Ps 133 "The Wonderfulness of Christian Fellowship." This is the more precious to the Christian traveller. No matter where you go, the Name of Christ, by which you are surnamed, is a tower of refuge and a house of rest to the travel-weary. For example, our next connection after Israel is Athens. There is no other way of returning home than via Athens, and we have to wait 2 days to catch a Thai plane to Bangkok-S'pore. Now, we know no one in Athens. Through the pastor here, however, we are given 2 contacts, one a Korean Travel Agency whose boss is a Christian. The other a Reformed Greek pastor at whose Church we will worship. We will not be adrift. We will be encouraged by Christian Fellowship.

Obediently, T.T.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

... but the "fruits of my increase" Ps 116:12

Throughout my three years of study at the NUS the Lord has been my portion of wisdom and strength. In His merciful kindness He has spared me the tribulation of a "Re." In other words the Lord has helped me pass each year without letting me sit for a single supplementary paper although I was an average student. In my first year of study I had to come to terms with my grief and it was a difficult year because my studies were mingled with tears and sorrow. After my second year at NUS, I decided to try for a baby and in my third year I had to grapple with nausea and studies. It was my most difficult year at NUS for when I conceived in October last year, my nausea was so bad that it didn't go off till Jan, a month before my Final Exam. "Lord, please help me to study the salient things, answer the required number of questions with the salient points and give me passable grades," I cried upon my knees. Praise the Lord for He heard my ardent prayers and when I opened my detailed result slip I was delighted that He has blessed me with better than passable grades. In fact I did better than my second year.

Yes, the Lord has been gracious to me throughout my three years of study at NUS. My salary which had been disrupted for three years because I was on no-pay study-leave, was now been reinstated. My first thought when I received my pay last Friday was "I must give the firstfruits of my increase to the Lord." Although I know that I'll soon be on no-pay maternity leave in July when my baby is due, I thought of the example of the widow who gave her "last mite" to the Lord. Like the widow, I believe that the Lord will provide for my needs when I go on no-pay leave again. Initially I thought of waiting until I get my end-of-the-year bonus, but I believe the Lord does not want our surplus.

Yes, the Lord has been particularly good to me during the past three years. He has blessed me with a B.A. degree and a baby on the way. What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits? To show my love and gratitude to Him, I enclose my first pay cheque for EBF II. May all glory be to the Lord Jesus Christ for all His benefits. Amen.

- Mrs Linda Chan

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (10-16 June '91)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON-FRI	Vacation Bible School	*\$2,453.00 (8.00 am)	
1.00 am - 12.30 pm		*\$13,337.00 (10.30 am)	
MON-FRI	Daily Vacation Bible College	EXTN BLDG FUND II 699)*\$2453; 700)*\$13337;	
FRI 7.45 pm	Men's F'ship (FEBC Hall)	701)\$640; 702)\$135.90(Coinafon); 703)\$1000;	
7.45 pm	Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)	704)\$1200(Sharon BPC); 705)\$500; 706)\$820;	
7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship	707)\$200; 708)\$355; 709)\$860(Chinese Service);	
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF	710)\$200.	
2.00 pm	Church of S'pore Wedding	Total: \$1,169,891.81	
	(Elder Goh Yew Peng)	GRAND TOTAL: \$1,197,126.81	
3.00 pm	LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF	OFFERINGS FOR: Msnr Charles Seet \$50, \$130;	
7.15 pm	Sharon YF Anniv. (FEBC Hall)	VBS \$50; Thailand \$500(NBC Bt Timah).	
SUN 8.00 am	Rev George Kutty	Daily Vacation Bible College by Dr John	
9.30 am	Sunday School	Whitcomb, 10-14 June:	
10.30 am	Dr Tow Siang Hwa	8.00-9.30am "The Bible & Modern Science" at	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	Calvary Pandan BPC.	
10.30 am	Junior Worship	7.30-9.00pm "Coming Great Tribulation & the	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Current World Situation" at FEBC.	
10.45 am	Church Choir practice	Course fees: \$20 (earners); \$10 (non-earners).	
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach		
BC This Week:	Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson;	Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, Life Bible-	
	Fri Joo Chiat	Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Road (1130).	



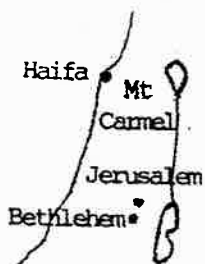
## I S R A E L E T T E R    IV

5 Lionel Watson St., Haifa, Israel  
June 7, '91

My dear Readers,

In keeping with the American tradition, the Baraka Church holds an evening service, 5 pm. As most of the parishioners live at Beit Sahour, 3 km from the Baraka Church on Hebron Rd., this evening service is crowded into the pastor's house, and there were 18 of us. I promised also to speak at the p.m. service. To enliven the service, I taught them "Father, I'm Coming Home." The sermon on the Prodigal Son Parable, however, had 3 pts. under the theme: "What is Greater than a Father's Love?" The 3rd point touches the Big Son, the Greater Prodigal! While working with the Father, neither was his heart with him. The test came in the Return of the younger son. His attitude towards his brother reflects his attitude to his Father. How true the saying, "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam 16:7). A loyal heart, where can you find it?

We took off Mon. June 3 morning. Rev George Awad helped carry our baggage to the Bus stop, 200 yds from the Church. Miss Davenport accompanied us to the Central Bus Station in Jerusalem where we transferred onto the Haifa Express. The cost per ticket is 15 Shekels = \$5.11. The time, exactly 2 hours. This is much faster than in earlier years when we had to take the coastal road via Tel Aviv. Now there is developed a shorter route through the low-lying Plain of Sharon. Like US the roads are straight and smooth with double lanes. The Bus we travelled in is well-cushioned and airconditioned.



As it was 12.30 pm when we got down at Haifa Station, we ate lunch at the Cafeteria. We ordered one plate of yellow rice with 2 slabs of fish and another with leg of chicken, one soup, one coffee. This cost 19 Shekels = \$5.13. Very filling! In this hubbub of Jewish life, we saw Jews of all shades of colour. Young girls are also drafted into military service. Many old couples, weighed down with age and the burden of WWII apparently, also moved in the stream, transferring into local buses. As for us the quickest and safest way was by taxi. This cost 17+ Shekels to the address above.

When we rang the doorbell Mrs Ben Asher (Project) was on the dot to welcome us. In 1964 when the Israeli Govt. sent her husband to help Singapore solve her traffic problems, she naturally accompanied him. They served 6 years. Mr Ben Asher, a Civil Engineer, was the first to build overhead bridges. He also built the Raffles Place underground carpark. Mrs Ben Asher built a greater bridge by teaching Hebrew at FEBC. (She was introduced by my sister.) She taught me and Rev Grauley a special Hebrew Class in her home. The textbook she used was "Elef Million" = "1,000 word book". She taught us half that book. Meanwhile I've gone on further and my purpose of coming here is to finish the book with her. Why Modern Hebrew? Why should FEBC teach Modern Hebrew, when the Bible is in ancient Hebrew? The astounding discovery about Modern Hebrew is it stands out quite different from Modern Greek in relation to their ancient language. While a student of Modern Greek cannot be at home reading Bible Greek, a student of Modern Hebrew merely "changes gear" into Biblical Hebrew. The fact is that the Hebrew language died in the course of the Jewish diaspora to the four corners of the earth. It was not until 100 years ago that the national language was resurrected. This came about by the efforts of Eliezer Ben Yehudi (1857-1922). And it was through the Bible primarily that Modern Hebrew was born and now has become a powerful language. (Jews are second only to USA in the publishing of books.) By teaching Modern Hebrew, our Hebrew students' hard cracking of ancient Hebrew is relieved! Moreover when ancient Hebrew is pronounced, the modern way, it also comes alive to the ear. Abraham, were he living today, can understand his descendants except for such terms of Coca Cola and Cornflakes. Such modern names are easily transliterated in Hebrew letters.

Mrs Ben Asher has written how she appreciates the BP Weekly and has shared it with her friends. She mentions the things common between our teaching and O.T. teaching, such as our emphasis on the Tithes. She has learned to pray as a result of reading the BPW. To further enlighten her I sang the Prodigal Son Song, "When Daylights Fading" and this new composition:

Cheep, cheep, cheep, Cheep, cheep, cheep (Tune of "Lightly Row," German Folk Song)

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| <p>1. Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep,<br/>Cheepy birdie, where are you?<br/>Cheep, cheep, cheep, Here am I,<br/>Our home's in the sky.<br/>Though little twitt'ring sparrows<br/>We're spared all human sorrows<br/>We don't sow, we don't reap,<br/>God feeds us, cheap, cheap!</p> | <p>2. Cheep, cheep, cheep, Jesus says<br/>To you of the human race<br/>Sparrows have no sorrows<br/>Nor count their morrows<br/>Seek first the Kingdom of God<br/>And the glory of the Lord<br/>He'll give you, cheap, cheap, cheap,<br/>All the things you need.</p> |
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3. Cheep, cheep, cheep, Cheep, cheep, cheep  
 God has a word for the Fool  
 Day and night, night and day  
 You must grab your pay  
 Bigger houses you must build  
 Bigger storage you must fill  
 What's to man, all this gain  
 When he dies in vain?

What a joy it is to meet with Hebrew Christians! We found them at the Reception Counter of Beth-Shalom a 3-Star Christian Hotel. Its brochure reads: "The evangelical guest house "Beth Shalom" in Haifa, situated in a central position on Mount Carmel offers you a pleasant stay in Israel with friendly service and family atmosphere. The house has 30 tastefully

furnished double rooms, with a third bed available on request, etc..." (Cost per night per double room is 50 shekels.) Address: 110 Hanassi Ave, PO Box 6208, Haifa, 31061, Israel. Tel: 04-377481. Fax 04-372443.

Finding a roof for shelter and an inexpensive meal when on travel is a basic, day-to-day problem to settle. Hence this recommendation. Who knows? When in Israel you can always find a warm welcome in Bethlehem. T.T.

#### TESTIMONY

I was born in a non-Christian environment. My childhood days were happy until my father left us. From then on, I began to fight so that I would not feel inferior. I did well academically but was never the 'best,' no matter how hard I tried. With this constant struggle, I began to find life meaningless. Then I began questioning about life; its purpose, its beginning and its end. Do I have to strive so hard just to prove to others that I am strong and then die someday like all people? What will happen to me when I die? I could not accept the fact that man is born just for the sake of going through this futile life. These and many questions were things that I did not have an answer.

Being a bored teenager one Sunday afternoon, I was invited to attend church by my aunt. I went and enjoyed the fellowship of the Christians tremendously. I was especially drawn by the happy songs they sang. They also had such joy and strength in them. I began attending Sunday School regularly. One young lady also made the effort to meet me regularly for Bible study. Very slowly, I was exposed to the Scriptures and learned many interesting truths of Christ and God. However, I never make any decision to accept Christ as my Saviour.

At a youth rally on 27 March 1977, I finally gave my life to Jesus. Having realised that I was so unworthy of God's love for me that He gave His only Son, Christ, to die for me, I decided that I must respond to His love. I was ashamed of my sinful state that only Christ's perfect sacrifice could cleanse me of my sin. Since then, I have rediscovered the meaning of life and its purpose - to live a life pleasing to God for His glory. This new dimension in my life helped me see that my life here is temporal and that my focus should be on things eternal. The burden of struggling to be the 'best' in the world was lifted when I learned to be obedient to God. I must say that I'm still learning this lesson everyday. Death has no grip on me anymore as I look forward to be with Christ eternally.

The Lord blessed me tremendously through the last 13 years as I followed him. There were many times that I wandered away from Him but the Good Shepherd never failed to call me back to His side. This I know for I belong to His flock forever. - Chin Yuen Teng

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17-23 June '91)

TUE-SAT	LBC Camp
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Pr JP David)
FRI 7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
8.00 pm	Family Worship at the home of Mr & Mrs Francis Leong Peng Kai, 79 Ellington Sq. (2056) Tel: 4591219(H)
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm-LTF/YF
3.00 pm	LBC; 4.00 pm - YAF
SUN 8.00 am	"Unselfish Christian Service" (Rev C. Wong)
9.30 am	Sunday School
10.30 am	Dr Lim Teck Chye
10.30 am	Chinese Service
10.30 am	Junior Worship
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
10.45 am	Church Choir Practice
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
6.30 pm	Tamil Service

#### NBC This Week: Wed Newton

Fri Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chintown, Tampines

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,333.00 (8.00 am)  
 \*\$5,415.00 (10.30 am)  
 EXTN BLDG FUND II 711)\*\$3333; 712)\$100; 713)\$5415; 714)\$200; 715)\$100; 716)\$100; 717)\$3000; 718)\$70(Boxes); 719)\$50; 720)\$1030; 721)\$3000; 722)\$200.  
 Total: \$1,186,489.81  
 GRAND TOTAL: \$1,213,724.81  
 OFFERINGS FOR: VBS \$300; Thailand \$150, \$300; Sunday School \$20; Men's F'ship \$300, \$40; Designated \$2000; Batam \$700(WF); Philippines \$150, \$106.

Please pray for the MSF Team led by Dr David Cheong on Mission trip to Medan, Indonesia from 15 to 20 June. Rev P. Tan and family are accompanying them.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Roland Tay for the arrival of a baby boy on 13 June.

Staff worker needed at Christian Life Media Ministry. Interested, please call 2506955.



Bethlehem, June 9, '91

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Our Haifa friend confirmed how she was woken up in the dead of night to answer Qs about our identity before we could leave N.Y. Out of this situation I was moved to write these lines in an important theme, after "Cheep, cheep, cheep."

Sheep, sheep, sheep

- Sheep, sheep, sheep
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| <p>1. Sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep,<br/>Sheepish people need be told:<br/>I send you, sheep, sheep, sheep,<br/>To a wolfish world.<br/>Can a sheep live among wolves?<br/>Yes, he can by help of God!<br/>Learn this now, sheep, sheep, sheep:<br/>The Word of the Lord,</p> <p>2. Sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep,<br/>Sheepish people need be wise:<br/>Like the serpent alert,<br/>But as doves harmless.<br/>They'll try catch you by your word,<br/>Be not anxious when you speak.<br/>God's Spirit will teach you<br/>What to say, sheep, sheep.</p> | <p>3. Sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep,<br/>Sheepish people need be bold.<br/>You're witnesses of God,<br/>And lights in this world.<br/>Be ye quick to show the Way<br/>to the wandering, lost in sin.<br/>Do some good everyday<br/>For Jesus our King.</p> <p>Learning any subject from a lively teacher, mouth to mouth, face to face, is far more effective than by correspondence or video. For, if any part or particle of the lesson is not clear to you, by asking your teacher on the spot you can get the answer immediately. Hence our Lord taught</p> |
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He ate, He slept with His pupils 3½ years. Paul taught his pupils in the same way. He gave the same method of teaching to his successor Timothy (II Tim 2:2). It has been a delightful week spent with Mrs Ben Asher. All the Qs I had in my text book I got an immediate solution by direct contact. No tedium of looking up a dictionary, etc.

Before leaving our hostess we prepared these parting words which might bless some fellow-readers:

1. When you are alone, and there is no one to talk to,  
When fears fill your eyes, and life seems an empty dream.  
Remember your God, your loving Father!  
He who feeds the birds, will He not your soul redeem?
2. Jesus says to you: I am the Way, the Truth, the Life:  
No man can go to the Father but by Me.  
The Son of God has come to save us from sin.  
If you look to Him, He will surely set you free.
3. Yes Lord, I can hear your gentle voice to me calling.  
I now believe You are the coming Messiah.  
Help me to trust in you each step of the way.  
Lead me gently on till I see You face to face.

Since the Sea of Galilee is only an hour's drive from Haifa, we returned to our Bethlehem base by way of Tiberias. As before we stayed at the Church of Scotland Hospice. What massive stone mansions, is this erstwhile flourishing Mission Hospital. Through the devotion of Dr David Torrance this huge complex was built. He laboured here 1893-1923, was succeeded by his son till 1948. As times have changed the hospital is now turned into a hospice (like Baraka Hospital south of Bethlehem also now used as a Conference Centre).

From Tiberias we took bus along a road that avoids the troublous Samaria district. We came by way of Jericho to the Central Station in Jerusalem. From Jerusalem we caught a No. 160 Hebron Bus, which dropped us at the Bethlehem Check Point, a little walk from Baraka Church.

One regret during this Sabbatical abroad is our missing Dr John Whitcomb's lectures at the Vacation Bible College. To make up, and to encourage him I'm faxing this new song on Christ's Second Coming which the Lord gave in Galilee, sung to the tune of "Santa Lucia." As Dr Whitcomb is a stalwart on Premillennialism which BPC also teaches, but is now being subtly undermined, may I dedicate it to him. Please forward this song to Dr Tow my brother, and if he sees fit, may it be sung through some choir at the end of the VBC to the sweet memory of Dr Whitcomb's Far Eastern Ministry.

## A THOUSAND GOLDEN YEARS

1. Behold the Eastern skies, a New Light's shining through -  
The Sun of Righteousness breaks forth from the blue!  
The Night of bomb and blood is scattered far and wide.  
The Day of Right o'er Night is now born anew!

### Chorus for v1 & 2

Jesus the Son of God has come to Earth from Heaven.  
He has come with healing in His wings,  
In peace shall He reign.  
A thousand golden years of salvation and rest.  
No more strife among the nations,  
In peace shall He reign.

2. Men shall learn war no more, swords and spears disappear.  
Swords turned to ploughshares, pruning hooks from spears.  
The Earth shall bloom again, the Curse shall be removed,  
The ox and lion shall thrive, the lamb and the wolf.
3. In that glad Day of Peace in New Jerusalem,  
The Greater David shall sit on His Throne.  
From Earth's end to Earth's end, homage to Him they'll bring,  
All glory to the Lamb, God's Lamb that was slain.

### Chorus for v3

Jesus the Son of God has come to Earth from Heaven,  
He has come with Healing in His wings,  
In peace shall He reign.  
Hallelu, hallelu. Hallelu, hallelu,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah!

"The Hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him" is the testimony of both Ezra and Nehemiah who were heavily burdened with leading the Olim of their day back to Jerusalem. This word very commonly used here means "the going-up ones," Jews who return "up" to their Holy Land. The special or particular Providence of God over His people is the theology behind the above Statement (Ezra 8:22).

Through all our travels the last one month we have seen God's Hand leading

and providing in a marvellous way, in the many little things that work together for our good. Not by "good luck," but by "good Providence." When the burden of carrying our baggage got heavier as we plodder to the Bus Station and I was wishing for a taxi, out from nowhere swoop one before us. Upon arrival, the bus we would take graciously let us in when it had started to manoeuvre out of its bay. A stranger in a foreign land, God was our Time-table and Burden bearer. "When we have done our best, though weak and weary, God will take care of the rest."

Obediently, T.T.

### TESTIMONY

I came to the Lord at 8 years of age. I attended Sunday School regularly in Chua Chu Kang under the leadership of Elder Sng, my uncle. I have been attending church, but was never a born-again Christian, until I was in Sec One when my art teacher brought me to Jesus Saves Mission (JSM). Since then I have joined the YF every weekend. I would say it was the greatest turning point in my Christian life. The Lord spoke to me through His Word. I attended the World Congress of Fundamentalists held in Singapore Nov 26 1980. I was then a member singing in a 200-strong choir at Singapore Conference Hall. During the meeting, I could feel the revival power of the Holy Spirit working in our midst. Remembering one of the messages that Dr Bob Jones spoke from Isa 46:8-11 ... "Remembering the former things of old; for I am God and there is none else. I am God and there is none like me..." I truly understood we are totally depraved and unable to do anything to aid our own salvation, and cannot in our natural state respond to the call of the gospel unless we are first made spiritually alive by the operation of God's sovereign grace. Thank God for we are serving a true and living God.

The Lord has His divine purpose for every trial He wants us to go through. It is by our obedience in submission that we may see Christ working in our life.

I left JSM after sec. school and joined Grace Baptist Church for a few months before coming to Life Church.

Thank God for the providence and assurance through His Word, that we might find ourselves faithful till He comes. Amen.

Ada Chua

<u>APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (24-30 June '91)</u>				<u>LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:</u>	
MON	9.00 am	Seminar on Cults (Rev Bobby Phee)	SUN 12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	*\$4,271.00 (8.00 am)
			3.00 pm	Thai Service	*\$5,028.00 (10.30 am)
TUE	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev P Tan) 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Pr JP David)	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	EXTN BLDG FUND II 723)*\$4271; 724)*\$5028; 725)
			4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	\$55.10(Boxes); 726)\$100; 727)\$500.
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship	6.30 pm	Tamil Service	Total: \$1,196,443.91
SAT	10.30 am	Chua Teow Tzing & Ong Siew Chin Wedding (Rev P Tan)	NBC This Week: <u>Wed</u> Bukit Timah, Henderson		
			<u>Fri</u> Joo Chiat		
SUN	8.00 am	"One Day at a Time" (Rev C Wong)	GRAND TOTAL: \$1,223,678.91		
			OFFERINGS FOR: <u>RPG</u> \$50; <u>Dn Yiew Pong Sen</u>		
	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30pm-LTF/YF	\$300; <u>Thailand</u> \$200(AF).		
	3.00 pm	LBC; 4.00pm-YAF	Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, Life Bible-		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Road,		
	10.30 am	Mr Lim Hai Seng	S'pore 1130. Tel: 2569256.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Junior Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.45 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service			
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach			





My dear Readers,

Baraka BPC, Bethlehem  
June 15, '91

## Stones and Living Stones

Last week I mentioned the name of Dr Torrance who built a great hospital on the shores of Galilee and how it was used by the Lord for over half a century. As times have changed the hospital is turned into a hospice. The same may be said of Dr Thomas Lambie, world famous missionary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. A greater than Dr Torrance, he was used by God to found seven hospitals in Africa and the M-East. He was personal physician to Emperor Haile Selasse of Ethiopia. After WWII he built his seventh hospital in the Valley of Berachah (II Chron 20:26), a T.B. hospital of 100 beds that served the Kingdom of Jordan.

When the ICCC visited Dr Lambie in 1950 and I had the windfall of a tumpang with Rev K C Quek to visit the Holy Land, we were personally led by the Doctor to go round the near-finished Hospital up to the roof top. The Berachah Valley gave name to the Hospital now known as BARAKA (Conference Centre). A more lasting stone edifice is the Church and Mission Qrs Dr Lambie built at Bethlehem. Bethlehem is 4 miles from "sea".

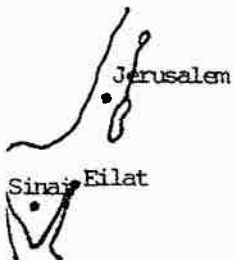
But the greatest stones of all are the living stones of an Arab Church that has risen over these mansions, and the chief among them is Rev George Awad elected minister by the national congregation, ordained by Dr Tow and Dr Tan when they toured the Holy Land 1985 with 40 others from Singapore. A bond of Christian love and fellowship was being forged by the Unseen Hand, which was further strengthened by Life Church-FEBC 1987 Pilgrimage. Out of our visit was that hilarious response to help the young Arab Church buy a piece of land to build a Church of their own at Beit Sahour, overlooking Boaz' Barley Field. Not only the plot of land of 1,100 sq m but also a wall surrounding it, as reported by Leong Kit Hoong of Tabernacle BPC. Now our eyes have seen all these and how we praise the Lord that S'pore has a part in Missions back to the Land of our Saviour's Birth, to the very field the Angels sang the first Christmas Night!

But the story of the chief living stone of the Arab congregation is even more enlightening. When I asked George Awad how he a nurse by profession is now also overseeing pastor, he told me of his conversion under one Rev Hamilton (I know him). As a boy he would come to the Gospel Meetings and S.S. of the Baraka Church. There he believed and got out of a ritualistic Christianity. He went to Abu Dhabi to earn a living and was instrumental in starting a Protestant Church there. His missionary zeal has now flowered into this leadership of a Baraka Church at Beit Sahour. BS is 3 km from the Bethlehem Church where we were lodged.

The process of leading him into Christ's Kingdom is repeated at the Sat YF meeting, all run by young Arab leaders. The YF has an attendance of 30-50. A young graduate from Bob Jones whom we met at a BPC in US 1988 is now taking the lead. Rev Awad himself was present at one of the meetings we attended. Living stones beget living stones. As American missionaries seem to fade, we have a duty to help nurture this national leadership.

Before leaving S'pore Chan Ngiap Koon twice said to me "Let's visit Egypt in our next Holy Land Tour." As if to confirm this our travel experts, "The Guiding Star," Gabriel Khano and son Mark whom we consult suggest the same! Then comes a letter from Daniel Indrawan and wife to book a place in advance! To have a preview of the southern route, we took a two-day trip to Eilat, Israel's southern port on the Red Sea, an important halt in Israel's onward march to the Promised Land skirting Edom. There's a side trip to Sinai, to Mt Moses where the X Commandments were given, but we did not venture. Nevertheless, this trip to Eilat gives us light to negotiate for a Tour to our advantage. We're now in the process of formulating a 12-day Holy Land tour that will incorporate the whole school vacation Mar 14-22. From previous experience, 12 days is an ideal schedule. To go beyond this would be counter-productive. Most of the party will be dead tired, nodding amen to a guide who lectures only to the wind.

I have been informed Rev Dan Ebert III is not able to teach in the coming semester. An alteration has to be made which involves the Monday evening Basic Theology Classes. I'd kindly request I Pet. and Missionary Med. to be shifted to the Day Session, Rev Khoo to take I Pet. I shall personally teach Romans Mon. 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Here's my description of the Course: "ROMANS. In this Epistle of St Paul to the early Church in Rome (how different from the RCs of today), we have God's Magna Carta of Salvation for a lost mankind. The profoundest depths of theological thought are probed by the Apostle under Divine Inspiration as He expounds God's Master Plan. Though it took Dr Martyn Lloyd Jones 12 years to preach from this Book, yet it is possible for us to trace a clear outline of the main themes. For example: 1) Can a man find God by the light of nature (without hearing the Gospel)? 2) Is the Jews to whom was given the Law nearer to God



by keeping the Law? 3) Is there a Divine spark in man that can lead him to salvation? 4) How can a sinful man become acquitted by a just and holy God? 5) What's the difference between Fatalism and Predestination? 6) Is God unfair to elect Jacob against Esau? 7) What is the true meaning of "Once saved always saved!"? Romans is fascinating to the devout seeker of God's saving grace as the clock is to the learner watch-maker. Lecturer: Rev T. Tow, MDiv, STM, DD."

Incidentally, the Baraka Church has a weekly study on Romans, and I'm now involved in teaching Ch. III. As I have often quoted Joseph in Gen 41:32 that two are a confirmation, I believe the Lord has the extra night session for me to teach.

By CLBC fax I've learnt that Dr Steele had a mild stroke and is recovering. This is my Ekspresgram to him, our prayers for his speedy restoration. May the Lord give you strength to prepare for your 1991 "Expedition" to Singapore and Malaysia! As for us, the Lord has preserved all along, though my eyesight is still 45%. -Affectionately, T.T.

#### PROGRESS REPORT - THE LIFE CHURCH EVANGELISTIC BAND

The Life Church Evangelistic Band Committee hereby presents a brief report of its work beginning from the year of inception September 1987 to February 1991. Truly, the formation of the E-Band initiated by our beloved pastor, Rev Timothy Tow and formalised by Rev Colin Wong had experienced much grace and working power of the Holy Spirit.

Every Lord's Day, except the second week of the month where the E-Band spent its time in prayer, the Gospellers were shadowed by the Almighty. The experience of being rejected, ridiculed, threatened, and shouted at, were part and parcel of the Gospel ministry. Despite all these, the E-Band counted it a great joy to suffer shame for His name.

The initial objective set was to cover Toa Payoh estate. The time given was five years. The E-Band is glad to report that as of today, about 95% of the Estate had been systematically covered, with the remaining 5% uncovered. It was due to the on-going demolition. There are close to 300 blocks in Toa Payoh. Majority of these are 3-room flats, followed by 2-room flats and 4-room flats. The E-Band also managed to evangelise Kim Keat Area.

The average number of Gospellers who came faithfully and steadfastly was 20. This was a very small number compared to the membership of the Church. Further, the response from the Fellowship Groups had not been very encouraging. However, despite the poor attendance, the Lord's work must go on.

The Church's van was often used to fetch Gospellers to the field. The rest of them would take a train.

Before the E-Band went out for evangelism, the Gospellers met for a time of prayer and exhortation at 12.45 pm, Beulah House. Evangelism began at 2 pm and finished by 8 pm.

A Bible Correspondence Course was offered to those who were interested in the Christian faith. New converts were also introduced to this course. A total of 183 persons had enrolled. Presently, there are 25 still doing it. The average duration to complete the course is 3 to 6 months, depending on the age groups, and how soon they send in the reply.

Gospel tracts were obtained from the Reformed Tract Distributor and Bible Society. They were in English, Chinese and Tamil.

Besides evangelising Toa Payoh, the E-Band also visited Old Folks Home and friends and relatives who were hospitalised.

The estimated contacts who attended Life Church were as follows: English Service-20, Chinese Service-15, and Sunday School-10.

The E-Band Committee would like the Church to remember this ministry in prayer. Satan hates it and will do anything to hinder it.

May God raise up many more labourers to do the work of evangelism (Matt 9:37,38). Amen.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (1-7 JULY '91)

UE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg(Dr P Tan)  
HU 7.00 pm '91 Asia Missionary Conference(Korean Church)  
RI 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
AT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm-LTF/YF  
3.00 pm LBC; 4.00pm-YAF  
UN 8.00 am "Me A Gifted Child?" (Dr Lim Teck Chye)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev P Tan(Lord's Supper)  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.45 am Church Choir Practice  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach

BC This Week: Wed Newton

Fri Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$2,176.00 (8.00 am)

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$6,446.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 728)\*\$2176; 729)\*\$6446; 730)\$50; 731)\$203.50(Boxes); 732)\$200; 733)\$50(S.S) 734)\$1000; 735)\$150(LBC); 736)\$200; 737)\$2000; 738)\$1100; 739)\$1150; 740)\$1500; 741)\$300; 742)\$570; 743)\$610; 744)\$730; 745)\$906; 746)\$1000.  
Total: \$1,216,785.41

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,244,020.41

OFFERINGS FOR: Missionary Fund \$50; Daniel Arianto \$300; Rev Kutty \$500; Mrs Ong \$200; Dn Yiew P S \$300; Thailand \$188(Bishan NBC), \$100(YF); Philippines \$500, \$234(Bishan NBC).

Our deepest sympathies to the family of the late James Mong who went to be with the Lord on 22 June 1991, during work assignment in the USA. Funeral on Monday at 11 am from S'pore Casket to CCK.

Premarital Counseling Classes will be conducted in July 13,20,27 & Aug 3 at 7.30 pm at the FEBC Library by Dr Patrick Tan.

Edited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Rd, S'pore.





## ISRAEL LETTER VII

My dear Readers,

Bethlehem, Israel

"For Such A Time As This"

June 14, '91

The intifada has resulted in the containment of Arabs within their own villages and townships. Except for Arabs who have working passes to Jerusalem, others who wish to travel to Israel territory must apply for "passport." This means the distance that an Arab can travel is greatly reduced. This applies to those residing in Bethlehem and Beit Sahour, 3 km from Bethlehem Church. As the young people have nowhere to go, a good group would come to play mini-basketball and mini-football on Baraka Church grounds. Now that the Arab Church of Baraka has bought land at Beit Sahour and plan to build and develop it also into a Youth Centre, it will attract the young people encircled in Beit Sahour to come together. This will be a wonderful opportunity to win young Arabs to Christ. The ground is not as hard as you would imagine. Most of those that would come, 40-50 of them, are from a ritualistic Christian background. And we have glorious conversion by the power of the Gospel (Rom 1:16). Your giving to Baraka at Beit Sahour has come "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)!

Is This Our Land, Our Promised Land?

Like the spies who were commissioned to go through Canaan 40 days, the days spent here have taught us many lessons. From these lessons we're all the more burdened for our Beulah Land across Gilstead Rd. Hence these verses, sung to the tune of Annie Laurie. These I present to our Church Choir to rehearse, to sing, if possible, the Lord's Day of July 21.

1. Caleb says, the Land of Promise  
God gave to our Fathers  
Is a land of milk and honey,  
Brooks, streams, springing waters.  
If God delight in us,  
He'll bring us by His Hand,  
To this Land flowing milk and honey,  
To this our land, our Beulah Land.  
2. There's a Promised Land to Christians,  
To them who hope in their Lord.  
Not to those who serve half-hearted,  
Who ne'er cast in their lot.  
Will God delight in them,  
And bring them by His Hand?  
To this land flowing milk and honey,  
To this their land, their Beulah Land?

3. There's more good land to be conquered,  
But Israel call it a day.  
Lifers we have long crossed Jordan,  
Shall now we end the fray?  
'Tis a question to answer:  
Our battle's far from won!  
O this land flowing milk and honey!  
Is this our land, our Beulah Land?  
4. God give us loyal sons like Caleb,  
Who followed Thee to the end.  
Not by might nor power but Spirit,  
Can we take Beulah Land.  
If God delight in us,  
He'll help us by His Hand,  
Conquer this Land far beyond Jordan!  
This Beulah Land, our Promised Land.

As your pastor I am heavily burdened for our Beulah House as well as the newly added mission outreaches. The consolation however, is we have no bank interest on the \$2.2 million debt to pay. For this reason we should willingly support every outreach in the spirit of St Paul: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also" (Rom 1:14,15). What is missions? It is the Greatest Cause in the world - to extend God's Kingdom to Earth's end till Jesus comes.

Before the Return of the Messiah...

There must be the completion of the ingathering of the Jews back to their Homeland. There are at least 25 prophecies on this ingathering which is called ALIYAH by the Jews themselves. Here is one prophecy from Zechariah: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem...and the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof...Behold, I will bring my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness" (Zech 8:4-8).

This prophecy is being fulfilled marvellously before our eyes as we move about in Jerusalem --- to see the most recent addition of the black Jews from Ethiopia. Whereas Samaria the capital in the Northern Kingdom built by man is today in ruins, Jerusalem the chosen of God flourishes with ½ million population. But we must not forget the blood sweat and tears that were shed by the early pioneers of the Zionist Movement. Like homing pigeons these indomitable first returnees found a way by sea and land to their Fatherland. One of them was Golda Meir, P.M. called also "Mother of Israel." In her book she describes how she left a wealthy America in the early twenties to sweat it out in the shtetl, and how wave after wave of idealist young Jews returned despite every privation and hardship. The 200,000 Russian returnees today are much better attended to. But do all these returnees realise there is the Unseen Hand of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob opening a way for them to come back, according to prophecy? O that they would early recognise that their coming Messiah is none other than Jesus Christ our Lord andaviour, God's only begotten Son!

1. O Israel, give ear to Isaiah:  
He foretold your Aliyah.  
Not by might, nor power, but Spirit,  
Your God, Jahweh-Jireh!  
Before Messiah comes,  
He'll bring your long lost sons,  
From four corners of earth to Zion.  
Zion, O Zion, Jerusalem.
2. God shall save your sons from evil:  
North, south, east, west, like a swarm -  
Philistines, Edom and Moab,  
Hordes from the East, Ammon.  
From thee their hosts shall flee,  
My Spirit them shall drive.  
Dryshod men cross the Egyptian Sea  
Zion, O Zion, look now and live!

3. Who is the Messiah that shall come?  
The Stem of Jesse is He  
E'en the Greater Son of David  
Jesus the Son o' Mary.  
He'll judge the earth in truth,  
By Spirit sevenfold.  
The lamb shall have no fear o' the wolf,  
Come now to Zion the Age of Gold!

(Read the whole chapter of Isaiah 11.)

#### Why are we here?

Our trip to US was the fulfilling of parental duty; a logical necessity. Since we had come so far, we thought we should reap some fringe benefits on the return journey. One thought was a 9-day European

tour. That gave us no peace. After much waiting on the Lord which resulted in coming here to polish up my Hebrew, there was complete peace and assurance. But studying Hebrew is not all. The Lord has other things in mind. I have been persuaded that He wants me to compose not only "Holy Land Verses" but more hymns and songs for the refreshing of the Church.

Living in the midst of the people we have come to see their needs. Hence the spontaneous offer to help at the pulpit and the teaching of Bible classes. The value of such ministry is seen in a young Arab's testimony. He says, "I love Baraka Church because here we have the truth. I cannot bear seeing so-called Christians kissing images and icons. As for me I read a portion of the Bible everyday. Christianity is of the heart."

One concrete attainment in this visit to the Holy Land is to meet with our Travel Experts, The Guiding Star. With such face to face talk we are assured of what we will get, having profited from our past experiences. By working out a total package tour, we should save on expenses too. We're now in the final stages of negotiations. With Mark Khano.

As our coming tours should kill more birds, we must bless the Arab Church by working with them and visiting their Beit Sahour Church property. We should bring them Relief. We should make full use of Baraka Conference Centre, so we went the other day to Arroub; that is where the Centre is, for an inspection. In anticipation of our sojourn with them, they have really spruced it up. They say our coming to make a joyful noise to the Lord brings Revival to the valley!

Not only our 1992 March and June tours are in the offing! If there is a real need, there is no reason why a third one in September might not be considered. "I want to walk where Jesus walked."

Why are we here? It is good to feel we are in the Lord's Service. Obediently, T.T.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (8-14 JULY '91)

MON - FRI Korean Mtgs  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (FEBC Hall,  
Rev P. Tan)  
FRI 7.45 pm Men's F'ship (FEBC Hall)  
Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)  
E-Band Fellowship  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF  
3.00 pm LBC/YAF  
SUN 8.00 am "A Gift to the Church"  
(Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev P. Tan  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.45 am Church Choir Practice  
12.15 pm Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach  
12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service  
6.30 pm Tamil Service

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,520.00 (8.00 am)  
\*\$9,872.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 747)\*\$4520; 748)\$150;  
749)\*\$9872; 750)\$6000(CLMM); 751)\$120; 752)\$100;  
753)\$2000; 754)\$400; 755)\$100; 756)\$500;  
757)\$523.80(Hope BPC).

Total: \$1,241,071.21

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,268,306.21

OFFERINGS FOR: RPG \$350; Dn Yiew P S \$50;  
Jess Tamee \$30; Medan \$50; Sunday School \$50;  
Msnr Charles Seet \$50; Philippines \$100; FEBC  
\$200; Thailand \$100, \$400(NBC Bt Timah).

Words of Encouragement from Lovers of God:

This is the pay of my first month work, which I have promised to give unto the Lord as He has commanded us to offer our first harvest. May the Lord continue to bless and guide me in my undertaking.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Bro Chan Heng Leong on the homegoing of his mother Mdm Kan Hup Yee, aged 87, on 2 Jul 91.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Chan Ngiap Koon for the gift of a son AMOS, on 26 Jun 91.

Pastor & Mrs Tow will be arriving Singapore by TG403 on 10 July 91 at 1155 am.

NBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson;  
Fri Joo Chiat

Edited by Rev Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2502138.



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

My dear Readers,

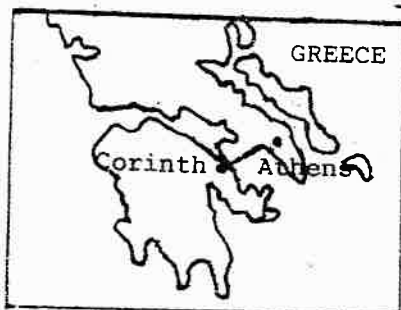
Athens, July 9, '91

### "The half of knowledge is to know where to find it"

We retrieved our steps to Haifa again to be tutored by Mrs Ben Asher. For parting we ate at a Chinese Restaurant called "Sea Waves" sitting right over Haifa Harbour. Interestingly the Chinese Restaurant is operated by a Jewish towkay. The cook, waiters and waitresses are recruited from Hong Kong.

In studying any language the dictionary is your silent teacher at all times. We bought several of them, one real big for the sake of my eyes. Incidentally I have advanced slightly, up to 50 per cent. I have another 5 lessons to do to finish the 1000-word book. The dictionary must take over from here.

### Third Holy Land Pilgrimage to be Finalised



Our first two were in 1983 and 87. God willing, and with Session approval, we should go on the Third Pilgrimage, Mar 11-23, '92. Our route should take us to Cairo via SIA, then to Sinai where God gave the X Commandments to Moses, thence by way of Eilat on the Red Sea up the Desert to Baraka Valley. The rest of the journey can follow through as agreed or we should head on to Athens and Corinth to visit the spots where Paul preached? This new thought has come about through our returning home via Athens! The reason for detouring to Athens is there's no direct flight out of Israel to S'pore.

### "My Presence shall go with Thee, and I will give you rest" (Ex 33:14)

In all of our travels hitherto, we have had a foolproof schedule. We have no anxiety when we have someone to receive us and someone to send us off. But now to Athens, a totally new county to us. The words of the Lord above addressed to Moses assured us.

Sure enough, Rev George Awad gave me a card: Seoul Travel Ltd, Pres. Jae-Hyong Ahn, 5 Stadiou, Syntagma, Athens, etc. Tel. 323378 (Off.); 9232179 (Home); Fax 01-3223232. He knows this Mr Ahn to be a Christian tourist expert. So we faxed him and in no time came the welcome reply. Mr Ahn would receive us at the airport. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov 25:25).

At Athens Airport, Mr Ahn received us very promptly and drove us to a good hotel in the heart of the city. As it was Sunday 8.00 am when we arrived we sought him to take us to worship at the Greek Evangelical Church we had been introduced to by George Awad. "No problem" he said. "This Church is only 10 min. walk from your hotel. You have plenty of time before 11.00 am worship time. Besides, I am a deacon of the Korean United Church of Athens" borrowing the premises of the Greek Church at 50 Amalias, a main street of the city."

We not only worshipped at the Greek Church at 11.00 am but also at the Korean Church 1.00 pm. We were warmly received with Mr Ahn's introduction. I was asked to bring greetings from S'pore and pronounce the benediction.

As we still had one-and-a-half days left after Sunday Mr Ahn put us on a tour of Corinth. There we saw the agora where Paul preached. There is also the remains of an ancient Christian Church near the market place. Another tour took us to the famous Parthenon on the Acropolis (Top of City) of Athens. Below this Greek Temple dedicated to Athene Parthenos (Parthenos means virgin) on the lower slope of the hill is the spot where Paul preached on Mar's Hill. Seeing Corinth and Athens in one day is enough. It thrilled my heart to realise how zealous were the early missionaries. They kept pressing on and on! That's how the spirit of Life Church should be if any progress in missions is to be made.

### Singing through Romans Ch I to XI, Mon Evening Class

The last three days before leaving Israel my mood in writing was turned to putting Romans in verse through the inspiration of an old tune "Long, long ago." In 61 verses the whole range of doctrine of the Magna Carta of God's Saving Plan will be learnt on the wings of music. Here are the first four verses for your sampling and inducement to come to the night classes. Cheers, no tears! (ROMANS will be held every Monday, 7.30-9.30 pm from 29 July 1991 and LAW OF MOSES will be held every Thursday, 7.30-9.30 pm from 25 July 1991.)

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| <p>i. Of thirteen epistles St Paul did write,<br/>The greatest one was Romans.<br/>It was written in AD 60,<br/>From the City of Corinth.<br/>The Magna Carta of God's saving plan<br/>Is nowhere in such sublimity scanned.<br/>Of thirteen epistles St Paul did write<br/>The greatest one was Romans.</p> | <p>2. The Epistle was written to Christians<br/>Who lived in Rome before he went,<br/>Acts Chapter Two surely gives us a clue:<br/>Who were these Christian Romans?<br/>Pentecost saw at least fifteen nations,<br/>'mong these visitors were some come from<br/>Rome.<br/>The Epistle was written for Christians,<br/>Who lived in Rome ere he went.</p> |
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3. The Roman Christians were known for their faith,  
Not as the RC's with a Pope!  
To them who have, God says, more will be given.  
This text book of Faith brings hope.  
Paul says this book was his spiritual gift,  
By which their faith may be firm established.  
The Roman Christians were known for their faith,  
Not as RC's with a Pope.

4. St Peter and other apostles ten,  
Roman Christians all had seen them.  
Who was this one just now come on the scene?  
Paul must by himself defend.  
His credentials are no less than Peter's.  
He was commissioned o' the Risen Saviour.  
St Paul and St Peter stand together,  
Roman Christians should know them.

With apologies, T.T.



Far Eastern Bible College reopens for the 30th academic year Mon. July 22, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at Beulah House. Ten prospective students come from the following countries: S'pore 3, Malaysia 1, Indonesia 2, Thailand 1, Philippines 1, Burma 1, Kenya 1. Alumnus Quek Suan Yew, M.Div. will address the College.

The Board of Directors, presided by Eld Dr Tow Siang Yeow, is invited to the Principal's Flat for dinner Fri July 26, 7 pm and thereafter to the business meeting.

Mr Das Koshy, B.Sc., B.Th. is newest member on the faculty. He is appointed to teach 2nd year Greek. Rev Stephen Khoo teaches Elementary Hebrew. Modern Hebrew is offered by the Principal to Biblical Hebrew students only if there is such request.

The College has issued a 22-page Handbook which is available at the "Counter" upon request.

**R-RATED FILMS.** What downgrade trends have set in during our brief 2 months' absence from our Homeland! If cinema-going was denounced by Dr John Sung in the thirties, all the more these pornographic movies today! Dear Lifer, do not go to the cinema, R-rated or not! A certain B-P pastor argued we could go, since the TV is no different from the cinema. Whereas you can shut out the undesirable from the TV, you cannot but be shut in with the unsaved cinema-going crowd. A church-going Christian cannot be a cinema-going un-Christian. What makes Singapore strong is first her moral power upheld by our beloved leader Mr Lee Kuan Yew. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Prov 29:2). "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov 14:34).

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (15-21 JULY '91)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting  
FRI 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF/YF  
3.00 pm LBC/YAF  
SUN 8.00 am "Is Evangelism for Me?"  
(Rev C. Wong)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Tow  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.45 am Church Choir Practice  
12.15 pm Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach  
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3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service  
6.30 pm Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Wed Newton

Fri Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$2,439.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$11,492.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 758)\*\$2439; 759)\$300;  
760)\$100; 761)\*\$11492; 762)\$50; 763)\$300;  
(Kebaktian Indonesia); 764)\$357.30; 765)  
\$50; 766)\$1200(Sharon BPC); 767)\$870;

768)\$1000; 769)\$1000; 770)\$2800; 771)\$26.20  
(Boxes): 772)\$826(Chinese Service); 773)\$5000;  
774)\$332; 775)\$1800(Thanksgiving); 776)\$500;  
777)US\$1000; 778)US\$600(Rev C T Hsu); 779)  
US\$25; 780)US\$20.

Total: \$1,271,513.71 + US\$1645

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,298,748.71 + US\$1645

"Owe no man anything (Rom 13:8). Our Beulah Debt is now reduced to \$2.05 million.

OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$430; Rev George Kutty \$10; Msnr Charles Seet \$107; Pr J P David \$100.

FEK BOD's Meeting on Thu, 18 Jul, 8.00 pm at FEBC Library.

Lost and Found: Please claim your items at the information counter today.

Catechism Class: Those who are considering baptism, please attend the catechism class which will be starting on 4 Aug 91 at 9.30 am in Beulah House.

#### ROMANS (cont'd)

5. The Magna Carta of God's Saving Plan  
Is the Gospel, God's mighty power.  
It is given to the Jews first of all,  
And to Gentiles thereafter.  
By faith the just shall live, it is declared,  
From faith to faith is the righteous revealed.  
The Magna Carta of God's saving plan -  
The Gospel, God's mighty power.



## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Increase at the Chinese Service

After our return from abroad, it was my turn last week to preach at the Chinese Service. What a joy to see the Hall filled to the brim! Further I noted that a gift of \$5,000 had come from a member for EBF II. The best gift of all to the Lord is Bro Tan Kim Huat's decision to serve the Lord fulltime and he is now enrolled with FEBC.

There is also a big Mandarin S.S. class, 25-30 members, without a teacher. Mrs Lee has asked me to teach this class, 9.30 - 10.15 am, and I'm glad to take this class before the 10.30 am worship. Pray for us!

### Increase at Kebaktian Indonesia

I'm told by Deacon Charlie Chia of a substantial increase to the Indonesian Service also. Moreover a member is offering a scholarship to FEBC. With 2 new Indonesian students enrolling at FEBC, these would be important additions. One of the two is a young lady from Batam introduced by Roska. The other from West Kalimantan, is indirectly introduced through Rev Djunaidi. If you have any Indonesian domestic help, don't deprive her of the Sabbath and worship with us.



FEBC Reopens Tomorrow, July 22, 8.30 am at Beulah House

And here is an *FEBC Invitation Song*, a last trumpet call to holy orders.

*One day Jesus walked on the seashore of Galilee.  
He saw four young men, and they were brawny fishermen  
He knew them all by name, Peter and Andrew, James and John.  
"Follow Me," Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men."*

*And others He called, a team of twelve disciples strong.  
He trained them three years, He Himself taught them one by one.  
He gave them power to speak, to preach the Gospel everywhere,  
And they went in His strength with the Good News to every land.*

*Where are the young people today who should join their ranks?  
Give up all your plans, He has for you a greater one!  
Jesus who died for you, won't you serve Him by love constrained?  
"Follow Me," He repeats, "Tis the new race o' life you must run."*

*For thirty years on our Lord has used FEBC.  
From all round the world young men and young women have come.  
Two hundred have been trained, and they are gone to all the earth.  
Come and join Jesus' school, take up the cross and follow on."  
(Sung to the tune of "Blue Bells of Scotland.")*

### Is Circumcision Devoid of Faith?

Our church baptises infants because we not only follow the Apostle in its being part of household baptism (read Acts 16:15, Lydia; v.33 Philippian jailor; I Cor 1:16 Stephenas) but also in its close analogy to circumcision. Colossians 2:11,12 plainly equates baptism with circumcision, calling it "the circumcision of Christ made without hands." So as male children are circumcised in the O.T. we baptise infants in the N.T. Now I often hear this argument, "Show me a command in the N.T. on baptising infants, and I will submit to it." This seems a good argument, but if anything we practise in the church must be so directed, then let Calvin in his Institutes answer, "Women were not present at the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's commandment, but they are admitted to the Lord's Table all the same." How's that?

Coming back to our main topic on circumcision, being taught recently by a visiting professor that it does not involve faith but baptism does, we have the Apostle Paul to arbitrate. (Now one chief characteristic of a Jew outwardly is his circumcision. In this respect no male Jew could escape Hitler's Gestapo.) St Paul says rather, "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly, is that of the heart = faith = in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" (Rom 2:28,29).

In other words, the Jews that were circumcised in the O.T. were not to go through the rite as a matter of tradition, but as an affirmation of their faith in God, separated from the pagan world. Paul says it again in Romans 4:11 of Abraham's circumcision, that "he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of faith which he had yet being uncircumcised..." That is to say, before a Jew receives the sign of circumcision on his outward flesh, he must first be circumcised in his heart, ie. he must have faith in God his Saviour first before the knife is applied. Similarly, we see that a candidate for baptism must first show evidence of faith before water is applied.

Now, the argument that circumcision is devoid of faith is given to challenge infant baptism. Since we have proven that the sacrament of circumcision is bound up in faith, infant baptism, the N.T. counterpart of O.T.

infant circumcision, holds.

Here's another argument: being an infant the babe cannot exercise faith as in an adult. So we should not practise infant baptism.

Our answer is, the covenant made by God to the father covers the son, inasmuch as the goodness of the father, yea, even the mother extends to the child. A mother will give the best to her child, breast milk, vitamins, orange juice, etc. She does not require the child to express its faith in mother's milk etc. Why should an expression of faith be required from an infant when baptism, the best of all gifts, is given? The covenant made by God to the father covers the son.

- T. T.

### WHEN I THINK OF YOUR LOVE

1. When I think of Your love for me, Jesus  
The love that sent You down from heaven  
You left heaven's glory for earth, Jesus  
To save a mankind lost in sin  
You humbled Yourself for our sakes, Jesus  
The Son of God became Son of Man  
You were willing to serve as a slave Jesus  
You had fulfilled the Father's plan

#### Chorus:

No greater love in all the world, Jesus  
Than that a man should die for his friend  
There's no greater love in all the world, Jesus  
Than the love that sent You from heaven.

2. When I think of Your love for me, Jesus  
The love that sent You down from heaven  
What have I on earth but Yourself, Jesus  
Nor in heaven another Rose o' Sharon  
To whom shall I go but Yourself, Jesus  
You have the Word o' eternal life  
Let Your love constrain me You to serve, Jesus  
To You, all my life I now give.
3. I am willing to serve my Lord, Jesus  
My cross I am willing to bear  
Till t' day You call me to Yourself, Jesus  
There's a crown for the faithful to wear  
I'm willing to go to earth's end, Jesus  
Not for touring nor a life of ease  
Give me strength for the task to discharge, Jesus  
Till t' day of my spirit's release.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (22-28 July '91)

MON	8.30 am	FEBC Day of Prayer at Beulah House
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Rev Tow)
WED	7.00 pm	NBC Get-Together @ Dn& Mrs Pang's home, 3 White House Park (1025)
THU	7.30 pm	The Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
	8.00 pm	FEBC Board of Directors Mtg
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	4.00 pm	Fellowships Games Day (Beulah House)
	7.30 pm	Film Show "In His Steps" (Sanctuary)
SUN	8.00 am	"Me a Sunday School Teacher?" (Rev C. Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.45 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Practice
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

**NO NBC THIS WEEK.**

### **LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:**

\*\$4,194.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$6,708.00 (10.30 am)

**EXTN BLDG FUND II** 781)\*\$5194; 782)\$80; 783)\*\$6708; 784)\$200; 785)\$100; 786)\$70; 787)\$50; 788)\$100; 789)\$2000; 790)\$2500; 791)\$2900; 792)\$1030; 793)\$150; 794)\$130; 795)\$500(Thanks-giving).

**Total: \$1,295,084.03**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$1,322,319.03**

**OFFERINGS FOR:** Philippines \$400; Rev George Kutty \$500; Jess Tamee \$130; Thailand \$300 + \$50(NBC Bt Timah), \$130; FEBC \$200, \$900(Kebaktian Indonesia); Medan \$300; Batam \$690(WF); Baraka \$250.

**New Address of Mr & Mrs Ong Chu Seng :** 60 Belmont Road (1026). Tel: 4625172.

**Church Clerk required by Calvary BPC (Jurong Office).** Those interested, please contact Rev James Chan or any of the elders at tel: 2654295.

### **TANJUNG UBAN LATEST**



#### **TANJUNG UBAN SERVICES**

Sun 8.00 am S. School

7.30 pm Worship

Fri 7.30 pm YF

Attendance 10-15 at each meeting.

(Received one Portasound from Chinese Service)



## PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

### Wonderful Time at Kebaktian Indonesia last week

Our Indonesian Service was started Feb 7, 1982 after six FEBC students and the principal had prayed and felt the time was come to launch it. Among them were Haposan and Agus of Medan, Peter Clements, Australian missionary designate to Indonesia and Irene Lee of K.L. Soon to join us was David Amir our gardener and Dn and Mrs Charlie Chia. Today we have Preacher Daniel Arianto who has returned to upgrade himself, while Joseph Kendagor of Kenya is invited to officiate the Lord's Supper. Miss Cheryl Chew is new pianist to fill the gap left by Grace Khoo now in Australia.

When I attended the Kebaktian last Lord's Day 4.00 pm, I was deeply touched by a record attendance of 27. New friends have joined us among them Daniel Indrawan (FEBC) and his wife and Tiomsi of Batam (FEBC). A team of ex-drug addicts under their superiors from Djakarta was brought to the worship by Peter Simon through Helping Hand. They sang beautifully to the accompaniment of the guitar.

After service there was as usual the fellowship tea prepared by loving hands.

Why do I write about the Kebaktian? It is to testify the grace of God in sustaining this outreach to our giant Indonesian neighbour now with 178,000,000 souls! This is to invite peranakans of our Church to join the Kebaktian, to remind members with Indonesian domestic helps to let them worship with us. This is to remind the Church to pray for our outreaches to Batam, Uban and Tg Pinang in the Riau Islands, the Church and Bible School in Medan, North Sumatra, Rev Djunaidi's Church, Orphanage, School Complex and outstations in Pontianak, West Kalimantan, yea, even the young church and kindergarten in Kuching, Sarawak mandated to Sharon BPC, our daughter church that worships in the afternoon 4.30 pm.



### Far Eastern Bible College

reopened last Monday with an inspiring session at Beulah House. What is significant about this beginning of the 30th academic year is the launching of our Masters programme which was most heartily encouraged by Dr Peter Masters. Alumnus Quek Suan Yew, BTh, MDiv gave us the opening message on David's testimony in Ps 19 of the need of God's special revelation to effect our salvation.

Those who are invited to enter into the Masters programme are Dr Patrick Tan, Dn Yiew Pong Sen, Rev Colin Wong, Mr Prabhudas Koshy and Mr Daniel Indrawan.

Two other alumni who have returned for a short visit from their overseas study are Willie Ng of Grace BPC and Goh Ngiam Heng of the Chinese Presbyterian. Willie has returned from Dr Master's seminary in London and brings greetings from Rev Eric Kwan. Ngiam Heng is on the STM programme, Biblical Seminary, USA where Suan Yew and the Jeff Khoos are also studying. Another FEBCer joining Biblical next January is Kimiko Goto of Japan.

There is much talk about the concept of an Open University in the press, using modern media, but we believe in the person to person instruction. For men are not robots but spiritual creatures. Their character needs to be moulded and their hearts inspired by mutual encouragement. Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend (Prov 27:17). "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isa 28:10). They are not mere empty receptacles to be mechanically filled with facts and figures. Their whole being have to be cultivated. They must learn from examples living in the midst of God's community. In this respect there is every advantage in running a small college of 60-70 students. Praise the Lord for the FEBC Invitation Song published last week as a last bugle call to holy orders. One person did respond! T.T.

### Is This Our Land, Our Beulah Land? (to the Tune of "Annie Laurie")

1. *Caleb says, the Land of Promise  
God gave to our Fathers  
Is a land of milk and honey,  
Brooks, streams, springing waters.  
If God delight in us,  
He'll bring us by His Hand,  
To this Land flowing milk and honey,  
To this our land, our Beulah Land.*
2. *There's a Promised Land to Christians,  
To them who hope in their Lord.  
Not to those who serve half-hearted,  
Who ne'er cast in their lot.  
Will God delight in them,  
And bring them by His Hand?  
To this land flowing milk and honey,  
To this their land, heir Beulah Land?*
3. *There's more good land to be conquered,  
But Israel call it a day.  
Lifers we have long crossed Jordan,  
Shall now we end the fray?  
'Tis a question to answer:  
Our battle's far from won!  
O this land flowing milk and honey!  
Is this our land, our Beulah Land?*
4. *God give us loyal sons like Caleb,  
Who followed Thee to the end.  
Not by might nor power but Spirit,  
Can we taken Beulah Land.  
If God delight in us,  
He'll help us by His Hand,  
Conquer this Land far beyond Jordan!  
This Beulah Land, our Promised Land.*

## ARE YOU A "FOUR-WHEEL CHRISTIAN"?

Are you a "Four-wheel Christian"? Description: (1) one who rides to church for baptism (2) for Easter morning service (3) for the Christmas service (4) for funeral.

Sad to say, a large percentage of people in the free world who profess to believe on Jesus are little more than "four-wheel Christians." How about you? Is your church attendance irregular? Do you not tend to be a passive observer rather than an active participant in the cause of Christ? If so, beware!

Yes, the empty tomb testifies of a risen Saviour. It assures us that the work of salvation has been completed, and that there is hope for us beyond the grave.

Sometime ago a man from New York ordered a tombstone. After his death the tombstone was placed on top of his grave. A passer-by came upon the tombstone and read the inscription on it:

"Remember friends when passing by.

As you are now so once was I

As I am now, soon you'll be

So be content and follow me."

The passer-by wrote on the tombstone: *To follow you I am not content until I know which way you went.*

So friends, which way? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Be wise and follow the truth, the teachings of Life B-P Church.

Sylvia Wong

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (29 Jul - 4 Aug '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
	8.00 pm	Fellowships' Coordinating Committee Mtg (FEBC Library)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC
	3.00 pm	Wedding of Ng Keok Wah & Tan Huey Chun (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	"The Joy of Hospitality" (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	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	Children's Choir Practice
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	3.00 pm	Thai Service
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	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: *Wed* Newton;

*Fri* Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines.

**EKSPRESGRAM TO ROGERE. MARTIN:** Many thanks for your gift to Church. I'm 50% recovered in my affected eye. Praise the Lord.

## ON REVIVAL

by Linda Chan

The Word of God exhorts:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

The believer's heart is hardened and she reasons:

"What wicked ways? Me a believer sin?"

The Lord's messenger pleads:

"Revival has to begin with you."

The believer justifies her actions:

"Why, I come to church regularly, give my tithe and offering. Isn't that enough?"

"Don't you love to read God's Word?"

"Don't you desire to serve Him?"

"Why, I read my RPG, I come for Prayer Meetings, I even join a Fellowship Group, I'm spending too much time in church already."

"Your righteousness are as filthy rags. Search your heart and call upon Him today."

The Holy Spirit finally convicts the self-righteous believer.

She sinks upon her knees and cries:

"Lord, put away my Pharisaical attitude, and humble me."

Our spiritual leaders pray and plead for Revival within our church, But they alone cannot revive God's work, unless we believers do our part for revival has to come from within our hearts.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,142.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,660.00 (10.30 am)

**EXTN BLDG FUND II** 796)\*\$4142; 797)\$100; 798)\$55; 799)\*\$7660; 800)\$100; 801)\$50; 802)\$500; 803)\$141(Coinafon); 804)\$50(Sembawang, Galilee & New Life YFs); 805)\$900; 806)\$980; 807)\$1,030; 808)\$500; 809)\$200(Pepsi).

**Total: \$1,311,492.03**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$1,338,727.03**

**OFFERINGS FOR:** *Msnr Charles Seet* \$18, \$100; *Deeram Tamee* \$30, \$100; *Thailand* \$50(NBC Bt Timah); *Roska* \$100; *Thankip Vel Zahau* \$100; *Rev George Kutty* \$100.

**AT THE REQUEST OF CHRISTIANS OF ANOTHER CHURCH,** the pastor removed Kuan Yin the goddess of mercy and other household gods from the home of Mr & Mrs Lim Ye Hoe, Blk 109 #11-1008, Hougang Ave 1 (1953). Tel 287-7211, Sat July 20, '91. The idols were summarily despatched to the rubbish trolley for final incineration.

**LAST CALL TO JOIN ROMANS AND LAW OF MOSES CLASSES,** Mon & Thurs 7.30-9.30 pm. Lecturer: Rev T Tow, MDiv, STM, DD. Hurry! Cheers, No Tears! Sing your way through Rom I-XI! These verses were recently composed in the Holy Land.

**CATECHISM CLASS** commences today at 9.30 am.



# PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

## From National Day To International Missions Day

Every year we as a church join our nation in commemorating her founding by offering special prayers for our leaders, and in the singing of our version of *SINGAPURA*.

With the recent eruption of a volcano in neighbouring Philippines and with one of the worst floods in China's history rendering over 10 million souls homeless, we Singaporeans must look up to the Almighty for tender mercies lest we be inundated likewise (Lk 13:5). As Christians, it is our duty to intercede "for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim 2:1,2). Our *SINGAPURA* is a *prayer* for the well-being of our homeland.



## SINGAPURA

1. O Fairest Isle of Southern Seas,  
Thy waters are so blue;  
Waft by a balmy ocean breeze,  
Thy land is decked with dew.  
Singapura! Singapura!  
Thou favoured Isle of ease.  
God bless thee yet with thine increase,  
And peace from year to year.
2. Our fathers came to this green shore,  
From many climes and lands;  
They found a richer life in store  
Beneath just ruling hands.  
Singapura! Singapura!  
Thou haven of the free.  
God bless thee yet with thine increase,  
And peace from year to year.
3. On thee we've built a new city  
First great port of the world.  
Let Right prevail and Equity.  
Not by might nor by power.  
Singapura! Singapura!  
So may thy sons serve thee.  
God bless thee yet with thine increase,  
And peace from year to year.
4. Today we sail as one nation,  
Our flag is flying high;  
May our Captain by wise action  
Steer us with Compass nigh.  
Singapura! Singapura!  
Lightship of liberty.  
Sail on unto prosperity  
And peace a thousand years!

(Tune : Materna)

But Christians have a higher citizenship in God's Kingdom. And this citizenship may sooner be proclaimed than you think. It is the Return of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth to claim worship and allegiance from every nation while those who are His shall reign with Him a thousand years (Rev 20:6).

As citizens of Singapore we rejoice with our compatriots in her founding 26 years ago. As citizens of heaven we look beyond this national celebration to the International when Christ comes to earth again to rule from David's throne in Jerusalem. Our celebration of National Day is enhanced 1000 times when we anticipate the coming King of Kings by singing and preaching about Him, that souls be now enlisted for His Kingdom.

## A THOUSAND GOLDEN YEARS

Behold the Eastern skies, a New Light's shining through -  
The Sun of Righteousness breaks forth from the blue!  
The Night of bomb and blood is scattered far and wide,  
The Day of Right o'er Might is now born anew.  
Jesus the Son of God has come to Earth from Heaven.  
He has come with healing in His wings,  
In peace shall He reign.  
A thousand golden years of salvation and rest.  
No more strife among the nations,  
In peace shall He reign.

Men shall learn war no more, swords and spears disappear.  
Swords turned to ploughshares, pruning hooks from spears.  
The Earth shall bloom again, the Curse shall be removed,  
The ox and lion shall thrive, the lamb and the wolf.  
Jesus the Son of God has come to Earth from Heaven.  
He has come with healing in His wings,  
In peace shall He reign.  
A thousand golden years of salvation and rest -  
No more strife among the nations,  
In peace shall He reign.

In that glad Day of Peace in New Jerusalem,  
The greater David shall sit on His Throne.  
From Earth's end to Earth's end, homage to Him they'll bring,  
All glory to the Lamb, God's Lamb that was slain.  
Jesus the Son of God has come to Earth from Heaven,  
He has come with healing in His wings,  
In peace shall He reign.  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah!

(Tune: Santa Lucia)

But how will the Millennium be ushered in? Jesus in the Olivet Discourse, speaking on what must happen in the end-times, declares, "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).

If indeed we believe we are living at the threshold of Jesus' Second Coming, then we must redouble our efforts to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Lately there has been organised a Missionary Fellowship in our Church. Their zeal and service for the Lord is exemplary. But to think that the missions programme of this

church is now advanced through the MsF is an erroneous notion to say the least. Be that as it may, let every Reader of this National Day special realise Missions is the business of the whole Church. From the beginning of Life Church 1950 to this day, your pastor has all along stressed missions is part and parcel of the whole Church programme. The Church is Missions!

Now, while those who are called to other countries are giving of their sweat to extend God's Kingdom, we who cannot do the same can give of our substance. The women of Jesus' day have set for us this wonderful example: "And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, 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" (Lk 8:1-3).

As the Second Coming of our Saviour cannot be realised except the Gospel is extended to all the world, we shall henceforth declare every National Day to be our International Missions Day. From commemorating our Nation's founding we look forward to the consummation of the total Missionary Endeavours and to the Return of our Lord.

Is Life Church going into all the world? We are just making a start. We have gone to all ASEAN (there's a call to pastor to preach in Brunei), and beyond that to Burma. We have gone to minister to the Arab Church in the Holy Land. Proclaiming National Day to be our International Missions Day should stir us all to expedite the Gospel outreach till He comes. Amen.

T.T.

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

**MR WANG MING TAO**, 91, "last and first of Five Stars of the Chinese Church" was received into glory, in his Shanghai home, July 28, '91.

**WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** to Charles Seet on the home-going of his father, Mr Michael Seet Boon Hean, aged 66, on July 31, '91.

**TODAY'S OFFERINGS** will all be channelled to Missions - Burma, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Holy Land. Remember also FEBC with students from 13 nations.

### THE THICK OF THE NIGHT (Echo from the Gulf)

Last night I heard a trumpet blast  
That rose above the noise of war.  
Hark! Is the rapture here at last?  
Our salvation forevermore!

I wondered as I scanned the skies -  
Pitch black but for the crescent moon.  
Would it be sundered in a thrice  
And lit up as the sun at noon?

That strident note, its echo shrill  
Bore deep into my very core,  
As quiet settled on the hill  
In the thick of the night once more.

Perhaps soon? As the war sickens  
And wastes this God-forsaken land!  
Or even as the fog thickens -  
Dealing death on the desert sand.

As I gave thought, my mind took flight  
To loved ones, home and family.  
To meet above, this very night -  
Oh, how exciting it would be!

Caught up in glory we shall see  
The true defeat of tyranny.  
And one and all shall finally  
Live free, in peace and harmony.

John Tow

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (5-11 Aug '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC
SUN	8.00 am	"Me, A Gifted Leader?" (Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev P. Tan
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
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	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

**NBC This Week:** Wed Newton; No NBC for Joo Chiat  
**LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:**

\*\$2,998.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,350.00 (10.30 am)

**EXTN BLDG FUND II** 810)\*\$2998; 811)\*\$7350; 812)\$200;  
813)\$50(Coinafon); 814)\$20; 815)\$153(LBC&LTF); 816)\$500;  
817)\$116(Boxes).

**Total:** \$1,322,879.03

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$1,350,114.03

**OFFERINGS FOR:** Philippines \$194(NBC Bishan); Thailand \$300(NBC Bt Timah); Dn Yiew P S \$50; James Loo \$40.





My dear Readers,

### Wang Ming Tao, 1900-1991

Members of Life Church are conversant with the name of John Sung and his Revival Meetings (1935) through several books published by CLBC - "John Sung My Teacher," "Asian Awakening" etc. The name of Wang Ming Tao is beginning to be known through my later book "Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism" and through "A Stone Made Smooth," a translation of Wang Ming Tao's autobiography in Chinese, "These Fifty Years" by Arthur Reynolds.



If John Sung was great, Wang Ming Tao was no less. The two servants of God, both living in Peking, were friends. When John Sung died in 1944, Wang conducted his funeral service.

While John Sung had only a brief 15 years' ministry, dying at age 43, Wang outlived him by almost half a century. Wang lived long to witness to our Lord against the Japanese in their occupation of Peking during WWII. The Japanese could not bend him. The Lord's Name was upheld.

When Mao took over China in 1949, persecution of Christians began with kangaroo courts and anti-Christian rallies. All Christian Churches must join what is called the "Three-Self Patriotic Movement." Wang Ming Tao, seeing that to be a puppet Church Council, refused to join. He was imprisoned for life and his wife 15 years. Without compromise he served for 23 years, when suddenly in Jan 1980 he was released. He found a new place of abode in Shanghai from where his "Iron Witness" continues to shine like a lighthouse to the Chinese Church, yea, even all the way to Southeast Asia. His stature is so great that Billy Graham in his "crusade" to China 1988 could not feel complete without calling on him in his hideout flat. But Wang had no truck with Billy, because he was the guest of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement, the puppet show of the Chinese Communists.

Wang Ming Tao not only has a bright witness against the Ecumenical Movement, the TSPM, the modernists and liberals but also against Charismatism. Soon after his conversion as a young man, he got entangled with Pentecostalism which "worked" on him to speak in tongues. After many days of trying he babbled off some strange syllables for which he was declared "graduated." But he was not convinced. After a year or two of deep searching of the Scriptures, he repudiated tongues and the bogus faith healings accompanying it. From that time on to the days before his death, he maintained this stand. This is confirmed by two FEBC students who visited him in his Shanghai flat in Dec 1988. The Wangs declared they stood by what they repudiated in the 1930's.

If you wish to know more about this man of God, visit the CLBC for his books. Arthur Reynolds his translator, whom I met at Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, 1986, says of him, "Wang Ming Tao to me is not only a remarkable leader. He is one of the outstanding preachers of the century, and in saying that I am thinking of three vital elements in preaching - man, message and method (presentation). This

is not to suggest that he has no shortcomings. In fact he frankly speaks of them in his testimony. Nevertheless, he is a warrior, with singleness of purpose, takes little account of possible wounds; he is demonstrably prepared and willing to lay down his life for his Master." Amen.

### "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). I'm sure the hearts of many Readers are stirred as they read the report of last week's offerings exceeding \$50,000, a good part of which was designated for our missions to ASEAN countries, plus Burma, the Holy Land and FEBC (with students from 13 nations).

**This offering declared for Missions was accentuated by our making National Day an International Missions Day.** A new tradition has been inaugurated. These offerings so hilariously given were beyond anybody's expectation, so all the more must glory and thanksgiving be ascribed to the Father Almighty and to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The offering declared for missions truly "supplieth the want of saints." It boosted the week after week of meagre offerings for the missionaries and the mission projects. While Burma is a major field with 38 students at the Bible College, it has been practically forgotten. No offering was designated for Burma.

To keep up the logistics of our various missionary projects, we should have your support of \$2,000 per week. The MsF should be happy to give from its own ranks.

### Trading with every talent to profit

Every available talent must be traded to bring profit to the Lord. So, every inch of our two properties is used to accommodate the needs of God's people.

One little used former ward of the Eye Clinic is now being renovated to house an FEBC student who has a sizeable family. As the room adjoining this "ward" is occupied by the Women's Fellowship, it would be most profitable if they could spare it. Praise the Lord and thank the WF, this room is offered back to the Lord, for which we are deeply thankful. Here's another example of brotherly and sisterly love that works among members of the ever-growing Church.

Both FEBC and Beulah House are fully occupied by a student body that has reached 65, our highest enrolment. Furthermore, we are receiving applications from Australia and USA!

Though occupied to the last room, it is our policy to take in strangers, Christian friends and missionaries passing through our metropolis, by every possible stretching of our "rubber" house. (Remember, Singapore is a land of rubber!) Hospitality is our watchword.

**Remember to pray for our national leaders and contribute to the advancement of missions.** "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority: that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim 2:1-4).  
*Yours obediently, T.T.*

## THE LORD IS JEHOVAH-JIREH

by Linda Chan

During my confinement last month I was quite apprehensive when my Vice-Principal told me that the staff officer in charge of no-pay-leave wanted to speak to me about my application for no-pay-leave. "Don't tell me the MOE did not approve of my application for three months no-pay-leave to look after my baby," I voiced my fears to my husband. Before I sent in my application I was told by another staff officer that since I had enjoyed paid maternity leave for my firstborn I would not be entitled to paid maternity leave for my third child. "Oh Lord, if only you could make the MOE reconsider" was my wistful thought. The demands of breastfeeding took much of my time and I was relinquished to the idea of no-pay maternity leave.

Thank God for a devout sister who worships in our church and who read my testimony of June 9 entitled, "What shall I render unto the Lord..." She told me that she would speak to the staff officer in charge of no-pay-leave at the MOE. When the staff officer told me that I would be paid for maternity leave for 56 days, I was delighted. Mine is a special case because my third child is my second living child.

When I gave the Lord the "firstfruits of my increase" trusted Him to provide for my heavy expenses which childbirth and confinement would incur. The Lord is great. He has again proven to me that He alone is sovereign. And He is Jehovah-jireh. My husband's face beamed with joy when I told him the good news that I'd be paid for my maternity leave.

I have found that the more I return unto the Lord the more blessings He has showered upon me. I intend to give the Lord 10% of my gross salary because the Lord has been giving me "gross" blessings. Indeed the Lord has proven that He is true to His promises. He has "opened the windows of heaven" and "poured out a blessing" that my heart has "not enough room to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

My gynaecologist and elder, Dr Lim Teck Chye, had predicted correctly. "The Lord will grant you two degrees in July" he said to me last October. Praise the Lord for I'll be graduating next month, and at present I'm on paid maternity leave to look after my baby. Thank God for the safe delivery of my baby and the joy of late motherhood. May all glory be to the Lord Jesus Christ, my Jehovah-jireh. Amen.

Continue to pray for Mr Yew Kowng Poy who has undergone an operation recently. May God restore him speedily. Mr Teo our member on Singkep Island has returned from medical treatment in China, and is now resting at Beulah House. NB! Chinese Service.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (12 - 18 Aug '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship Anniversary FEBC Hall (Rev Tow)
	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship (Open Chapel)
	7.45 pm	Women's Fellowship (Beulah Hse)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	7.15 pm	Missions Conference, FEBC Hall "Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally" (Rev George Kuty)
SUN		"The Joy of Giving" (Rev C. Wong)
	8.00 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
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NBC This Week: *Wed* Bukit Timah, Henderson; *Fri* Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,042.00 (8.00 am)

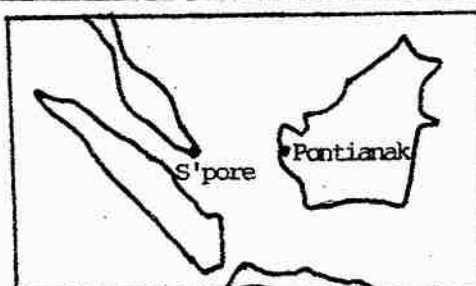
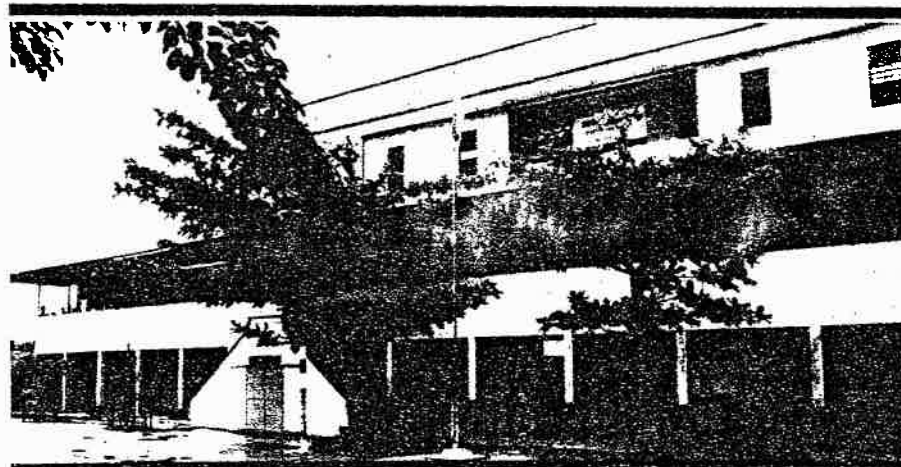
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**OFFERINGS FOR:** *Missions* \*\$4042 + \$400 + \$50 + \$100 + \*\$16799 + \$400 + \$500(Seet Family) + \$600 + \$200 + \$30 + \$1200(Sharon BPC) + \$190 + \$50 + \$60 + \$500 + \$1080 + \$1050 + \$3600 + \$2500 + \$1800 + \$1900 + \$200 + \$100 + \$700(WF) + \$757(Chinese Service) + \$300(Kebaktian Indonesia) + \$1200(Pepsi) + \$150; *Philippines* \$50, \$108, \$300; *Thailand* \$300(NBC Bt Timah); *Arianto* \$200; *Roska* \$200; *Dn Yiew P S* \$300.

Miss Kimiko Goto, who was invited to speak to the Japanese Church in Hongkong has come for a visit to the Alma Mater (FEBC). She will proceed to West Kalimantan next week before heading westwards to further her studies at Biblical Seminary, USA.

While teaching at the Metro-Manila School of the Bible, Charles Seet is also taking two courses of advanced study at the Centre of Biblical Studies. Rev & Mrs Dan Ebert III are now sojourning in Hawaii for health reasons.

On behalf of the Chinese Service, Elder Sng is gone to Tanjung Pinang to purchase a motor cycle for mission use at Tanjung Uban.



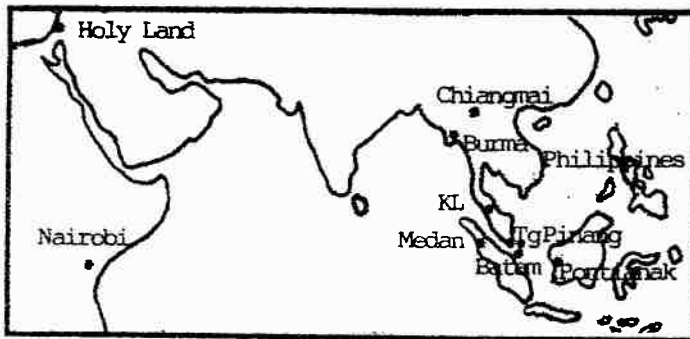
This new wing of classrooms to the Christian School and Orphanage at Siantan, Pontianak, is recently completed by Rev Djunaedi independent of our support!



## PASTORAL CHAT

*My dear Readers,*

### The Growth of Life Church Missions



From the very beginning our church has been involved in Missions. So the Lord has blessed us with 41 branches in 41 years! The latest ones are Maranatha 39th, Tanjung Uban 40th, and Chiangmai, Thailand 41st.

Of foreign missions that have become self-supporting and self-governing, the earliest is Kelapa Sawit in Johore; the greatest is Djunaidi's 2.5 acres complex of schools, Bible night school, orphanage, church, at Siantan, Pontianak, West Kalimantan. Djunaidi has extended upstream to build one Church at Kumpai and another at Biong on their own. He also oversees the Sharon Rose church and kindergarten at Kuching across the Sarawak border. In KL, Malaysia, Rev Liew Hon Seng whom we helped from 1983 will become self-supporting 1992.

For Burma we have Rev Robert Thawm Luai, founder-principal of the Far East Fundamental School of Theology at Yangon, Myanmar, also moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

For Medan, North Sumatra, we have the three Siregar brothers and father, Haposan taking the lead. (We've bought them valuable land for building a Bible School and Church complex).

In the Holy Land, there is Rev George Awad whom two of our B-P ministers had ordained in 1985. When it was reported in 1988 that the Arab Church was making an effort to buy a piece of land at Beit Sahour, 3 km from the Bethlehem Church, Lifers who had visited the Holy Land rallied to make that a success. We helped them also to build a wall around the property. To further assist them put up a house of worship will raise a much-needed Protestant Witness in a town dominated by the RC and Greek Orthodox churches. Beit Sahour abuts the Shepherd's Field.

Two couples of our Church have been commissioned. One to Northern Thailand and the other to Manila. It is

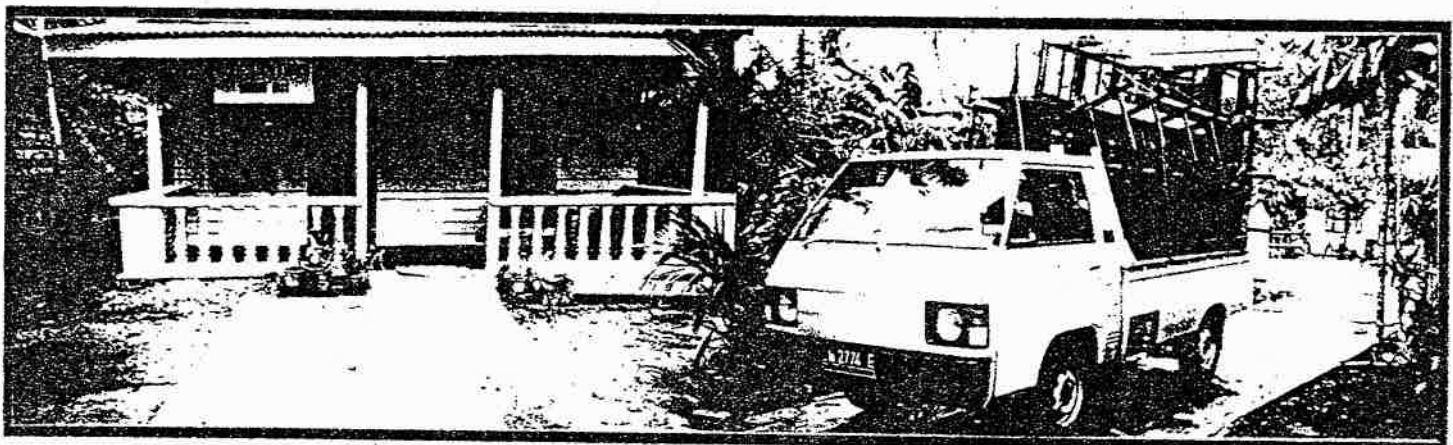
hoped a strong church will be established in Thailand and many Filipino pastors trained through these two missionary couples. As expatriates their expenses are necessarily high.

The 8-month sapling of a mission station planted by our Chinese Service at Tanjung Uban with the cooperation of the Tanjung Pinang Church is an example of economy in missions expenditure. Being totally managed by national hands, we were able to procure a bungalow house standing exclusively on a beautiful plot of ground on a 3-year lease for a song. It costs only S\$2,500! As there was a surplus of Church pews in Tg Pinang, Evangelist Joseph Liew gladly gave them to us. He had them transported to the new station at Uban as seen in this week's photo. (Tanjung Pinang is 90 km south of Tg Uban on Bintan Island). The latest is that Elder Sng has gone to Tg Pinang to buy a new motor cycle for our worker at Tg Uban that he might be enabled to ferry members in who live beyond the environs of the town. Besides Uban, our Chinese Church also contributes to Air Bemban, a branch of Kelapa Sawit Church.

Whether near or far (our farthest field is the Holy Land and nearest Batam and Bintan, Indonesia), the work of the Lord must go on till He comes.

A missions project we almost forgot to mention is Far Eastern Bible College. Here we have 65 students from 12 nations, training daily for the harvest fields. It is heartening to note that Rev Mark Kim of Korea, a recent graduate of FEBC who has a degree in Agriculture, is heading the Bible College of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. Following in his train is Miss Jenny Ong, B.Th. of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, S'pore. She leaves September to USA for orientation by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions before being sent to the field. (The Bible College of East Africa is a long-established work of the Independent Board. Rev Richard Kivai, another FEBCer is teaching there). Indeed, FEBC is the centre of a Bible College movement. Other fields where FEBC graduates are taking a lead in theological education are Burma, Medan and Manila.

Dear Reader, when the Lord gave the marching orders to the early church, He was speaking also to the church today. As a member of Life Church, what have you done for the extension of the Gospel to the ends of the earth? Are you not moved by the motto "Do something good for Jesus everyday"? If you cannot go, you can give - to keep Life Church Missions going and growing. Amen. T.T.

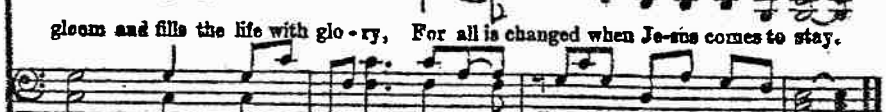
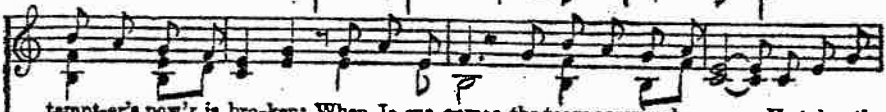
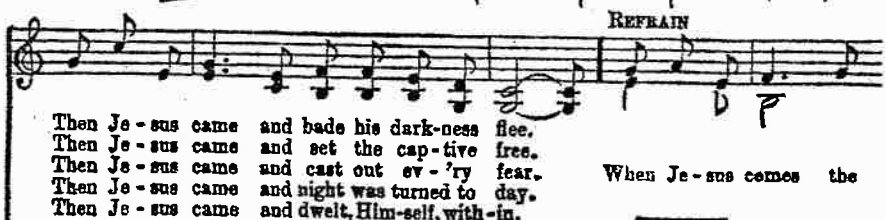
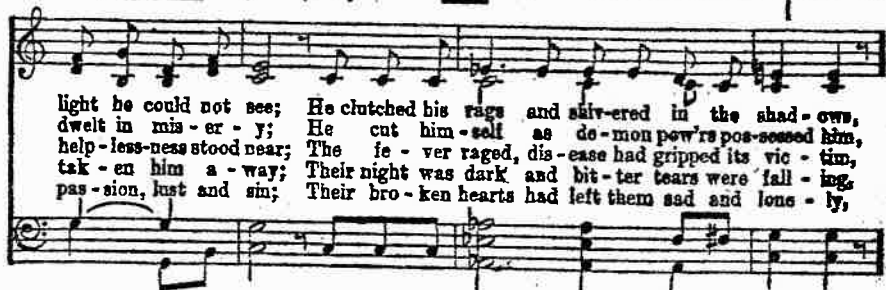
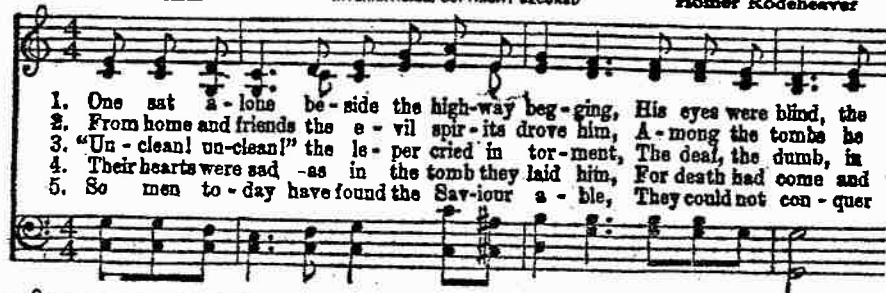


# THEN JESUS CAME

Oswald J. Smith

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Beginning this Lord's Day at the 10.30 am service, Pastor will be preaching serially from the Gospel of St Luke. As Matthew presents Jesus to be King; Mark as Servant and John His Deity, Luke focuses on His Humanity. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:15,16).

We shall also introduce a series of new hymns and songs on "Jesus" in the forthcoming weeks. "When Jesus comes, the tears are wiped away." Why not bring a friend to hear Jesus?

**Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism** by T. Tow is answer to your many questions on tongue-speaking, healing and vision. Get your copy from CLBC our own bookroom. You need also to read "Asia Awakening," to find out how the Three-Self Churches in China got started. It is in the story of Rev Ting Li Mei, China's first Revivalist. He was known as Moody of China, evangelist with 1,000 souls a month." Read "John Sung My Teacher" to experience the true Pentecostalism that came to Singapore in the nineteen thirties. Read Pastor Tow's own conversion experience and "second blessing" by God's sovereign grace, not tongues and visions, etc.

We welcome Miss Chiang Mui Leng of Brunei to our church services. She brings an invitation to pastor from Rev Geoffrey Yong of Bethel Chapel, Seria to speak on "Charismatism" Nov 91.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19-25 Aug '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting (FEBC Library)
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC
SUN	8.00 am	"The Joy of Service" (Rev C. Wong)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
SUN	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	12.45 pm	E-Band Outreach
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: *Wed* Newton; *Fri* Joo Chiat

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,560.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,531.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 818)\*\$3560;  
819)\$50; 820)\*\$7531; 821)\$200;  
822)\$1800; 823)\$50; 824)\$200;  
825)\$42.50(Roger E Martin).

Total: \$1,336,312.53

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,363,547.53

OFFERINGS FOR: *Philippines* \$100;  
*Thailand* \$100; \$800(NBC Bt Timah);  
*Burma* \$100; *Missions* \$100; \$100, \$300;  
*Missionary F'ship* \$50.

Another household god and ancestral tablet was removed from #07-517 Blk 77, Indus Rd. Sat Aug 10 by the pastor, whereupon Madam Lee Swee Heng, 86 grandma of Eeling Hoh was baptised before her whole family.

We extend our deep condolence to Carol Lum (YAF) on the passing of her beloved father Lum Pinn Seung, 62. Funeral on Wed Aug 14 was officiated by the pastor.

Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Khoo's address: 491 S. 10th St., D-305 Quakertown, PA 18951, USA.

Statistics of FEBC: Students by countries - Burma 5; India 2; Indonesia 3; Japan 1; Kenya 3; Korea 12; Liberia 2; Malaysia 4; Philippines 1; Sarawak 2; Singapore 26; Thailand 4. Total : 65.



My dear Readers,

## "Earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3)

It was Life Church, the Mother of all B-P Churches, that introduced the International Council of Christian Churches to Singapore and Malaysia. Though we are not officially in the ICCC as a result of the dissolution of the B-P Synod, we have not diminished in spirit to "earnestly contend for the faith." And there are many other Bible-believing churches and Christians who take a similar stand. "I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed their knees to Baal" (Rom 11:4).

One of the good old fundamentalist testimonies is TAP (Teachers Assistance Programme) at Harrisburg, Pa. USA under the helm of Rev and Mrs Jim Turner. The Turners mail to pastors in the Far East every kind of good Christian literature, and KJV Bibles where there is a need. The Turners have periodically mailed us "News & Views, Notes & Quotes, To Warn & Inform" published by the Calvary Contender which we are reproducing on the back page. These reports serve a crucial purpose. They beam the red light signal on Christian organisations and leaders in the West who at one time were reputable in faith and doctrine but are carried away by the flood of apostasy and unbelief. So read them carefully. Be informed. The Chinese military proverb says, "To know your enemy and to know yourself is crucial to achieving victory in every battle." So, let us contend not only earnestly, but intelligently, for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

## "Many sons starve a father"

This is a Chinese proverb that says to this effect: "The more sons a father has, the less does he receive filial support." Is it so?

Seeing the plight of the Church to be insofar as paying the Beulah Debt is concerned (we're still owing over \$2 million), our Chinese congregation has voted to cancel \$5,000 loaned to the Mother Church by the Chinese Sunday School, and to give a further \$15,000 towards EBF II.

There is an individual responsibility to the Church's financial burden, and there is a corporate responsibility as well. May our many departments and fellowships consider not only their own interests, but also the Church's Beulah Debt. If we don't double up, this situation will drag on till 1995! Who will be the next loving son to declare your filial piety? (We are not mindful of the individuals who have given most sacrificially all these days.)

## "Prophescope" on Soviet Russia and Israel

From Bible prophecy on Cyrus, the King of Persia who should fulfil God's rebuilding plan of Jerusalem (Isa 44:28), we interpret Gorbachev's return to power to be the Lord's sovereign purpose in upholding him, "for Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect... though thou hast not known Me" (Isa 45:4). For it is under Gorbachev's *perestroika* that hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews have found freedom to return to their homeland. And a million more are still queueing up. Now that Gorbachev is at the helm again, we shall see a greater influx of *olim* (returnees), like homing pigeons. This going back to Israel is variously foretold in Isaiah and other prophets. "And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and those from the land of Sinim" (Isa 49:11,12).

Meanwhile there is much talk of a peace conference between Israel and Arabs, and the return of occupied land is the bone of contention. Our prophescope sees no way out! We are heading for Armageddon.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

We extend deepest condolences to Dr Patrick Tan and Elder George Tan on the home-going of their beloved grandmother, Aug 20, '91 at their family house, 4B Mount Emily Road. Funeral on Sat Aug 24 was officiated by ministers of the Hingwa Methodist Church.

Pray for the Gospel Meeting for Chinese Parents (Cantonese-Mandarin) under the auspices of LBC to be held at FEBC Hall, Sat Aug 31, 7.30 pm, for the Lord's messenger Rev Kwan Yew Weng and interpreter Pastor Tow. Bring your parents, uncles and aunts.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(26 Aug - 1 Sep '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"Making the Impossible Possible" (Rev P Tan)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	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	Children's Choir Practice
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NBC This Week: *Wed* Bukit Timah, Henderson; *Fri* Bukit Batok

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,474.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,096.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 826)\*\$4474; 827)\$1000; 828)\*\$7096; 829)\$100; 830)\$70; 831)\$100; 832)\$100; 833)\$100; 834)\$600; 835)\$400; 836)\$980; 837)\$1080; 838)\$106 (Coinafon); 839)\$500; 840)\$15000 (Chinese Service); 841)\$5000(Chinese SS)(loan converted); 842)\$300; 843)\$100.

Total: \$1,373,418.53

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,400,653.53

OFFERINGS FOR: FEBC \$200, \$120; Missions \$50; Dearams \$500; Philippines \$200(Sunday School); Rev George Kuty \$50.

"Owe no man anything" (Rom 13:8).  
Our Beulah Debt is now dipped below the \$2 million mark.

Mr Koh Hock Heng, 36 Lorong Stangee (1542) needs a lift on the Lord's Day to Church. If you can help, please contact 3448300! God bless.

Pray for our country as we go to the polling stations Sat Aug 31, '91. "Render... unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt 22:21).

During the week we had a pleasant surprise visit from one of our FEBC graduates, Linda of Surabaya, now settled in Holland. Linda is a loyal alumna whose sister Derbin is worshipping at Sharon BPC.

## NEWS & VIEWS, NOTES & QUOTES, TO WARN & INFORM



*"Barelyly* **CONTEND** *for the faith" Jude 3*

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### NEW EVANGELICAL SCHOLARS EXPLAIN AWAY HELL

Cults such as Seventh-day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Armstrongites teach a doctrine of annihilationism concerning Hell. They, along with some liberal and "evangelical" seminary profs, try to explain away the "eternal punishment" aspect of Hell. Today we see an alarming drift by conservatives away from the orthodox teaching in an extensive article in the 3/25 U.S. News. Kenneth Kantzer of Trinity Evangelical Div. School says: "But when Jesus spoke of flames...these are most likely figurative warnings." Clark Pinnock asks: "How can Christians possibly project a deity of such cruelty and vindictiveness" as to inflict "everlasting torture upon his creatures, however sinful they may have been?" He went on to say in a recent Criswell Theol. Review that a God who would do such a thing is "more nearly like Satan than like God." John Stott and others such as F.F. Bruce & Philip Hughes contend that rather than suffering endlessly, those who ultimately reject God will be put out of existence in the "consuming fire" of hell. But what these scholars think about Hell is not what matters most. The Bible is clear that Christ-rejecting sinners will suffer eternally in a place called Hell.

### PRAIRIE BIBLE INSTITUTE CHANGES WITH TIMES

Prairie Bible Institute of Alberta, Canada was founded in 1922 and has trained and sent over 2,100 missionaries. In response to a drop in enrollment from around 800 in the 1980s to the current level of 454, many "relevant changes" are being made in areas of administration, salary structure, seeking AACB accreditation, etc. (3/11 Chr. News). A woman, Charlotte Bates, is vice-pres. of theological education and administers the master of divinity graduate program. This may "smack of liberalism", but she says PBI historically "has had women in significant positions." And: "If we are preparing women for ministry, it is important for them to see women role models." A book by Dr. L.E. Maxwell, PBI co-founder and head for over 50 years, was "a gung-ho endorsement of women preachers" (4/1/88 Bib. Ev.). PBI has had new-evangelical mission board speakers, and SBC's Stephen Olford, etc.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS A CULT-- Dave Hunt in his 6/91 CIB Bulletin says: "To deny that Roman Catholicism is a cult is to repudiate the Reformation and mock the more than 1 million martyrs who died at Rome's hands...." He says: "The 'Christ' of Roman Catholicism is just as false as its 'Mary'--as much 'another Jesus' as that of Mormonism or any other cult." Romanism rejects salvation by faith and preaches a false gospel of works that cannot save. Yet charismatic and new-evangelical cult experts omit RC from their list of cults and often explicitly approve it! J. Oswald Sanders' 1973 book Cults and Isms placed Catholicism at the head of the list of "heresies", but the RC chapter was dropped in his 1981 edition (9/1/89 CC). Campus Crusader Josh McDowell's Understanding the Cults lists 11 characteristics of cults and RC has all of them, yet is not listed as a cult. J.I. Packer, Kenneth Kantzer, and MBI's C. Donald Cole have praised, or said they accept RC's as "brothers in Christ," etc. Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell and charismatics, praise the Catholic Pope, who prays with Buddhists and Hindus. Graham uses RCs as counsellors in his Crusades, and sends converts to their churches. Hunt begs readers to "write to Bill Bright, Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, CRI, YWAM, Moody and Nelson publishers, and the many others who cooperate with Roman Catholicism and deny that it is a cult."

BURGEONING PENTECOSTALISM-- Pentecostal and charismatic churches gain 19 million members per year, and worldwide now claim 382 million members, or one of every five Christians (5/27 Chr. Today). The movement includes over 11,000 Pentecostal and 3,000 independent charismatic denominations. Two of every three Pentecostals live in the Third World. Mainstream evangelicalism in Britain has embraced the charismatic movement in a greater way than in the U.S. The recent Spring Harvest conference of about 80,000 evangelicals was co-sponsored by British Youth for Christ, and featured charismatic-style worship--raised hands, dancing, hand-clapping, prophecies, words of knowledge, and speaking in tongues (6/91 Charisma). The modern charismatic movement unites evangelicals and Roman Catholics, and is an ecumenical catalyst for the coming one-world church of Antichrist.

TRINITY CONFERENCE HAS CATHOLICS & J.I. PACKER Christianity Today senior editor & Regent College prof J.I. Packer is the keynote speaker at a May 29-June 1 conference at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Other speakers include Catholic charismatics Michael Scanlan and Ann Shields. The theme is "Repentance, Holiness, and Power." (BJU's What In The World!). Popular author Packer is an ecumenical evangelical who often speaks with Catholics, and allows for women's ordination. He says the charismatic movement "must be adjudged a work of God." (7/15/89 CC). He says "Catholics are among the most loyal and (spiritually) virile brothers evangelicals can find these days." (5/17/85 CT).

We note with sorrow the tragedy that overtook the M.V. Doulos, Aug 10 at Zamboanga, Southern Philippines. Two ladies lost their lives and 32 others were injured by a grenade attack by opponents of the Gospel. Let's pray for the injured and bereaved.

Expresgram to JOHN LOFTON, 313 Montgomery St., Laurel, Md, USA 20707 : YOUR NEWSLETTER gratefully received. Mr Peter Ong will write you. Cordial welcome to Singapore and to our church anytime. - T.Tow



### "Kingdom of God Party"

We have just cast our votes at the polling stations to choose our Government, but may I remind you of a higher citizenship. As Christians we belong to the "Kingdom of God Party." Man's Kingdom may come and go, but God's Kingdom goes on forever. "Of the increase of His Government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa 9:7).

The extent of God's Kingdom on earth is global, wherever the Gospel goes. Invisibly it rules in the hearts of men. "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Lk 17:20, 21). Visibly, it is the people who make up the Church, with buildings of worship, of education where the Bible is taught, of healing (mission hospitals) in the Name of Jesus Christ, etc, etc.

Had I not become a Christian, I would have joined some political party, with all the glitters of power and fame. Having heard the call of God, I have devoted the last 45 years to His Kingdom, by love constrained. Serving in God's Kingdom is totally different from serving in Man's Kingdom. Our Party symbol is not Hammer and Sickle or a lightning flash, or simply a hammer. Ours is the Cross of Jesus Christ planted on top of the world. The Way of the Cross is spelt out in these terms, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." A life of self-denial, of no worldly possessions, power or position, but of single-hearted service through His Church to the loneliest of places He might send on the face of the globe. This runs counter to the worldly spirit. Those who are not totally dead to self and the world will leave when the cross becomes a heavy burden. Those who go the whole way with Christ will find the yoke easy and the burden light.

Every Church member is a member of the Kingdom of God Party. Every Lifer is loyal not only to his Saviour, but also to the Church, that has, like a mother, says Calvin, nurtured him. Every department, every fellowship, is zealous in the service of God sectionally, but it also supports the mother church which is governed by the Session elected by the people.

In answer to our appeal last week to every department and fellowship of Life Church after the example of the Chinese Service, the forwardness of the YAF and the Evangelistic Band is heartening. A brother converted a \$2000 loan into a thanksoffering.

While we minister to members of the Church, our thrust into all the world through evangelism and missions is crucial to the extending of God's Kingdom. In this regard we are surely encouraged by the zeal of an outgoing Evangelistic Band, a Missionary Fellowship and not the least the visitations of the Men's Fellowship.

Now, our Church had caught the vision of worldwide missions since her founding 41 years ago. So God has honoured us with 41 branches, yea, even to the ends of the earth. We welcome the formation of the MsF as your

purpose is to help the Mother Church in her heavy task of sending the Gospel out far and wide. As you become self-supporting and more prosperous, you will be of greater help to our mission fields, our outposts for God's Kingdom.

A spiritual SAFTI closely linked to our Church is FEBC now training 65 soldiers from 12 nations. These are our most powerful forces for extension of God's Kingdom. As more and more applications for training at FEBC are being received, the day is coming when enrolment will reach three figures. This will mean more of your support, if indeed you are a member of the Kingdom of God Party.

### Pray for Outreach to Brunei

By God's grace our Church has established a witness in every ASEAN country (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines) except Brunei. With the campaign in Seria, Brunei, slightly over two months away, it is not too early to prepare in earnest. I need your prayers. Will you not do your part by praying for me?

The Mission of this first visit to Brunei is to confirm the Church there in the Word against the inroads of charismatism. And we have a powerful witness through "Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism." In this connection, if you have need of this book to show the way to some misguided brother or sister locally, get your copy from CLBC our own bookroom.

### Bring a friend to Sunset Gospel Hour,

#### Calvary Pandan

For almost four months I have been absent from the Sunset Gospel Hour Pulpit. When I returned last Lord's Day evening, I found a goodly number of Lifers missing. Nevertheless, the attendance was being kept up between 250-300.

There was a suggestion once that Life Church run her own Sunset Gospel Hour. This I discouraged for the simple reason that there is already one where all BPer's can go. (The hardest to maintain is the evening service.) And unity is strength.

This Lord's Day evening, my topic is "Christ and the Atonement" or "Christ Died for Our Sins." This will be a Gospel message which will profit you doubly if you bring a friend. Whenever you are on some essential duty Sunday morning (eg nurses), but free the same evening, here is a service you can attend. And if you are residing in the western part of the Island, the proximity of the Church to your house should also encourage you to come.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.... Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isa 55:1-3, 6-8).



Kingdom of  
God Party



# Time to reconsider film classification system

THE relaxation of the film classification system in July has allowed R-rated movies to flood our cinemas and contaminate the minds of our society with its adverse immoral undertones.

Many critics say that the movies shown here are mild compared to those in the West. This is not so.

One would have to look at our society's moral values when making such comparisons.

We are an Asian society. To many Westerners, we are conservative, which is good.

One does not need to be liberal to be mature.

There are some who will argue that society must change with the times. This is permissible, but must we adopt elements which are undesirable and threaten the moral values of our society?

The very existence of our society is at stake. Many of our religious organisations and its people are greatly affected by the moral decadence R-rated movies bring.

We must do our part in creating awareness of the harmful effects of R-rated movies

and take heed of what our Prime Minister said recently.

A sufficient section of our society must speak out or get petitions going, especially among our religious organisations, and send a clear signal to the Government of the vital and immediate need to eradicate R-rated movies.

Then only will our society be an aesthetic and harmonious one that is free from moral decadence.

**JASON DENDROFF**  
Singapore 1646

The above letter to Straits Times dated Tues. Aug 27, '91 concludes with the suggestion that religious organisations "send a clear signal to the Government of the vital and immediate need to eradicate the R-rated movies." This is an excellent idea. The RC's have already started to collect signatures, and have sent us forms to gather ours. This is a good move, but Protestants should set the ball rolling on our own for a more effective witness.

Since there is no time to waste I am calling Session to meet after Church today to OK collection of our own signatures, and to write to fellow B-P Churches to get started on their own. These signatures for B-P Churches should be gathered together and presented as one, for unity is strength. We can appeal for signatures from adherents to our Church, such as parents of FEK children, etc.

*"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov 14:34).*

T.T.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2-8 Sep '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	7.00 pm	Sharon BPC 20th Anniv. Thanksgiving Service (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	"Me, A Management Consultant?" (Rev C. Wong, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev C. Wong
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

### NBC This Week:

Wed Newton;  
Fri Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines.

### WHEN I THINK OF YOUR LOVE

- When I think of Your love for me, Jesus  
The love that sent You down from heaven  
You left heaven's glory for earth, Jesus  
To save a mankind lost in sin  
You humbled Yourself for our sakes, Jesus  
The Son of God became Son of Man  
You were willing to serve as a slave Jesus  
You had fulfilled the Father's plan  
Chorus:  
No greater love in all the world, Jesus  
Than that a man should die for his friend  
There's no greater love in all the world, Jesus  
Than the love that sent You from heaven.
- When I think of Your love for me, Jesus  
The love that sent You down from heaven  
What have I on earth but Yourself, Jesus  
Nor in heaven another Rose o' Sharon  
To whom shall I go but Yourself, Jesus  
You have the Word o' eternal life  
Let Your love constrain me You to serve, Jesus  
To You all my life I now give.
- I am willing to serve my Lord, Jesus  
My cross I am willing to bear  
Till t' day You call me to Yourself, Jesus  
There's a crown for the faithful to wear  
I'm willing to go to earth's end, Jesus  
Not for touring nor a life of ease  
Give me strength for the task to discharge, Jesus  
Till t' day of my spirit's release.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,668.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$7,922.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 844)\*\$3668; 845)\$50; 846)\*\$7922; 847)\$50; 848)\$50; 849)\$1250; 850)\$900; 851)\$442.70(E-Band F'ship); 852)\$1000(YAF); 853)\$300; 854) \$300(Boxes); 855)\$2,000(loan converted).

Total: \$1,391,351.23

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,418,586.23

OFFERINGS FOR: Tan Kim Huat \$50; Missionary F'ship \$100, \$50; Thailand \$200 (NBC Bt Timah);

Renov. Beulah House \$300, \$300.

### THE ART OF PARENTING

Date: 28 Sep 91; Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Life B-P Church Sanctuary

Speakers : Rev T Tow, Eld Lim TC & Mrs Siow S C

We acknowledge with thanks the weekly floral offerings by Lim Florist for the last 2 decades. Henceforth this service will be worshipfully maintained by Pastel Fleur Florist.

Who has surplus potted plants for Beulah House? We'll transport them.

Who will offer a piano for the Round House Auditorium?

Who will pay for binding of old hymn books by Helping Hand at \$5 per book?

Who will offer \$5,000 for renovation of Church and Beulah House?

Pastor Tan & family wishes to thank members of Life Church for their condolences on the homegoing of his grandmother.

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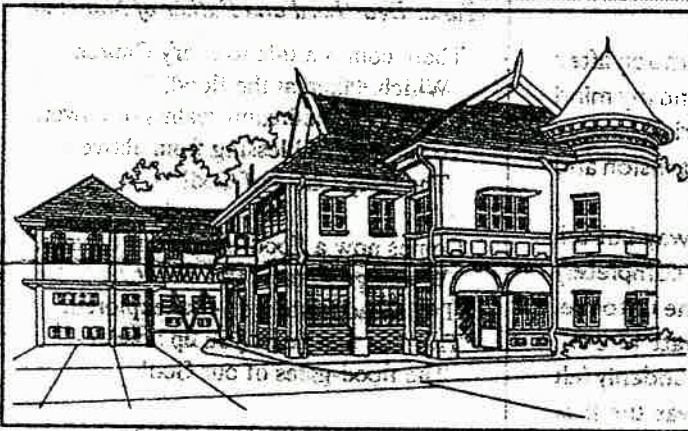
My dear Readers,

**Now I Can Drive!**

Did you notice we have taken out the familiar "Pastoral Chat" heading? This is to save a little space for more chat than to dispense with it. Continuing with my Weekly Chat, I'd like to tell you the good news I've got my driving licence again! Dr Ang himself certified, but added I should not venture into Malaysia. This confirms what I've felt to be the Lord's will for this phase of my life. He sends me the eye trouble to tether me to a more intensive work at home and less extensive work abroad; insofar as visiting our Malaysian field is concerned.

During the last six months of my "confinement" from driving, I wasn't a bit restricted travelling around the City. We have the Newton MRT Station on the other side of the canal, and there is a foot bridge that gives us a short cut to the underground. Our proximity to the MRT has also attracted developers to build 20-storey condominiums opposite the Church and on the flanks of Beulah House. And what a sum they are asking for a three-room flat!

**The Beauty of Beulah House**



In this connection, let us thank the Lord again for the good buy we've made of Beulah House. While other churches have tendered \$4 million to get some empty plot of Government land for 60 years' lease, we have ours freehold with the castle of a house (European style) connected to an annexe that once was the old Eye Clinic's hospital wards.

Today Beulah House provides living quarters for Rev Colin Wong and family, as well as to 8 student families of FEBC, with one room to spare for guests. Downstairs are 5 rooms occupied by the Ev. Band Fellowship, YAF, YF, AF and Lively Teens. Then there is one room taken by the SS, an airconditioned room used by the Choir and Thai Service, etc., the Chinese Service room used for Catechism Class, etc and the Round House Hall, the biggest of all, used for Church functions etc. The big lawn is used by young people for football or games.

Presently, we are bricking up the Outhouse (150 sq ft) and a former shed facing the Lawn (100 sq ft) to provide shelter for more students, and more rooms are to be created in the Round House itself. These are capital investments "trading" most productively for the Lord.

In the light of all these renovations we are sheepishly asking for \$5,000. So far \$1,100 have come in, which shows the Lord's Spirit is working! In contrast, we have noted that the HUDC flats behind our Church at Chancery Court are asking for \$1/2 million per unit! The beauty of Beulah House is that with all the family rooms and meeting halls, we

have nearly 30,000 sq ft of golden land. All we paid for was \$7.2 million. (Our Beulah Debt is now reduced to \$1.95 million. And there is no interest to pay.)

**R-Rated Films:**

**Call to All B-PCs to Action for the Lord!**

We at Life Church have started a signatures campaign to appeal Government to ban the R-rated movies. Calvary BPC, having been informed personally, is following suit immediately. So are New Life, Sharon and Maranatha.

I'm speaking to the other B-P Church leaders through this page. Will you not also raise a standard for the Lord with us? Will the R-rated films rattle on because we fail to raise our voice to the Prime Minister? He has challenged those who are not in favour of R-rated films to speak out.

As I write here comes a letter from a non-BP church leader dated Aug 28. He says,

"I am writing to solicit your approval and support in this campaign against the spirit of promiscuity in Singapore. We are shocked by the recent Government relaxation of the censorship laws of our nation by allowing the 'R' rating for the cinemas and also SBC's choice of films. A quick glance at the Straits Times television schedule gives us an idea of the proliferation of satanic and violent films.

There has also been an emergence of the promotion of the dragon's identity and power. How accurate is the message in the Haw Par Villa where throngs of people are, seemingly, swallowed by the dragon's mouth into the pit of hell. With the recent addition of a giant dragon's head in Sentosa to its attraction, we, the believers of the Word of God, should be more stirred up to prayer and protest. The word of God is very clear about the identity and the role of the dragon in its warfare against the Church.

I believe that it is time for the Church to pray against this spirit that is attempting to influence and take over our lives. May I encourage you to challenge and mobilise your ministry to fast and pray against the enemy and also to write to the respective authorities, protesting our objections and requesting the change of those decisions, i.e. 'R' rating, satanic, horror and violent films on television.

I believe that it is time for the Church to rise up and lend its concerted voice to the desires of God to speak up against evil in our land.

We will be mobilising a corporate fasting and prayer and attempting to send in one week alone at least 5,000 letters to the respective authorities:

- 1) Prime Minister's Office, Istana Annexe, S'pore 0922
- 2) Singapore Broadcasting Corporation, Caldecott Hill, Andrew Rd, S'pore 1129

Our Prime Minister has openly asked for her citizens to speak up and it has been echoed by other MPs. It is now our time, duty and destiny to express God's will on earth to the glory of His Name. It is time to stand up and be counted for Christ's sake."

Our signatures campaign can be an effective one if each department and fellowship will take a sheaf of forms and fill them - not only with your members' signatures but with the signatures of your friends who are in sympathy. Our target is 5,000! See which group will gather most.

As for the Church we will have tables set up for worshippers as they arrive or as they depart. This is a spiritual battle to be won at all costs. Come and pray at Tues Night Prayer Meeting! No let up. "Do something good for Jesus everyday."

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov 14:34). - T.T.





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**SPECIMEN**

We, the undersigned, members and adherents of the abovementioned Church, appeal to the Government to remove the R-rated films which are fast corroding the moral fibres of our nation, especially our young people.

Not Might is Right, but rather *Right is Might*. Singapore needs, above all, moral power, to remain strong and prosperous.

Respectfully submitted:

Name	NRIC No.	Signature

### TESTIMONY

I want to thank God for giving me a successful operation so that I can continue to receive nutrition for my body.

I want to thank the Pastor for praying for me and conducting the thanksgiving service. I also want to thank the Assoc. and Asst. Pastors, Pr P David, the committee members of the Men's Fellowship, elders and church members who visited me, prayed for me and comforted me with the Word of God.

Last month I went into hospital for a minor operation. After the operation I felt a lot of pain. Due to complications, the doctors decided to let the wound heal and operate again after ten days.

When I learnt that I had to go through another painful operation after ten days, I was very depressed. I was treated with a lot of drugs and my mind was much irritated and tense. Many nights I could not sleep. I tried to pray and memorise some Bible verses, but I still could not reduce the tension and sleep.

One night, the tension was so unbearable I had no other way but tell God, "Lord, I am not going to think of any problem anymore. I will completely leave everything to You to handle - as You said in the Bible, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest' (Matt 11:28)".

When I really decided to trust everything in God's hand, I suddenly felt that my mind started to relax and I finally fell into sleep. This was the first time I slept since the operation. From that night onward, every night I prayed to God to take care of everything. I could sleep well.

Through this suffering, I learnt that only when we trust God fully and let Him lead us, then we can experience the peace in us.

After ten days, the night before the operation, I was very worried of the pain that would come after the operation. I prayed to Jesus to take away the pain. After the operation, when I regained consciousness, I only had slight pain in my abdomen. Throughout the next few days after the operation, I did not take any painkiller and I did not experience any serious pain. I became better and better each day.

Certainly God has answered our prayers. He is the Almighty and Merciful God. Nothing is impossible to Him. When we have worries we can talk to Him and let Him lead us. He will answer our prayers according to His will. He oversees everything and He always gives us the best. Through His, my faith is further strengthened. Amen.

*Yew Kowng Poy*

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,040.00 (8.00 am).

\*\$12,576.00 (10.30 am)

XTN BLDG FUND II 856)\*\$3040; 857)\$250; 858)\$12576; 859)\$150; 60)\$300(Kebaktian Indonesia); 861)\$1200(Sharon BPC); 862)\$50(Coinafon); 63)\$50; 864)\$20; 865)\$797(Chinese Ser.); 866)\$200; 867)\$30; 868)\$2170; 69)\$300(Aust). TOTAL: \$1,412,484.23; GRAND TOTAL: \$1,439,719.23.

OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$200(NBC Bt Timah); Daniel Arianto \$50; Burma 100; Indian Mission, Paul Wagner \$200; Renov. Beulah House \$300, \$112.50, 100.

Erratum: Offerings for Missionary F'ship last week should read "\$100, 5000".

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Sep 9-14, '91)

- MON - FRI FEBC Vacation  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
THU 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal  
FRI 7.45 pm Men's F'ship (FEBC Hall)  
7.45 pm Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)  
7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
8.00 pm Chinese Family Worship (Rev Tow)  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF  
2.30 pm Choo Boon Siong & Ng Lay Hoon Wedding (Dr P. Tan)  
3.00 pm LBC/AF  
5.30 pm Rick Cheung & Stephanie Chin Wedding (Dr P. Tan)  
SUN 8.00 am "Unmasking Satan's Trickery" (Dr P. Tan)  
9.30 am Catechism Class  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Tow

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson;  
Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.

### THERE COMES A TIDE TO EVERY CHURCH

(Tune: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind)

There comes a tide to every Church,  
Which, taken at the flood,  
Leads on to undreamt realms of power,  
To showers of blessing from above -  
The Holy Ghost of God!

Comes now a flood-tide to our Church,  
Who'll go to meet this hour?  
I will lead to shores yet unexplored,  
This tide that bears you up yonder -  
The flood-gates of our God!

Help us to toil for Thee, O Lord,  
Upon this flowing tide,  
And quicken our hands and our feet  
To snatch the souls of men adrift -  
The coming Day of God!

Come ye, and hear the Saviour's Word:  
This tide for no man waits.  
The hour is late; the work undone,  
As ebbs the flow below the sun -  
The judgment Day of God!

Pray for 3 teams of FEBC students as they evangelise at Kelapa Sawit, Bukit Gambir and Tg Uban during the school vacation this Lord's Day. News has just come from Tg Uban of the conversion of a family, firstfruits awaiting Baptism. Praise the Lord!

Send your Filipino domestic help to Church! An FEBC Filipino student is now ministering in their own language. Also your Indonesian girls to Kebaktian Indonesia. As Singapore is expanding to the Karimun Islands, let us pray for the opening of another mission station at one of these islands in cooperation with our Tg Pinang Church. Maranatha, Amen.





My dear Readers,

**"Prepare to Meet Thy God"**

Thursday morning, Sept 5, I received a phone call from Preacher Joseph Liu of Tg Pinang Church. He said, "Deacon Teck Hock was taken home sud-



denly, a couple of hours ago!" He had high blood pressure, that I knew. To depart this life so unexpectedly at 55 shocked me, and all who are his friends.

Does the death of this dear brother in the Lord speak to your heart? The message came to me, "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). But death is no respecter of persons. Beware, those who are in the fifties, too!

As Tanjung Pinang is one with us, I was duty bound to minister to the bereaved family. My wife and I could spare Friday night to conduct the vigil service, so we left the same morning, arriving at noon. We returned Saturday early afternoon. Rev Bob Phee, who has been standing in for me of late, would be there Sunday afternoon, and officiate the funeral Monday 1.00 pm. Incidentally, Dr Patrick Tan and a team of FEBC students evangelising at Tanjung Uban, 30 km north of Pinang, would come to the funeral.

**"He had served his own generation"**

This sentence is taken from Acts 13:36 about King David's faithfulness in His service of God. It can be said of Deacon Teck Hock also, to God's glory. God has His own witness in every land, even to the last island on the horizon. The story how God has used Deacon Teck Hock, insofar as Tanjung Pinang is concerned, must be told.

It all began with his father-in-law Rev Tan Peng Koon who came to this Island emporium to start a Chinese Presbyterian Church in 1967. Rev Tan had two daughters, one married to preacher Joseph Liu and the other to Deacon Teck Hock. As the young church needed help, both daughters and their husbands were "summoned" to leave Palembang and Siantan, respectively, to come to Tanjung Pinang.

Soon Rev Tan found a piece of "haunted" land on high ground, a quarter-mile from the City. He bought it for a song, but since no one in the family had Indonesian citizenship except Teck Hock, the property was registered in his name. As Teck Hock was a matchmaker with a good income, there is no doubt he contributed to the purchase of the land.

From a small beginning the Church has grown to its present strength of holding two Sunday services in both Chinese and Indonesian with a membership of 200. It has a handsome three-storey building for its sanctuary and a two-storey school-house that enrols 500. The latest project on Deacon Teck Hock's

mind was to pull down the old wooden parsonage and build a new one with guest rooms to take care of frequent visitors and invited speakers. Deacon Teck Hock had started to order the materials when suddenly the Lord took him.

Since my ministry with Tg Pinang began in 1973 to this day I've found my brother in Christ a man of deep respect for God's servants and of generous hospitality. He never failed to come to the jetty to receive us or to send us off. He was well respected by the officials at the seaport. We jokingly called him "Vice-president."

Today Tanjung Pinang Presbyterian Church has expanded to Kijang, a bauxite town 17 miles on the eastern part of the Island, and to Tg Uban (in conjunction with our Chinese Service). Kiantoro, a recent FEBC graduate now serving there, is a convert of the Church. Mr Tan Nam Siang, another member of Tg Pinang, is the lay leader of a mission church established by Calvary BPC at Batam, with Roska's help.

God's servant is no more, but God's work goes on. There is plenty to do in this Island mission field, and Life Church is looked up to for succour. (All offerings for Missions are to be directed to the Church Treasurer, Deacon Charlie Chia. The Church has a mission budget of 6 figures and it is the Church's responsibility to send out the funds.)

**"Who is on the Lord's side, Who will serve the King?"**

## R-rated films: Sept. 9, '91

### Let people decide

**HOT** stuff, these R-rated movies!

Attendances at cinemas are up. Letters have been sent to the Forum page. Pro-R groups praise the restraint of the censor's scissors. Anti-R groups equate this new visual freedom with immorality.

Was the Government right or wrong to allow this flood of R-rated movies? Right or wrong, whoever made that decision must have been brave; it must have been a tough balancing act.

Critics claim that R-rated movies contaminate society's minds. They warn that they could lead to moral decadence. Is it really that simple? Have studies proved this cause and effect conclusively?

There are some who think that we have to be protected from ourselves. There are others who think that Singaporeans are not mature enough to decide for themselves whether a movie is worth watching or whether it is pure trash.

I am not a flag-waving R-rated movie

fan. I just think people should not impose their views on others. No one is forcing anyone to watch those movies.

It is difficult to believe that Singaporeans cannot be trusted to decide for themselves what they want to watch. Raising the minimum age would help.

After all, if a 21-year-old Singaporean is allowed to determine the nation's future by casting a vote in the General Election, would it not be ironic to say he is not mature enough to watch certain movies?

We perceive things in a whole spectrum of understanding.

Surely, there are readers who will not agree with me as there will be those who do.

I hold that there is no right or wrong, only opinions. To whoever makes the R-decision, I say: Give us a choice.

**CHRISTOPHER EE  
BUAN ANN**

Singapore 1544

Although "the relaxed policy on movie censorship will be partly reversed in the wake of the General Election" (St. Times, Sept 5, '91), there are those who openly campaign to retain the R-rated movies. Here's a letter to the Straits Times, dated Sept 9, '91, who would "let people decide." Since the writer, Mr Christopher Ee Buan Ann, holds "that there is no right or wrong, only opinions" and we who are governed by God's Word that tells us to judge what is right or wrong (1 Cor 6:2), we must redouble our efforts in the signatures campaign to tell the Government that R-rated films are an offence to morality. At a certain constituency during the General Election a certain group, not Christian, presented 600 signatures to protest against the R-rated films. Shall we lose out by default? Where is the zeal for God in this crucial battle for good morals? But God will bless every crusader, young or old, as He blessed Phinehas of old. "Behold I give unto him my covenant of peace: and he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel" (Num 25:12, 13). For Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, had turned away God's wrath upon Israel for committing fornication with Gentile women. He was zealous to uphold morality for the Lord. He took God's side by casting out evil. (Read full story back page, NKJV.)

*"Not Might is Right, but Right is Might. Singapore needs, above all, moral power, to remain strong and prosperous." Amen.*

- T.T.

## Israel's Harlotry in Moab

**25** Then Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab.  
**2** They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.  
**3** So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.  
**4** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the LORD, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."  
**5** So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor."  
**6** And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of

Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.  
**7** Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand;  
**8** and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel.  
**9** And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.  
**10** Then the LORD spoke to Moses saying:  
**11** "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal.  
**12** "Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace;

**13** 'and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.'  
**14** Now the name of the Israelite who was killed, who was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father's house among the Simeonites.  
**15** And the name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi the daughter of Zur; he was head of the people of a father's house in Midian.  
**16** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:  
**17** "Harass the Midianites, and attack them;  
**18** "for they harassed you with their schemes by which they seduced you in the matter of Peor and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midian, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Peor."

## John Sung and Charismatism

One of the things you'd read about Wang Ming Tao in the latest issue of the Banner is his repudiation of charismatism into which he was misled in the early years after conversion. Now, Wang Ming Tao and John Sung are two of "Five Stars of the Chinese Church." What, we are interested to know, is John Sung's stand on Charismatism? Read p.121 and p.161 of "John Sung My Teacher" as follows:

I. p.121: "The fullness of the Holy Spirit is not tongue-speaking or any other phenomena that the charismatics stressed, but rather the living water springing up like a fountain from within every born-again believer. Tongues and other so-called spiritual gifts are not God's blessings. Once a person's sins are cast out from his heart through the saving grace of the Lord Jesus, immediately there spring the living water of the Holy Spirit from within him, which flow on and on without quenching (John 7:38, 39). Every Christian must become an empty, clean channel through which the living waters of the Holy Spirit might flow to many a parched and dried up heart. This was the answer he later passed on to the Tsingtao charismatics."

II. p.161: "At Shihkiachwang in Hopeh (Province) the (Evangelistic) Band stepped on charismatic territory again, for the meetings were held at the AOG Church (Assemblies of God). John pointed out to them an anomaly. Those who stressed on tongue-speaking as a sign of the Holy Spirit nevertheless had never repented of their sins. Those so-called Holy Spirit filled ones were exhorted to come forward to confess their sins. Therefore Dr Sung stressed again, 'What a sinner needs is not the gift of tongues, but the gift of salvation. Too many who claimed to have the Holy Spirit ended up having an unholy spirit! Instead of being filled by the Spirit, they were felled by the Spirit.' Some twenty missionaries who came from the surrounding cities were greatly blessed."

## A New Campsite Discovered!

Last Mon. night Ivy and I "tumpang" Revs Peter Chua and Stephen Khoo and several Sharonites on a trip to Kuantan. We left S'pore station at Lavender St. 10 pm and arrived Coral Beach Resort 5 am. (The distance is 325 km from JB.) We planned to stay 2 nights. We came partly with the view of looking for a new site for our family camps 1992.

This is a clean, wide, quiet, airconditioned resort built on 13 acres of coconut and casuarina dreamland facing the tumbling waves of the South China Sea. It is simply fabulous.

We are fully agreed Kuantan and not Gentings is our campsite for 1992. We guarantee you will not be disappointed. While we have the physical qualifications to your satisfaction, we must begin to pray for the spiritual: that the Lord will prepare His messengers to give us His Word.

*I had heard it up in Gentings,  
 Now I hear down by the sea,  
 Where the sands are white at Kuantan;  
 I can hear it calling me.*

*O what is it that is calling,  
 From the palm shades by the sea,  
 Where the sands are white at Kuantan?  
 I can hear it calling me.*

*O weary soul, and can it be,  
 'Tis my Saviour's still, small voice,  
 Comes now whisp'ring in the breezes  
 Softly speaking unto me?*

- T.T., Kuantan



## Call to Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting

(Tune: "Softly Now the Light of Day,"  
 White Song Book p.35)

*Come to Church every Tuesday night  
 Come ye to the House of Prayer  
 Where two or three on bended knee -  
 They will find the Saviour there.*

*First we sing a hymn that inspires,  
 Then an half-hour of God's Word.  
 Praise and thanksgiving that follow  
 Are well-pleasing to the Lord.*

*Come unto Me ye weary ones,  
 Weighed down with a load of care.  
 Come with your burdens as you are  
 To the Tuesday night of prayer.*

*There's a peace that God has promised  
 To them who with others pray.  
 There's a blessing special for you  
 Won't you join us next Tuesday?*

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Sep 16-22, '91)

MON	7.30pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	P. Mtg (Exciting slides on Saipan & Guam)
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	11.30 am	Roska S. & Choi Chang Hwang Wedding at Batam (Rev Tow)
	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"Despise not prophesyings" (Rev C. Wong)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow

NBC This Week: Wed Newton;

Fri Bishan, Chinatown, Tampines

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,624.00 (8.00 am); \*\$7,326.00 (10.30 am)  
 EXTN BLDG FUND II 870)\*\$4624; 871)\$100;  
 872)\*\$7326; 873)\$100; 874)\$1000; 875)\$30;  
 876)\$300; 877)\$50(Boxes); 878)\$2400; 879)\$300.  
 TOTAL: \$1,428,714.23

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,455,949.23

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$11(M'sionary Fship), \$200(YAF); Thailand \$50, \$100(YAF); Chinese Bibles for China Missions \$50; Burma \$200(Bt Timah NBC); Missions \$131, \$1000(Boxes); Batam \$550(WF).

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My dear Readers,

**The Church Militant**

This is a theological term on the function of the Church as an army. Isn't the Church reminded of St Paul to "fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim 6:12), and Timothy his successor of his role as a soldier (II Tim 2:3)? As of himself, when he had come to the end of his earthly life he testified, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." But our weapons are not carnal, "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against

principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God..." (Eph 6:12, 13). Now, any armour that a soldier wears consists of both defensive and offensive components. As to the offensive components in God's armour, there are the shoes for the gospel propagation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Hence our Church's stress on missions from the day of her founding, and the preaching and publicising of God's Word, as attested by our emphasis on the Bible and the publication of books and magazines, not the least this little Weekly. Our offensive action cannot go on, however, without "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Eph 6:18), so our constant reminder to corporate prayer every Tuesday night.



At present Life Church is engaged in total war against the R-rated films. Now, in any war, we need the help of allies, friends, and supporters wherever we can find them. We count not only on our members, but also on those defined by this comprehensive term: "adherents". Under "adherents," we have a wide area to cover in this signatures campaign. This wide area is described by Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary Unabridged, Second Edition, as follows: "**Adherent**: n. a person who adheres; one who follows a leader, party, etc; a follower, or partisan, a believer in a particular faith or cause. Syn. - follower, partisan, supporter, friend, aid, ally, companion, backer."

Let me appeal first of all to you, my Reader, to commit your signature to the Forms out there on the table at the Church entrance. Secondly, may I appeal to the Sunday School to have all the signatures of our scholars. Thirdly, let me urge all presidents of our 10 fellowships to gather the signatures of your groups, even the names of your Christian friends who are against the R-rated films.

This is a time to test our zeal. In Paul's Epistle to Titus, the apostle mentions the need of zealous good works: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." We have a watchword, "Do something good for Jesus everyday." Here's a great challenge to love of the Saviour. God bless!

- T.T.

**DON'T KEEP BLAMING WEST FOR MORAL SLIDE**

SEPT. 16, '91

I AM an American who has been working in Singapore for the past nine months.

Since I have been here, I have heard a barrage of aspersions cast at "Western decadence". If local morals are falling, blame it on the West. If a local woman is caught jogging naked, it must be the West's fault.

I have found this attitude perplexing since close to my work place are several rows of thriving brothels — something that would not be found in my hometown in the United States.

When it was first proposed that R-rated movies be allowed in Singapore, I thought this was harmless enough even if I did not go to see one.

However, it seems that what in Singapore is R-rated would be labelled X-rated in the US and only shown in some sleazy "adult" theatre in the seedy part of town.

Here, though, pornography was

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screened in the same theatre in which I had earlier seen Home Alone.

Even the church I attend meets in a theatre that would be showing pornography not long after the service was over. My American modesty was outraged.

Nevertheless, I have appreciated the fact that society at large in Singapore recognises the need for high moral

standards.

I applaud the courage your Government shows in trying to lead the people in preserving those standards.

But I would like to warn Singaporeans that when morals slip, do not blame "Western influence" or Government laxity.

Instead, fault human depravity and the reasoning reflected by Christopher Ee in his letter (ST, Sept 9) when he wrote "there is no right or wrong, only opinions".

That is the heart of the philosophy of relativism which will, if taken to its logical conclusion, destroy every standard of decency and make a viable society impossible.

I hope Singaporeans find the absolute foundation upon which to build a value system to grow and prosper.

JOHN CARPENTER

Singapore 1852

**An Urgent Call from Saipan**

"Please ... please go and see for yourself, the several thousand mainland Chinese who need your help!" exclaimed Dn Lee, an FEBC Korean student. He had recently made a trip to Saipan with the gospel ship, MV Hannah. My heart was stirred by his testimony of the urgent call from Saipan.

The King's business requires haste! On 14th August, I was sent with the blessings of our Church and Pastor Tow to assess the actual situation in Saipan. Having no direct flight from Singapore to Saipan, I had to stop one night at Manila and then transit to Saipan. With much excitement and eagerness I arrived at Saipan the next evening.

Saipan island is located in the western Pacific. It lies about 3300km southeast of Hong Kong, 2400 km east of Manila. Saipan is the capital of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The local people of Saipan are divided into two major

ethnic groups - Chamorro and Carolinian - each with their own language and culture. During the past few years, large numbers of Filipinos, Taiwanese and Koreans have emigrated to Saipan and current estimates put the population at 30,000. Saipan is smaller than Singapore, about one third its size.

A Korean missionary and two deacons of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Saipan received me at the airport...

Early last year, 20 garment and textile factories started to employ mainland Chinese workers for cheap labour. In Dec 1990, some of these workers visited the Korean Church out of curiosity, there being no Chinese Church in Saipan. The Korean Church pastors offered them the gospel despite having no knowledge of the Chinese language. Many workers were gloriously saved after hearing the truth being preached and interpreted into Mandarin.

The number of Chinese worshippers grew by leaps and bounds every Sunday. The Korean Church supplied each of them





with a Chinese Bible and a hymn book in Chinese. Today, about 300 of the 3000 Chinese workers attend the Sunday Service faithfully.

On Saturday night, I visited a meeting held in a factory's dining hall. When the group of 40 believers saw me, a Chinese preacher, they all stood up and clapped hands to welcome me.

My heart was overjoyed to see the 300 odd Chinese come to Church the next morning. Half of them are Chinese Koreans

attending the Korean service. The other half attend a separate Chinese worship service. I was invited to preach at this service. I was simply overwhelmed by their enthusiasm. The same Holy Spirit who moved me in China moved me also in Saipan. I challenged them to surrender their lives to Jesus. When I asked a Chinese Korean sister to close in prayer, she wept in tears with thanksgiving for the Lord had shown great mercy on them. Most of them wept with her as the message touched them deeply. They acknowledged that the gracious Lord had sent them out of China not only to be saved but also to be trained and return to mainland China to preach the Gospel.

In the next ten days, almost every night I conducted training sessions for them. They voiced their desire to have a Chinese pastor. They begged me to stay or return again because they are contracted to work in Saipan for only two years. None of them was a believer and some even did not know who Jesus is! Yet the Lord brought them out here to be trained for the sake of the Gospel!

There are 8000 more Chinese workers coming to Saipan by the end of this year. There are 3000 local Chinese and 2000 mainland Chinese in Guam, another island 75 km south of Saipan, which is also without a Chinese Church and pastor. As the apostle Paul responded promptly to the Macedonian call, it is high time for us to respond to this Saipan call. Will we?

Pang Kok Hiong

#### From SINGAPORE: IMPACT OF A REMNANT

By R.E. McMaster, Jr. in Chalcedon Report, Aug. 1991

"Bible Presbyterians in Singapore have a significant impact. There, with the church firmly planted on prime downtown Singapore real estate, the thunderous Calvinistic doctrine of Reverend Timothy Tow has sown its seeds in culture. The fruit is readily manifest. The sovereignty of God, as opposed to the exclusively humanistic gospel of freewill salvation, is aptly and clearly presented. Reverend Tow blasts the lawlessness of this day and age, too, in one of his six books, *The Law of Moses and of Jesus*. One of Tow's other works is entitled, *Calvin's Institutes Abridged*. Small wonder, with such a solid foundation, that *The Asian Awakening*, the title of a third book by Tow, is underway.

A big, powerful, dedicated Christian church in an island city-state of 2.7 million people can and does have quite an influence. The university/seminary which Life Bible Presbyterian Church has established for the purpose of training theology students from all Asia in the Calvinistic perspective of the Gospel is highly regarded. At the associated South Korean service which I visited following our Sunday morning worship service, once again I rejoiced, particularly at the beautiful harmony of the singing of hymns by South Koreans. Their entire essence was poured into their study, praise and worship.

In the Sunday morning message, I heard Reverend Tow hit hard the excessive emphasis in Singapore upon secular materialism, which is the negative side of the excellent work ethic so prominent among Singaporeans. (Singaporeans have been rated for ten years straight as the best workers in the world, according to BERI, a widely respected international business rating service.) Reverend Tow also talked about the importance of humility in giving thanks for material prosperity and blessings. All in all, it reminded me of readings I had done regarding worship services which occurred in early America, when America was great, before we entered today's post-Christian era. The perspective on debt, which had recently been used to obtain additional church property, was warned against. The thrust was that the church should pay off its debt as soon as possible. The heading of the weekly pastoral chat was, "Owe No Man Anything" (Romans 13:8). In one year Tow's church had paid off \$800,000 of its \$3 million debt. Tithing and giving by these Calvinists in Singapore is taken seriously as an indication of their maturity and covenantal faithfulness. I can truly say, "It was good to have been there."...

Christian reconstruction also has a voice as newspaper editor, Christian book distributor and Chalcedon subscriber Peter Ong works amidst the church, the Christian, and secular communities-at-large.

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,840.00 (8.00 am); \*\$8,154.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 880)\*\$3840; 881)\*\$8154; 882)\$50; 883)\$100; 884)\$100; 885)\$779; 886)\$1576.50; 887)\$10000(Sunday Sch); 888)\$7500(Thanksgiving).

TOTAL: \$1,460,813.73; GRAND TOTAL: \$1,488,048.73

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$100, \$200, \$100(Sunday Sch); Thailand \$100; Bond hymn bks \$100; Renov. Beulah Hse \$100, \$700, \$1500, \$200, \$400, \$100; EBC \$100; Missions \$50, \$200; Dn Yiew PS \$50; Tan Kim Huat \$50; Rev G Kutty \$500(NBC Bt Timah); Pr JP David \$50; Roska \$500.

#### Life Church 41st Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner, Oct 19, '91.

Tickets for this dinner will be on sale next Lord's Day at \$20 for adults, \$16 for student concession and \$5 for children under 12. As tickets have specific table nos., groups who wish to be seated together should ensure they purchase tickets with the same table nos.

Gratitude in Word and Deed. (1) Enclosed is a love gift of \$1000 as a token of our gratitude to God for the safe delivery of our baby boy. We pray that God would grant us His wisdom to bring up this child in the nurture and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2) Enclosed is a gift of \$30 for the Beulah land debt. I never knew where to put the money, so I'm entrusting it to you. It may not be very much help, sp. with over \$1.9 million to go, but I guess it's all I have. - Young Catechumen. Our Chinese Church announces the opening of a S.S. class for pupils in Pr.6-sec 2 to run concurrently with our English SS, 9.30 am sharp.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Sep 23-29, '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	7.00 pm	Seminar on Parenting (Rev Tow, Eld Lim, Mrs Siow)
SUN	8.00 am	"Weep with them that Weep" (Pr J P David)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.45 pm	E-Band Outreach

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat

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My dear Readers,

## 41st Anniversary Thanksgiving

This year, our Dinner to be held on a more spacious Beulah Lawn (we've cut down a dead tree and several shrubs that obstruct) will be more relaxed. We want to thank in advance the same management committee who did a perfect job last year.

As for the Thanksgiving Service Oct 20, it will be a divided one, the 8 am at the same hour and the 10.30 am advanced to 9.30 am. (Will the choir sing at the second service? I hear the Children's Choir is coming.) The Chinese Service, celebrating their 26th Anniversary, will also be held 9.30 am. All offerings will go to pay the Beulah Debt.

To commemorate this auspicious occasion, a copy of "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God" will be given to everyone Thanksgiving Sunday, "hot from the oven." Do you want to know what is God's will for your life? Read it, and study it. This book is an extended product of the Awana Bible Conference with Dr Peter Masters (1990). Miss Lim Meng Kean's introduction should bring to remembrance the happy times campers had struggling up Genting mountain.



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

"For what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mk 8:36). This was the verse that became the turning point in John Sung's life. Here's the account of the upheaval in his soul, taken from "John Sung My Teacher."



March 1926 saw Sung Shang Chieh obtain his PhD 'with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto'. Offers of jobs and high positions came from his alma mater, from China his own country and from Germany. He was now carried to the dizzy heights of his own achievements, floating on golden clouds of glamour more than even before.

Waking up the morning after the glamorous night of his self-exaltations, there came a still small voice, however, from his innermost being, 'For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' (Matt 16:26). Again the words came, now loud and clear. 'For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' From the pinnacle of inflated egoism he was plunged suddenly into a swelling tide of emptiness. Musing over this famous saying not from Confucius, nor from Lao-tse, he heard a knock-knock, so sudden, on the door. Of all people, Rev Wilbur Fowler, the Wesley Foundation man at Ohio State, had come to visit: 'Why, you don't look a bit the scientist that you are. You are more of a preacher,' remarked the unexpected visitor.

In the ensuing conversation Dr Sung revealed his original purpose of coming to America and the conflict ever more raging in his soul! 'Why not study at Union Theological Seminary in New York then?' suggested Rev Fowler.

The attractions of seeing America's No. 1 City where is located the world-famous Columbia University were in his consideration, but the yes he said to Rev Fowler at the

end of this fateful visit had been prompted from Above. 'The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord' (Prov 16:1). Pastor Sung having dedicated his son from birth to the Lord, and the same having yielded to the vow of his father, would not the Lord accept the twice-uttered offering in the fulness of His time? The die was cast for Union Seminary.

On his way to New York City, God showed Sung a greater sight than the skyscrapers of New York, the mute work of puny man, which seemed to beckon him. The thunderous waters of Niagara Falls, booming the awesome majesty of the Creator like a thousand-thousand voice choir humbled him to the dust. Rising up, he prayed, 'O Lord, let me be a Niagara for Thee.'

Young Reader, how about you? Too many budding Singaporeans these days are clambering up the social ladder. "I must join NUS, if not NTL." What's wrong to go for your tertiary education at FEBC when the Lord calls? Where Calvin says concerning the study of Theology that it is the attainment of true knowledge, the highest knowledge. For you study God and man, you yourself. Not mosquitoes!

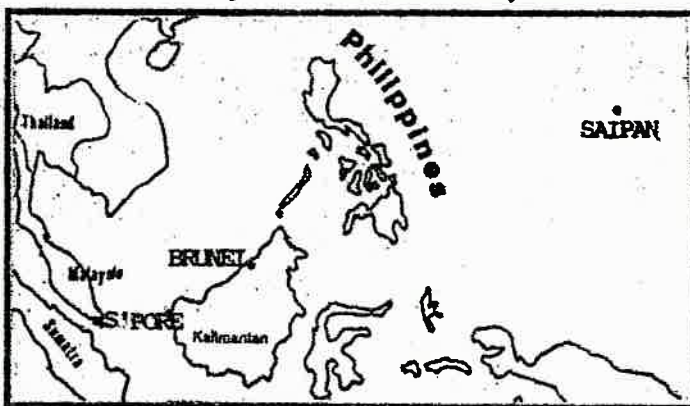
All our FEBC graduates with the BTh, which includes Hebrew and Greek, have obtained their Masters and Doctors in America, and not a few with honours. FEBC an inferior College? And that Open University where subjects like Psychology and Philosophy are taught leaving God out? "What shall it profit ...?"

## Please pray for two Gospel campaigns ahead

I. From Nov 7 - 14 your pastor is called to minister in Brunei, at Seria and another town 80 km away. It will be a double campaign to deliver the Church there from wild charismatism.

II. Sometime in December, Session has approved my going along with Preacher Pang Kok Hiong to Saipan and Guam to speak to several hundred Mainland Chinese believers employed there on a two-year shift. This is at the request of Calvary BPC with the view of planning some more permanent time-table of Bible indoctrination, so that those who are trained might return to teach others also (II Tim 2:2).

Yes, we need your prayer support. If there is someone who would contribute \$500 to acquire Gospel literature, theological books and John Sung Choruses for these two fields, that will be your share in missionary outreach!



## Testimony of Mr Teo of Singkep Island

Last Tues. Sept 24 Elder Sng and I were called to Tg Pinang to officiate the funeral of Mr Teo Keng Nguan, 76. Mr Teo is known to our members, having taken shelter at Beulah House while in Singapore for medical check-ups. We readily answered this call, for Mr Teo had a bright testimony.



Before migrating to Riau, he had heard Dr John Sung in Swatow, China in the thirties. This kept him from idol worship, but he was still far away from God. He finally settled on Singkep Island, a mining town with vestiges of Dutch rule, 5 hours by motor boat south of Tg Pinang.

When an FEBC student was sent to Singkep Island in the early eighties Mr Teo's knowledge of Christ was renewed, short of receiving Him as Saviour. When a big fire swept Singkep town and burnt down rows of shophouses, Teo cried to the Lord. The fire had reached almost his doorstep when it stopped. This so convinced him of God's power that he received the Lord that very hour. Immediately, he telephoned me to baptise him at the Tg Pinang Church.

Since his baptism he has witnessed to all his relatives, both in Singapore and back in Swatow China. He told me they had all believed. What is greater joy to him is all his children have also believed.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccles 11:1).  
*Yours faithfully, T.T.*

#### With Roska at Her Indonesian Style Wedding *by Sylvea Wong*

The wedding of Roska Sihombing to brother Choi Chang Hwan was held at a Seaside Resort Hotel on Batam Island. On a wedding day the words "Double Happiness" are displayed. But to Roska it is more than double happiness. Why? Because a prodigal son has come home who is marrying her. He is a Korean engineer. In future he could be of great help to her serving the Lord. Many unsaved Koreans and Indonesians were present to witness the holy ceremony. They heard the gospel in song.

Roska wore a beautiful white lace gown. She was attended to by two flower girls and a page boy. Pastor Tow "officiated" the marriage ceremony. The couple made their vows, and rings were exchanged. The groom lifted up the veil from her face sheepishly. Pastor ended the ceremony with a short sermon from Joshua 24:15 "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The bride excused herself to her room to change into an Indonesian bridal costume. While waiting we were entertained by a medley of songs. Four lovely FEBC young Korean women students sang a hymn in their own language. Then ten ladies of Life BP Church WF sang the hymn "Our Great Saviour" as requested by Roska. Sister Roska's church boys and girls whom she had trained gave a hymn in Indonesian. The fourth item was Roska's father and his church members' hymn "O Happy Day".

At last the groom and bride appeared. She looked so gorgeous with fresh flowers in her hair. Finally her Korean shipyard choir members sang and she came down from her dais to give us a solo. Then the Indonesian after-wedding ceremony began. First the parents of Roska wrapped a stole called "ulos" in Batak on the groom's mother. After this they wrapped another stole on the son-in-law and daughter. After that each relative followed up with a stole until a dozen of these beautiful, expensive stoles were presented.

After this "bersanding" the bride changed into a Korean costume. Pastor said grace and we proceeded to lunch provided by Roska's parents. It was a delightful Wedding Day on Batam Island.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 30-Oct 6, '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"Blessed are the Poor in Spirit" (Eld Lim TC)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr, Calvary Pandan BPC

NBC This Week: Fri Bishan, Chinatown, Newton, Tampines.

#### LAST LORD'S DAY

#### GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,122 (8.30 am)  
\*\$8,952 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II  
889)\*\$3122; 890)\*\$8952;  
891)\*\$50; 892)\*\$120; 893)\*\$150  
(YF&YAF); 894)\*\$30; 895)\*\$1000;  
896)\*\$30(Coinafon).

TOTAL: \$1,475,167.73

GRANDTOTAL: \$1,502,402.73

OFFERINGS FOR: Renov.

Beulah Hse \$300; Missions

\$150; CLMMS\$100; Medan\$120.

#### BETHLEHEM PRAYER MEETING

(Tune: Happy the Home When God Is There)

The little town of Bethlehem  
Is built upon a hill.  
Below the town there is a plain,  
The erstwhile shepherds' field.

'Twas here two thousand years ago,  
The angels did appear  
To rustic men in winter snow,  
And made them quake with fear.

These were poor folk who watched their sheep  
By day and by the night.  
And they who kept awake from sleep  
Were first to see the Light.

Tonight I viewed the Shepherds Field,  
So peaceful as of yore  
From Boaz Heights, so quiet and still:  
It made me wonder more!

We're gathered in a Christian home  
To worship and to pray  
On bended knee beneath His Throne,  
And night was turned to day.

Seek not to see God with your eye,  
Nor hear with outer ear.  
Be cleansed from sin as you draw nigh,  
And Christ will soon appear!

The little town of Bethlehem,  
And yonder Shepherds Field,  
Where sinful earth was joined to Heaven  
Await His coming still.

#### O BETHLEHEM

(Tune: O Christmas Tree)

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

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

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

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

**Tickets for Church Anniversary  
Dinner on sale today.**

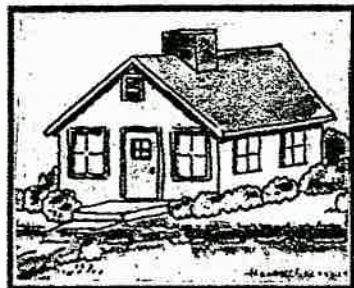
Mdm Lee Swee Heng, grandma of Hoh Ee Ling of Indus Rd was called home Sept 26. Funeral on 28 was officiated by Pastor.



My dear Readers,

## FOUNDATIONS OF A HAPPY HOME

The "Art of Parenting" Seminar held Sat. Sept 28, '91 under the auspices of FEK and YAF, was attended by about 250. The speakers were myself, Mrs Siow Soon Chin of New Life and Dr Lim Teck Chye.



For the sake of Readers who were not present, here's a brief summary of my message on *Foundations of a Happy Home*:

### Introduction

That so many of you are here (a good many are parents of FEK, including a Sikh couple) shows there is a great need on how to bring up children. I sympathise with you, seeing that these are topsy-turvy times when the Fifth Commandment becomes "Parents obey your children" instead! A recent Japanese news item from the S.T. reports, "Children think the world belongs to them," a 24-year-old office worker said. "Everyone needs a little peace on the train at 9 o'clock in the evening, but they joke around and scream as if it were a school ground." What affects affluent Japan has also affected affluent Spore. Are our children any better? I've seen children who misbehave against their parents at a dinner table. Before prayer is offered these would snatch the food they like and gobble it under the eyes of guests. Calvin says, *They who eat without prayer are like animals.* (Someone heard what I quoted from the great theologian and rolled her eyes!)

#### I.

The first foundation of a Happy Home is GOD. Choose God! God appeared to Abram in Ur of the Chaldees. He was told to go to a Land God would show him. Lot went with Uncle Abram, for he chose to worship Abram's God (Gen 12:4). Are you a Christian? If not why not come to Life Church to find out the Truth? Come and see and hear for yourself, and when you come to see the Truth, choose God!

#### II.

The second foundation is also God. Love God! When Abram and Lot's cattle grew so numerous that they could not thrive together in peace, the uncle let his nephew choose his territory first. Lot moved to the Jordan valley to Sodom and Gomorrah, but these though rich cities were filled with wicked people. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jn 2:15). Lot was saved (II Pet 2:7), but he lost his family because of his love of the world. Conversely, Abram put God first. He didn't mind

hilly Hebron, a barren rocky place. Though living still in a tent, "he built there an altar unto the Lord" (Gen 13:18). When we come to Church, is it because we love God? Now, this is Paul's philosophy for a happy life with a warning for the get-rich-quick. "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (I Tim 6:6-10).

#### III.

The third foundation of a happy family is still God! When we love we obey. While Lot lost his family because he let the love of the world corrupt them, Abram was commended, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord ..." (Gen 18:19). While Abram is known for obeying God in the matter of the sacrifice of Isaac, did you see how he had trained his son to lovingly obey him, so that he was willing to let his father sacrifice him? How well have you trained your child to obey God?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 prescribes how we should train our children. We are commanded to teach our children at home through family worship. Do you teach your children to say grace at meals and pray with them before bed and rising the next morning? Do you scold, but never praise the Lord before your children? What things do you hang on the walls of your house? Pin-ups? Semi-naked women as displayed on calendars? Do you hang up the Ten Commandments instead? A picture of kneeling Samuel, and Bible verse plaques, even JESUS SAVES clocks? Is your child's playroom piled up only with toys and toys ceiling high? Is the TV your child's foster mother? And you have no control over your child?

### Conclusion

The three foundations of a happy home are God, God, God! Choose, love and obey Him. Let me conclude with a personal testimony. Three persons have influenced my life greatly. First is Mother, a loving, understanding, praying Mother. Second is Father, a strict disciplinarian but he always led us willingly to family worship. Third is Grandpa, a praying minister. When he prayed we were ushered into the presence of God! They set me firmly on the Rock foundation who has upheld me to this day and my brothers and sisters too. Amen.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

## MISSIONARY OUTREACH IN WEST KALIMANTAN CONTINUES

Rev Djunaidi writes:

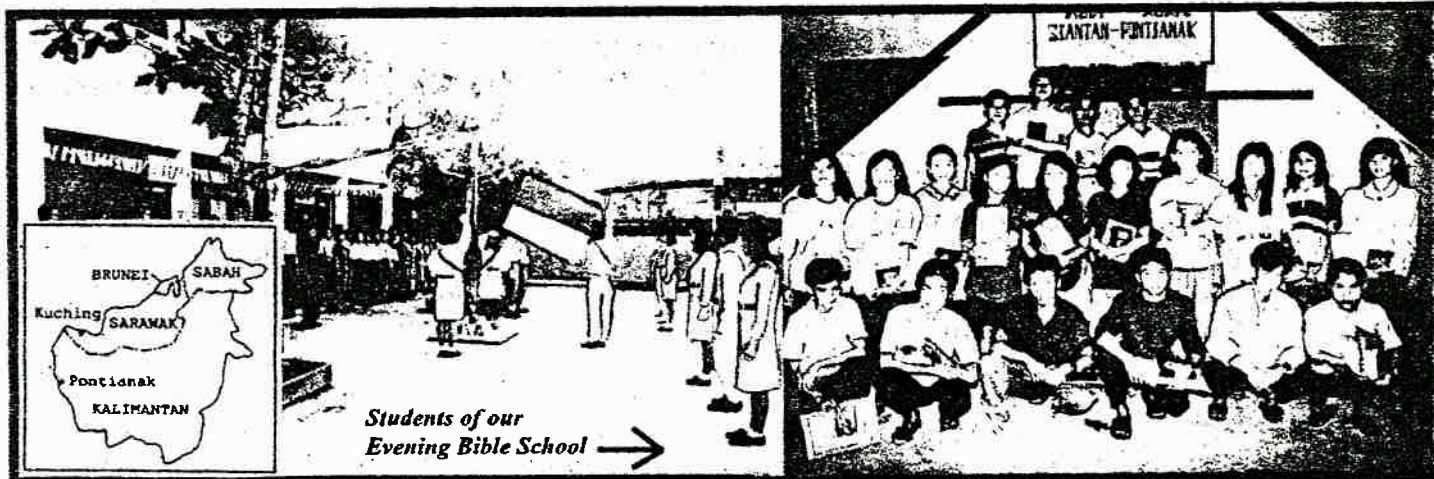
"When I received Life B-P Weekly No. 51 and read about our work here at Pontianak being one of Life Church's 41 branches, I praised the Name of the Lord!

Here's my report for July '91. At the invitation of an inland church of WEC (Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade) to hold 7 days meetings on "Christ's Second Coming" I ventured into Nanga Lebang on the upper reaches of the Kapuas River. The name of this Church is Gereja Persekutuan Sidang Kristus. The Lord blessed these meet-

ings, so they have requested me to minister again.

As the distance is great and travel is difficult, the MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) came to my rescue through their auxilliary Team Penginjan "Sayap Kasih." So I shall be flying Sat. Sept 7 to Ketungau to preach to the Dyaks. The Gospel Team abovementioned of late has been making one sortie every week into the interior. By means of Gospel films they are able to draw several thousand natives to the meetings. What economy of time and energy this method of evangelism! Please pray for us.





God has blessed our Church, school, orphanage and Evening Bible School here at Siantan, Pontianak. Recently the Ministry of Health borrowed these premises to spread the knowledge of healthy living to the community around us. There was a contingent of doctors, nurses, military police that joined this Health Campaign. The response of the village folks was overwhelming. This recognition by the authorities of our Christian Complex is another evidence of the Lord's mercies. May God bless your work in Singapore." (dated Sept 1, '91)

#### SOLEMNISING ANOTHER WEDDING DOWN TANJUNG PINANG

With newer and faster "Jet Raiders" and "Super Cats" plying between Finger Pier and Tg Pinang, it is possible to accomplish the Lord's business there within a day. (A return ticket costs \$71.) We took the "Island Jade" out 9.20 am Wed Oct 2, and arrived Tg Pinang in 2 hours 15 mins.

Ev. Joseph Liu chaired the Wedding Service by announcing a hymn. Then an Indonesian pastor, at whose church the bridegroom has been a long-time worshipper, prayed. Kiantoro read the Scripture in Indonesian, after which I was asked to deliver the sermon. As the parents on both sides were non-Christians, the message was directed to them. From Gen 2:18-25 it was described to them how holy matrimony began. This adumbrates the love of Christ, the Heavenly Bridegroom to those who believe in Him, even the Church. After the message, the choir sang.

The Chinese Liturgy is patterned after the Common Prayer Book. It is interesting to note that the Preamble quotes from ancient classics that emphasise the sacredness and permanency of the marriage bond. But the final Word is Christ's: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt 19:6).

As the wedding ceremony took place during the Church school hours, a big crowd of students gathered. To those outside the Church, the Christian Marriage is a holy mystery.

In lieu of the reception, a box of Indonesian cakes was distributed to each guest, including a package drink of chrysanthemum tea! The bride and groom then drove off to their ancestral homes where special guests, mostly relatives, would eat a meal together.

In view of our need to return to Singapore in the early afternoon, Ev. Joseph Liu was entrusted to take care of us. The Indonesian pastor, Kiantoro, Ivy and myself were driven to a seaside Chinese restaurant, where fishes and prawns, kept swimming in enclosures in the sea below the restaurant were hauled up alive and cooked on the spot and served sizzling hot. As it was high tide and the wind began to drift in with the flow, who would want to leave such a Shangri-la if not for the siren blast from the returning "Cat"? We arrived back at the Parsonage before 7 pm, mission accomplished.

T.T.

#### LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,020.00 (8.00 am);

\*\$8,179.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 897)\*\$4020;  
898)\$150; 899)\$500; 900)\*\$8179;  
901)\$200; 902)\$500 (Filipina Svce);  
903)\$350; 904)\$78.70 (Family Life Seminar);  
905)\$11 (Sale of unused furniture);  
906)\$50; 907)\$200; 908)\$1200 (Sharon BPC);  
909) \$1800 (Changi Mission Chapel);  
910)\$2000 (Maranatha BPM);  
911)\$400; 912)\$100.

TOTAL: \$1,494,906.43;

LOANS 13)\$5,000 (Maranatha BPM).

TOTAL LOANS: \$32,235.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,527,141.43

OFFERINGS FOR: Medan \$600 (New Life BPC), \$200; Thailand \$50,

\$100; Philippines \$50; Rev Koa K W \$50; Dn Yiew PS \$50; YAF \$300; Rev George Kutty \$50; Tan Kim Huat \$50; Renov. Beulah Hse \$1000 (Maranatha BPC), \$100, \$50; Saipan & Guam \$300 (Women's F'ship).

**Buy your Church Anniversary  
Dinner Tickets today!**

GIVING IS LOVING: (I) I want to thank God for His mercy and grace in sustaining me through my life so far, especially in seeing me through the difficult period of unemployment. Also thank God very much for the new job that He has provided. As the Lord has blessed me, I would like to give my tithes and offerings of \$400 wholly

#### WINTER MOON (Tune: "White Christmas")

Now as the winter moon sinks low,  
And the poor shepherds all are gone,  
There remains in the Manger stable  
The Virgin Mother seated all alone.  
Now as she caresses her Child  
Under the flickering candle light,  
O the thought that God's Son is born!  
Sweeps o'er her soul this first Christmas night.

Thus Mary ponders in her heart,  
While the winds howl over the sky,  
And the cows low and asses bray,  
And Baby Jesus wakes and starts to cry.  
Again she caresses her Child  
Under the flickering candle light,  
O the thought that He's born to die!  
Sweeps o'er her soul this first Christmas night.

Now, Lord, as I think of Thy Birth,  
How I thank Thee that Thou hast come!  
Thou dost not spurn the Manger stable,  
Nor David's daughter, Virgin Mary's womb.  
Mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation  
As one born blind now sees the Light.  
O the joy that Messiah has come!  
Sweeps o'er my soul this first Christmas night.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 7-13, '91)

MON	7.30pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	7.00 pm	NBC 2nd Anniv. (Beulah Hse)
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship (FEBIC Hall)
	7.45 pm	Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)
	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"Blessed are they that Mourn" (Rev P. Tan, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Patrick Tan
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr, Calvary Pandan BPC

NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat

designated to Life BP Church Extn Bldg Fund. Indeed, I thank God for Beulah Hse which has also become my second home (E-Band F'ship Rm). My prayer is that Life Church would continue to be strong and kept by God in truth. **A Lifer.** (II) We share your joy in the forthcoming 41st Thanksgiving. As a token of our appreciation to "mother" Church, we would like to present a cheque for \$8,000 for the following purposes: \$5000 as an interest-free loan to EBF II; \$2000 as a love gift; \$1000 for Beulah Hse renovation. **Maranatha B-P Church**



My dear Readers,

**"Be Thankful unto Him, and Bless His Name"**

(Ps 100:4)

As usual, we shall celebrate our 41st Anniversary Thanksgiving with a Dinner Sat Oct 19, 6.30 pm, but with a double service (8.00 am and 9.30 am) on the Lord's Day Oct 20. With good weather (Lord grant us), all seated on Beulah Lawn and the cool breezes flowing in, it will be a delightful time of fellowship!

May I repeat to you the giving of "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God" Oct 20 to add to our 41st Anniversary joy. This book sells \$5 at the bookshop.

As pastor I must remind you to come with thankful hearts and praising lips for His bringing us "safely through another year." Ps 103 reminds us of His goodness in forgiving us our sins, healing our sicknesses, saving us from death (eg accident, calamity) and restoring us to youthful energy with a good appetite. As Singaporeans we have been favoured with good Government, with a continuing prosperity, and protection from natural disasters, Pinatubo! We don't deserve all this. Therefore, we should not "forget all His benefits" (Ps 103:2).

Nevertheless, as I pen these words, here comes the S.T. of Oct 10 reporting on "Yesterday's Haze the worst as visibility drops to 1 km." Wed Oct 9 was the worst day because all this while the average visibility was 4 km. This haze comes from forest fires raging in South Sumatra and S.E. Kalimantan, from hundreds of miles away! Are these forest fires that have consumed 50,000 ha of Indonesian forests lesser in terror than Pinatubo? Hasn't this HAZE spoken a warning from the Creator and Governor of the Universe? When will you and I, awake to futility of a materialistic life S'poreans are chasing after? In one night all that we have may be consumed by another kind of fire. Read II Pet 3:10.

**3rd Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Mar 2-16, '92**



After months of prayerful inquiry and personal negotiations with our travel experts in Jerusalem, we believe it is the Lord's will for Life Church and FEBC to lead a 3rd Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The first and second were 1983 and 1987. The travel schedule has been finalised and the date is headlined as above. (You come to airport 10 pm and you fly just past midnight.)

While others call theirs Study Tours, ours are Pilgrimages in the real sense. When we visit Sinai where the X Commandments were given, let us "take off our shoes for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Ex 3:5).

As our headquarters in Israel will be Beit El Baraka Conference Centre, 10 miles south of Bethlehem, there we will have full freedom of worship before going out and after coming in. Moreover, we will have Sunday worship at Baraka B-P Church, Bethlehem with the Arab Christians and with Miss Joan Davenport, missionary from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. We shall drive to Beit Sahour (Shepherds Field) 3 km from Bethlehem to stand on the land we had bought for the Arab Church in 1988.

The route we take this time is entirely different from the previous two trips. We fly into Amman where we have a half-day city tour before transplaning to Cairo. After two nights in Cairo we cross the Suez Canal by coach to Sinai. From Sinai we head northward via Eilat to Baraka. With a full week criss-crossing the Land, we fly out of Tel Aviv to Istanbul (Turkey), the original Constantinople, so full of Church History. Two nights in Istanbul and we head wearily homewards, arriving Singapore Mar 16, 1400 hrs. Only the healthy and strong can come along. Take no chances! (This tour will be repeated in June '92 by Calvary BPC under Dr Tow Siang Hwa.)

In view of a long queue of pilgrims joining, we must register applicants in two categories. 1. Baptised Members of Life Church and FEBC students. 2. Relatives and friends, wait-listed. We can take up to 50. First-come-first-serve! Price: \$3,395. Pray for God's guidance and protection all the way! (*Pilgrims Night at Parsonage, Fri Nov 1, 8 pm*)

### I WANT TO WALK WHERE JESUS WALKS

(Tune of "I walked today where Jesus walked")

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

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

And from the lone Emmaus Road  
Christ leads His followers on:  
He meets with us in Galilee,  
And gives our hearts a song.  
Returning to Mount Olivet,  
We hear His last command:  
Go ye, go into all the world,  
Go ye, go into all the world,  
Go ye, go into all the world,  
And preach the Word of God!  
I want to walk where Jesus walks  
And serve Him all way ...

### Is Beulah House a Liability?

For the big sum of \$7.2 million expended? If it is bought by a towkay to stay with his family and servants, it will be a liability. Put into God's hands, where hundreds are using it every week to promote His Kingdom, it is a priceless asset.

When you come to the 41st Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner next Saturday and sit with the Church family





under one bright big tent stretching the whole length of Beulah Lawn you will agree with me. And it is not this annual event only that uses this big lawn. You should see how the field is utilised for healthful exercises and games by young Lifers and FEBC students, and their children during the week.

Moreover, there are the rooms that house 9 1/2 families comprising church staff and the married students, totalling 33 souls. If an EBF member has declared Beulah House her second home, it is even more for the 9 1/2 families mentioned above.

Moreover, the House provides a "den" for the following: EBF, YAF, YF, AF, Young Teens. Three meeting halls are used by SS, Catechism Class, Junior Worship, Thai Service, Choir, LBC, NBC, Women's Fellowship, SS functions etc. Yet, there are several more rooms to spare to take care of a constant flow of visitors and passing through missionaries, not the least friends from the Riau Islands. And the car park?

Is Beulah House a liability? The spiritual exercises our members went through 6 1/2 months of giving to Beulah have made us more liberal in the financial support of other Church projects, eg the sending of two couples to Thailand and Philippines.

Our Beulah debt is now down to \$1.85 million. Who would give a piano for meetings at the Round House? Anymore surplus potted plants? Any spare beds? We thank God for every item that furnishes the 30-room House. Amen.

-T.T.

#### For Someone who has left the Church

As a flock of eagles was migrating through the sky, one of them looked down and noticed a farm-house. The farmer was feeding his chickens. He thought how great it would be to join them instead of hunting for prey. So he flew down and enjoyed a season of freedom from want. After the season was over the same flock of eagles flew back through the sky and he saw them. He wanted to join his friends but could hardly flap his wings. He was weakened by eating junk food.

It is very sad for Christians to stray away from church and Sunday school. Then they will live the Christian life in their own strength. They do not seek God's guidance for decisions of life. Soon they become a society of people who finds it difficult to look after their parents. They also dislike to bring up their children. They feel too sinful and unworthy to worship God, and stop going to church altogether.

It is a wrong notion to think going to church is reserved for the holy and righteous. A church is not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners. Romans 3:23: All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Jesus came to heal the sick and to save the outcasts. No matter how sinful you might feel about yourself, Jesus still loves you. He calls you to come back to church, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out" (Jn 6:37).

- Sylvea Wong

**In the Pastor's Postbag:** "I enclose a newspaper report on Chinese workers in Saipan. I thought it might interest you as it is possible that you may be ministering to some of these.

I enclose a cheque for \$600 as an offering towards your Saipan Mission.

May the Lord prosper your missionary trip. I will be praying for you."

- A founding Lifer

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Oct 14-20, '91)

MON	7.30pm	Romans (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30pm	Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.45pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00pm	LJBC; 2.30pm - LTF/YF
	2.00pm	Sharon BPC Wedding
	3.00pm	LBC/YAF
	6.30pm	41st Anniversary Thanks-giving Service & Dinner
SUN	7.45am	"Blessed are the Meek" (Rev Colin Wong)
	9.30am	41st Anniversary Thanks-giving & Baptismal Service (Rev Tow)
	10.30am	Chinese 26th Anniversary (Rev Tow)
	12.15pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00pm	Thai Service
	4.00pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Fri Bishan, Chinatown, Newton, Tampines.

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS.

\*\$3,662.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$12,213.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 913)\*\$3662; 914)\*\$12213; 915)\$300; 916)\$2000; 917)\$160; 918)\$93; 919)\$50; 920)\$900; 921)\$820; 922)\$300; 923)\$100; 924)\$500; 925)\$1030; 926)\$1030; 927)\$400 (Kebaktian Indonesia); 928)\$740 (Chinese Service); 929)\$100.

TOTAL: \$1,519,304.43.

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,551,539.43

OFFERINGS FOR: Saipan & Guam \$600, \$300, \$500, \$1000, \$335; FEBC \$300; Roska \$100, \$200; Gospel lit. etc \$200, \$500; Daily Bread \$50; RPG \$150; Missions \$300, \$130; Missionary F'ship \$100; Batam \$600 (Women's F'ship); Thailand \$100 (NBC Bt Timah).

Today is the last opportunity to buy coupons for the Anniversary Dinner, available at the Church Information Counter. Those attending the Dinner are reminded to bring along their coupons as they will be seated according to the table numbers marked.

**Register your child for infant baptism** by Tue, 15 Oct, with the Church Office (2569256).

**On the happy occasion of our 41st Anniversary**, we have received greetings from Rev C T Hsu, Eld Khoo Peng Kiat, Bro William Chia (Canada) with gift.

**Saipan By-product!** The printing of 5,000 Westminster Shorter Catechism in Chinese, which will benefit all Chinese Churches. Offering for Brunei helps bringing along 167 "Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism." **Children's Camp** (for children aged 6-12 yrs). Nov. 25-28 at Parsonage & FEBC Dorms. Parents, hurry! Phone Mrs Tow.

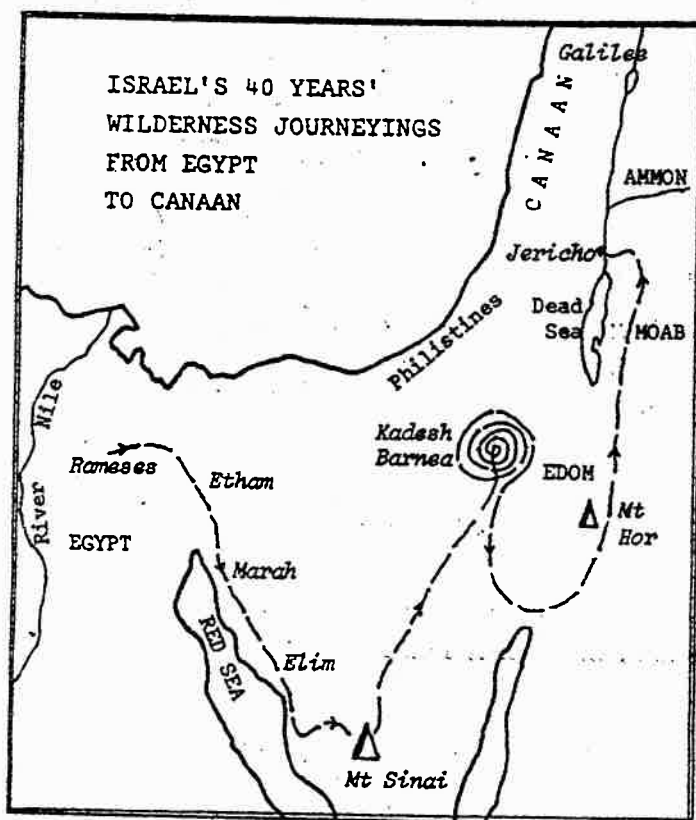


My dear Readers,

## WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION, 1950-1991

In Numbers 33, when Israel has arrived at the Jordan crossing before Jericho after 40 years' journeyings, God commanded Moses to record the stations the Israelites have passed through - Rameses, Succoth, Etham ... over 45 in all.

In light of this logging of their journeyings, from one station to another, may we record ours, the mission stations and Churches we have founded during the last 41 years. May this list testify to God's grace in the past. Ebenezer, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Maranatha, onward till Jesus comes!



1. Life, Princep St (I) 1950
2. Kelapa Sawit, M'sia 1954
3. Sembawang 1957
4. Zion 1957
5. Galilee 1960
6. Jurong 1960
7. Mt Carmel 1960
8. Tekong 1960
9. FEBC, Gilstead Rd (II) 1962
10. Life Chinese 1965
11. Calvary 1970
12. Sharon 1971
13. Rawang, M'sia 1972
14. Kulai Besar, M'sia 1973
15. Tanjung Pinang, Riau 1973
16. Grace 1976
17. CLBC 1976
18. N. Sumatra 1977
19. W. Kalimantan 1977
20. Life Indonesian 1982
21. Life Tamil 1983
22. Life Thai 1983
23. Taman Sri Melati, KL 1983
24. New Life, Woodlands(III) 1983
25. Bukit Batu, M'sia 1983
26. Yap House Church 1985
27. Air Bemban, M'sia 1986
28. BPCWA (with Calvary) 1986
29. Bukit Gambir, M'sia 1986
30. Kapitbahayan Church, Manila 1986



31. Tabernacle 1987
32. Layang Layang, M'sia 1987
33. Word of Life, JB. 1987
34. Burma 1987
35. Arab Church, Beit Sahour (Shepherds Field) 1988
36. Pandacan Church, Manila 1988
37. Tay Tay Church, Manila 1989
38. Batam, Indonesia 1989
39. Selayang Segar, KL 1990
40. Beulah Land (IV) 1990
41. Maranatha 1990
42. Tg Uban, Riau 1991
43. N. Thailand 1991
44. Metro-Manila Sch of Bible 1991



-T.T.

## MY HEART REJOICETH IN THE LORD

Linda Chyn

Three-and-a-half years ago, when Dr Lim Teck Chye came to Darren's vigil, I cried in distress, "Dr Lim, I wish I haven't been ligated." Dr Lim comforted me, "Don't worry, with God all things are possible." I belong to the generation that obeyed the government's call to stop at two and the day after my daughter Daphne was born, Dr Lim did the operation to sever my fallopian tubes. I had made up my mind to stop at two because I had a boy and a girl and I trusted the Lord to let my children outlive me. Little did I know at that time that man can propose but the Lord disposes.

When I went to see Dr Lim in April last year about the possibility of rejoining my fallopian tubes, he was very encouraging. Not only was he very encouraging, he was also compassionate and understanding. He knew that I was a "salaryless" student in my second year at the NUS. Thank God for a caring elder who did not charge me a single cent for the "re-anastomosis" operation. Before operation Dr Lim prayed for the Lord's guidance and I went under three hours of general anaesthesia. I could feel the Lord's Presence as He was with me throughout the operation. I could feel the power of His Hand working in my life ever since the day He took Darren into His loving arms.

Thank God for caring sisters-in-the-Lord like Mrs Helen Eio who did the marketing for me and Mrs Siriwan Lim who brought me livefish to eat. Dr Lim has never failed to encourage me along with words of Scripture each time I see him. When I told him that I had conceived in October last year, he told me that the chances for conception in "re-anastomosis" cases are 60% but it was 90% when he did the operation.

Like Hannah and Mary my heart "rejoiceth in the Lord" today because He has heard my prayers and blessed me with another son. Today as Amos is baptized I thank the Lord for my little baby who is "Hand Made by God." I have been vacillating about writing this rather personal testimony for the past three months. The Lord sent me a reminder in the form of a gift from Rev and Mrs Edward Paauwe. The words on my Amos' T-shirt "HAND MADE BY GOD" prompted me to pen this testimony. Yes, my baby is a "miracle baby" as a lady Lifer never fails to remind me each Sunday when she sees him.

Each day I thank the Lord for blessing me with a cherubic baby. My daughter is the happiest of all because the Lord has blessed her with a little sibling. May the Lord grant my husband and me the wisdom to bring up my little Amos so that he can grow up to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

## "LET GO AND LET GOD"

by Sylvia Wong

Yield your life and your problems to God. "Let go and let God..." (Rev 22:13). You can face whatever is ahead of you, and with Christ as your Friend you can succeed.

It is not easy if you are chosen to be the front person of a household. The "point man" is what they call it in military service. And as the point woman is always at the top of the needle, it is impossible without getting pricked. I may seem strong in my advanced years, but sometimes on the inside I need a loving arm, a shoulder to lean on, and a sympathetic ear. Sometimes I find myself close to tears. So I pray and let go, and let God.

As children bring their broken toys

With tears for us to mend,

I brought my broken dreams to God,

Because He was my Friend.

But then instead of leaving Him

In peace to work alone,

I hung around and tried to help

With ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,

How can you be so slow?

"My child," He said, "What could I do?

You never did let go."

### FLASH!

To commemorate our 41st Anniversary, a copy of "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God" is given to every worshipper today!

## IN THE PASTOR'S POSTBAG

OCT 12, '91

(I) It's so good to be back in Singapore and to worship in Life Church. Thank you for answering my questions about the desirative will of God in the Weekly...

I am very encouraged to see Life Church slowly but steadily clearing the remainder of the debts from the purchase of Beulah Land. I am even more encouraged to know that despite the debts the work of the Lord in the mission fields continues unhindered.

Please accept the small sums attached, being the remainder of my tithes and offerings I owed the Lord. It is my prayer that the Lord will multiply it greatly for His work. It is also my prayer that Life will continue by His grace to serve Him faithfully, and bring glory to His Name evermore as we celebrate our 41st Anniversary. (Enc: \$500 for EBF II, \$1,000 for Saipan.)

(II) Enclosed is a love gift to Life B-P Church on the occasion of her 41st anniversary. May it be used for the gospel work at Saipan. I am thankful to the Lord for this gospel mission given to both Calvary and Life B-P Churches. May God continue to bless Life BPC and FEBC and also your ministry.

- A Calvinist

(III) We rejoice with you on the occasion of Life Church's 41st Anniversary Thanksgiving. Enclosed is a small love gift. May the Lord continue to bless you all richly.

- Hope BPC, Adelaide

(IV) Greetings received from Bethel BPC.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,917.00 (8.00 am); \*\$7,624.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 930)\*\$3917; 931)\$100; 932)\*\$7624; 933)\$633 (NBC); 934)\$50(Coinafon); 935)\$800(MF); 936)\$20; 937)\$150; 938)\$100; 939)\$1700; 940)\$730; 941)\$90; 942)\$300; 943)\$200(Philadelphia BPC); 944)\$600; 945)20.

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$100, \$100; Thailand \$100, \$100; Mission in Africa \$200; Dn Yiew PS \$300; Daniel Arianto \$200.

Life Chinese Congregation, 26 years of grace. The 26th Anniversary of our Chinese Congregation occurs simultaneously with the 41st of the English. The Chinese Service which worships at 10.30 am is tailored to cater to our parents and the Chinese educated. The weekly attendance is 150 and the S.S. 50. Mrs Lee Choon Ngee is the diligent coordinator. Praise the Lord! Congratulations, Maranatha, on your 1st Anniversary. Praise the Lord for your speedy growth, and for your filial gifts and loan to the Mother Church. May God use you as a lighthouse for the Eastern part of Singapore, yea, even to shine into Bintan Island in the years ahead!

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## INFANT BAPTISM

01. Au Lan Yu, Sarah  
d/o Mr & Mrs Au Kin Cheong
02. Chan Jia En, Amos  
s/o Mr & Mrs Chan Ngaiap Koon
03. Mitchell Dinesh s/o Dhevarajulu  
s/o Mr & Mrs David Dhevarajulu
04. Goh Jian Kern, Joel  
s/o Mr & Mrs Goh Soon Huat
05. Lee Ya Wen, Cheryl  
d/o Mr & Mrs Freddy Lee Chee Wah
06. Ong Shen Qiang, Terrence  
s/o Mr & Mrs William Ong Peck Yew
07. Tan Jia Chi, Samuel  
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Choon Seng
08. Tham Chee Ming, Joseph  
s/o Mr & Mrs Tham Peng Wai
09. Wee Ming Ju, Jordan  
s/o Mr & Mrs Wee Chang Dong
10. Wee Ming Jun, Joshua  
s/o Mr & Mrs Wee Chang Dong
11. Tern Jie Wen, Paul  
s/o Mr & Mrs Joseph Tern Yuh Sheng

## REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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|---------------------------|---------|
| 01. Lim Twan Wei, Amos    | Student |
| 02. Eio Tze Liang, Samuel | Student |
| 03. Wee Ho Beng, Brian    | Student |

## TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 04. Ho Koon Hong, Roland       | Student         |
| 05. Koo Ee Mui, Michelle       | Secretary       |
| 06. Lee Mong Li, Janice        | Sr Tutor        |
| 07. Ng Siew Yee, Edward        | NSF             |
| 08. Phang Sok Kian, Audrey     | Tr. Teacher     |
| 09. Tan Sok Sin                | Systems Analyst |
| 10. Yiu Chong Kiu, Peter Simon | Student         |

## BAPTISM

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| 11. Chan Kay Heem            | NSF        |
| 12. Chng Yeow Kai, Alex      | Student    |
| 13. Chua Chui Lin, Janey     | Sales Mgr  |
| 14. Gng Gek Ngho, Stacy      | Secretary  |
| 15. Leticia L. Guieb @ Letty | D. Helper  |
| 16. Lee Sok Kheng            | Housewife  |
| 17. Leong Minn-Rae, Darryl   | Student    |
| 18. Ong Chu Seng             | Supervisor |
| 19. Ong Hock Chye, Daryl     | Student    |
| 20. Tai Mern Yee             | Student    |
| 21. Tan Baoshan, Ginny       | Student    |
| 22. Tan Lai Huat             | NSF        |
| 23. Wee Chye Huat, Mark      | Student    |
| 24. Wong Mei Yuen, Sheila    | Student    |
| 25. Yauw Yew Cheong          | Student    |
| 26. Yeo Young Muay           | Teacher    |

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Oct 21-27, '91)

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| MON | 7.30 pm  | Romans (Rev Tow)   |
| TUE | 8.00 pm  | Prayer Meeting   |
| THU | 7.30 pm  | Law of Moses (Rev Tow)   |
|     | 8.00pm   | FEK BOD Mtg  |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF   |
|     | 3.00 pm  | LBC/YAF  |
|     | 7.30 pm  | Film Show "Martin Luther - Heretic" (Sanctuary)                |
| SUN | 8.00 am  | "Blessed Are They Which Do Hunger and Thirst" (Rev Colin Wong) |
|     | 10.30 am | Rev Tan  |
|     | 10.30 am | Chinese Service  |
|     | 10.45 am | Rev Tow at Maranatha BPC 1st Anniversary Thanksgiving          |

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Batok, Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat



My dear Readers,

**"Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and into His courts with Praise..." (Ps 100:4)**

That every anniversary of our Church is marked out for Thanksgiving and Praise is a tradition begun in 1951. This was patterned after the Thanksgiving Day that sprung from the Pilgrim Fathers who founded a Christian colony on American soil 1620 to worship God in peace and freedom.

When we give thanks and praise His Name, He reciprocates by pouring down His Spirit on every sincere heart. Every Thanksgiving is always attended with joy and merriment.

Last week's Thanksgiving took on a new spirit with the decoration of the sanctuary with many potted plants and flowers. The Hall was spring-cleaned by many groups under the direction of Deacon Sng. The management committee erected for the Dinner a bigger tent than last year's and added more fans. With cool breezes sent by the Lord we had a perfect evening. The menu with plenty to spare, was second to none. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The thankofferings totalled some \$57,000, including almost \$2,000 from the Chinese Service. (With

this intake the Beulah Debt is reduced to \$1.8 million.)

Two thankofferings were wrapped in gracious words as follows:

1. "When pastor sent this thanksgiving offering envelope, I realised how much God had blessed me, and I hadn't even begun to thank Him. I humbly offer this tiny sum to show my deep gratitude and praise to the Lord for saving a special friend. He will be baptised this Anniversary. Praise the Lord."

2. "My heart was filled with praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus for His mercy and grace that is upon my father. I want to thank the Lord how He had sent you to bring the good news to him at the right time. He was very glad that you could identify with him."

"As the Lord had blessed us, I would like to present a love offering for the Church Extension Building Fund II (\$1,050). 'The Lord is full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy' (Ps 145:8)."

### 3rd Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Mar 2-16, 1992

Since our announcement a fortnight ago, we have had a resounding response. "First come, first served," the seats have all been taken! In order to make sure, a deposit of \$200 will have to be collected (and banked with Life Church). The price \$3,395 must necessarily include a margin for contingencies, but any remainder will be rebated. This Pilgrimage for the Holy land (which includes Amman, Cairo and Istanbul) is a veritable mobile Bible Camp. We pray that any nominal Christian joining the group will find the Saviour, indeed! This is a new ministry God has opened to Life Church and FEBC. If there is a pressing need, we might repeat it the following year.

Now, we are gathering all registrants to the Parsonage for a first Pilgrims Night. You'll enjoy singing new Holy Land Songs. You'll be briefed what is ahead of you as you prepare to be a Pilgrim. *Come to the Parsonage, Friday Nov 1, 8.00 pm.*

### O Israel, give ear to Isaiah (Tune: Annie Laurie)

O Israel, give ear to Isaiah:  
He foretold your Aliyah!  
Not by might, nor power but Spirit,  
Your God, Yaweh-Jireh,  
Before Messiah come,  
He'll bring your long lost sons  
From four corners of earth to Zion,  
Zion, O Zion, Jerusalem!

God shall save your sons from evil:  
North, south, east, west, like a swarm -  
Philistines, Edom and Moab  
Hordes from the East, Ammon!  
From thee their hosts shall flee,  
My Spirit them shall drive.  
Dryshod men, cross the Egyptian Sea,  
Zion, O Zion, look now and live!

Who is the Messiah that shall come?  
The Stem of Jesse is He!  
E'en the Greater Son of David,  
Jesus the Son o' Mary.  
He'll judge the Earth in Truth,  
By Spirit Sevenfold,  
The lamb shall have no fear of the wolf,  
Come now to Zion the Age of Gold.

### Pray For Us!

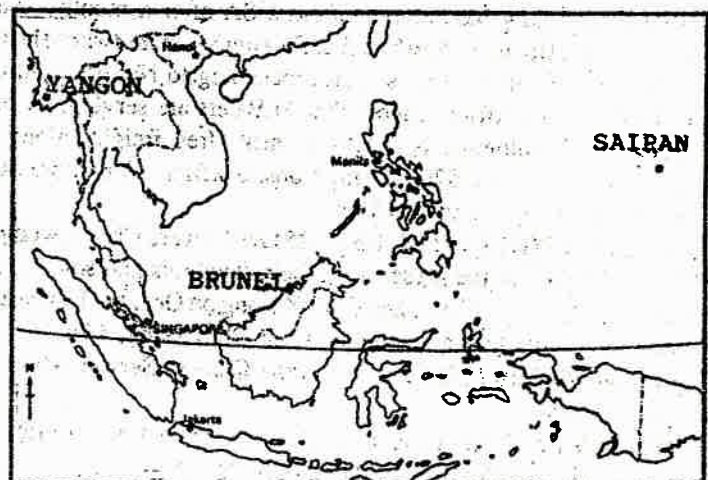
During the forthcoming FEBC vacation, the Lord has opened three new doors of evangelism for Life Church by sending forth her pastor.

1. **Brunei**, Nov. 7-14, '91. This is a double campaign in two churches, 80 km from each other. It is a teaching session on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit in the face of inroads made by the Charismatics. The Brunei Church has also invited the pastor's wife to come along.

2. **Saipan and Guam**, Dec 6-12, in company with Pr Pang Kok Hiong and Dr Cheng Wei Nien of Calvary BPC. This mission is to indoctrinate 300 believers among the thousands of Mainland Chinese workers in garment factories on Saipan Island, and to answer a call by Chinese Christians on Guam. Our Gospel ammunition consists of 1,500 Westminster Shorter Catechism in Chinese, 50 John Sung Choruses with Music notation, Chinese Bibles in Abbreviated Script etc. etc.

3. **Yangon, Myanmar (Burma)** Dec 16-23. This is in answer to Rev Thawn Luai's request to speak to a Leadership Conference for the Ev. Presbyterian Church and Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology. The pastor's wife is invited to minister to the women.

We realise we are not adequate for the tasks. But we shall find strength through your supportive prayers, and by His special grace. Yes, Do pray for us, not only Tuesday but in your Fellowship meetings. - T.T.





## THE REFORMATION EMANATED FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS by Dr Ray Martin

That eve of All Saints Day, 1517, is known as the pivotal beginning of the Protestant Reformation. But actually, it was *not* the beginning. In November, two years earlier, or five years after joining the faculty of the University of Wittenburg as professor of Sacred Theology, Dr Luther began lectures on the Book of Romans (These began on November 3, 1515 and continued until September 7, 1516). As he painstakingly prepared these classroom sessions, the deliberating, meditating, praying professor gradually came to the realization of what constituted the central teaching of all Holy Scripture...

It was during his careful preparation for these lectures on Romans that Luther came to the eternal truth that *"The just shall live by faith"* (Rom 1:17). He found it again in the Old Testament book of Habakkuk (2:4), making it universal, for the Jew and for the Gentile. Thus, this five-word phrase from the Bible became the hallmark of the Reformation that followed. It is faith, not works, not indulgences, not obedience to the Pope, the apostate priests or the orders of the Church of Rome, or anything else, that brings down to man the righteousness of God. That righteousness, and any reformation that follows, comes to us through the real and perfect life, death and bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ...

True Reformation is Bible-based and Bible-built. We in the International Council of Christian Churches still hold to this grand principle of Reformation.

From all this Bible study and Luther's teaching in the University and at the Wittenburg Church there emerged a trilogy of spiritual truth in a motto that beautifully declares the faith and doctrine of the Reformation in seven simple words: **"THE WORD ALONE; GRACE ALONE; FAITH ALONE"**.

True Biblical Reformation is the natural result of salvation in the many hearts of those who make up the Body of Christ on earth and their adherence to all of Holy Scripture. This all emanates from the Word of God alone and excludes none of it; it was sent from Heaven by God's Grace alone, we having no part in it but to receive it and dispense it to others; it becomes *ours by Faith alone*, not by works nor human effort, that man might not boast of his own achievement in attaining it.

Those who believed and spread those three basic articles of the faith brought down on themselves the wrath of Rome. The whole system of lucrative indulgences was in jeopardy. With these simple truths, Luther pierced the windbags of the philosophers, attacked the Pope and the bellies of the monks. He and a handful of fearless witnesses were excommunicated. Others, which made up the greater numbers that came into the Reformation movement, like Katherine von Bora, the former nun who became Luther's faithful wife, walked out of the Roman Church. These two groups, the bold prophets who were excommunicated and the dissenters who walked off the premises, or turned their whole churches into evangelical centers of Bible Christianity - these formed a fresh center of Ecclesia that preserved and propagated the faith in purity. They all heard the command of their Saviour Jesus Christ, *Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues* (Rev 18:4).

Christian Life Book Centre will sell our brand of books at the Cluny Road Book Fair, OMF Auditorium, 2 Cluny Rd, opposite Botanic Gardens. Date: Nov. 14-17, 1991 10am to 8pm (Sun 17, 2pm to 8 pm).

(If you have profited from reading *The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God*, why not give one to a friend, \$5 from CLBC?)

Miss Jenny Ong has returned from USA after a month's orientation with the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (whose hqs in Israel is Baraka Conference Centre). She is soon proceeding to Nairobi to minister at the Bible College of East Africa where other FEBCers are serving. A request is made by BCEA for theological books to be sent (free freight) along with Miss Ong's container. Received \$200 for missions to Africa. Any more Support? Who will have a part in missions to Africa?

Baptised at SGH Ward 44, Room 25 Oct 14 were Chan Kwong 74 and wife Yick Chew Heng 67 in the presence of their daughters and son, the pastor officiating. Meanwhile the Lord has taken Chan Kwong on Oct 24. Deepest condolence to the bereaved family through daughter Chan Phui Meng, AFer.

Pray for Madam Loh Gim Poh of the Chinese Service who is at SGH Ward 63 Room 19 Bed 1.

Member's Particulars Form. Please drop in completed forms into the box at the Information Counter or send them to the office.

Expresgram to Rev Hsu: *Apocalypse* Next received!

## THOSE GOOD LIFERS by Sylvia Wong

When the evening shadows lengthen  
And the twilight fades away...  
I like to sit down and ponder  
On the good Lifers on their way

Those good Lifers that I have known  
Who would always be your friend  
Who would never ever fail you  
They'll be faithful to the end

Ah yes, I would like to ponder  
When the evening stars appear  
On the Lifers' emptied purses  
Which spread happiness and cheer

Those Lifers who never falter  
When there's something they can do -  
The Beulah Burden to lighten  
And an old pledge to renew

And I hope when shadows deepen  
And my barque puts out to sea  
I'll be guided to that harbour  
Where good Lifers welcome me.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 28 - Nov 3, 91)

- MON - 7.30 pm - Romans (Rev Tow)
- TUE - 8.00 pm - Prayer Meeting
- THU - 7.30 pm - Law of Moses (Rev Tow)
- FRI - 7.45 pm - E-Band Fellowship
- 8.00 pm - Pilgrims' Night at Parsonage
- SAT - 1.00 pm - LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
- 3.00 pm - LBC
- 3.30 pm - Berean Christian Church  
Wedding (Mr Ho Soo Kam)
- 7.00 pm - YAF 10th Anniv. (Sanctuary)
- SUN - 8.00 am - "Blessed are the Merciful"  
(Eld Lim Teck Chye)
- 9.30 am - Sunday School
- 10.30 am - Rev C. Wong, Lord's Supper
- 10.30 am - Chinese Service
- 10.30 am - Junior Worship
- 10.30 am - Children's Choir Practice
- 10.40 am - Church Choir Practice
- 10.30 am - Rev Tow at New Life Anniv.
- 12.45 pm - E-Band Outreach

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan, Chinatown, Newton, Tampines

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$12,303.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$18,580.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 946)\*\$12303;  
947)\*\$18580; 948)\$200; 949)\$50 (Bethlehem-Jurong BPC); 950)\$50 (Smyrna Tamil); 951)\$50 (Life Tamil BPC); 952)\$200 (Galilee BPC); 953)\$50 (Coinaon); 954)\$50; 955)\$50; 956)\$50; 957)\$20; 958)\$1429.20; 959)\$410; 960)\$100 (Sharon BPC); 961)\$500; 962)\$200; 963)\$1000; 964)\$200; 965)\$500; 966)\$100 (Mt Hermon BPC); 967)\$200; 968)\$775; 969)\$100; 970)\$100; 971)\$100 (Grace BPC); 972)\$10; 973)\$100; 974)\$50 (Sembawang BPC); 975)\$100 (Calvary-Jurong BPC); 976) \$62 (Kulai Besar BPC); 977)\$1960 (Chinese Ser.); 978)\$50; 979)\$200; 980)\$200 (YF); 981)\$400; 982)\$200; 983)\$2400; 984)\$900; 985)\$2900; 986)\$640; 987)\$980; 988)\$262 (Rev/Mrs E. Pauwe); 989)\$100; 990)\$100 (Shalom BPC); 991)\$422 - (Boxes); 992)\$1050; 993)\$500; 994)\$500 (Pepsi). TOTAL: \$1,587,791.83  
GRAND TOTAL: \$1,620,026.83

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$500, \$400; Thailand \$50; \$400; Missions \$50, \$1000, \$300; Choir \$500; Rev C Wong \$300; Saipan \$1,000.

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## DELIVERED OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE CHINESE DRAGON

It was a Sat. morning, a week ago; there came a phone call from Conrad See, an FEBC student: "Pastor, can you help my father? He has an urgent request. Shall we come and see you Sunday afternoon?"



"What's the matter?" I asked.

"My father is greatly worried. The temple medium with whom he is involved pronounces he would die by a certain day!"

"Then bring him here at once!"

At 3.45 pm, after I had spoken at the Inauguration of Chinese YF, I found both father and son sitting in the Palm garden waiting. I brought them upstairs to my flat.

Mr See Pee Guan, 57, sat a frightened, perspiring man. A Baba in upbringing he is more conversant in Malay and English than in Chinese. He spoke a mixture of English and Hokkien. "For the last four years I have been involved with a Chinese temple. As a devotee I have to attend temple ceremonies every Mon., Wed. and Fri. night. Lately I was promoted to do higher service, burning joss sticks and joss papers, and going through complicated motions. As I have made mistakes I was chided on occasions. Last night I was punished to kneel two hours on conch shells. The young medium pressed me down several times to increase the pain to my bruised knees. My friends chided me, a well-to-do towkay, for being bullied by good-for-nothing upstarts. My wife, who has lately believed in Jesus nursed me, but I bluffed her I had fallen down.

"To add insult to injury the young medium said to me, 'You are 57. But you will die before you're 59.' (I've been relieved of \$100,000 during the years.)"

At that, I turned to Eccles 8:8 "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death..." Verse 7 says, "For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?" (NIV says: "Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come?") Incidentally these verses were quoted by an old FEBC student who was also pronounced by a medium to die before a certain date. This fear drove him to Christ. He had a shrine-room filled with idols costing \$10,000 but he had them all smashed and burnt up.

I told this story to Mr See. In Jesus' Name I guaranteed him safe from the medium's curse. In Jesus' Name I exhorted him to give up his idol worship. Then I offered to visit his office to survey the situation, to which Mr See consented. Together with Conrad his son we drove off in a brand new Mitsubishi sedan.

We climbed up three storeys to a stuffy office room dominated by a wall to wall idol shrine almost ceiling high. The icon of Kuan Yin goddess of mercy presides over 8 Chinese gods and a sea goddess, Mah Cho (Great grand-

mother). The other gods, such as god of war, Kuan Kong, the monkey god, the god of heaven, etc, red-faced, black-faced, brown-faced, sat on two tiers covered with crimson velvet in order of rank. Incense was burning simultaneously from 6 or 7 positions. Bananas, oranges, apples and Chinese shortbread were placed before these idols. Then there was a brown Buddha with bulging belly, 2 1/2 ft tall standing guard by the door. There were numerous smaller gods occupying two lower shrines, cartons of joss papers, etc, etc. Half of the office was taken up with all these evil objects. It took us three men 1 1/2 hours to dismantle and pack them into 16 sacks. The last deed we performed was to hang a JESUS SAVES clock on the wall.

This infernal cargo was packed into the sedan car, and consigned to the rubbish trolley in our Church compound. But that was not all. Mr See would have to hire a lorry to transport that rosewood shrine with the huge Kuan Yin icon. All these must be brought to Church to be chopped up for the rubbish heap.

On the way back to Church, Mr See asked to be baptised. Early Sunday afternoon before 4 pm, he and his wife, with two sons, were all seated in the Indonesian Service waiting for me. We arrived on the scene 5 mins. before time. I preached from Luke 15:8-10 on the lost coin and the joy in heaven over one sinner that repented. Mr See gave a short testimony in Malay, whereupon he knelt down before the Lord - to be baptised. Hallelujah!

Never had the Indonesian Service an attendance of 32 as on this Lord's Day. The worship service ended with a high note of praise, and with a get together. As we sat over the refreshments a smiling Mrs See chuckled, "Now my husband, who has not eaten beef the last thirty years as a devotee, can eat *satay lembu*! (barbequed beef)..."

*Ed. note:* Beef is tabooed. The medium cannot work if you eat beef!

## MESSAGE TO MARANATHA BPC AT HER 1ST ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

(Text: Matt 28:18-20)

Last year at the Inauguration of Maranatha BPC, I spoke on this text under the theme, "The Great Commission." Why do I speak on it again? Because "The Great Commission" is also "The Unfinished Commission."

When Sun Yat Sen, Father of the Chinese Republic was proclaimed President upon the fall of the Manchu regime, he urged his comrades to struggle on because, he emphasised, the Revolution was far from complete. So would our Lord urge us today to press on without let up, for there are many areas in Singapore still untouched by the Gospel!

The story is told of an angel asking Jesus this question when He ascended to heaven, "You have given your disciples the Great Commission to go into the world to preach the Gospel. What if they do not go?" Answered our Lord, "They are my hands and feet. If they do not go, I have no other way."

It is so easy to become complacent. On the occasion of the Mother Church's 41st Anniversary last week, you read in the Weekly a list of 44 churches and mission stations established during the 41 years (of course there were some casualties). Some might have felt satisfied for going so far. To sit down awhile, to relax a little, would be fine. Once we take that attitude, we will slide back. God's work is like sailing upstream. If we relax a little we'll go downstream.



Now, the Great Commission has four points like the compass. First is "Go" and that is missions. Second is "make disciples" and that is evangelism. Third is "baptise" which is Church organisation, and fourth is "indoctrination," teaching them to observe all that our Lord has commanded.

The spearhead of this Commission is "Go." Hence the paramount importance of missions. We thank God for sending Charles Seet to the Philippines and Jess Tamee back to North Thailand. As to evangelism, the Church can lose zeal in soul-winning and thus become a social gathering. Thank God for the E. Band in Life Church and for the evangelistic committees in the various Fellowships.

In the "Go" of the Gospel, I see the importance of decentralising. Not centralising but decentralising! There's a church in Singapore that had four stations on our Island. When they had built a beautiful church, these four stations closed down one by one to enjoy worshipping at the new sanctuary. Instead of increasing membership, the reverse is the result. In light of this situation, I want to commend Grace Church for decentralisation. As a result she has given birth to Shalom BPC which has built a big church at Pasir Ris. Now I hear Grace is negotiating to buy a 10,000 sq ft property with a bungalow at Simei for \$1.2 million. I heartily support such a programme.

The Unfinished Commission must not be advanced with our own prowess. No dollar power, not favour from the Government, not some rich uncle, not some big organisational programme like the city wide campaign of Billy Graham, Cho Yonggi, Reinhardt Bonke, Luis Palau. The Kingdom of God is not a mushroom that balloons overnight and peters out the next day. The Kingdom of God is a mustard seed that grows steadily and sturdily. Let us not be discouraged by our smallness. But if all BP Churches and their adherents overseas were to come together we can fill the National Stadium too. Let us not look at numbers! I say this merely to encourage your hearts. As the Chinese saying goes, "Every beginning enterprise is fraught with difficulties."

The Unfinished Commission must be advanced by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the preamble of the Great Commission, often deleted! "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." It is His Holy Spirit, the Unseen Power that energises the Church from the very beginning. Paul had no missionary society and regular supply of money to sustain him in his missionary journeys. It was by the Unseen Holy Spirit Power that he went, and he could so reach the major cities in the Roman Empire that he could say he had "no more place in these parts" to

preach (Rom 15:23). I'm glad to say that Life Church did not depend on money power or organisational power but on Him alone to acquire Beulah House. It was entirely by the moving of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of members and friends that we were enabled to buy it.

This Unseen Power, however, has been equated by Charismatics with the Visible - the manifestation of tongues, visions, voices, healing. There is much showpiece to attract the credulous. But what I see as the great power by His Spirit is Love. Love is the greatest according to I Cor 13 over tongues and even preaching. By loving service shall His Kingdom be built.

The Unfinished Commission, advanced by the Unseen Power, cannot work without you as our Lord had reportedly said to that angel on the Day of His Ascension. So, He comforted the disciples, and you and me, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

As to home missions, we praise God for the support of lay people like the MF and WF and other groups like LBC. We thank God for the elders and deacons who advance into South Johore, to Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban.

For foreign missions, we must appeal to young people to yield your life to fulltime service. And we have the FEBC to train you up.

Let me tell you a story about Ting Li Mei, the Moody of China. He had a "One Thousand Student Volunteers for Christ" movement to get young people into the fulltime ministry. When I asked Rev Heng Teck Im the Teochew pastor of Life Church Prinsep St how he had decided to be pastor, he said, "I heard Rev Ting's appeal and I answered the call." Rev Ting had succeeded in getting 1,000 young people for Christ. Now, I had a wish to enlist at least 200 by training them for the ministry, and FEBC is fast attaining this goal. Perhaps I should have asked for more!

For you who are middle aged and above, God also has a role for you to play. You can pray and pay! We need resources to pay the way of young people going into the Lord's service. With your accumulated wealth you can also go for the Lord by your love gifts.

And we have to double up in these last days before Jesus comes, for He says, "And the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come" (Matt 24:14). Maranatha! I like the name of your Church. What is Maranatha? The Lord comes! (I Cor 16:22). Even so come Lord Jesus! Amen.

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS

\*\$3,474.00 (8.00 am); \*\$5,762.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 995)\*\$3474; 996)\*\$5762; 997)\$100; 998)\$100; 999)\$20; 1000)\$20; 1001)\$200; 1002)\$1130; 1003)\$600; 1004)\$1150; 1005)\$150 (Life BPC, Chiangmai). TOTAL: \$1,600,447.83; GRAND TOTAL: \$1,632,682.83. OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$50; Thailand \$106.39, \$100(NBC Bt Timah); Missions \$50; Burma \$100; FEBC \$200; Africa \$200, \$100; Christmas Musical \$600.

#### IN THE PASTOR'S POSTBAG

25 Oct '91

As we celebrate our silver wedding anniversary today, we praise and thank God for His mercies and His bountiful blessings upon us and our family. We thank him for our late Lifer friend, Christopher Chin, who brought me to Life BP Church in 1987 - an uncompromising Christian who told me that God might have directed him to bring me to church. For this I thank our Heavenly Father for His mercies and blessings through listening to your messages. May the good Lord continue to appoint you as His shepherd and we as his flock. Amen.

Please direct our Church Treasurer to reduce \$500 from our EBF II loan.

- Mrs Seow Kim Guan

Ed. note: Mr Seow also attends Kebaktian Indonesia and is a leader of MF.

Asst Teachers for FEK 1992: 'A' level leavers and others please apply to Principal. Tel: 2513676.

Cupboards along FEK Corridor: Owners please call FEK principal. Locks will be changed one month after this notice.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 4-10, '91)

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| TUE | 9.00 am  | F'ship Leaders Prayer Retreat                              |
| THU | 8.30 am  | FEBC Exams Begin<br>Rev & Mrs Tow leave for Brunei         |
| FRI | 7.45 pm  | Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall                                    |
|     | 7.45 pm  | Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse                                 |
|     | 7.45 pm  | E-Band Fellowship  |
| SAT | 1.00 pm  | LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF                                     |
|     | 2.30 pm  | Wedding of Low Wu Khing & Tan Puay Khoon, Rev P Tan        |
|     | 3.00 pm  | LBC  |
|     | 7.30 pm  | Film Show "Martin Luther - The Heretic" (Sanctuary)        |
| SUN | 8.00 am  | "Blessed are the Pure in Heart" (Rev P Tan, Lord's Supper) |
|     | 9.30 am  | Sunday School  |
|     | 10.30 am | Rev P Tan  |
|     | 10.30 am | Chinese Service  |
|     | 10.30 am | Junior Worship   |

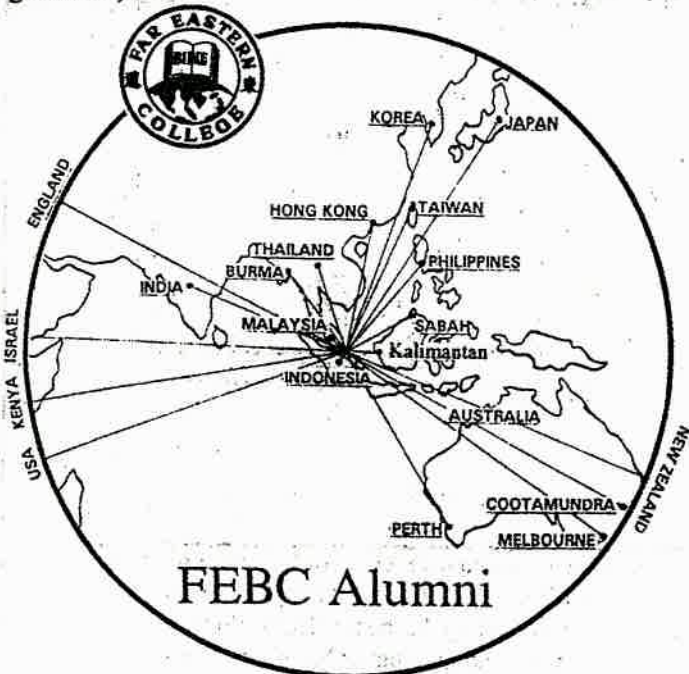
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat

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My dear Readers,

It is with heart overflowing that I report on another semester completed at FEBC. Of 65 students from 12 countries in enrolment, 4 are going into the field - Jenny Ong to Kenya, Gaisie of Ghana to Canada, Prateep back to Thailand and J S Heng to "Helping Hand." (Incidentally, the Director of Helping Hand, Robert Yeo, is also an FEBC graduate.)



We have new applicants from Kenya, Thailand, Philippines, Korea, Taiwan and several from S'pore. Our student body should reach an all-time high of 70 in Jan 1992.

For faculty, we have Rev Bob Phee who supervises the 'A' level Divinity Class returning to teach a course on Prophets and Mark. Modern Hebrew which was taught in the evenings will now be offered to those who have Biblical Hebrew in the day classes only. Perhaps some joining the Holy Land Pilgrimage can be exempted from this requirement!

As for the evening courses in Basic Theology for Everyone, we shall offer "Prophescope" on Israel and Five Stars of the Chinese Church Mon. evening. The Five Stars in chronological order are: William Chalmers Burns (1815-1868), Jonathan Goforth (1858-1936), Ting Li Mei (1871-1936), John Sung (1901-1944), Wang Ming Tao (1900-1991). On Thurs. evening, another two courses, viz. *Charismatism False and True* and *How to Discover God's Will for My Life*.

Our Board of Directors are: Elder (Dr) Tow Siang Yeow President; Rev T. Tow Vice-Pres, Elder Mahadevan Sec., Elder Heng Yow Tong Treasurer, Dr Cheng Wei Nien; Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan, Dr George Foong, Rev Stephen Khoo, Elder Edmund Tay, Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, Rev Koa Keng Woo, Mr Wee Hian Kok.

Elder Heng Yow Tong is our faithful Treasurer all these years. His phone no. is 337-7421 for your convenience. As for financial support we want to thank Maranatha BPC especially for \$3,368.30 they are sending in from their 1st Anniversary Thanksgiving collection.

FEBC in the procurement of books for students is greatly facilitated by Christian Life Book Centre under the management of Mrs Annie Wong. As for the Library, we will be happy to receive donation of good theological books from Readers. Why keep them without ever reading them

again? Trade with your buried talent by consigning them to the College.

While we appeal for books on one hand, we are answering the request for the same from the Bible College of East Africa, taking advantage of free freight provided by Jenny Ong, now preparing to send her belongings to Kenya by container. We thank God for a total of \$3,500 received for Africa. More good books will be sent through your good support! Our books will be apportioned to Stephen Masila and Michael Koech who also have their own Bible Schools. Richard Kivai is on the staff of BCEA. (These three African graduates were exemplary students.)

September 1992 will see FEBC celebrating her 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving. Dr Tow Siang Hwa, past President of FEBC, will be the Lord's messenger. By June we will see the return of Quek Suan Yew, Jeff and Jemima Khoo to augment the faculty. Pray for them that they will imbibe the right doctrines, that they may discern between God's teaching and man's teaching.

There was a time when they wanted to make FEBC the school of academic excellence. Modernist teachings crept in which we stoutly repudiated, and if we did not continue to keep vigilance other damnable doctrines would have infiltrated.

What is academic excellence without the fear of the Lord (Prov 1:7)? What is academic excellence that never declared the Bible is the infallible, inerrant, verbally-inspired Word of God? What is high learning of reading "90 theological books" but with little impartation of Bible knowledge? While we declare without apology we are sons of the Reformed Faith we will strive to make FEBC a truly Bible College, where the Bible is the centre of all learning. Dr William Phelps of Columbia University once declared, "A high school student with knowledge of the Bible is more educated than a College graduate without any knowledge of the Bible." No Bible, no theology.

By God's grace, more and more from the Third World are pressing to enter FEBC because they are assured they will be taught sound doctrine. But we cannot take them who have no financial support. Nevertheless we will strive our level best to give every genuine applicant a chance to learn God's Word that they may be able to teach others also. Maranatha! The Lord's coming is at hand! "Do something good for Jesus everyday!" Amen. - T.T.

### In the Principal's Postbag

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. I thank you very much for accepting me into FEBC. Studying in FEBC, I am so happy!

I wish to express my gratitude to you because your teaching is very good. For the College teaches fundamental doctrines to make me confident that I am in the right Bible College. But the first semester has just ended, and my initial period of adjustment has taken place. Coming from a Pentecostal background, I find it is very different from that of the B-P Church. So my friend asked me about speaking in tongues, I answered them in the negative. But I felt embarrassed at the beginning of the semester. However, with the help from friends who give me advice, I have easily settled down to College life within a short time.

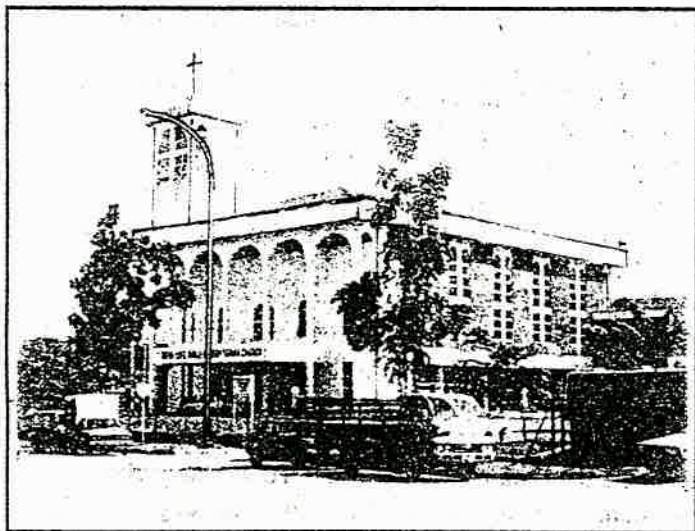
I do encounter some difficulties speaking and writing English, even though I'm a University graduate. I am very glad that I have the opportunity to improve my English. The College maintains a high standard of English. I hope to improve myself to the College standard.

I am willing to serve the Lord in fulltime ministry. Really I like your teaching and I hope the dedicated staff will have long life and be able to continue to teach and take care of the College, especially you. God bless you and other lecturers. Amen. Continue to pray for me please. Thank you very much. - An Indonesian Student



## THE RICH SHALL BECOME RICHER

This is a re-statement of what Jesus says in commendation of the five-talent servant who has gained another five by trading for his Lord (Matt 25:29).



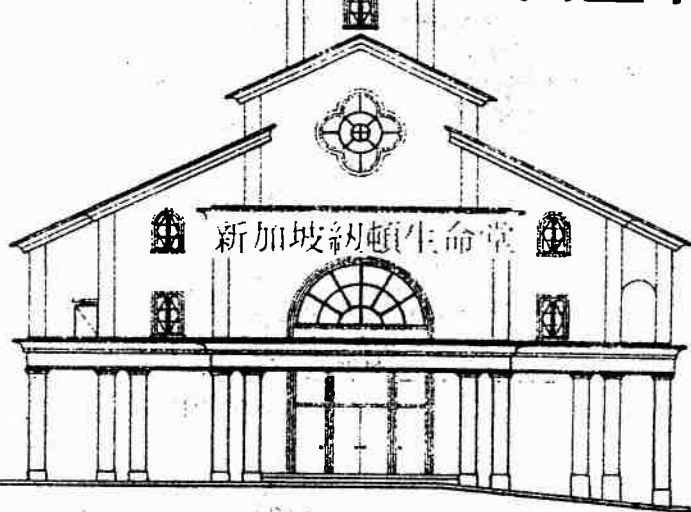
On the 8th Anniversary of the founding of New Life BPC, I am happy to note how you have also traded for the Lord. From a small beginning of about 70 souls drawn from the Mother Church you have grown to a sizeable English congregation, with a Chinese and a Tamil congregation and a flourishing kindergarten. Did you know in the meantime your property has also multiplied in value? At the present price of \$100 per sq ft for Government land in Housing Estates, your property of 42,000 sq ft is worth \$4.2 million and your buildings and paraphernalia easily \$3 million. You also have a \$7.2 million property comparable to Beulah House at Gilstead Road.

Now, what I would like to say as your Advisory Pastor on this auspicious occasion is to exhort you to trade more briskly for the Lord. You can start a Christian bookshop utilising the empty areas as you enter the Church at the front door, not in some out-of-the-way room. Selling Bibles and Christian books is equally a soul-saving ministry as any other branch of Church work. It will also strengthen the faith and increase the knowledge of the members. It will serve other Christians living in Woodlands, and not the least the parents of the Kindergarten children who pass by the bookshop as they go into the premises. These observations

This is Newton Life Road to be dedicated An offshoot like us Princep Street, it Teochew congregation them our warm

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come from what we have received of God through the running of our Christian Life Book Centre during the last 15 years. May some New Lifer reading this be thrilled by this prospect of a New Life Book Centre and give his or her life to the ministry.

In the matter of founding another church at Tengah, which was first proposed by the Mother Church, but now committed to your endeavour, be bold to put in the capital expenses (which are negligible in comparison with your \$7.2 million assets), and so clinch the deal for another soul-saving station.

He who trades wisely with his talents will bring much profit to the Lord. The rich shall become richer, "but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Matt 25:29). Amen.

- T.T.

### IN THE PASTOR & PRINCIPAL'S POSTBAG

(I) My family and I were very thankful for your thoughtfulness and understanding in our recent bereavement and being able to conduct the vigil services.

In thankfulness to our God for dealing with us in His mercy and tender loving kindness, my family would like to give a thanksgiving offering (\$1,000) for missions to Africa.

- A Lifer

Reading of the three missionary journeys, this lady came personally with a \$2,000 cheque for Missions, which goes to needy Africa. One good work leads to another. (II) You certainly have an international flavor in FEBC. It must take extra effort from the staff as well as the students because of so many cultures, customs, & nationalities to get along without a great number of problems. I'm certain a great amount of prayer as well as being yielded to the Holy Spirit contributes the harmony of the school.

I rejoice to know of your ever expanding outreaches...

Please use the money enclosed where needed most. I pray God will continue to bless you and your family as well as each facet of the ministry.

- An American Reader

In sending a sizeable annual gift to FEBC, this alumna diverts half of it to Rev & Mrs Pauwe, care of Life Church - "Daughter" in Holland.

Notice: FEBC closes for the Christmas vacations. Nov. 15, '91 and reopens Thurs. Jan 2, '92.

The Board of Directors shall meet at Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow's home, Taman Sentosa, JB, for Dinner, Fri Jan 10, '92, 7.00 pm before business. Shalom!

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,540.00 (8.00 am)

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GRAND TOTAL: \$1,653,516.58

OFFERINGS FOR: Thailand \$520, \$120 (Bishan NBC), \$150, \$200 (Bt Timah NBC); China \$50; Dn Yiew PS \$50; Philippines \$200; Missions \$200, \$500; Medan \$300; RTD \$25; Africa \$100, \$200 (Bt Timah NBC), \$1000, \$2000; Salpan \$100; Rev E Pauwe \$994.95; FEBC Scholarship \$1020 (Keb. Indonesia); Children's Camp \$100; FEBC \$3,368.30 (Maranatha BPC); Brunei \$100.

Edited by Rev(Dr) Timothy Tow, Life BP Church, 9A Gilstead Rd, Spore 1130.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 11-17, '91)

MON	7.30 pm	Romans Exam
TUE	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Law of Moses Exam
FRI	6.00 pm	FEBC End-of-Semester Dinner & Worship
	7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	4.00 pm	Emmanuel Christian F'ship Wedding
SUN	8.00 am	"Blessed are the Peacemakers" (Rev C. Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr, Calvary Pandan BPC

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bishan, Chinatown, Newton, Tampines

### 3RD PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Owing to a sudden change of schedules by Royal Jordanian, our time-table is altered to Mar 2-20, 1992 an extra four days. The new price is \$3695. All seats taken, with a waiting list! Pray for journeying mercies. "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps 122:6).



My dear Readers,

When we flew into Brunei's International Airport our spirits soared to meet the challenge of two Gospel campaigns before us. Ivy first went through the Immigration, so she got ahead and hauled our two suitcases to the Customs. She received a warm welcome from the officer, "Have a nice stay," after opening only one bag for examination. At the exit point she was welcomed by the host pastor as well as by Bro Khoo Wah Ann and wife Sai Chu, Lifers in Brunei.

But I, who came after her, was asked politely to stand aside. A lady officer took my passport to one of the rooms inside to be processed by the Chief, since I declared in the white card I was a pastor. How did I know that as a pastor I was persona non grata? This condition applied also to Buddhist monks, said a sympathetic officer on the side.

My passport un-stamped, we were told we might have to wait till 6 pm to be flown back. Fortunately, SQ 182 that made the round turn was delayed by some sick person arriving late. This delay afforded us just enough time to catch up at the last minute! We gratefully arrived back at the Parsonage 3.30 pm the same day. There's no place like home.

Can you see God's Higher Hand in this drama? "The steps of a (good) man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way. Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand" (Ps 37:23,24). Though we were naturally disappointed, we yielded to His Higher Will.

**Reflection:** How true are the words of our Lord Jesus, "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). Pray for Saipan, and all the more for Burma, the remaining two doors to be entered.

## "OUT OF THE STRONG CAME FORTH SWEETNESS"

Can you find this riddle in the Bible? And what is the answer? Perhaps I can apply this cryptic saying to this week's sermon to be preached at the 10.30 am service. Like the four points of the compass, I'd like to share the lessons I've learned from adversity as follows:

1. No one can tell what one's future is.
2. A Christian knows nothing happens by chance.
3. Whatever happens to him works for good.
4. One good is wisdom gained over the world.

The Bible proof texts are: 1) Jas 4:13-17; 2) Matt 10:28-33; 3) Rom 8:28; 4) Matt 10:16-20.

**The Theme** of this sermon can be worded thus: "*In life's many struggles we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*"

**Application:** If you are losing out in your plans, if you are not a Christian, isn't it high time to come to Jesus, *choba, choba?* (Have a try). If you are a Christian and you wilfully stray from Him, come back, come back, no matter how great the loss. There's no other way out!

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To make the best of the time we should have spent in Brunei, we decided to divert to Tanjung Pinang. We have found a hideout there at little Sadaap Hotel which is second to none for location. Sitting on a promontory "where two seas meet," we are lost in the merging watery expanses below and above. Moreover this is the season of the N.E. Monsoon that brings in cool breezes across the South China

Sea. The convenience of faster and faster speedboats adds to the inducement, for what took 4-5 hours in 1973 to chug-chug through the 48 miles of inland seas is now reduced to 1 1/2! We thought it profitable to spend a working holiday there writing up Psalms for RPG.

Hearing we were making the trip, our friends in T.P. immediately fixed me up to speak at a memorial service for the late Mr Teo of Singkep Island, whose funeral I officiated 50 days before. As Sat. night was the YF's I was naturally lined up as well. For Sunday, they had three services, 2 at T.P. and the final at Kijang, a branch church 17 miles east on the seacoast.

According to schedule we took off for T.P. the day after we returned from Brunei, ie on a Fri morning. I spoke both Fri and Sat nights. All this while I was nursing a cold I had caught on the plane flying to Brunei. It became so unbearable Sat night after preaching that I had to cancel the latter two services on Sunday. I had to take antibiotics prescribed by an Indonesia doctor. Nevertheless, the Lord gave me strength enough for Sunday morning at which I was asked to baptise the younger son of the late Mr Teo of Singkep Island. We hurried home after service by the afternoon speedboat. Then did it dawn on us why God had refused us entry by the Brunei Immigration. Had we been in Brunei, by Sunday afternoon I should have to speak 9 times. At T.P. I could not go on after 3 sermons. Rom 8:28! - T.T.

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Two days after we returned from T.P. ie Tue Nov 12, Brunei called. The host pastor said on the phone, "You said it was the Higher Hand of God and you said the Lord would bless us all the same. Praise the Lord, we see this now. The Lord blessed us through the book you wrote, *Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism*. We praise God He has overruled."

## SHEEP, SHEEP, SHEEP

Sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep,  
Sheepish people need be told!  
I send you, sheep, sheep, sheep,  
To a wolfish world.  
Can a sheep live among wolves?  
Yes he can by help of God.  
Learn this now, sheep, sheep, sheep,  
The Word of the Lord.



Sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep,  
Sheepish people need be wise!  
Like the serpent alert,  
But as dove harmless.  
They'll try catch you by your word;  
Be not anxious while you speak.  
God's Spirit will teach you  
What to say sheep, sheep.

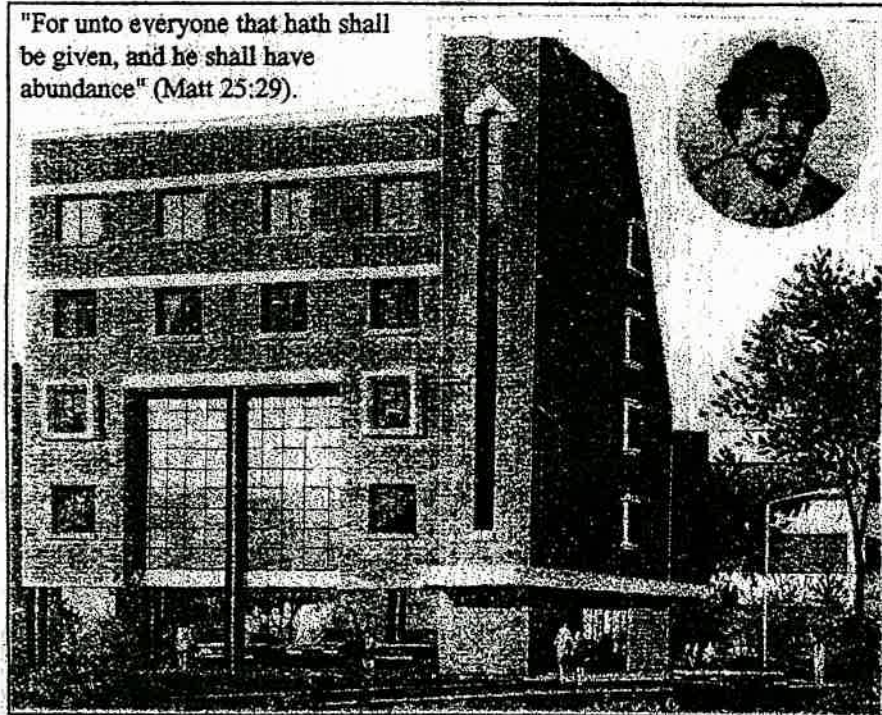


Sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep,  
Sheepish people need be bold!  
You are witnesses of God,  
And lights in this world.  
Be ye quick to show the Way  
To the wandering, lost in sin.  
Do some good everyday  
For Jesus our King.





"For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance" (Matt 25:29).



This is the New Light Church of the Blind, 859-39 Pangbae-1 Dong, Seocho-Ku, Seoul, 137-061 Korea. Tel. 533-9863-4. It is built over the site of the old premises, and dedicated Oct. 14, 1991. It has a Braille printing press that sends out a Gospel magazine to blind Koreans. It houses two dormitories, one for boys and the other for girls, the once discarded and doomed to darkness, but now have received the Light.

It is pastored by the world-renowned An Yohan, Blind Korean Pastor, whose film we've shown 43 times, in Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines and Australia. "O Come Back to the Lord" is one of three Gospel songs haunting you from his film. Roska has sung them in English, the other two being "Jesus came and touched my soul" and "The Prodigal Son." Tape and book available from CLBC.

Ed. note: The Biblical strategy of missions is as worldwide as the saving grace of the Lord of Missions. Some people ask, "Why should Life Church take such an interest in the Blind Korean Pastor? Our answer: Because he is one whom God has called, who in his limited way has brought blessings to thousands around the world. "For unto everyone that hath shall be given..."

And did you realise that the film of the Blind Korean Pastor was introduced to our church by the Korean Congregation worshipping in our premises? One good turn deserves another.

#### O COME BACK TO THE LORD

Oh come unto the Lord.  
Oh come back to the Lord.

No matter how heavy,  
And how great your sins may be.  
There are no sins that Christ our Saviour  
Cannot bear or not accept.  
The great depth of the Lord's loving heart,  
It is far deeper than the skies.

Our Lord is waiting for  
Your return both night and day.  
He is anxiously waiting for you,  
With his doors kept open wide.  
As if He is waiting in the night  
For His lost child to come back home.

That no matter how hard hit,  
And how beaten you may be.  
The Lord's hands will comfort you greatly,  
They will touch and will heal you.  
Oh come unto our Lord who loves so  
Please come back home, pl. come back home.

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

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\$100 (Sunday School); *Daniel Arianto* \$50; *Choir* \$400; *Missions* \$300; *Philippines flood victims* \$200; *Batam* \$650.

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#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Nov 18-24, '91)

- TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
WED 8.00 pm Session Meeting  
FRI 7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF  
3.00 pm LBC  
3.00 pm Prabhudas Koshy & Carolyn  
Tang Wedding (Rev Tow)  
SUN 8.00 am "Blessed Are They Which  
Are Persecuted"  
(Rev C Wong)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Tow  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.40 am Church Choir Practice  
12.15 pm Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach  
12.30 pm Filipina Service  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service  
6.30 pm Tamil Service

NBC This Week: *Wed* Henderson;  
*Fri* Bukit Batok, Joo Chiat

#### GUIDANCE ALL THE WAY

(Tune: *Softly now the light of day*)

O what blessed thought is this,  
That God led His children on.  
Through the Sea and Wilderness  
He went with them all along.

God still leads His children on  
Through this dark world here below.  
He who gladly gave His Son,  
Shall He not more gifts bestow?

Sometimes He shows all the way,  
As He showed Moses the Land.  
Sometimes He guides day by day,  
As when they sat at Jordan.

There're times He cuts short our plans  
Once and twice He hindered Paul  
Not to Asia or Northern Lands  
God had a greater plan overall.

Seek not to do what thou wilt.  
Hark, now listen to His Word!  
Let God tell thee in thine heart,  
As He peace to thee imparts.

Read your Bible, morn and night,  
Think upon Him through the day.  
He who turns His face to the Light  
Shall find guidance all the way.

#### In the Pastor's Postbag

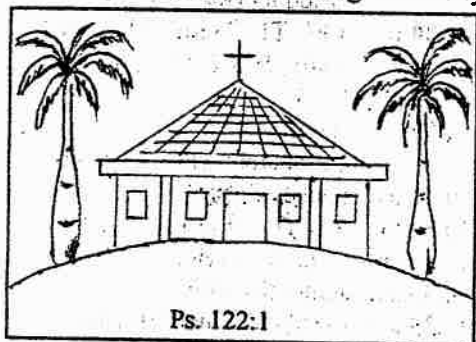
We praise God for the ministry of the Far Eastern Bible college. We have not forgotten this college and would like to contribute a little towards FEBC (\$2,000). - A BPC  
The Children's Choir will be singing at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary-Pandan BPC this evening (Nov 17, 6 pm). Pastor Tow's message on Elijah will be accompanied with a new song on Elijah.



My dear Readers,

## GETHSEMANE BPC HAS FOUND A NEW HOME

Saturday week morning Nov 16, '91, Rev Tan Eng Boo, pastor of Grace BPC invited me to join him in a land-claiming and house-cleansing ceremony of a newly leased bungalow they had found at 28 Harvey Ave. It is located off the Old Upp. Changi Road in a residential district of Simei, 5 mins. walk from the MRT station.



Keeping to the principle of decentralisation 15 young Graceans are branching out to establish a Gethsemane BPC. The young people have found a shepherd in Mr Prabhudas Koshy of FEBC, who has served a term as a youth worker with Hope BPC, Adelaide, Australia. (Incidentally, Koshy was married yesterday to Carolyn Tang, another FEBCer and member of Calvary Jurong BPC).

temple is the photo of a Thai monk seated on a shelf.

What became a big joke was the discovery in the rooms one Kwan Yin goddess of mercy and 11 smaller gods of Taoist tradition scattered on the floor. Why did these gods get stranded like that? If they were worth their incense, they won't be sitting or lying in dark seclusion in these miserable surroundings. Apparently, their human managers, the mediums didn't believe them. They were mere showpieces to scare the blind devotees.

All these abandoned idols were brought to the open garden and executed one by one, before being consigned to the rubbish container.

In a short service that followed we spoke on Isa 54:1-3, from which William Carey, father of modern missions (1792) had preached:

"Expect great things from God  
Attempt great things for God."

We commended Grace BPC for her evangelistic and missionary spirit in having branched out once before this to start Shalom Church in Changi, which today has built her own Sanctuary, the new Shalom BPC at Pasir Ris, Pastor Rev Tan Choon Seng.

As we drove away, Rev Tan Eng Boo told us that renovation would start immediately. Gethsemane BPC would open her first service the 1st of December '91. Praise

God for another B-P Church, Gethsemane, finding a home. (The rent is \$2,200 pm. The property, if approved for change of use, is priced at \$1.4 million).



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



But the world is turning it into a time of money spinning and merry making. The Christmas message is adulterated to accommodate everybody. Goodwill to men, but not by the Cross of Christ. A Holy Day becomes a holiday.

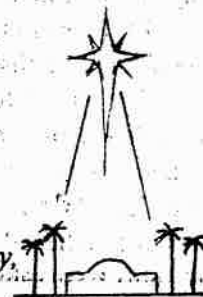
So there are certain Christians who refuse to have anything to do with Christmas. They say that even its origin is pagan. They argue against Dec. 25 that it is not found in Scripture.

For our Church to take such a defeatist attitude is to miss a great opportunity. It is like closing our Church on Sunday since non-Christians go horse-racing on this Day of the Lord, and what have you? We celebrate Christmas for the following reasons:

1. It honours our Lord in His Birth and a million times more than our parents. Against such there's no law.
2. It broadcasts the message of the angels to a sin sick world through the age old Gospel-laden carols.
3. It brings non-Christian relatives and friends into the Church.
4. It affords a time of visitation between members.
5. It inspires members to charity, to "remember the poor," and to forgive one another. (Dr Harry A Ironside, one-time Pastor of Moody Church also wrote in defence of celebrating our Lord's Birth).

In our celebration with special items at the services and more *makan* at home, let us be reminded of item 5 as stated above. Your worship offering, as with past Christmases, will be channelled to the most worthy cases among members, missionaries, and missions.

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



## PATRONISE YOUR OWN BOOK CENTRE

Do you know you have a Christian Life Book Centre behind the Church at the L-Block Annex, next to the Chinese Service? For your convenience it is open after the 8 am service is over, which caters also for those of the 10.30 service.

That we are able to maintain such a book service is one "genius" of Life Church. Churches that can run bookshops are numbered on the fingers. This shows how difficult it is to keep the business going. But it also brings great blessing to the Church that keeps it going, for here you have a constant supply of spiritual food to hungry souls. Apart from Bibles and Christian books, our Book Centre produces a good range of Christian gifts that carries a message. JESUS SAVES clock and "Christ is the Head of my House" in Chinese calligraphy (基督為我家之主) are two well-known items.

In view of the fact that many Christian Bookshops have sprung up all over the Island, to keep the business going



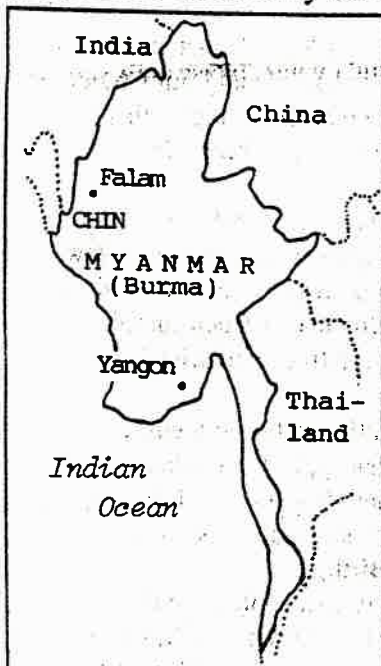
becomes a fiercer struggle for survival. How can we as members help out? By patronising our own Book Centre.

This is also timely and convenient since you are going to buy gifts for Christmas such as Christmas cards. Why go outside to get them when there's a full supply from our own store? Patronising your own Book Centre is helping yourself because it will help keep it from going under. Life is a two way street. Let us be grateful for a ready service the Book Centre is maintaining for our members.

CLBC was the pastor's vision from the very beginning at Prinsep Street. It was formally launched in 1976 and run by a committee. After 3 years it was privatised and has since been under the management of Deacon and Mrs. Paul Wong. (Our Book Centre is commended by Dr Keith Hinton in his book *Church Growth - Singapore Style*). - T.T.

## GOSPEL OUTREACH ON THE BURMESE FRONTIERS

As promised in my letter of November 2, I am very happy to write and give you an account of my last trip to the Chin State.



I flew out from Yangon on October 16 and was met and received by six elders and pastors at Kalemio airfield. I spent two nights at Kalemio and went to Minhla, about 18 miles north-west of Kalemio with the six pastors and elders on bicycles on October 18. On Sunday morning, October 20, we performed the dedication service of the church building, dedicated as pastor as Minhla's own pastor until then (the pastor is assigned by the church building with GI Sheet re about 36 x 18 feet (LxB). that it is the most beautiful village with

where there are many churches belonging to more than ten. They are all Chins and are mostly farmers. Minhla E-P Kawlphai Presbytery and all leaders and ministers from Kawlphai were present on that occasion.

The Presbytery leaders requested me to give the Leadership Course, especially reformed Theology and Polity for ten days but as I was just recuperating from recent illness, I could oblige them only for two days. It was somewhat like a Leadership Course attended by about 90 and I believe that every one of them enjoyed it and was quite satisfied. During the course many questions were asked which I answered as best I could. We also prayed for your coming visit to Myanmar in December during the Bible Seminar. The Lord blessed me richly in that so many people showed interest in our reformed doctrine and also in many other ways.

On October 25, I proceeded to Falam by car. We had EPCM Standing Committee at our Assembly Headquarters Office where we discussed matters related to your coming visit to Yangon and the Pastoral Conference and Leadership Course, December 10-23, 1991. We earnestly prayed for you. We all are really very happy at the prospect of meeting you and Mrs Tow in person in Yangon soon. May God help us. - Rev Robert Thawm Luai

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,274.00 (8.00 am); \*\$5,082.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1034)\*\$5274; 1035)\*\$5082; 1036)\$50; 1037)\$50(Coinafon); 1038)\$100; 1039)\$150; 1040)\$600; 1041)\$100; 1042)\$100; 1043)\$2200; 1044)\$1700; 1045)\$117.76.

TOTAL: \$1,660,221.64; LOANS 14)\$411 (Men's F'ship).

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,692,867.64

OFFERINGS FOR: Africa \$300; Blind Korean Pastor \$50; Burma \$200; Thailand \$200 (NBC Bt Timah); Heng Jee Seng \$150.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Nov 25-Dec 1, '91)

MON - THU	Children's Camp
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
FRI 7.00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7.45 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC
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3.00 pm	YF/LTF Combined Gospel Rally, FEBC Hall
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12.30 pm	Filipina Service
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
4.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon BPC
6.30 pm	Tamil Service

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That stands royal on the skyline  
And my spirit is set free

I fancy to Church I wander  
Where the royal palm trees grow  
There I kneel at the Master's feet  
Where the lively waters flow

Let me sleep in the soft twilight  
As I never slept before  
And dream the dream of peaceful rest  
And come awake to sleep no more

**10-fold Effectiveness.** At only \$25,000 a year we are supporting the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Yangon through the dynamic leadership of Rev Robert Thawm Luai, much lesser than support of one couple to an ASEAN country. But we have practically forgotten Burma in our Missions giving! (The FEFST now has 47 students. 1st batch of graduates, Aug. 1992). **Combined Fellowships Camp** (Dec 9-13) at New Life BPC. All are welcome. Application forms are available.



My dear Readers,

### BEULAH DEBT LATEST

I'm sure everyone of you have your personal copy of *Chronicles of Conquest*. It is a testimony of God's mighty working today through Lifers in the acquisition of Beulah Land. Under date of Apr 30, 1990 is the record of our paying the vendor of 10 Gilstead Rd nearly \$7.2 million. To be exact \$7,155,820.91, but that excludes lawyer's fee which was waived by one who loves the Lord, giving her free services.

To pay this huge sum we were enabled by \$3 million free loans, a great half from Christian friends and Churches and institutions outside Life Church. To date our Beulah Debt is reduced to \$1.75 million, praise the Lord! At the rate we are paying it will take us to mid-1994.

This is wonderful good news, for if we had to take a bank loan, like some smaller B-P Churches, we would have to pay thousands in interest every month. Then, it would drag on and on till?

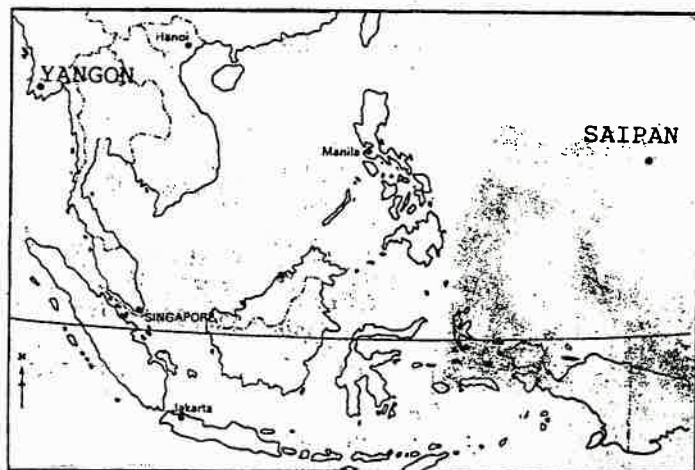
### MISSIONS UNCERTAILED

Another heartening report is that despite the Beulah Debt we are able to carry on our Mission Outreaches without curtailment. Our expenditures for Batam, Medan, Burma, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia involve 6 figures per annum. There are lovers of God who not long give cheerfully to this, but also encourage our hearts with words of faith. By God's grace we will persevere on, and wherever there is a legitimate need we will attend. Your rallying to supply books to Africa and sustain the Saipan Expedition is exemplary.

Our Lord's Return is just round the corner. And He predicted that as His Return loomed nearer, the faster must the Gospel be preached as a witness to all nations before the end comes.

There was a time we thought missions was the responsibility of the West, but now we are experiencing God's power to send the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth. I'd like to mention here the needs of Rev George Kutty labouring among Laotian refugees at Rhode Island, USA. The plight of the Arab Church in the Holy Land and the cost-effectiveness of the 47-student Bible College in Rangoon (Yangon) through the dynamic leadership of Rev Robert Thawm Luai. In this connection I must commend the MsF for undertaking to print the Shorter Catechism translated into the Chin language (a dialect of Burma). The MsF is a timely auxiliary to the Church's Missions Programme.

### SAIPAN EXPEDITION

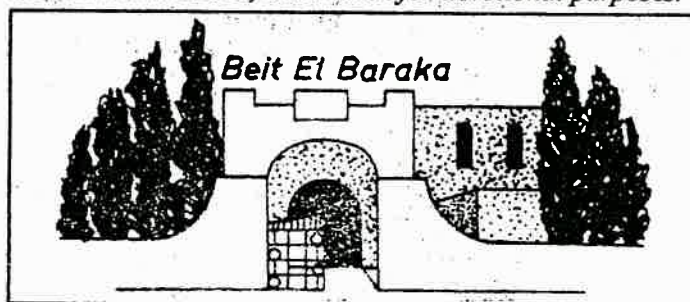


As I conclude this family chat, our hearts are exercised for the battle of Saipan and Guam Dec 6-12, '91. Saipan and Guam hit the headlines during WWII, and now they are brought to the attention of God's people as we

launch out in spiritual warfare. We have good ammunition in hundreds of copies of the Shorter Catechism in Chinese we're carrying along, but we need the prayers of every Reader on the Home Front. Pray that the Lord will give utterance also to Dr Cheng Wei Nien and Preacher Pang Kok Hiong that make up our Gospel Squad. Jehovah Nissi!

### MORE THAN A STUDY TOUR

Our 18-day Pilgrimage to the Holy land, Mar 2-20, '92, will include two nights in Cairo, two nights in Istanbul and two nights in Amman. Every trip to the Holy Land is a study tour to the Christian. But there's a deeper significance to ours, it is rather a sacred tour - a pilgrimage. What is a pilgrimage? Webster's defines it as "a journey undertaken by a pilgrim, especially a journey to some distant place sacred and venerable for some reason, undertaken for devotional purposes."



Visiting the Holy Land to see, eg, Golgotha and the Garden Tomb, to walk along Via Dolorosa, the way our Saviour trod to His death, will not be devotional enough without daily worship. For this reason we have made the Baraka Conference Centre of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions our base of operations. At this Christian Hospice we have full liberty to worship every morning before going out and every evening after coming in - to thank and praise the Lord and meditate on what we see during the day. (This you cannot do freely in a hotel.)

Then we have another feature rarely enjoyed by other Christian groups. We have the Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church at Bethlehem where we can worship on the Lord's Day and fellowship with Arab believers, members of this Church. We see not only the hoary stones for archaeological study, but the lively ones in souls saved from the Arab race.

We contributed to the buying of land for building a church at the Shepherd's Field through the 1987 tour, and we can have the joy of seeing the construction of the Lord's House there through this 3rd Pilgrimage! We shall worship at Baraka on two Sundays, so as to enjoy double blessings with them. This is the high point of our Holy Land Pilgrimage, higher than climbing proud Masada.

At any rate we shall be drawn closer to the Lord as we stand with Moses on Mt Nebo to view the Promised Land, or on Mt Moses where he received the X Commandments. To stand with Elijah on Mt Carmel and to sail the Sea of Galilee, in quiet and serenity as of yore, are experiences not to be forgotten. Another place, I'm sure, you'll find blessing unspeakable is to stand on the Mt of Transfiguration where Moses and Elijah descended to meet with our Lord and Saviour. We shall sing all the songs that are composed in the Holy Land for the Holy Land!

Ours is a Pilgrimage, while no less a study tour. So FEBC students have the added opportunity of writing a paper on all they have seen and heard, and earn two credits towards their academic attainment. A study tour, indeed, and more than a study tour. Ours is a pilgrimage. - T.T.



**"MAN'S GOINGS ARE OF THE LORD; HOW CAN A MAN THEN UNDERSTAND HIS OWN WAY?" (PROV 20:24)**

Restated, we can word this Proverb thus, "Man proposes, God disposes."

This happened to us recently when we were not allowed to enter Brunei because my occupation as "pastor" triggered on the red light!

This happens to us again when we tried to seek entry to Burma. According to instructions, we applied through Mr George Ee our long time friend and travel agent to three big Tourist operators to visit Burma under their package tours. The first one said, "If you have a company of five, we'll work on it." We were only two. The next one would charge well over \$2,000 per person, ticket and hotel. That left us cold. The third one could help by "sending us an invitation letter from Burma for business" so we could go under the category of "business"?

With no peace of heart or mind, we took it to be the Lord's hindering, as He did to Paul in his Second Missionary Journey, the second time (Acts 16:7). Instead of our going to Burma, I've offered my wife's ticket to Rev Thawm Luai to come to S'pore! Man proposes, God disposes.

As we conclude this paragraph here comes a happy rescheduling of our Holy Land Pilgrimage. After consultation with my brother Dr Tow Siang Hwa, we are agreed the 18-day Tour is too long and would end with an anticlimax. So we are both agreed this package must shed off the last leg to Istanbul. We will climax with a final worship at Baraka Bethlehem, then drive down to Jericho and cross the Allenby Bridge to Amman, just in time to head straight back home sweet home! The other good news is for your pocket - a several hundred dollars reduction! Shalom!

*- Yours obediently, T.T.*

**EPISTLE FROM BETHLEHEM, OCT 20, '91**

The congregation of Baraka B-P Church greets you all (II Thess 1:2).

Baraka Church is located in Bethlehem, the place where our Lord was born. The Church has been established since 1950.

Baraka Church holds services on Sun. morning and evening, a prayer meeting and Bible study on Wed, a regular Sat. meeting for young people, a Ladies fellowship in the houses every other Tues. as well as Sun. School each Sun. morning.

Baraka Church, since 1950, has a branch church in Beit Sahour, three miles east of Bethlehem in the Shepherd's field. We rent a place for the services in Beit Sahour.

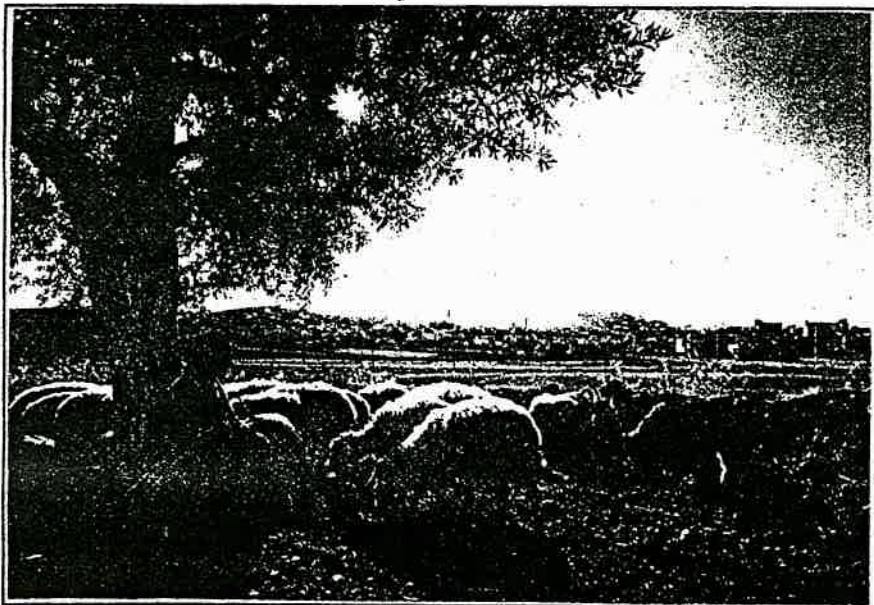
Recently the Lord blessed us making it possible for us that we could buy a piece of land in Beit Sahour for building a place of worship. This will help Baraka Church to save the cost of renting. Since many of our church members come from Beit Sahour, it will be easier for them.

Our summer youth camp (Kids to Kamp) in July had fifty five in attendance, both boys and girls from age 10 to 25 years of age. It was a blessing ...

We earnestly covet your prayers concerning the church registration, and the attendance, and that the Lord supply all the financial and functional needs of the church.

*Sincerely in our Lord's service*

*Pastor George H. Awad, Baraka B-P Church, Bethlehem*



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**MOUNT CARMEL VICTORY SONG**

*(Tune: Faith is the Victory)*

Arrayed upon the Mount of God  
Stood Baal's four hundred men  
To fight the servant of the Lord  
Elijah was his name  
'Twas a contest 'twist Wrong and Right  
That now still rages on  
The battle sways from morn to night  
With God it must be won  
**Chorus:** Truth wins the victory  
Truth wins the victory  
O glorious victory  
Upon the Mount of God.

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

Mount Carmel's battle is not done  
The hordes of hell increase  
False Christs and false prophets abound  
More lies they now release  
O Lord send down Elijah now  
Before Messiah come  
Help us to stand for Thee below  
Faithful till victory's won.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK**  
(Dec 2-8, '91)

- TUE - FRI LBC(SBC) Camp  
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
FRI 6.00 pm Session & Catechumens Get-Together  
7.45 pm E-Band Fellowship  
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - YF/LTF  
3.00 pm LBC/YAF  
SUN 8.00 am "Ye are the Light of the World"  
(Rev P Tan, Lord's Supper)  
9.30 am Sunday School  
10.30 am Rev Patrick Tan  
10.30 am Chinese Service  
10.30 am Junior Worship  
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice  
10.40 am Church Choir Practice  
12.15 pm Korean Church Service  
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach  
12.30 pm Filipina Service  
3.00 pm Thai Service  
4.00 pm Indonesian Service  
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bukit Batok, Bishan, Chinatown, Newton, Tampines

**LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:**

\*\$3,335.00 (8.00 am); \*\$7,530.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1046)\*\$3335;  
1047)\*\$7530; 1048)\$200; 1049)\$50;  
1050)\$1000 (CLMM); 1051)\$50; 1052)\$2200;  
1053)\$870; 1054)\$841.90; 1055)\$1080.  
**TOTAL: \$1,677,378.64**  
**GRAND TOTAL: \$1,710,024.64**  
**OFFERINGS FOR: China Missions \$30;**  
**Philippines \$20, \$50; Missions \$100; Africa**  
**\$200.**

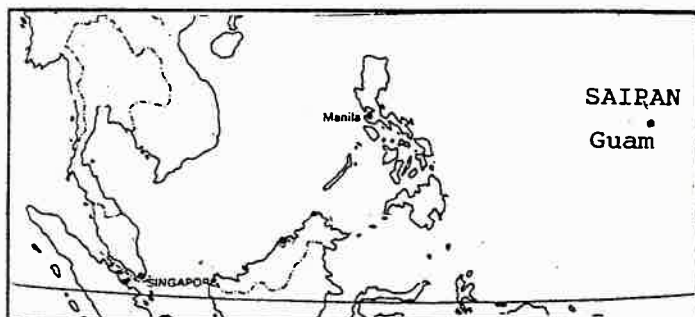




My dear Readers,

As you begin to read this page this week, Dr Cheng Wei Nien, Preacher Pang Kok Hiong and I would be preaching to the Chinese garment factory workers on Saipan Island. After our mission to Saipan is accomplished we will go south to Guam to answer another call before returning to Singapore. The duration of this expedition is one week, Dec 6-12, '91.

#### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF SAIPAN AND GUAM



Discovered by Portuguese Ferdinand Magellan the first man to circumnavigate the world in 1521, they were named the Ladronees (Thieves Islands). These Islands were settled by Spanish Jesuits in the 17th century and renamed Marianas.

In 1899 the Marianas were purchased by Germany (with the exception of Guam which became a possession of the United States). They passed under Japanese mandate after World War I (1914-1918) by the Treaty of Versailles.

Saipan was an important Japanese airbase in World War II (1939-1945). It was captured by U.S. in 1944 and has since passed into American hands under U.N. trusteeship.

The inhabitants of Saipan are divided into two major ethnic groups - Chamorro and Carolinian - each with their own language and culture. During the past few years, large numbers of Filipinos, Taiwanese and Koreans have emigrated to Saipan. Current estimates put the population at 30,000. Saipan Island is about one third the size of Singapore.

During the long vacation (May to July) of FEBC this year, one Korean student Lee Hyo Chun sailed with the Korean Gospel Ship Hannah to Saipan. There he discovered within the Korean Church a hundred and fifty Chinese women married to Korean Christians. They could half-understand the Korean messages when they attend the Sunday services. Another hundred and fifty however were pure Chinese. They also have believed, but cannot understand the Word preached in Korean. When Lee Hyo Chun returned to Singapore he lost no time to contact Preacher Pang Kok Hiong, an FEBC alumnus serving at Calvary BPC. Hearing of the great door opened by the Lord in Saipan, Preacher Kok Hiong immediately entered the field. The following is his report:

*Early last year, 20 garment and textile factories started to employ mainland Chinese workers for cheap labour. In Dec 1990, some of these workers visited the Korean Church out of curiosity, there being no Chinese Church in Saipan. The Korean Church pastors offered them the gospel despite having no knowledge of the Chinese language. Many workers were gloriously saved after hearing the truth being preached and interpreted into Mandarin.*

*The number of Chinese worshippers grew by leaps and bounds every Sunday. The Korean*

*church supplied each of them with a Chinese Bible and a hymn book in Chinese. Today, about 300 of the 3000 Chinese workers attend the Sunday Service faithfully.*

*On Saturday night, I visited a meeting held in a factory's dining hall. When the group of 40 believers saw me, a Chinese preacher, they all stood up and clapped hands to welcome me. My heart was overjoyed to see the 300 odd Chinese come to Church the next morning. Half of them are Chinese Koreans attending the Korean service. The other half attend a separate Chinese worship service. I was invited to preach at this service. I was simply overwhelmed by their enthusiasm. The same Holy Spirit who moved me in China moved me also in Saipan. I challenged them to surrender their lives to Jesus. When I asked a Chinese Korean sister to close in prayer, she wept in tears with thanksgiving for the Lord had shown great mercy on them. Most of them wept with her as the message touched them deeply...*

*In the next ten days, almost every night I conducted training sessions for them. They voiced their desire to have a Chinese pastor. They begged me to stay or return again because they are contracted to work in Saipan for only two years...*

*There are 3000 local Chinese and 2000 mainland Chinese in Guam, another island 75 km south of Saipan, which is also without a Chinese Church and pastor. As the apostle Paul responded promptly to the Macedonian call, it is high time for us to respond to this Saipanian call. Will we?*

Yes, we will. So now we are three. We will be overloaded with all kinds of Gospel literature the bulk being the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Chinese, Chinese sacred songs and John Sung Revival Choruses, Christmas Gospel Tracts. (God bless all who have spontaneously offered for the expenses of this Saipan Mission, especially an "old" Lifer with a \$5,000 cheque.)

#### GOD GO BEFORE YOU, PR. J P DAVID

We regret to announce the resignation of our brother as of Dec 7, '91. David has been with us since graduating from FEBC with a Dip. Th. 1986. He has served Life Church lovingly and earnestly for the last 5 1/4 years. He has been a faithful visitor to members and those in distress in hospital. His leaving, as he testifies, is according to the will of God. We wish him Godspeed.

#### EV. DANIEL ARIANTO

A diploma holder of FEBC, he returned to upgrade himself during the last 1 1/2 years. He brought with him wife and young child. Now that he has completed the course, he is returning to serve his sponsoring Church in Jakarta.

During his sojourn here at Beulah House he had served creditably at the Kebaktian Indonesia. Under his hand, the congregation has grown to over twenty, many times attendance reaching thirty. We shall miss the Ariantos.

Nevertheless, God has meantime prepared another student to take his place. He is Tram Epoi of Sarawak. Tram had graduated from a Bible School in his country and has joined FEBC to upgrade himself. He is supported by the Korean Church. He needs our prayerful undergirding.

#### THREE LIFERS WITH "HELPING HAND"

They are Philip Heng Jee Seng who has just completed his Diploma course at FEBC. The other two are Peter Simon Yiu and Roland Ho, new members received at the



41st Anniversary Thanksgiving, who have completed a year at FEBC. Incidentally these two are converted drug addicts introduced by "Helping Hand" whose director Robert Yeo is an alumnus of FEBC. Pray for this much needed ministry for the social welfare of Singapore inasmuch as our Government has taken a keen interest in upgrading this ministry to the down and out. "Helping Hand" has been "endowed" with Sin Min, a former Presbyterian Chinese School with a huge compound. There's a niche for every FEBC graduate as long as you are willing to serve under His yoke.

During the Christmas vacation Philip Heng Jee Seng is paying the Deerams in North Thailand a visit. We have consigned through his hand a box of our books, particularly "John Sung My Teacher" and "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God."

#### REV AND MRS PETER CHUA OF SHARON TO ADELAIDE

Rev and Mrs Peter Chua who have ministered for two decades with Sharon BPC that worships on our premises Sunday 4.30 pm are seconded to the pulpit of Hope BPC, Adelaide for the next three months while the Paaues leave for the States on furlough early December. This is a great help to the Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions that sends the Paaues downunder. Rev Chua will minister to a congregation of about 50. I understand from him that Sharon BPC's Christmas offerings will be channelled to the Independent Board in the cause of worldwide Missions. God bless Sharon.

#### SALVATION COMES TO THE SEOW HOME

Saturday Nov 30, '91 was a night of great rejoicing at the Seow Kim Guan home in Hougang. For this was the night their aged mother Madam Ong Bin Ann, 84, was baptised. Besides the pastor there were present Pr J P David, Elder & Mrs Sng, Elder Tay, Deacon & Mrs Francis Sng, Mrs Lee of the Chinese Service and Lifers of the Men's and Women's Fellowships totalling over 30.

As early as June this year it was grandma's desire to become a Christian. So she personally directed the removal of the household gods. To this household baptismal service the parents of Bro Henry Tan were invited. By this testimony it is hoped they will also receive Christ publicly in baptism in the near future.

- Yours obediently, T.T.

SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR 6 pm Every Sunday Jan - Mar 1992 Calvary (Pandan) BPC NEW LIFE FOR THE NEW YEAR			IN THE PASTOR'S POSTBAG	
Jan 5	A New Creation	Rev T Tow	(I) Missions to China, Saipan & Guam. I've read about the suffering churches and pastors in China from Asia Magazine, Banners, Open Doors. From the pictures we know that they too are very thirsty for HIS WORD, The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Enclosed is my gift (\$5,000). - "Old" Lifer	
12	The New Birth	Rev T Tow		
19	The New Way	Dr S H Tow		
26	A New Start	Rev S Khoo		
Feb 2	The New Life	Rev B Harper		
9	A New Love	Rev B Harper		
16	New Security	Rev B Harper		
23	A New Song	Rev B Harper		
Mar 1	A New Walk	Rev B Harper		
8	New Garments	Rev B Harper		
15	A New Direction	Rev B Harper	(II) Enclosed is a love-gift to Life Church in appreciation for your love and hospitality (\$200).	
22	New Strength	Rev B Harper		
29	New Hope	Rev B Harper		
			(III) Thank you God for seeing me through my 'O' Levels examinations.	

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,802.00 (8.00 am); \*\$12,319.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1056)\*\$4802; 1057)\*\$300; 1058)\*\$12319; 1059)\*\$2000; 1060)\*\$1500; 1061)\*\$1180; 1062)\*\$2200; 1063)\*\$1260; 1064)\*\$100; 1065)\*\$100; 1066)\*\$300 (Kebaktian Indonesia); 1067)\*\$100; 1068)\*\$812 (Chinese Service); 1069)\*\$1200 (Sharon BPC).

TOTAL: \$1,705,551.64 GRAND TOTAL: \$1,738,197.64

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$160, \$500, \$100; Missions \$450; China Flood victims & missions \$25; Burma \$50; Thailand \$100, \$50 (NBC Bt Timah); Kalimantan \$100; Paul Wagner \$200; Musical \$1000; Daniel Arianto \$300; Saipan & Guam \$5000; Batam \$200. Refund of loan \$1000 (Kelapa Sawit BPC); FEBC \$400 (Sharon BPC).

Expresgram to Quek Suan Yew: Many thanks for your newsy letter!

#### A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

In December this year, Life Church will be staging a Christmas Musical to celebrate the birth of Christ as well as to use the opportunity to invite our non-Christian friends to church so that they can hear the good news.

The musical is a combined effort of Life Church, Life AF, Life Children's and New Life Church choirs, and invited guest performers from Calvary Pandan and Sharon. There will be 3 performances: Fri 20/12 and Sat 21/12 in Life Church and Sun 22/12 in New Life Church.

The story of the musical is a simple one. It traces the search of a young lady for the meaning of Christmas in the midst of all the activities the world associates Christmas with. In her search, she meets an evangelist who tells her about the birth of the Saviour. She finally finds the answer to her question and ultimately the answer to the emptiness she experiences in her life; she realises that Jesus gives meaning to a world devoid of it.

Tickets are free and are available at the Life Church office and at the entrance to the churches on the nights of the performances. Please come and enjoy this musical celebration, and don't miss a good opportunity to invite your friends too. - James Tan

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Dec 9-15, '91)

MON - FRI	Combined F'ships Camp, New Life BPC
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU pm	Saipan Squad returns
FRI 6.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
7.30 pm	Musical Rehearsal
7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship
7.45 pm	Men's F'ship (FEBC Hall)
7.45 pm	Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - YF
3.00 pm	LBC
3.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon BPC
	Wedding of Ng Poh Seng & Er Geok Tin
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6.30 pm	Tamil Service

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat

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My dear Readers,

## SAIPAN SURVEY REPORT

Friday Dec 6, '91 6.45 am Eld Khoo arrived promptly to ferry me to Terminal Two to rendezvous with Dr Cheng and Pr Pang for our flight to Manila. Lee Hyo Chun, FEBC Korean student who was our bridgehead to Saipan, was on hand to help with the luggage. By early afternoon we were booked into Hyatt Regency Hotel, nearest to Manila airport, to await our flight the next day to Saipan. We tried to phone Charles Seet, but it did not get through.

Our flight the next day to Saipan by Continental Airlines was delayed for 2 hours, so when we touched down on this US territory farthest from the Mainland, it was 8.30 pm. Now there was a meeting arranged for us by Pastor Kang, Korean missionary to the Chinese garment workers. To make good I asked a kind soul first in queue before me to let me go ahead of him, because customs examination at Saipan Airport was slow and tedious. It left no stone unturned - they were justifiably fearful of drugs. While the Customs gave me no trouble, the Immigration officer looked me over. "Are you Chinese, not Filipino? Show me your other identity papers." I produced my S'pore IC. "What's your occupation?" Not satisfied with my claim to be pastor (pastors are respected here) I showed him a copy of the Weekly with my name. By this he let me in.

Leaving behind my comrades who were still standing in a long line, I was whisked away by Deacon Jang to the dining hall of one of the garment factories. Here were con-

gregated 40 women workers all with Bible, Chinese Hymn Book and notebook. By then it was 9.30 pm. I spoke for almost an hour to a most attentive audience. As the meeting closed with two John Sung choruses ... "All my sins are washed away, In the Blood of Jesus," Dr Cheng and Pr Pang arrived. We then booked into the Koresco, a sparkling, new Korean Hotel.

Sunday morning I was introduced by Pastor Kang to speak to a congregation of about 100. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom 6:23). After service Pr Pang continued with a Bible Class in Thessalonians. While he spoke the leader of the group asked me many theological questions. Then we were transported with some twenty of the Chinese women workers to the hilltop resort of YWAM where a Korean lunch was served by Mrs Kang. Incidentally, Pastor Kang had visited Singapore in July this year to attend the Korean

World Missionary Conference. This has led him to join FEBC to take more lessons in theology, as well as to deepen his Chinese language. I gave him a warm welcome in advance. (Meanwhile another Bible Class was being conducted by Pr Pang for the young women. You'll be surprised how much they have learnt from their well-marked Bibles.

At a Monday breakfast at Koresco Hotel the Senior Pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church, Rev Kim, discussed with us the future of our outreach to the mainland Chinese workers. We assured him we've come to help, not to supplant.

The same afternoon we flew south to Guam, an Island smaller than S'pore with 130,000 population. On hand to welcome us were Dr Chen Wen Yen and his wife, the Aquila and Priscilla of Chinese Christians, mostly from Taiwan. A hotel reception was arranged for us at which a dozen others swelled the party. One of them, the proprietor of a big furniture store, was converted and baptised as recent as a week before. It is at his villa that we were accommodated. Here we held an evening service.

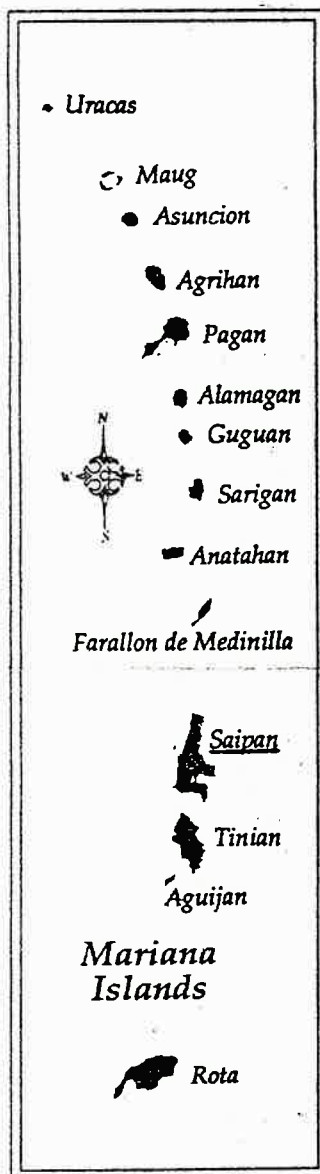
The following morning two of the ladies came to show us scenic spots around after which we drove up a hill to a mammoth Korean Presbyterian Church and Bible College under construction. This is the domain of Rev Dr David Hwan Jo who got an honorary doctorate from Dr McIntire. A past president of the Korean World Missionary Conference, his vision for God's Kingdom is as wide as the ocean seen from his hilltop Church.

An evening get-together of the Chinese Church was held at the Faith Presbyterian Reformed Church where I was speaker. From 11 pm to 1.30 am after returning to the furniture proprietor's villa, we answered our host's many questions on the faith. A new convert he was enticed by the heretical teachings of a JW couple. By the Spirit's enlightenment his many doubts were cleared. Grateful for the breakthrough he brought US\$300 in thanksgiving to the Lord. We never expected this, but our host pressed us to receive the gift. This episode reminded me of Zacchaeus' gratitude.

We returned to Saipan Wednesday evening to a Revival Meeting at the Korean PC. Lo and behold, there were two of the women workers who brought four young men, all Hokkiens. Immediately Pr Pang "worked" on them, while we joined the main service. After over an hour the four young men received the Lord! They were given Bibles in abbreviated Script brought in by the Korean Church from S'pore! Bubbling with joy Deacon Jang and Eld Han, chief supporters for Pr Pang to come to Saipan, got us together to "celebrate" at the Koresco Coffee House. We have no doubt the bridgehead made by Lee Hyo Chun at Saipan will soon be consolidated. Hallelujah. Amen.

- T.T.

**Ed. note:** The garment workers imported from Mainland China have increased to 8,000! They are on contract for 2 years. So there is a constant rotation of returnees and new arrivals. By getting them saved and indoctrinated their return to China will bring salvation blessings to their own families. These Mainland Chinese hail from Manchuria in the north to Hokkiens from the south. God has opened a door of evangelising China from an island in the Pacific, beyond our imagination.



## BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE (JAN - MAY 1992)

Lecturer : Rev Timothy Tow, M.Div., S.T.M., D.D.

### FIVE STARS OF THE CHINESE CHURCH (Mon, 6 Jan, 7.30-8.20 pm)

A highlight study of Chinese Church History from the lives of two missionaries, William Chalmers Burns (1815-1868), Jonathan Goforth (1858-1936) and three Chinese evangelists: Ting Li Mei (1871-1936), the Moody of China and "winner of 1,000 souls a month"; John Sung (1901-1944) who needs no introduction and Wang Ming Tao (1900-1991), the greatest of the five. Hear the gruesome stories of the beheading of 185 missionaries during the Boxer Rebellion, 1900. May the study of great lives of the Chinese Church inspire you to action for Jesus Christ before He returns! Amen.

### "PROPHESCOPE" ON ISRAEL (Mon, 6 Jan, 8.30-9.20 pm)

Based on 5 lectures delivered at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, it is an enlarged study of the prophetic history of Israel from Abraham to Christ's Second Coming. Study the prophecies on Israel that are being fulfilled in our lifetime! This should awaken us to action for our Lord Jesus Christ. One Holy Land Song with music notation will be sung and given away after each lecture. Learn 15 new songs and introduce them to your Church for inspirational singing.

### CHARISMATISM FALSE AND TRUE (Thu, 9 Jan, 7.30-8.20 pm)

And on which side are you?

This course is an examination of the special characteristics of Charismatism today - the phenomena of tongues (including inside stories), visions, voices, "Thus saith the Lord," healing, "slaying of the Spirit," "fasting," etc., etc. What does the Bible say to each one of these signs?

And what does contemporary History of Revivalism reveal about tongues? The lecturer's personal experience in a Pentecost that swept Singapore in the thirties under the ministry of Dr John Sung, in which tongues were absent, was sought by Spurgeon's School of Theology (Dr Peter Masters) in 1986. His further research into other revivals that swept China, such as the ministries of Jonathan Goforth, Ting Li Mei (Moody of China) and Dora Yu (under whose revival Watchman Nee was saved) revealed no tongues either. And what is true Charismatism?

### HOW TO DISCOVER GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE (Thu, 9 Jan, 8.30-9.20pm)

Some Cultic leaders use bibliomancy to find out what is God's will for your life. Chambers Dictionary defines "bibliomancy" as follows: "divination by selecting passages of the Bible at hazard, and drawing from them indications concerning future events."

The story is told of one seeking God's will by opening the Bible at random and blindly putting one's finger on a Bible verse. It hit on Matthew 27:5 about Judas hanging himself. Not happy with such a verse, the same person turned to John 13:27 which ends with saying, "That thou doest, do quickly." What luck?!

By a detailed discussion of my recent book "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God" it can be ascertained from Bible principles what is truly God's Will for our lives. Not haphazardly, but assuredly. No confusion, but confirmation. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart ... and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Dec 16-22, '91)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Musical Rehearsal
FRI	8.00 pm	Christmas Musical
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	8.00 pm	Christmas Musical
SUN	8.00 am	"Ask, Seek and Knock"
		(Rev C Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Baptisms)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service
	8.00 pm	Christmas Musical at New Life BPC

NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Bishan, Newton, Tampines

### LAST LORD'S DAY GEN.

#### OFFERINGS:

*\$3,329.00 (8.00 am)
*\$9,126.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II
1070)*\$3329; 1071)*\$9126;
1072)\$10000 (BPC of West
Aust.); 1073)\$55; 1074)\$50 (Sun
Bible Class); 1075)\$300.
TOTAL: \$1,728,411.64.
GRANDTOTAL: \$1,761,057.64
OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines
\$50; Burma \$50; China \$150;
CLMM \$150; Rev Tow \$200; Rev
P Tan \$200; Rev C Wong \$100;
Charles Seet \$100; Rev Thawm
Luai \$200; Deerams \$100; Joshua
Wonsia \$50; Geoffrey Indiazzi \$50;
Joseph Kendagor \$50; Fung Dun
\$50; Christmas Musical \$500;
Batam \$600 (Women's F'ship).

INFANT BAPTISM, NEXT LORD'S DAY, 10.30 AM. Parents who wish their infants to be baptised please inform Church Office by Tue, 17/12, giving child's name, parents and date of birth.

## ELISHA THE PROPHET OF WATER

(Tune: "Come Out From the Church Apostate")

Elisha followed his master,  
And he followed to the end.  
He who is a faithful servant  
Will become his master's friend.  
A double portion o' his spirit  
He shall surely inherit.

While God used Elijah as fire,  
Elisha's a healing stream.  
He sweetened Jericho's fountain:  
The mantle had fallen on him.  
All Israel to him did bow  
E'en those of the golden cow.

When three kings did Moab invade,  
And lost their way in the sand,  
Elisha saved them by water  
From Jehovah's mighty hand.  
The widow's oil he multiplied:  
Hungry mouths he satisfied.

A great woman lived at Shunem  
Who made him a prophet's room.  
Here Elisha was wont to stay,  
Here he prayed for her a son.  
When the son grew up and died,  
The woman on him relied.

Elisha by earnest prayer,  
Shunem's sick son he did save.  
He removed death from the pottage,  
Bread to a hundred he gave.  
Naaman's leprosy he cleansed,  
Gehazi he recompensed.

He made a lost axe-head to swim,  
He revealed Benhadad's plans:  
Thus he helped Israel's king to win  
'Gainst the Syrian hordes and clans.  
Dothan was God's scene of victory,  
With Him is majority.

Elisha was sure of victory  
O'er all the Syrian around.  
"Tomorrow," he told the king's man  
"Wheat and barley shall abound."  
He who spurned the Word of God  
Died a quick death from the Lord.

Elisha was on his sickbed,  
When king Joash came to him  
To seek his help from the Syrians.  
The prophet was determined  
To fight God's wars to the end -  
Elisha's God us defend!

For sixty long years Elisha  
Served his Lord with all his might;  
In life or in death he served Him,  
His dark tomb he turned to light.  
O what a glorious life he lived,  
So can we if we'd believe. Amen.

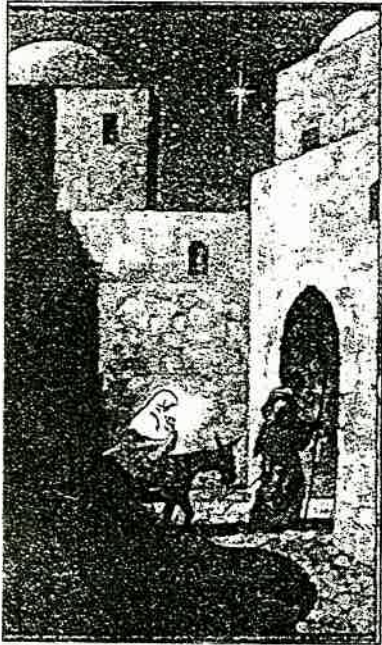
CATECHISM CLASS FOR EASTER 1992  
BAPTISM will commence 5 Jan '92 at Beulah House, 9.30 am. Those wishing to reaffirm their faith or transfer membership (from non-BP church) should also attend.

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*Christmas Greetings to All Our Readers*

And what is our best wish for your well-being, but that you may find life everlasting in the Lord Jesus Christ. Life everlasting with a new glorified body to live forever and ever with Him! This is God's plan of salvation for every believing soul, and the working out of this all-complete Plan of Salvation begins with Christmas!



Who is the Child born in a manger? He is the Son of God through the Virgin Mary. The prophet Isaiah predicted 700 years before this Event, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa 7:14). Immanuel, the Hebrew word, means "God with us." Yes, the Son of God became the Son of Man that the sons of men might become the sons of God" (Calvin).

Now, Jesus was born a Jew, of the royal house of David. The offer of salvation by Him is first to the Jewish race. But St John comments, "He came unto His own and His own received Him not" (Jn 1:11). Dear Jewish friend, do you not see that the Messiah is come, and has been here nearly 2,000 years? This same Jesus is coming anytime now to save your nation, as well as to judge the world and usher in a thousand years of Peace. All the peace talks between you and your Arab neighbours cannot be consummated but by Supernatural Power. No super power can achieve it. God Himself will do it. And if you still reject Jesus the Christ, no wonder you are still wandering!

Now, since Jesus is rejected by the Jews, He becomes the Saviour of believing Gentiles. "But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (Jn 1:12). Yea, we who have believed have a hope beyond the grave. By His death on the Cross for our sins and by His resurrection from the dead for our justification, we shall rise with a new body that will never die nor grow old to live with God in a New Creation forever and ever. Jew or Gentile, do you believe this? This is our Christmas greetings to you.

*Epilogue: And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (1 Jn 5:20)*

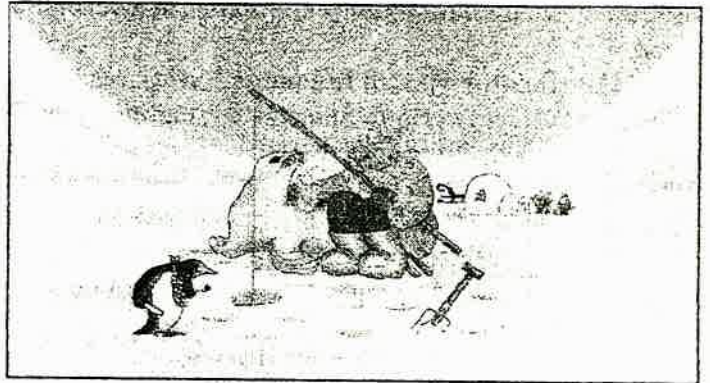
**BLESSED WITH A WHITE CHRISTMAS?**

Not possible in tropical Singapore? Though not in the physical we can be blessed singing "Winter Moon" to Irving Berlin's immortal tune.

To denizens of the temperate regions Christmas is no Christmas without snow. O what greater thrill to one arriving America the first time to be greeted by the fluffy flakes, so pure and white, dancing like so many fairy-white butterflies to earth! It called to mind: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the

Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (Jas 1:17). Some of you, returning from a snow trip to Northern Countries, will know what I've experienced.

Though in tropical Singapore, we can experience the blessing of a White Christmas no less in the spiritual. "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and



bread to the eater"... (Isa 55:10) so shall the Love of God shed abroad in our hearts, specially this Christmas, bless us by making us a blessing to the needy, like rain and snow to the thirsty earth.

Christmas, only for one's enjoyment without consideration for the needs of others, is a brown one. Christmas in the devout celebration of Christ's Birth and in giving hilariously to the Cause of Christ is a White Christmas indeed.

A young lady who has received a year-end bonus (what Singaporean does not?) enclosed in her Christmas offering envelope \$500. If each worshipper will do likewise, or proportionally, what an avalanche of a White Christmas it will be! What a blessing this will bestow on many a "merited" member, missionary, and struggling mission - in Burma, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Africa, Saipan, etc. Will we be blessed with a White Christmas?

**B-P EXTENSIONS IN NORTH SUMATRA**

In a letter to the Pastor dated Dec 6, Haposan writes: "My sister Mariana is studying her English very hard. God willing she will be in Singapore January 1992, for she felt the call of God to full-time service. She has resigned from our school as principal.

**Medan.** Medan B-P Church is going on as usual. We have 19 families. Our S.S. is growing speedily, till we have no more place to receive them. We consider now is the time to get the church registered. Please pray that the process may go through... Praise the Lord, for our school, the building project has been completed. Six classes are added to our present location. Our students are happy to have the new building.

God willing the second building project will continue in February 1992, with 3 more classrooms plus office. By this second project, the church hall will be enlarged to accommodate 200-300. Our kindergarten will be shifted to the new building. Truly the Lord is good and He alone is to be praised in every work we do for Him. "Self help with God's help is the best help."

**Outreach to Nias.** I am writing this letter to you from Sibolga after my first speaking engagements here. From Sibolga we will continue our journey to Nias Island to hold



revival meetings there. Nias Island was the first place visited by Lyman and Munson (earliest Baptist missionaries from America), before they got killed by the Bataks. I feel excited to go there. I am speaking to big crowds on 8th Dec '91. Do pray, that this mission will be blessed and souls won for Christ.

**Christmas the best season to preach Christ.** On the 12th of Dec, we will go back to Medan, and get busy with speaking engagements, as our Lord says "Occupy till I come." Truly Christmas is the best season to preach Christ. The world is getting worse and worse. Many people who have heard the good tidings refused Christ crucified. Nevertheless, by the preaching of God's word, somehow the Lord will save some. "With eternity's value in view," I always question myself, "Have I done something good for Jesus today?"

**Kuta Baru BP Church.** Praise the Lord for our church at Kuta Baru. They are growing both in numbers and in spirit. Our two workers, namely Suparty and Jamaria, are faithfully ministering in the church and to the people around.

**IAIB (Institut Alkitab Indonesia Barat).** As I see, for the progress of the BP movement in North Sumatra, the starting of the Bible Institute is desperately needed. There are many open doors but who will go ... (Romans 10)?

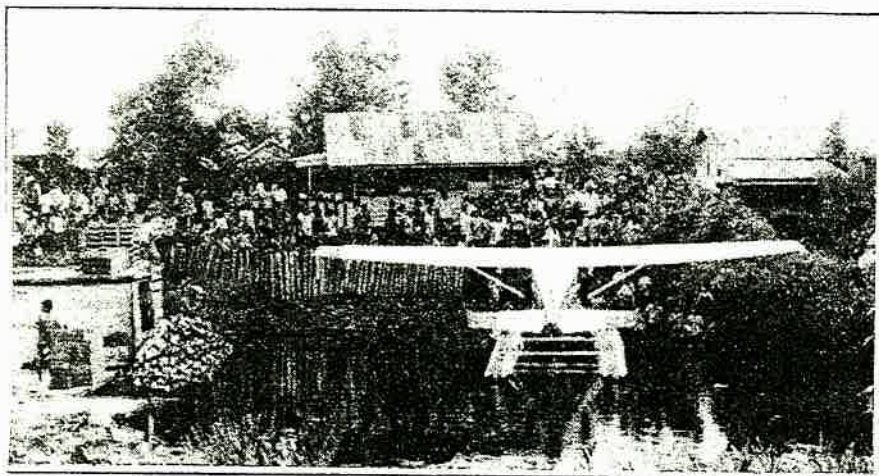
The Evening Bible School is still going on, but it's only for teachers and workers and several others who are interested in Bible study. We need dedicated teachers to start a fundamental Bible Institute. Let us pray that our plan for IAIB may come true. Please come and see the work here and how the Lord has blessed us for His glory. Please send my greetings to Mrs Tow and the household of faith at Life Church.

As you know, in the ministry, there are many pitfalls along the way. The enemy may come from within or without, but the Lord will lead us through. Immanuel."

#### GOSPEL ON THE WING TO INTERIOR BORNEO

We supported Rev Djunaidi from 1977 to April 1988. Since then he has built 2 churches on his own, periodically visits Sharon Rose BPC at Kuching to conduct gospel meetings.

Photo shows his penetration of interior Borneo by plane and of a thousand people who gather to see Gospel Films at Seponti Jaya. His gospel team is called "Team Penginjilan Sayap Kasih," meaning, "Wings of Love Gospel Team."



**Dr & Mrs Patrick Tan** are called to Bethel BP Church, Melbourne. They leave QF10 Dec 23 '91 8.15 pm, and return via Perth QF 7 Feb 10, '92 6.10 am. We bid them Godspeed.

**The Night of Nights** is our Christmas Carol Service in Church, Christmas Eve, Tues Dec 24, 8 pm - a Combined Worship with the Chinese Service. Bring your Chinese-speaking parents and friends.

**FEBEC reopens Jan 2, '92** 8.30 am with Day of prayer at Beulah House. Rev Bob Phee and Rev Brian D. Harper of Australia will teach in the new semester.

**Expresgram to Dr & Mrs Murray:** Many thanks for your kind letter. Also to Suan Yew. To James Lu for your letters!

**Far Eastern Kindergarten** needs 3 assistant teachers in 1992. Temporary appointments available. School leavers can apply. Call the principal Tel '62-8093 or the church office Tel 2569256.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 23-29, '91)

TUE	8.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
WED	7.30 pm	Sharon BPC Christmas Service
THU	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC
	3.00 pm	Lim Jyh Jang & Amy Ang Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	"House Build On Rock or Sand" (Rev C Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
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	12.15 pm	Korean Church Service
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	12.30 pm	Filipina Service
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon BPC
	6.30 pm	Tamil Service

No NBC This Week

#### CHRISTMAS BAPTISMS (INFANTS)

01. Cheong Bin Zhi, Mark  
s/o Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Cheong Boo Wee
02. Chia Shu Ying, Sarah  
d/o Mr & Mrs Chia Boon Siong
03. Foo Xiang Jun, Darren  
s/o Mr & Mrs Foo Chee Hoe
04. Lim Rui Zhi, Rachel  
d/o Dr & Mrs Lim Chong Sian
05. Tay Hong En, David  
s/o Mr & Mrs Roland Tay Poh Wah
06. Teo Thian Ching, Ryan  
s/o Mr & Mrs Teo Peng Joo
07. Wong Wei Zheng, Bryan  
s/o Mr & Mrs David Wong Koi Mann

#### LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,930.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$8,748.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1076)\*\$4930;  
1077)\*\$8748; 1078)\$150; 1079)\$100  
(Maranatha YAF); 1080)\$100; 1081)\$1347.

TOTAL: \$1,743,786.64

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,776,432.64

OFFERINGS FOR: China \$20, \$25; Rev P Tan \$100, \$100; Rev C Wong \$100, \$100; Heng Jee Seng \$100; Joseph Kendagor \$100; Dn Yiew Pong Sen \$100; Bl Korean Pastor \$200; Deerams \$100; Sects \$100; Rev Tow \$100; Missions \$400; Beulah Renov. \$100.

**Dr & Mrs Arthur Steele** send greetings to Lifers and FEBCers, "Wishing you a peaceful Christmas filled with the light of God's love, with our love and prayers." They recently drove to Boston and visited our young people at Quakertown, Pa. on the return trip back to Florida.

**With the renovation of FEBC Hall,** Sunday lunch will henceforth be shifted to the Outhouse which is now named Diners Arcade. 5 fans are installed and 20 potted plants!

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My dear Readers,

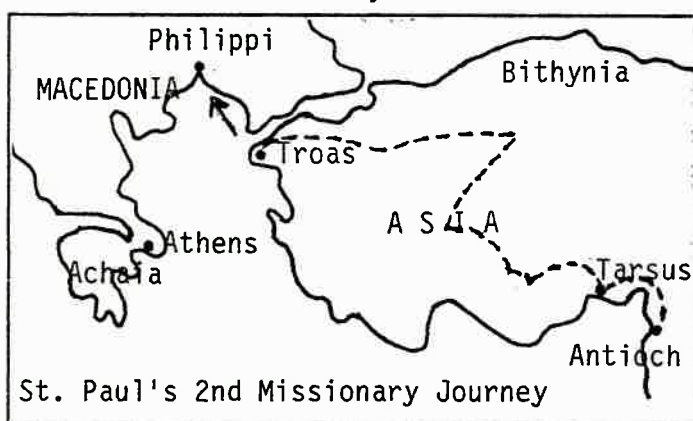
## FROM SAIPAN TO HONGKONG

Mrs Betty (Tow) Mui, FEBC alumna now stationed in Hongkong with *Christian Communications*, is a regular reader of our Weekly. She was thrilled with the Saipan Report. She writes, "I reprinted the article/letter from Life B-P Weekly regarding Pang Kok Hiong's trip to Saipan. I had it printed in the Nov/Dec 1991 issue of "Pray for China" bulletin of which I'm editor."

It is our hope that as more pray for Saipan God will open wider doors. All your gifts for Saipan will be channelled accordingly to the field. At the Tuesday night prayer meeting a sister gave through my hand a cheque for \$500!

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE FIELD DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

In Acts 16 we read of St Paul being forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, and a second time, as he tried to venture into Bithynia.



As we were scheduled to answer the call of Brunei Nov. 7-14 and Burma Dec 16-23, we were not perplexed when hindered in both appointments in the light of Paul's experience. But inasmuch as Paul had found a straight course through Troas to Europe, we also have had a prosperous landing on the Pacific Islands of Saipan and Guam.

Student demonstrations against the Burmese Government that led to the closure of universities and colleges confirmed why we were prevented from going. Romans 8:28. God knew all this ahead. So, be not discouraged when things work against your schedule. Disappointments are God's appointments.

This trip resulted also in Saipan Pastor Kang joining FEBC, January '92. It has also blessed me with good health and a slight improvement to my eyesight, praise the Lord! The greatest good in our hindrance is learning anew that the Holy Spirit is the Field Director of Missions!

## FEBC REOPENS THURS. JAN 2, '92, 8.30 AM

We begin with Day of Prayer at Beulah House. While 5 or 6 have left us, the Lord is sending in 11 new students: Singapore 2; Indonesia 2; Thailand 1; Philip-pines 1; Africa 1; Korea 3; Saipan 1. Since Thurs. Jan 2 is Registration Day as well, there will be no Basic Theology Evening Class. N.B.! Modern Hebrew will be taught in the daytime to specially approved students. 12 student families are being accommodated on either side of Gilstead Rd. Total enrolment Jan 1992 is 70.

## TIME AND TIDE WAITS FOR NO MAN

By Chinese calculation we are one year older when 1992 comes around. How old will you be? Which means

each one of us is a year nearer to the grave! This is why the Tows do not celebrate birthdays by the injunction of our grandfather.

For this reason we must number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. We must value the daylight and make hay while the sun shines. Jesus says, "The night cometh when no man can work" (Jn 9:4). Let us resolve to run the race of life, to win this race like Paul (I Cor 9:24-27).

If you are a young person choosing a career, will you not consider seriously the Lord of the harvest inviting you to labour in His vineyard? If you come to your retirement age, why, that's the beginning of redoubling your service in the Church. If you are a minister who should retire at 65 according to a certain denomination, will you not rather follow in the footsteps of Rev Tan Peng Koen, founder of Tanjung Pinang Presbyterian Church? This Church which he founded after 65 and ministered thereunto for a good number of years, is his greatest achievement. It is my belief that one in the Lord's harness "must pull the cart," like the old pony I saw at Brastagi, clop-clop-clop-clop, clop-clop-clop, clop-clop, clop... Have you read the story of Rev Keasberry, founder of the Malay Chapel Prinsep St, at which our ancestors from Swatow worshipped, how he was taken as he spoke at the pulpit one Sunday morning (1875)? If you are interested in S'pore Church History, read "In His Good Time" by Dr Bobby Sng.

## "OWE NO MAN ANYTHING" (ROM. 13:8)

It is no use making New Year resolutions when our accounts of the old years are not settled. Chinese morality requires every old debt be paid before the New Year dawns. So you could hear those abacuses click-click-click away in the old Chinese firms, clicking day and night to work out the accounts and make or receive payment so the New Year would start with a clean slate.

"Owe no man anything" all the more reminds us our duty towards God. The Lord has given us another good year in Singapore. Look at your year-end bonuses. "What will you do with Jesus" with its chorus, "What shall the answer be?" comes humming in my ears just now. Do we owe that sacred tenth which Linda Chan has written about?

## MARANATHA, THE LORD COMETH!

This should be every Christian's watchword as we greet one another in these end-times, when like the foolish virgins without bringing oil we sleep the sleep of a phoney peace. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief" (I Thess 5:3).

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess 4:16,17).

Dear Reader, where will you be when He comes? Down or up?

With this vital Scripture in closing may I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year in the Lord.

- Your affectionate pastor, T.T.



## IN THE PASTOR'S POSTBAG

(1) Having read Missionary Charles Seet's November Prayer Letter from Philippines, I'm moved to offer this gift of \$400 to help the Filipino church with budget deficits. I believe that God can use even this small amount to encourage His labourers and establish the work of their hands.

May Jesus Christ be praised!

(2) \$50 from a "Young Teen Lifer"

(3) This is the "firstfruits of my labour" (I've just got my first pay.) I would like to give \$500 to Life Church and the other \$500 to missions. I thank God for seeing me through Law School and for His providence of a job.

(4) Lord, you know who I am. 10% of my gross salary for Dec 1991. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Psa 116:12). (\$765).

(5) This offering is to thank God for carrying me thru' this year and for HIS richest blessings He has bestowed in my life during this year! Praise the Lord for what He has done.

### 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.

### OUR GOD IS A LOVING FATHER

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Korean Gospel Ship "M.V. Hannah" that visited Saipan in June this year.



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## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 30 - Jan 5, '92)

TUE	7.30 pm	YF 38th Anniv. (Rev Tow, FEBC Hall)
	10.45 pm	Watchnight Service (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
THU	8.30 am	FEBC New Semester Opens Day of Prayer, Beulah Hse
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF
	2.30 pm	Terence Tan & Sally Teng Wedding (Rev Tow)
	3.00 pm	LBC
SUN	8.00 am	"Can I Trust the Bible Wholly?" (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 pm	Children's Choir Practice

### No NBC This Week +

**CATECHISM CLASS FOREASTER 1992**  
BAPTISM will commence 26 Jan '92 instead of 5 Jan at Beulah House, 9.30 am.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,747.00 (8.00 am)

\*\$16,110.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1082)\*\$3747; 1083)\*\$16110; 1084)\$1000; 1085)\$150; 1086)\$100; 1087)\$357.30; 1088)100; 1089)\$1000 (NBC Bt Timah); 1090)\$100; 1091)\$100; 1092) \$1000 (AF); 1093)\$100; 1094)\$500; 1095)\$80; 1096)\$80; 1097)\$530; 1098)\$780; 1099)\$400; 1100)\$35; 1101)\$500 (Special Thanksgiving).

TOTAL: \$1,770,555.94

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,803,201.94

OFFERINGS FOR: China \$30, \$500 (NBC Bt Timah); Filipino Church Work \$400; Batam \$200; Missions \$100, \$200; Burma \$100, \$300; Office Eqt \$800; Thailand \$500 (Bt Timah NBC); Saipan \$500; Baraka \$1000, \$1000; Roska \$100; Charles Seet \$100, \$100; Jess Deeram \$100, \$100; Yiew PS \$200, \$100; Rev Dan Ebert III \$100; Designated \$2,000; Wee Eng Moh \$500; Miss Ong \$300.

CHRISTMASEVE OFFERINGS: \$42,226.00  
EXTNBLDG FUND II 1101)\$600; 1102)\$500; 1103)\$500; 1104)\$200; 1105)\$50; 1106)\$400.

TOTAL: \$1,772,805.94

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,805,451.94

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$20; Burma \$10; Missions \$400, \$500, \$1500, \$300, \$100; Saipan \$1000; Baraka \$681; Merited members \$500; Charles Seet \$100, \$190; Deerams \$100, \$50; Rev Tow \$50, \$20; Ng Siang Chew \$120; Eld Khoo Peng Kiat \$20, \$13; Ronny Khoo \$250; Thailand \$500.

### I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

Through the toilsome world, alas!

Once and only once I pass;

If a kindness I may show,

If a good deed I may do

To a suffering fellow man,

Let me do it while I can.

No delay, for it is plain

I shall not pass this way again. *Unknown*

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." (Prov 3:27)