

CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A HURDLE RACE

Pastor's Watchnight Message

I'm glad to see so many of you gathered in Church at this Watchnight Service, instead of going to worldly places or watching midnight TV show.



"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" is ever more meaningful as we meditate on the crossing of another year. As we face 1992 our hearts are filled with mixed feelings, with new hopes and fears. And we make New Year resolutions of one kind or

another. One dominant thought, however, is the realisation that our life span is short, and we are growing older by another year.

The shortness of our earthly life is compared variously in the Bible: to grass and flower, and in the words of James, vapour. There's a Chinese saying, "The young child in an instant becomes an old man." Is it not so with you who are of more advanced age? A little while ago, it seems you were struggling to get out of school, but in no time you found yourself saddled with a wife. Then came the burden of family and working life. And now you are retired or waiting for retirement. How old are you in 1992?

Shakespeare in *As You Like It* likens life to a stage. Life is seen in seven ages which everyone of us must play. First he appears as an infant, then the whining schoolboy, and then the lover "sighing like furnace." Next he is seen as a soldier (take note you NS men). After this some might enter the career of a judge (see to it you lawyers). The sixth age which is retirement sees him soon slipping into second childhood and oblivion.

I'd rather see life for a Christian as running a race with the Apostle Paul. In I Cor 9:24-27, he says, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

I'd like to compare our life in Christ to a hurdle race. It is not a 100 metres race where one runs in a straight dash. It is a hurdle race where one has to clear an obstacle at every regulated interval. May you visualise with me there are three hurdles to clear in our Christian race.

The first hurdle is your career. As a Christian you will not choose to earn a living in a cinema or turf club. You'd want to choose a profession that glorifies God and benefits mankind. So I've heard some say he'd become a doctor, or a nurse, or a teacher.

To serve in the army, navy or airforce is most honourable. But have you ever considered joining the Lord's Army? In such a case it is not you choosing this nobler career. It is the Lord rather choosing you. And if He chooses you He'll call you. When He calls, you can never get away from Him! Perhaps He is speaking to you tonight, those of you pausing at the crossroads of life! I want to thank the Lord

that several young people from this Church have responded to God's call through my appeal. Will you not be the next one to join before the year is out? "Only one life 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Jesus will last." "For what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mk 8:36).

The second hurdle is the choosing of a life partner. This is a high mystery, as it is said that "marriages are made in heaven." If they are made in heaven, will they not be perfect and beautiful? Why are there so many broken marriages? And Singapore is steadily catching up with the West. In the West one in two lands on the rocks. In Israel the ratio is one to three. In Singapore it is one in 10 or 9.

Some have asked me for the secret to a good life partner. In my message on Genting Highlands, I quoted Matt 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." That includes a wife! (Proverbs 18:27 says, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.") I speak to you young people tonight. If it is wrong to marry a non-Christian, then where are you to find a life partner? Right here in Life Church! Now you join Life Church not because you want to find a boyfriend or girlfriend. You join Life Church because you have first found Jesus. All the rest Jesus will work out for you!

The third hurdle, before you know it, is Retirement. How quickly age catches on. Here comes the thirties and before you know it the forties. Irresistibly the fifties, and "before you could count ten," retirement comes!

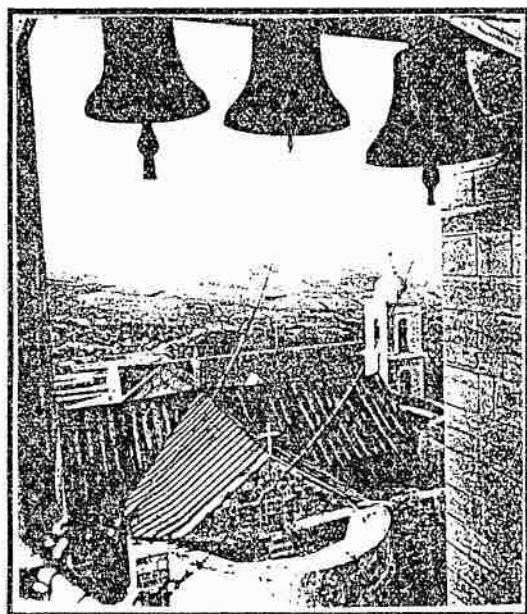
Retirement to the non-Christian is not a well-earned rest. For the other side of the coin is to go home and wait to die! For the Christian, it is the beginning of a richer life with plenty to do for God. And when you are involved in the higher service, working for the Lord with joy, you regain life and health. I'm sure you will not grudge me mentioning the illustrious example of Elder Khoo Peng Kiat. He has shuttled back and forth between Singapore and Melbourne during the years all for the Church's sake, a stop gap to the Bethel pulpit in Melbourne. Has not the Lord blessed him and his family? There are many areas you can serve Him upon retirement. Even manually, like working on your hobby. He will reward you most assuredly with happiness and radiant health.

The "last hurdle" is the home stretch, where there is no more hurdle to clear. The last leg of the race is clear before you when you must put in all your might. This is when you've crossed 65, the retirement age of Methodist ministers, but in my way of thinking, there's no retirement at all for the pastor. The same applies to you, if you truly love the Lord. If God has given you wealth, then why hoard that which you cannot carry away? Use your resources wisely and liberally for the Lord's work so that when you're ushered into His presence you'll hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matt 25:21).

Life is a race indeed. Before we know it, it is over. But it is of paramount importance how we run it. Every hurdle must be cleared without knocking it down. At which stage are you in this race?

GLEANINGS FROM HOLY LAND

In Oct 1991, my husband received news that he had been nominated to attend an industrial relations course from 23 Nov to 15 Dec in Tel Aviv, Israel. We were



Bells of Church of Nativity, Bethlehem

very excited over this opportunity to visit Holy Land as we had planned to join the church in her Holy Land Tour. We had always wanted to see for ourselves the places that are mentioned in the Word of God so that we could better appreciate and identify with the spiritual, spatial and geographical conditions of biblical Israel. We thank and praise God for this privilege to experience life in the Promised Land, and His providential care and protection during our stay.

The places that we visited included Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Cana, Caesarea, Dead Sea, Golan Heights and Jaffa (Joppa), among other inter-

esting places. At the sacred places which are mentioned in the Scriptures, God's Word, came alive with its three-dimensional message of "His-story". Mount of Olives was a beautiful reminder of the second coming of our Lord Jesus. Via Dolorosa ("The Way of the Cross"), in the old city of Jerusalem, reminded us of the tortuous walk of our Lord to Calvary's Cross at Golgotha. The tranquil and serene Sea of Galilee (also named Lake Tiberias or Kinneret) brought to mind the calling of a fisherman; namely the Apostle Peter by our Lord (we even ate St Peter's fish for lunch at a kibbutz restaurant).

One of the most poignant and unforgettable experiences was at Yad Vashem, the Memorial of the Holocaust of six million Jews during World War II. Those vivid pictures were a recollection of the gross atrocities of the Nazis. Secondly, the Museum of Jewish Diaspora (which means dispersion) showed how and where the Jews were scattered to every corner of the globe (just as it was prophesied in the Bible), and they survived and kept themselves together in those difficult years.

We also visited Baraka BP Church in Bethlehem. Mansoor, a member of the church, was there to welcome us. It was a lovely sanctuary (almost a replica of FEBC Hall) where about 100 people could worship. The pilgrims who will be going to Holy Land with Rev Tow in March can look forward to a pleasant stay at the Baraka Conference Centre. Just a little tip for these pilgrims, you might want to learn a few Hebrew words such as *boker tov* (good morning), *toda* (thank you) and *sliha* (excuse me) to help you identify with the people and culture of Israel. The little Hebrew that we learnt from Pastor, together with an informal crash course while we were there enabled us to communicate in some ways.

It was indeed a blessed and enriching trip. We just want to thank God again for all His abundant blessings. A glimpse of the Holy City has given us a new vision and greater fervour and love for the Lord. Shalom.

- Angelina Sin

Ed. Note. Like the two spies sent by Joshua to Jericho (Josh 2) and returned with a good report, this one by the Jack Sins should heighten our spirits as our 3rd Pilgrimage takes shape. We've received Guiding Star's latest communication: Our all-inclusive price for Mar 2-16, '92 is S\$3,150. Countries to visit: Jordan-Egypt-Israel-Jordan. S'poreans should apply for special passport to Israel, gratis. For visa requirements, every pilgrim must furnish six(6) passport size photos. No summer clothing for duration of pilgrimage, BUT winter wear, woollens, to face up to 15°C shivering March weather for tropical birds!

A THOUSAND GOLDEN YEARS (Tune: Santa Lucia)

- 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
Chorus for v.1 & 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
- 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 strive, the lamb and the wolf

- 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!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Jan 6-12, '92)

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- FRI 7.30 pm FEBC BOD Mtg, J.B.
7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
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 - LTF/YF
3.00 pm YAF
4.00 pm Rev Tow at LBC Anniv. (FEBC Hall)
- SUN 8.00 am "What Does it Mean to be Born Again?" (Rev C Wong, Lord's Supper)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Bob Phee
10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

NBC This Week: Wed Bukit Timah, Henderson;

Fri Bukit Batok, Joo Chiat

LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

*\$3,165.00 (8.00 am)

*\$12,362.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1108)*\$3165;
1109)*\$12362; 1110) \$350; 1111)\$200;
1112)\$357.30; 1113)\$100; 1114) \$100;
1115)\$100; 1116)\$100; 1117)\$200;
1118)\$600; 1119)\$200; 1120)\$50.

TOTAL: \$1,790,690.24

LOANS: 15)\$520 (Men's F'ship)

TOTAL LOANS: \$33,166.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,823,856.24

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$50, \$250;
P'ppines Hilltop \$200; Baraka \$100; Thailand \$500; Rev G Kutty \$70; Child Care Centre \$200; Designated \$50; Deerams \$50, \$250; Missions \$300; China \$260; FEBC \$500.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE OFFERING:

\$19,525.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1121)\$5,000.

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,828,856.24

OFFERINGS FOR: P'ppines \$200; Rev G Kutty \$200.

Lost & Found (1) Siah Wei Kuan, Karen. IC: Retrieve from Church Office. (2) The Cordless Mike used for Baptism by Pastor and deposited in Church Office is missing. Please return if you have taken it. Otherwise it is theft, God sees! FEBC Board Members are reminded of their Semi-annual Meeting to be held at the home of Dr Tow Siang Yeow, 85 Jln Songkit Dua, Taman Sentosa, J.B. Fri Jan 10, 7.30 pm. Please meet at Gilstead Rd to take Church Bus, leaving 6.15 pm.

Modern Hebrew Class: Mon 10.30 am and Thurs 10.30 am.

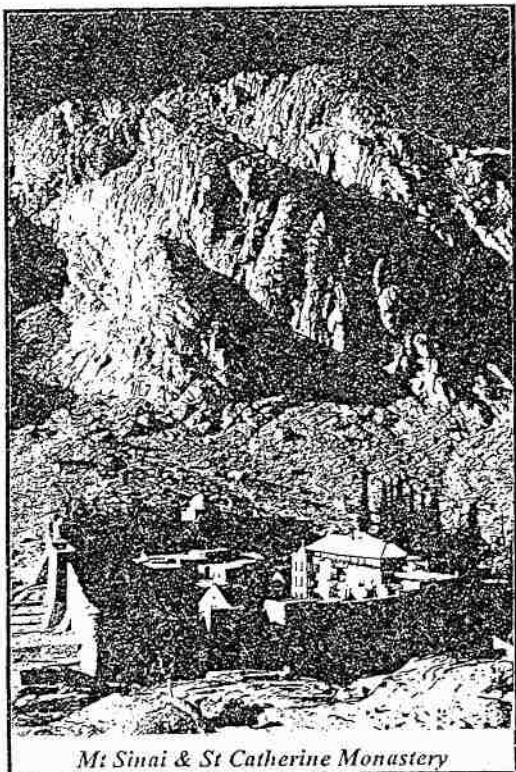


LIFE-FEBC 3RD PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Our first two Pilgrimages were held 1983 and 1987 in Summer. This 3rd one is coming soon Mar 2-16, 1992, approaching spring. After months of planning we have finalised as follows:

I. Mon. Mar 2, 2320 we fly RJ 183 (Royal Jordanian) to Amman.

II. Tues. Mar 3, 0450 we arrive Amman and check into Hotel for breakfast and rest. Lunch. Afternoon tour of Jerash of the Decapolis where Jesus walked in His preaching missions. Amman City, modern version of Ammon of old. Dinner in Hotel.



Mt Sinai & St Catherine Monastery

III. Wed. Mar 4. After breakfast we sally into the south, to the red-rock City of Petra of ancient Edom bringing all our luggage along. Lunch. From Petra we drive straight to Airport. Leave RJ 507, 1945, arriving Cairo 2115. Night at 4-star Cairotel.

IV. Thurs. Mar 5. Full-day tour to the Pyramids of

Giza and Museums. Night at Cairotel.

V. Fri. Mar 6. Leave Cairo, cross Suez Canal into the desert to Mt Sinai where Moses received X Commandments. View the ancient St Catherine Monastery. Night at Morganland Hostel.

VI. Sat. Mar 7. Head northwards to Eilat, Israel's Red Sea resort. Drive through the Negeb, the southern desert, visit the ruins of Avdat, once a thriving Byzantine City. En route to Beer Sheva, stop at Sde Boker to see the desert retreat of Ben Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel. Straight on to Baraka Conference Centre at Aroub, 10 miles south of Bethlehem. Here is our "field headquarters".

VII. Sun. Mar 8. Worship at Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem. Visit Church of Nativity, via Rachel's Tomb, onto Beit Sahour. Shepherd's Field. See the land we bought for the Arab Church. Proceed to Jerusalem to Yad Vashem, Holocaust Museum of the killing of 6 million Jews by Hitler.

VIII. Mon. Mar 9. Visit Mt of Olives, Place of the Ascension and the Pater Noster Church. At foot of Mt of Olives, visit Gethsemane. Drive down the Kidron Valley to the Pool of Siloam. Buy souvenirs at Bethlehem. Night at Baraka Conference Centre.

IX. Tues. Mar 10. Visit Wailing Wall, Temple Area, with the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock, Pool of Bethesda and St Annes Church, traditional birthplace of Jesus' mother. St Stephen's Gate and Via Dolorosa, Convent of Zion Sisters. Go through the age-old Bazaars to Jaffa

Gate. Back to Baraka.

X. Wed. Mar 11. Visit Mt Zion, tomb of David, the Upper Room and the Church of Domitian. Continue to New City, via Hebrew University and the Knasset. Visit Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Proceed to the Garden Tomb and Golgotha, on to Emmaus where Jesus appeared to the two disciples. Back to Baraka.

XI. Thurs. Mar 12. Bethany, Lazarus' Tomb and down to the Dead Sea, the lowest point of the earth (-1291 ft). On to Jericho, Nazareth and Mt Tabor, where Jesus was transfigured, with Moses and Elijah. To Tiberias, Sea of Galilee. Night at 3-star Tzamereth Hotel.

XII. Fri. Mar 13. Boat ride on Galilee, Ancient Synagogue and St Peter's House at Capernaum. See Ancient Church of Loaves and Fishes, Mt of Beatitudes. On to Haifa and Mt Carmel. Overnight at Nes Amim, Christian Kibbutz.

XIII. Sat. Mar 14. Drive down coastal road to Caesarea, ruins of Crusaders and Roman times and see harbour from which St Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. To Tel Aviv, Diaspora Museum. Ascend the steep road up Jerusalem and on to Baraka for last overnight stop.

XIV. Sun. Mar 15. Worship at Baraka and straight drive to Jordan Valley. Leave Israel by Allenby Bridge. Re-enter Jordan and proceed to Mt Nebo where Moses viewed the Land. Visit the famous Madeba Mosaics. Dinner and rest at Arab Hotel before flying home at 2300, RJ 182.

XV. Mon. Mar 16. Arrive back S'pore 1440. Home Sweet Home.

- T.T.

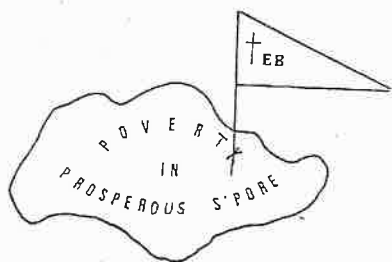
Cost: S\$3150. S'poreans, apply for Passport to Israel, now!

IN THE QUIET OF THE EVENING

by Sylvea Wong

1. *In the quiet of the evening
When the world is lulled to rest
I find wonderful contentment
For I put aside my quest.*
2. *I forget the day now ended
And the things that came to be
For the magic peace of silence
Has now taken hold of me*
3. *Worries leave my mental storehouse
Just like birds upon the wing
And deep inside my heart I find
A tenderer song to sing.*
4. *As the great flaming ball of fire
Sinks into horizons blue
There is beauty sent from heaven
That my eyes are blessed to view*
5. *I believe God made the evening
So that man could realise
The reason for his being here
Beneath the still tranquil skies*
6. *So whenever I am able
In the evening light I pray
To gain the strength I need to face
The cares of another day.*

Ps. 55:17



by Chang Hui Yiing (Sun. Bible Class)

decent downstairs - they were well painted, and vandals did not seem prevalent in this district, though the lift was apparently under major repairs. The void deck was not cluttered with rubbish, and rather clean.

We walked up the 8th floor, where we then saw puddles lining the dark passageway. There were flats on either side of the alley. We carefully sidestepped these puddles, and proceeded to pass the gospel message to the residents of this block.

The passageway was more like a tunnel. Poorly lit, there were dark shadows lurking about, which full sunlight could not penetrate. The common corridor also served as an extra space for storage, because the flats were far, far too small to house any family. The burning stench of dried urine lingered unforgivingly on our nostrils, and we had to look carefully before taking a step forward. It was like taking a leap in the dark.

Soon, we came to a flat where a woman was sending two men out. She was trying to straighten her blouse while the men tied their shoe laces. Obviously, they were strangers - the men looked suspiciously immoral.

Further down the corridor, we could hear curses as ivory tiles knocked against one another. Then, we would hear somebody laughing whilst he collected money over the mahjong table. They played in the open, unashamedly gambling within earshot of the whole floor.

We came, then, to meet a rather kind old woman, who so graciously offered to translate the gospel for us into Malay. The Muslim woman we talked to did not respond because her son forbade other religions in his house. A blessing in disguise - we earned a friend.

The old woman's name was Madam Koh. Best of all, she, too, was a believer. What joy we had when we heard this! My partner and I shook hands gladly with her and asked where she stayed. She was rather hospitable and invited us over to her house, which was diagonally opposite the Muslim woman's.

And what a shock we had! Old newspapers were stacked untidily on a broken refrigerator outside, while the walls were unmercifully vandalised. When she opened the door, a large, black mongrel came out and probed my partner's bag.

After a few minutes of conversation, we found out that her husband was in jail, and so she did not always have three meals. There was no water, nor electricity in the house, which explained a dim candlelight barely illuminating the house.

Madam Koh's house was not bare. Within, on a cabinet, lay her husband's many idols of Guan Yin. There were pails, bamboo sticks, chairs and wires all strewn about on the untiled floor. One only had to peek to know the financial status of this believing Christian. The one roomed flat was extremely dark and gloomy inside. Gloomy and miserable.

We didn't know what she worked as, nor how she could live on what she had, the pittance that keeps her alive. She didn't have a phone - it was far too costly.

She lived from hand to mouth, day by day, putting her absolute trust in God. Such faith and such poverty.

We went back with saddened hearts.

Pure religion and undefiled before the Father is this, to visit the Fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
James 1:27

FEBC Evening Classes. It's not too late to join! We've just started!

Baptism Photos. Please collect them at the church entrance if you have not done so.

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 1130. Tel: 2569256, 2502138

Last Sunday, I went out with the Evangelistic Band to spread the gospel to the poor in Whampoa. After having a short time of prayer and exhortation, we set off for Blk 77 and 79 of Whampoa Drive. We reached there at about 2 o'clock.

The buildings looked

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SAT	1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	2.30 pm Wedding of Sim Swee Ho & Ang Bee Choo (Rev Tow)
	3.00 pm YAF/LBC
SUN	8.00 am "How Can I Know there is a God?" (Eld Khoo P K)
	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: Fri Bishan, Newton

LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

*\$5,610.00 (8.00 am)

*\$12,378.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1122)*\$5610; 1123)*\$12378; 1124)\$100; 1125)\$93; 1126)\$850; 1127)\$300 (Kebaktian Indonesian); 1128)\$783 (Chinese Ser.); 1129)\$2800.

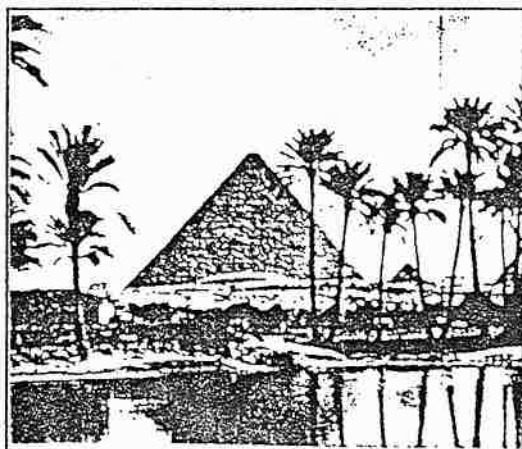
TOTAL: \$1,818,604.24

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,851,770.24

OFFERINGS FOR: Rev Tow \$100; China \$200; Filipino Church \$50; Rev T Luai \$200; Missions \$1000; Baraka \$200 (Pepsi), \$100, \$500, \$120 (C. Co).

Corrigendum. The last line of stanza 2 of "A Thousand Golden Years" in last week's issue should read "The ox and lion shall thrive..."

Obituary. Mr Lou Ching Yang 61, father of Lou Tow Yong, who received Christ as Saviour was baptised before his wife and children at TTSH, Sat Jan 4. The same night he was taken home by the Lord. Funeral on Wed. Jan 8 was officiated by the pastor, attended by Eld Khoo, Rev Colin Wong, Eld & Mrs Sng and Mrs Lee of the Chinese Service. (Mrs Lou is a member of the Chinese Congregation.)



My dear Readers,

FEBC STUDENTS ATTEND SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR

From the beginning of this Semester FEBC students are resuming attendance at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary (Pandan) BPC, every Lord's Day 6 pm. A regular door to door service is run by our Church minibus, leaving 5.20 pm. Lifers who wish to attend can join the students. On the way back, those on the same route can get a lift home. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb 10:24, 25).



CHINESE SERVICE HAS ENLARGED AUDITORIUM

With the opening up of the FEBC Dining Hall so that it is merged with the two open classrooms our Chinese Service has increased seating capacity for 250. The total floor area is 22.5 x 90 = 2,025 sq ft. The hall benefits also the Korean congregation that meets every Sunday evening.

The Chinese Service that has "claimed" a room in Beulah House has never used it. Instead it is open to the Lively Teens Fellowship, to the Catechism Class and to whoever would use it as long as it is empty. This is the law of Life Church and FEBC under one unified direction of the Pastor. There should be no dog in the manger spirit, of any group selfishly claiming exclusive use of any open meeting place or facility.

As to the Dining Hall, we have found a pleasant substitute in what is now called the Diners Arcade, the long outhouse opening into the backyard, now all lined with potted plants. If you have any surplus pots the Church can receive them to landscape other parts of the campus.

CAR PARKING

Please do not park on the main road with double yellow lines on Sunday or at any other time. The Traffic Cop has issued warning. With more motorists coming to Church, we must think of further expansion to our car parks. The last frontier for development is the timely possession we've taken of Beulah Land. May our architects look into this matter and give us your wise judgment.



Let us be grateful to the Family Planning next door for allowing us to use their unused car park every Lord's Day.

One way of alleviating this pressing problem is to come to Church by bus or MRT instead of driving. How about car pools? Parking conscientiously so as not to encroach into other's territorial rights will be a great help. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man on the things of others" (Phil 2:4).

CALLING A SECOND PILGRIMS NIGHT AT FEBC HALL, FRI JAN 24 8.00 PM

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come..." (Song of Sol 2:11,12). In no time March will be here and the approaching of spring. The winter of our waiting for the Day we are to fly westwards is over! So, we are calling a second Pilgrims Night to be held at the FEBC

Hall (for convenience of filling many forms for visas to Israel and Egypt, etc, etc.).

But the first item on the Agenda is a Word from the Word, to be followed by united prayer for God's blessings and protection over this 3rd Pilgrimage, all the way and back. And when He has delivered us, do not forget to give thanks!

We are to brief you on what to wear and bring for the long journey, what is tabooed and what is "open sesame." This Second Night will be the last unless something unexpected crops up. So, we must say, "God willing," or "D.V." in all our undertakings. Here's a timely poem from Deacon Jack Sin who visited Israel recently.

POEM ON PLACES IN THE HOLY LAND

*Bethlehem, the sacred place of the Babe,
O how I love to see and cannot wait,
The place where once our Saviour was born,
In a manger that was cold and forlorn.*

*Galilee, O the richness of thy sea,
The waters blue where Peter walked on thee,
Who caught shiploads of fishes with his net,
And followed Jesus with a heart that is set.*

*Cana, O what a wonder to behold,
That first miracle by the Lord unfold,
Who by His word water was turned to wine
So all at the wedding could eat and dine.*

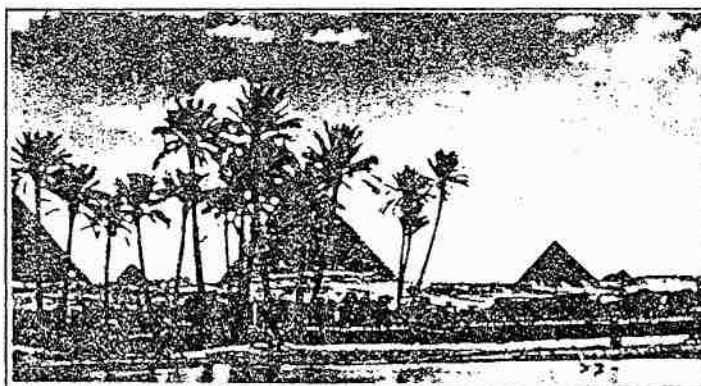
*Joppa, O what remembrance of a fish
Who swallowed Jonah on way to Tarshish
From a mission high to which he was called:
For he did not want to listen at all.*

*Moriah, the mount where Abraham once stood,
With Isaac his son laid upon the wood.
'Twas the Lord's hand that held him from the kill,
Who in his heart had obediently yield.*

*Jerusalem, lovely are thy dwellings,
You are the dream of the pilgrims' yearnings,
Who have with them their due homage brought
To walk Dolorosa where Jesus trod.*

*Mount of Olives, the hill of hope and life,
On thee our Lord will come His land revive.
Even so come Jesus to us again,
May in our hearts this prayer forever reign.*

- T.T.



Review of *The Prophecies of Daniel* by Dr Allan A. MacRae, 275 pages, published by Christian Life Publishers, S'pore. Price S\$9.00.

"Dr Allan A MacRae was Professor of Old Testament and Church History when I studied at Faith Seminary both for my M.Div. degree in the forties and S.T.M. in the fifties. From him I had learned the principles of Hebrew Exegesis and of Prophecy, which logically led us into the precious Pre-millennial position. One of the courses on Prophecy I took under him was Daniel.

In reading over this book all that I had imbibed from my teacher has come back vividly to mind. It is like taking a refresher course, a revision of those principles that have guided me without fail to this day.

'Since numerous books have been written about Daniel's prophecies it may well be asked why another should appear,' says Dr MacRae in his introduction to this book. He continues, 'Some of these books are excellent in one way and some in another, but there is a gap which needs to be filled, and which, if filled, can be helpful to all prophetic study.' 'The gap which needs to be filled,' I am persuaded, is now being filled by the author.

In this book you will find conclusions held by other writers in the traditional way re-examined. By examining them critically, it is like entering into a debate with their proponents. I have found that debates are an effective means to bring out the truth. This was what the apostles and elders did at the Council of Jerusalem in the trials and testings of the Early Church. As you read this book you are entering into that debate.

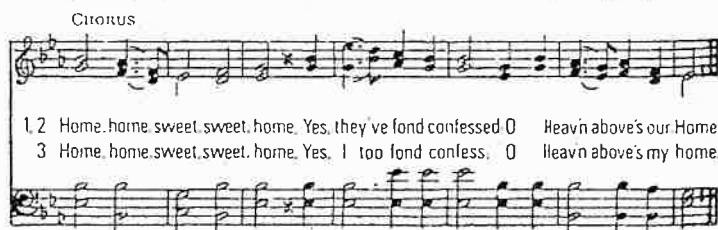
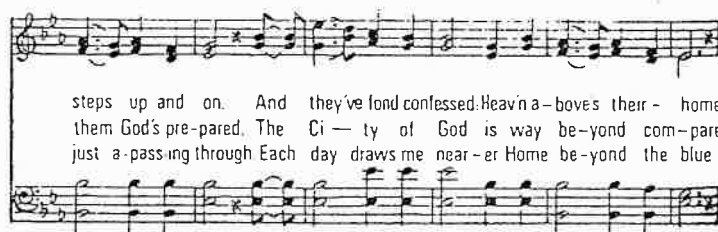
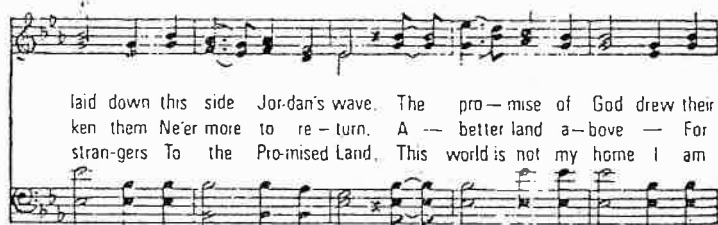
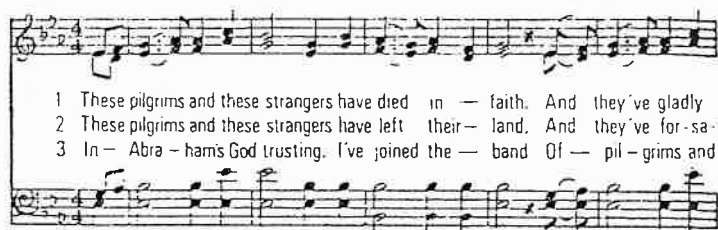
While Dr MacRae endeavours to express himself 'in language that can be understood by any educated layman,' this treatise is especially valuable to his past students, and to all students of prophecy, the more as we see the Day approaching. In these darkening days of the end-times, the Prophecy of Daniel is a light to show us the Way through. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

- Timothy Tow

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The Pilgrims' Home Sweet Home

by Rev Timothy Tow



IN THE PASTOR'S POSTBAG

(I) We are looking forward to your visit in March. I am in touch with Ghano Travel concerning the dates you are arriving and will be at Beit El Baraka. May the Lord bless and keep you, and give you safety in travel.

- Joan Davenport, Sec. Holy Land Missions & Beit El Baraka

(II) Thank you very much for the books and things you had sent. They are very useful to me in the study of God's Word. We are waiting to see you in March. Now we have drawn a plan for building a worship place at Beit Sahour, Shepherds Field. We gave it to the municipality and are awaiting their permission.

Last week we had a lot of rain! Praise the Lord for his mercy and love. "Every good gift is from above."

Christmas is very near and may the Prince of Peace give you all his blessings. Please give our greeting to all the brothers and sisters in your church. The church here is going on well, and your prayer is a great support.

- Yours in God's Name,
Pastor George H. Awad, Bethlehem Box 26, Baraka Church: via Israel

(III) My son was having high fever since Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day after shuttling to and fro from Toa Payoh Hospital to Tan Tock Seng Hospital my son was finally admitted to TTSH. My wife and I went through the agony of seeing him through numerous spongings and cold baths, and yet the fever did not subside. Although we did pray to the Lord we somehow felt desperate. It seemed the Lord was not answering our prayer. We were also calling up brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for him. However, it occurred to me to seek your support in prayer. I asked my wife to call Mrs Tow to ask for your help since she knew my wife. We were very glad when you picked up the call instead. The very moment you prayed for us over the telephone we felt relieved and our faith in the Lord held fast again. The night 26.12.91 the Lord laid his merciful hand on my son.

We wanted to share with you that the moment you prayed for us we felt comforted. The devil was also working hard. Concerned friends offered medium help, while our loved ones suggested my son might have offended the devil. With the strength of the Lord through your prayer we stood fast and said no to all these offers. We simply trusted the Lord. Once again we would like to thank you for praying for us.

We enclose two cheques in thanksgiving to the Lord. One is for the extension building fund and the other you may use in any ministry you wish. - Lifer, wife and son
Ed. note: The pastor has announced time and again that he and his wife are at your service on 24 hours' call, day or night. Please do not hesitate to ring us in an emergency.

The Tuesday night Prayer Meeting where the Church bows before the Lord has blessed many who bring their petitions to the Lord. Miss Joy Sng gave a wonderful testimony last week how the Lord had healed her of a prolonged severe headache when she cast herself entirely upon the Lord. As the saying goes among Christians in Peking, "When it's a small sickness, you see Taifu (Doctor). When it's big sickness you see Iesu."

Praise God for increased attendance at Tues. Night Prayer Meeting!

Easter & Christmas Baptism Photos are available for collection at the church entrance.

Expresgram to Rev C T Hsu. Many thanks for your latest books & "Have a Good Day," etc.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Jan 20-26 '92)

MON	7.30 pm	Five Stars of the Chinese Church (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	"Prophescope" on Israel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Charismatic False and True (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	How to Discover God's Will for My Life (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship
	8.00 pm	Pilgrims Night, FEBC Hall
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
	6.30 pm	AF Anniv. FEBC Hall
SUN	8.00 am	"What Does God Think of Me Now?" (Rev C Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class begins (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service

NBC This Week: **Wed** Bt Timah, Henderson;

Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat

LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

*\$4,559.00 (8.00 am)

*\$7,430.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1130) *\$4559; 1131) *\$7430; 1132) \$500; 1133) \$1400; 1134) \$300; 1135) \$80 (New Life BPC); 1136) \$100; 1137) \$600; 1138) \$6000 (CLMM); 1139) \$400; 1140) \$200; 1141) \$1200 (Sharon BPC); 1142) \$43.60 (US\$30); 1143) \$1900; 1144) \$1030; 1145) \$2300.

TOTAL: \$1,846,646.84

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,879,812.84

OFFERINGS FOR: **Missions** \$1155, \$50, \$130, \$50, \$50; **Burma** \$10; **Baraka** \$35, \$200; **RTD** \$20; **Batam** \$600 (WF); **Thailand** \$200 (YAF); **Ind. Board for Presby. Foreign Missions** \$2768.50 (Sharon BPC); **Philippines** \$200 (YAF); **Child Care Centre** \$200.

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, Life B-P Church, 9A Gilstead Rd, S'pore 1130. Tel: 2569256, 2502138

My dear Readers,

WHAT PRICE A WIFE?

If we say a wife's "price is far above rubies" (Prov 31:10), then \$7.2 million is a small sum for Life Church to pay for Beulah Land which, according to the realtor's parlance, has "marriage value." At today's market price Beulah Land is worth at least \$9 million. Yet this is not what we are considering - only its material value? Beulah House and land is worth much higher than that, for "her price is far above rubies."

Should we pay a third of Beulah's price for some housing estate land in Bishan or Ang Mo Kio, though much cheaper, it would be of no wifely value to Life Church or FEBC in our proximate needs.

What were our proximate needs in 1989 that crucial year? They were: 1. More S.S. classrooms 2. Rooms for several fellowship groups 3. More dorms for FEBC 4. Room for Catechism Class 5. Staff quarters 6. Guest rooms for Christians and missionaries sojourning in S'pore, eg. those who come from our Indonesian churches for medical treatment, etc. 7. Room for choir practice 8. Thai Service 9. Extended car park, etc, etc. Are these needs now met because we have acquired 30,000 sq ft of golden land providing a manor house with annex totalling 32 rooms? Yes, and with room to spare to meet future needs.

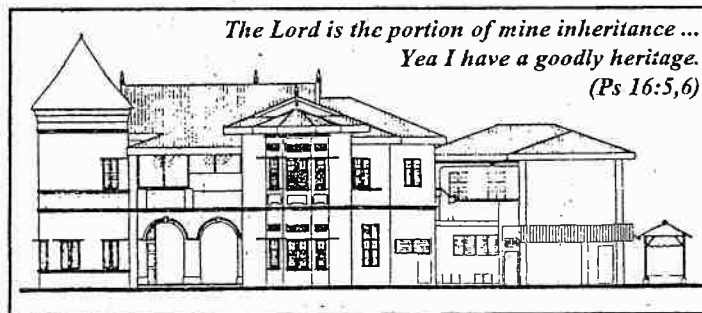
Here are housed Asst-pastor Colin Wong and family and 9 FEBC student families - from Korea, Liberia, Kenya, Thailand and Singapore. And, individual rooms are occupied by the YF, YAF, EBand, AF, Life Teens, while three big rooms for open meetings are shared by the Choir, Thai Service, Sunday Bible Class, Catechism class, Sunday School, WF, etc. What would this side of Gilstead Rd at 9A be, had we not purchased Beulah House and Land? You won't be chirping now!

The latest is we're developing part of the land into a car park to cater to mounting needs. Beulah House thus renders immediate, proximate service to Life Church like a wife to her husband. Literally, several hundred people go in and out of Beulah to make full use of her, Saturday and Sunday. Furthermore, there is Session's decision to make a Day Care Centre on the unused spacious grounds.

What are our plans for the ultimate development of Beulah Land? There's no hurry now, for two reasons: 1) Unless we clear the Debt, we will not talk of building anew. We still owe \$1.54 million. At the rate we're going, we will not be free until June 1994. 2. There is need to re-apply for change of use before drawing any plan. Pray that God will rule and overrule.

Having seen how you had exerted every ounce of strength to acquire Beulah in 6 1/2 months, offering so much in so little time, I have no courage to call you this time to give twice \$7.2 million, if, as it is suggested by an elder, a ten-storey scraper with underground carpark is contemplated. In fact, the need to build is not pressing as in 1989, when Session, during my absence in Melbourne, was minded to tear down the L Block and put up 3 storeys. But God's ways are not our ways. He gave us Beulah instead.

Insofar as the FEBC is concerned, we have dormitory space for another 20 (men and women) on either side of Gilstead Rd. To reach a total enrolment of 90 students, it will take at least 5 more years. But I do not foresee too great an increase for our Sunday School. As to the Chinese Service,



she now has seating capacity for at least 250. With 140-60 in weekly attendance, it will also take 5 more years to reach full capacity. I say the need is not pressing because there are 5 more years to go, at the present growth rate. By that time our Debt should have been more than paid. Or, should I say, an EBF III could be launched after June 1994, when change of use would have been approved, we pray. And let St James chime in while we have breath, "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that" (Jas 4:15). Amen. (Incidentally, 5 more years leads us to 1997, Hong Kong's fateful, epochal year.)

"THOSE WHO GIVE RECEIVE"

That is the caption of a write-up in Sunday Plus, Sunday Times, Jan. 19, '92. Three Singaporean volunteers who spent a fortnight to the Philippines providing villagers with much needed dental care tell why they went and why they would go again.

The three who volunteered free dental services to the villagers of Olangapo City under the auspices of the Singapore International Foundation after the Pinatubo Eruption were Dental Assistant Pauline Yap, Dr Ronnie Lim 32 and Dr Alice Chua 24.

With Filipino volunteers, they pulled out 2,222 teeth from 1,386 patients over 11 days. Most of the treatment consisted of extracting rotten teeth. Big whacking tooth cavities were nicknamed Mount Pinatubos. Despite all the hardships and poor working conditions, this is the verdict from the three volunteers (incidentally all are Christians) when all was over. Said Dr Ronnie Lim, "The person who helps someone benefits from a sense of contentment and satisfaction." "So perhaps it is no surprise that each of them has made a single pledge, to go back at anytime to do their bit again" - thus ends the report.

Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Lk 6:38).

What is one characteristic of Christianity? They say it is love. How is love put into practice? It is give. Give of yourself, your services, your resources, your talents - whatever you can to the help of others. And strangely and truly, as Dr Ronnie Lim of the Dental Volunteers to Philippines has said, "The person who helps someone benefits from a sense of contentment and satisfaction."

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7).

When we set out on our 3rd Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, here is the "genius." Let us think of ways and means whereby we can be a blessing to the people we'll meet along life's way. "As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he

hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever" (II Cor 9:9). Amen.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE?

This course taught on Thurs. night 8.30 - 9.20 pm is attended by a full house at the enlarged FEBC Hall. Our text book is "The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God."

Under such aspects of God's Will, as "Punitive Will" and "Permissive Will" you will find out how unpleasant events in life work out for good to them that love God, because it is the Higher Hand of God ruling and overruling.

Are you disappointed, frustrated? You need not be when you hear such a testimony from Joseph, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day to save much people alive." In the midst of unjust accusation, Joseph waxed strong and prospered the more. The Lord was on his side.

Come and find out the answer for your life, yea, even your present, unhappy situation. Rom 8:28 becomes more meaningful than ever.

It is not too late to join. Come just as you are, without charge. Warm welcome. Bring a friend!

ANOTHER "GENIUS,"

insofar as the Beulah Debt is concerned, is to call in fresh loans, so we can relieve members who have been carrying the \$1.54 million load. "Bear ye one another's burden, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2).

Loaning afresh, taking turns for Jesus' sake, receives a blessing (Prov 19:7). Because there is an urgent need to return a near 6-figure sum, we have a hilarious response from several quarters to make good. Our motto is "Immediate repayment or at most within a week or two!"

OUR STUDENTS HAIL FROM 14 COUNTRIES:

- 1.S'pore 2.Malaysia 3.Indonesia 4.Thailand
- 5.Philippines 6.Sarawak 7.India 8.Korea
- 9.Japan 10.Kenya 11.Liberia 12.Burma
- 13.Taiwan 14.Saipan.

FACULTY THIS SEMESTER

Rev Timothy Tow, MDiv, STM, DD (Principal)

Mrs Ivy Tow, BTh. (Matron)

Rev Bob Phee, BTh. MDiv, ThM, DipTh(Lon), BA(Hons) (Registrar)

Rev Stephen Khoo, BTh, MDiv (Dean of Students)

Rev Koa Keng Woo, BTh

Mr Prabhudas Koshy, BSc, BTh

Eld Edmund Tay, STTC (Normal Trained) (English)

Miss Suzanne Mahadevan, BBA, MS(Comm.) (English)

Mrs Koa Keng Woo (Music)

Mrs Anne Tan, Cert.Ed. (Music)

Eld Khoo Peng Kiat, DNE(NSW), MCN(NSW)

(Missionary Nursing)

EXTENDED CAR PARK, BEULAH LAND

The "NO PARKING ON THE GRASS SIGN" is taken down. So you can park under the shady trees where an extended car park is beginning to be constructed - simply with a layer of hard core (broken bricks and cement chips) - by labour of love of FEBCers. (Who'll offer 10 pots of Red and Yellow "cockscorn" for Chinese New Year?) - T.T.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,091.00 (8.00 am)

*\$8,066.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1146) *\$3091; 1147)*\$8066; 1148)\$10; 1149)\$100; 1150)\$100; 1151)\$100; 1152)\$200; 1153)\$1000 (Thanksgiving). TOTAL: \$1,859,313.84.

LOANS 16)\$4,000; 17)\$1,000; 18)\$15,000; 19)\$15,000. TOTAL LOANS: \$68,166.

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,927,479.84

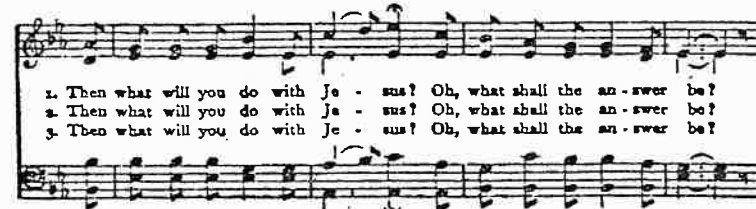
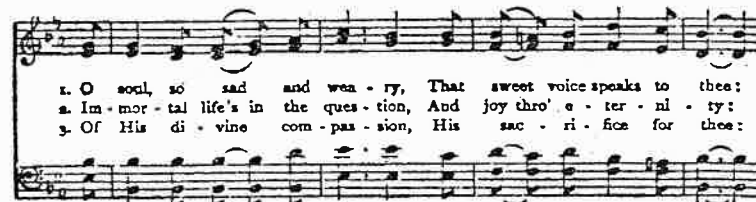
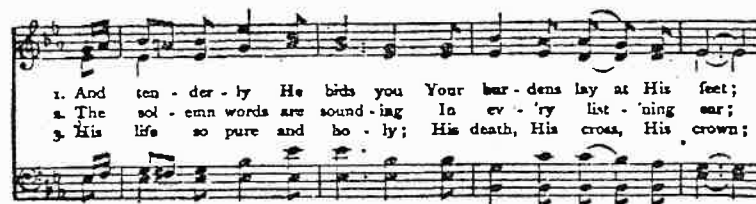
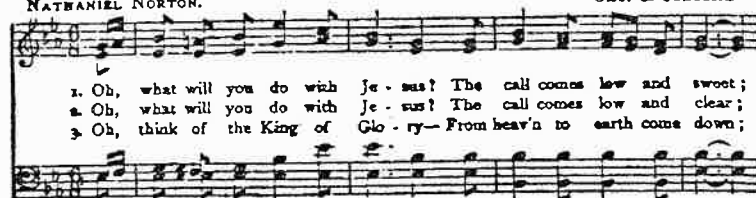
OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$100 (Sunday School); China \$60; Rev G. Kutty \$47; Child Care Centre \$200; Baraka BPC \$150, \$200, \$100 (Boxes); Dohar Siregar \$1000; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$865.

What will you do with Jesus?

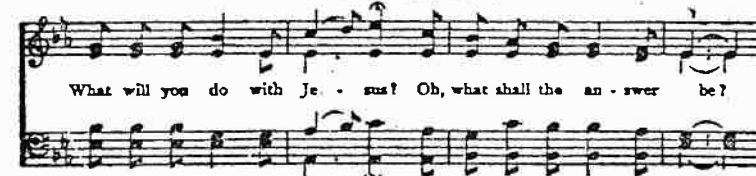
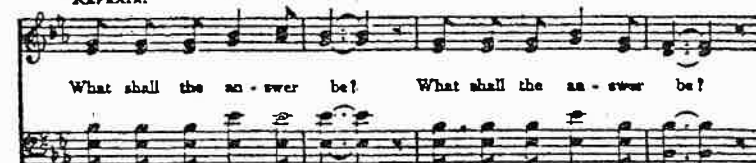
"What shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ?"—MATT. xxvii. 22.

NATHANIEL NORTON.

GEO. C. STEBBINS.



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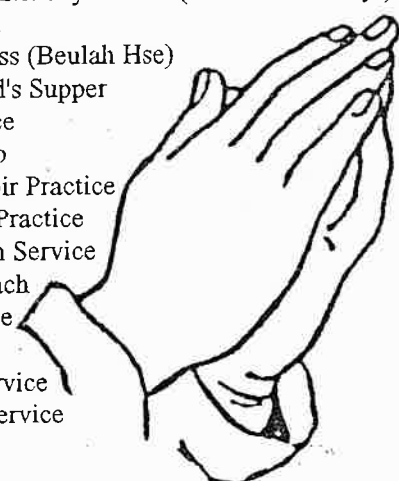
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9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 pm Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
10.30 pm Rev Tow, Lord's Supper
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Junior Worship
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice
10.40 am Church Choir Practice
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.30 pm E-Band 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

No NBC This Week

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My dear Readers,

CHINESE NEW YEAR MORNING WORSHIP

新年平安

This year Chinese New Year for FEBC will be a "high" as we incorporate Mon Feb. 3 because it is Chinese New Year's Eve. Take note there will be no Evening Lecture. Neither will we have Prayer Meeting Tues Night, Feb 4, but we will hold Chinese New Year Morning Worship 8 am to 9 am. This is a tradition started about a decade ago by the Chinese Service, but developed into a Combined Chinese-English Service.

Here's a word to set us right in our Annual Lunar celebrations. Usually, Chinese New Year's Eve finds the whole three-tier family come together. Grandpa, father and children are gathered around the round table to eat a meal. The young pay respects to the elders and the elders bless the young in the form of a Hongbao (red packet containing money).

But when we come to Church to meet God, we bring a Hongbao to the Lord while He blesses us according to our devotion by His Sovereign will. Now, since the Lord teaches us to "remember the poor" (Gal 2:10), it is compatible to His will if this Chinese New Year's offering is channelled to our newly approved "Remember the Poor Fund." Though Singapore is prosperous, let us not forget there are always the poor amongst us. Our "Remember the Poor Fund" needs be swelled so as to enable the Church to help the needy and the sick. May I take this opportunity to exhort you to give heartily at this Chinese New Year Morning Worship.

There is a preacher from the Ling Liang Church, Pontianak now lodging at Beulah House with his wife. Both are Bible school graduates with Rev Djunaidi. Mrs Wong, that's her name, is diagnosed to have cancer. She is prescribed a six-month course of chemotherapy. This will cost quite a sum and being preachers they have little substance. By your thoughtfulness doubling what you would plan to give you can tide them over this crisis, this Red Sea experience. "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: As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad: he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever" (II Cor 9:8,9; Ps 112:9).

Further hear what the Lord says to those who are making merry, "But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Lk 14:13-14). Amen.

MARANATHA BEGINS TO BUD



We are pleased to hear of all the Lifers who are visiting with Maranatha Sunday morning after the 8 am Service. Others are serving directly in one way or another.

Happier are we to read reports of new young converts and their testimonies, and of "old" Lifers living on the East Coast joining the Church. With Rev Colin Wong preaching there more regularly, the congregation is now stabilised.

Pray for Maranatha, and stay with Maranatha. Hasten with Maranatha, for lo, our Lord comes!

KEBAKTIAN INDONESIA 10 YEARS OLD

There was an influx of Indonesian students a decade ago. This led 4 of them plus one Malaysian, one Australian missionary to Indonesia and the principal to pray for a Kebaktian (Service) in Indonesian. This was to cater to the needs of many Indonesian students and domestic servants in Singapore.

For ten long years this Indonesian Service which was started on Feb 7, 1982 4 pm at the "Jerusalem Court" has plodded without a hitch by the Almighty Hand of God. Deacon Charlie Chia, a peranakan himself, and his wife, have played Aquila and Priscilla to the tiny congregation. For years we numbered round 10 to 15 in attendance. Of late it has increased to 30, with the addition of more peranakans.

In recognition of God's blessing upon this infant Church, Session has voted a Hongbao of \$1,000. Two members of Session will personally bring greetings. Here's John 14:6 in Indonesian: "*Aku inilah Djalan dan Kebenaran dan Hidup: seorangpun tiadasampai kepada Bapa, ketjuali dengan Aku.*"

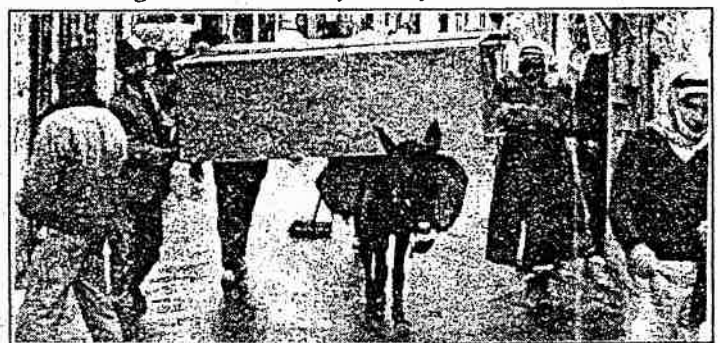
Send your Indonesian domestic help, bring an Indonesian friend to the Kebaktian, Lord's Day 4 pm at the FEBC Hall. Selamat Datang! Come to her 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving, Feb 9, 4 pm. The Pastor will deliver the message. Pray for us. Stay for makan.

A DONKEY FOR MY LORD

For His triumphal entry to Jerusalem, our Lord needed a donkey to ride in fulfilment of the prophet's word (Zech 9:9). So He commanded His disciples to untie one at the entrance of a village near the Mt of Olives. "And if any man ask you, why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, 'Because the Lord hath need of him' " (Lk 19:31).

Since we acquired Beulah Land, I have said little about money, and you have been bringing in faithfully what God has given you to pay the \$3 million Debt. Today it is reduced to \$1.54 million. In view of the fact that there is need to double up payments, I take courage to approach you, like the disciples commanded of the Lord to untie the donkey, to loan your savings to the Church. And if you ask why, my answer is, "Because the Lord hath need of you."

When you put your surplus funds into the POSB, you get 3 1/2 percent p.a. When you put them into God's Hands - O what honour, what blessings, that He should ask of you! And what a golden opportunity to do it now, this being the last time before the Beulah Debt is cleared. If I have the money, I would lend it all to the Lord, more eagerly than he who let go his donkey (Prov 19:17). I would be glad to be a donkey for my Lord. - T.T.



MY TESTIMONY FOR 1991 by Setsuko Takashima, FEBCer 1984



I could continue my evangelisation work in Kobe in 1991. This was my sixth year. I thank God for many Christian friends who prayed and supported me. Especially those brothers and sisters in Singapore.

My way for effective evangelism is this:-

1. I wear a blouse which has a Japanese Bible verse written on its back. Wherever I go I wear this blouse.

2. In the afternoon I hold "Kamishibai" open air for children. It is telling Bible story with a series of pictures.

3. After speaking I hand out tracts. On top of the tract I print my phone number 511-1923 so children can phone me.

4. I give away foreign postage stamps to children who come to Kamishibai. My topics were "Resurrection of Lazarus," "X Commandments," "The Rich Fool," "Cain and Abel."

On April 2, 91 I wanted to rent a room from the real estate office. It is located on the beach with a mountain view. I needed ¥233,800 but I had not enough, so I prayed and prayed. By April 11, God sent the money for which I thanked Him very much.

I hang John 13:34 on my door so that passers-by could see I am a Christian. My name is pasted on a small window in the door. Above my name I write Jn 11:25.

I'd appreciate it if you could send me foreign stamps by which I attract children to the Kamishibai.

To tell the truth, Japanese Christians do not freely support me. I request you to pray more Japanese will help my work. I wish some S'pore sisters could stay with me in my room if she comes to Japan. I have a bed for one person only. I need to get permission from the Estate Manager.

In Japan most families have telephone. We need a phone but it is very expensive. Oct 5, '91 a brother wrote he would send me his phone and license, because he was moving to a Tokyo Seminary to study. I thanked the Lord who gave me this phone.

Another good news. I had prayed many days that Mrs Sato would

go to the Church. She complained she could not go. I asked many brothers and sisters to pray for her, for I almost gave her up. However, Mrs Sato went to church on Oct 20. She joined the Prayer Meeting Oct 23 in her sickness. That was her first time in Church. But I regret she did not continue to go.

I can conduct Kamishibai at the following school gates:- Kitasuma, Nishisuma, Wakamiya, Nagara, Higashisuma, Daikoku, Itayado, Chitose. Unfortunately on Oct 21, the teachers of Daikoku School forbade me.

I was encouraged when some Japanese workers for outdoor evangelism like Rev F. appreciated my way of doing things. He held his outdoor evangelism at the public gardens of Kamiikeda and Yokoo. An Emmanuel Church held children evangelism at Daikoku Garden near a Church every Saturday afternoon.

I was in trouble last November. After I settled in my new room, I got my monthly support as follows:- June ¥38,000; July ¥71,000; Aug ¥55,000; Sept ¥62,000; Oct ¥37,130; Nov ¥16,500. This deprived me from going to the (public) bath, and having mikan (orange) for breakfast. But, thank God I got ¥136,000 for December.

There were many rainy days in Dec, so I could do my business Dec 30 and 31, 91 were fine days, so I held Kamishibai in the afternoon... I resume this witness on Jan 7, '92 because between Dec 29 and Jan 4, there were public holidays.

Many Japanese children do not know the meaning of Christmas. I tell them it is Christ's Birthday. When I went to Nagara School on Dec 10, I "brought" Christmas to about 10 children who saw "Christmas." I was not stopped by the teachers on the school ground, but I moved to the gateside, so the children could see the Kamishibai till 4.30 pm. I gave them foreign stamps. However two girls who belonged to the Jehovah's Witnesses protested loudly they do not believe Christ is God. They spoke loudly so I was hindered from the story telling.

One day I conducted Kamishibai at the Nagara School gate, I found out some were Vietnamese girls. There are Vietnamese girls also at Chitose School.

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Delivered by Hand to Pastor. "Some-time ago you mentioned that our Beulah House has increased in value and that we will not sell it. I'm glad to hear that. I take this to mean that our Beulah House is **invaluable**.

I therefore take this opportunity to convert my temporary investment into a permanent one ie. to say I want to convert my loan of \$10,000 to a gift instead. Kindly accept this. PS: The Lord has blessed me manifold."

- A Lifer couple at Tues. Night Prayer Meeting

Baptised at NUH Ward 55 Lord's Day, Jan 26, 9.30 pm was **Madam Ngai Yin Khin**, 67, mother-in-law of Elder George Tan in the presence also of her daughter and husband, the pastor officiating:

The hilarious response to our call for free loans is as thrilling as in the days of struggling towards the \$7.2 million mark. We still need another \$200,000 in loans or gifts to tide over. What an opportunity to earn heavenly interest for those who missed out last time! It's the Lord calling on you! "What shall the answer be?"

A very warm welcome to Rev B. Harper who is now settled at the Guest House. Meet him at Chinese New Year Service, Feb 4, 8-9 am.

If you have surplus potted plants, why

not send them to 9A to brighten up the Lord's campus?

Pray for 1) Rev Robert Thawm Luai to come speedily to join the Holy Land Pilgrimage. 2) For Rev David Kang and family of Saipan to join FEBC. 3) For Preacher Pang Kok Hiong and family of Calvary BPC as they prepare to be sent as missionaries to Saipan. 4) For Rev Eric Kwan and family, called to London to start a B-P Church. 5) For Kiantoro as he works on his research paper. 6) For Roska as she visits Korea during Chinese New Year. 7) For Dr Patrick Tan now ministering in Perth and returning Feb 10.

LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

*\$3,205.00 (8.00 am)

*\$9,119.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1154) *\$3205; 1155)\$50; 1156)*\$9119; 1157)\$600; 1158)\$111 (Coinafon); 1159)\$100; 1160)\$50; 1161)\$50; 1162)\$10,000 (loan converted).

TOTAL: \$1,882,598.84

LOANS 20)\$30,000; 21)\$12,000; 22)\$10,000; 23)\$10,000; 24)\$50,000; 25)\$50,000; 26)\$10,000.

Stop Press 27)\$25,000.

TOTAL LOANS: \$265,266.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,147,764.84

OFFERINGS FOR: Saipan \$50; Medan \$200; Philippines \$200; RTL \$20; Baraka BPC \$50, \$200 (Box); FEBC \$200, \$100 (Box); Child Care Centre \$200; Rev E Paauwe \$100; Thailand \$800 (NBC Bt Timah).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Feb 3 - 9, '92)

MON		NO Evening Lectures
TUE		NO Prayer Meeting
	8.00 am	Combined Chinese New Year Service
THU	7.30 pm	Charismatism False and True (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	How to Discover God's Will for My Life (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
SUN	8.00 am	"Is Church Discipline for me?" (Rev C Wong, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice

NBC This Week: Fri Bishan, Newton

IN THE OFFERING BAGS:

1. O Lord, thanks for guiding us. I give the tithes with grateful thanks (\$260).
2. For Missions and EBF II in any proportion as needed (\$600).
3. Thank God for His wonderful love. He is love
He is merciful God
God is my Father
God is my Everything
O God, my Lord, I worship you.



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THE RED OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

by Mrs Lee Choon Ngee

(Translated from the *Life Chinese Weekly*)

What attracts the eye most during lunar new year celebrations is the red colour. According to Chinese traditions and thinking, red represents good fortune. So during Chinese New Year, whether they be greeting cards or "Spring couplets," hongbao or firecrackers, or wrapping paper, they are all in red. Red is the auspicious colour of the Chinese.

Now, red is also seen in a good light in the Bible though with a different connotation. In the Bible red represents salvation, peace and power. Let us look at three Scripture passages that show red stands for salvation, peace and power.

1. In Joshua 2:1-23, Joshua sends two spies to Jericho. In order to save them Rahab had them hid "with the stalks of flax." Thereafter she let them down by a cord through a window over the city wall to safety from the pursuers. Now, the spies had fixed with her a red string hanging from the window for a sign of salvation for the parents, brothers and sisters.

2. In Exodus 12:1-14 we have the Passover Feast (the beginning of the Israelites' new year) wherein the Lord God commanded the Israelites to kill a lamb without blemish to eat, and 'to strike' its blood on the two side posts and upper door post. The same night God would go throughout Egypt to kill all the firstborn, whether men or beasts. Only that house that had the blood upon the door posts would be spared. Blood is red, that gave peace to those who kept faith with God.

3. In Acts 2:1-3 before Jesus ascended to heaven, He had told His disciples to gather at one place and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The disciples obeyed, so at Pentecost the Spirit appeared as tongues of fire on them and gave them power. The apostles witnessed boldly the Resurrection of Jesus, and 3,000 were converted. On another occasion 5,000 repented. Miracles followed. Fire is red, and signifies power.

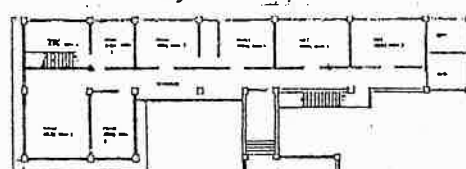
Now the saving of Rahab, the sparing of Israel and power coming on the disciples - these were not dependent on the red string or the lamb's blood (per se) and any other thing, but rather on their faith and obedience to Jehovah's commands. So, the red we see everywhere at Chinese New Year cannot bring us salvation, peace or power. Most important of all is to trust in the Lord, obey His Word and absolutely do His will. And this cannot be done without coming daily to His throne of grace.

The Almighty living and true God has given Himself to us by His unspeakable love, so that we might reciprocate with devout worship and consecration, hoping in Him. Let us love Him with all our heart and strength. He will shower His abundant grace to help us conquer sin. He will provide so we will not lack anything. Let us labour for Him with all our might! Brothers and sisters, if we do not spend time each day with the Lord Jesus, how can we stand in this world of attractions and temptations? How can we show forth God's glory, living a holy life without blemish, well-pleasing to God? (These are my reflections on the red of Chinese New Year.)

WHY ARE THE MEMBERS' RESPONSES SO OVERWHELMING?

After our first call for new loans, a bigger and more hilarious second wave has come in to clear another, a full six-figure sum, this time. Praise the Lord for moving the hearts of those who love Him, who are ever grateful for His mercies.

The way how the Church's economy is run has your



Beulah House Upper Floor

fullest support. For you are not groaning, as others that take bank loans, with no prospect of early clearance. Our Beulah Burden of \$3 million has been reduced by half in a matter of 22 months.

We have your support also be-

cause Jesus' economy is our economy. Though the Saviour could feed 5,000 with little difficulty, He saw to it that the fragments of miracle bread be gathered "that nothing be lost" (Jn 6:12). Our careful expenditure of Church funds to the dollar is seen in the resuscitation of the old attap pondok, now capped with a green zinc roof. Others would have pulled it down and what a loss! Economy is conservancy.

The broken bricks and cement chips accumulated in a backyard from previous renovations are now handy, at no cost, to make a new car park with FEBC student labour. What's wrong with gathering the crumbs?

Now, we still have need of \$200,000 to relieve old faithfuls who have been carrying the load the last two years. Will you lend a hand at this hour of need? Never mind the small sum, \$1,000 is also precious in God's sight. Remember our Lord's concern for "the fragments that remain that nothing be lost"? (Jn 6:12). In fact it is a windfall of blessing from the Lord that He should ask of you a loan! There is a blessing attached to your cheerful response (Prov 19:17). And why not lend it to my Saviour? Love will do it for no other reason.

When we were struggling to get across to Beulah Land, we had this special coin to show that your gift of \$1 was equivalent to \$1.21. Your giving to clear the Beulah Debt today has the same value, because it is part of the faith that delivered us from that proposed \$2 million, and later \$1 million, bank loan.



A PERMANENT INVESTMENT INDEED!

The brother at the Tuesday night Prayer Meeting who delivered to the pastor a letter with a smile said, "I therefore take this opportunity to convert my temporary investment into a permanent one i.e. to say, I want to convert my loan of \$10,000 to a gift instead. Kindly accept this. P.S. The Lord has blessed me manifold."

A permanent investment indeed! For Beulah is "a good heritage" from the Lord (Ps 16:6). According to the Law no inheritance from the Lord can change hands, not even Naboth's which King Ahab desired. Your gift to the

Church is not only permanent, but the surest investment. What rich dividends, in the increase of its market price, and in the hundreds of souls, old and young, benefitting from it each week. (You can count them!)

THE BEST TRAVEL INSURANCE

Is God.

1. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil (Prov 3:5-7).

2. Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble (Ps 41:1).

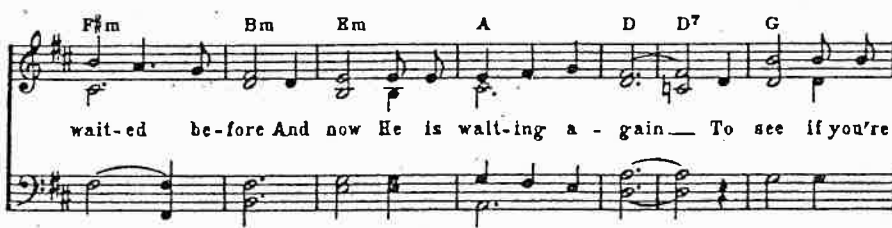
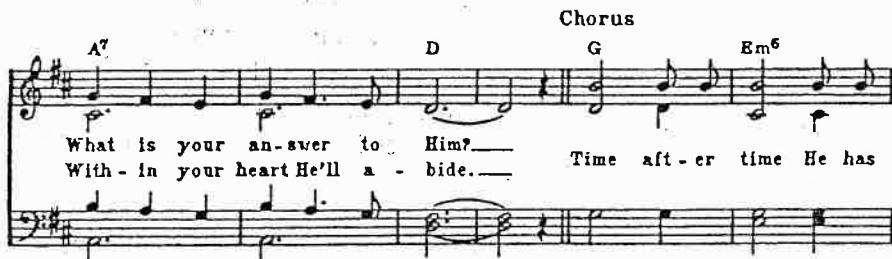
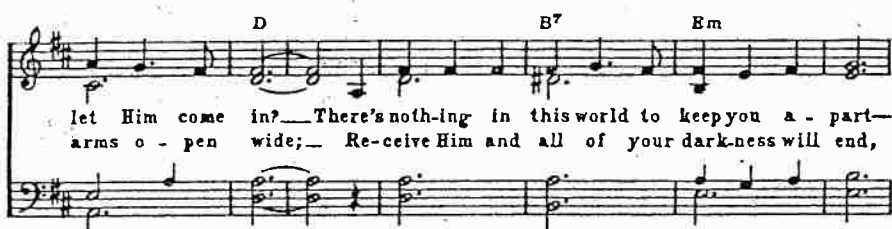
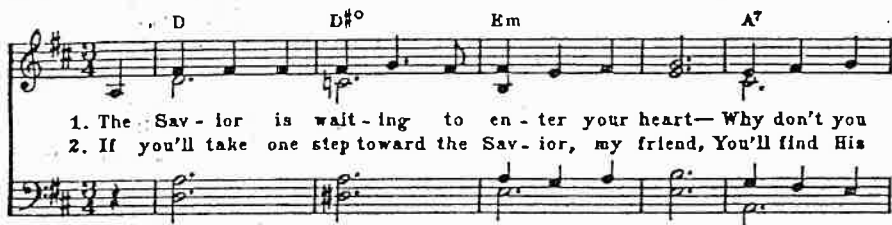
3. What shall I render unto the Lord now for all His benefits toward me? ... I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people (Ps 116:12, 14).

4. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more (Ps 121:8). - T.T.

The Savior Is Waiting

R. C.

Ralph Carmichael



Obituary: Madam Ngai Yin Khin, 67, mother-in-law of Elder George Tan went home to be with the Lord Mon. Feb 3 '92. Funeral Fri Feb 7 was officiated by the pastor at CCK Christian Cemetery.

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THE CLOCK OF THE SEVENFOLD WILL OF GOD. "Thank you so much for sending your latest book, *The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God*. I have been blessed by being reminded of many solid truths from the Word of God. May God grant that the book will have a wide distribution, and bring much blessing to its readers. - fr. an American theologian

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Feb 10-16, '92)

- MON 7.30 pm Five Stars of the Chinese Church (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm "Prophescope" on Israel (Rev Tow)
- TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
- THU 7.30 pm Charismatism False and True (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm How to Discover God's Will for My Life (Rev Tow)
- FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fellowship
- SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
3.00 pm YAF/LBC
7.30 pm Cantonese Gospel Film "The Answer" (Auditorium)
- SUN 8.00 am "Who is this Christ who says He's God?" (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)
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
10.40 am Church Choir Practice
12.15 pm Korean Church Service
12.30 pm E-Band Outreach

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

LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

*\$5,546.80 (8.00 am)

*\$11,703.00 (10.30 am)

EXTNBLDGFUND II 1163)*\$5546.80; 1164)\$125; 1165)*\$11703; 1166)\$600; 1167)\$378.70; 1168)\$578.83; 1169)\$200; 1170)\$1000; 1171)\$50(Coinafon); 1172)\$10000; 1173)\$930 (Chinese Ser.); 1174)\$400; 1175)\$12000 (CLMM); 1176)\$859.90; 1177)\$2700; 1178)\$370; 1179)\$400; 1180)\$1900.

TOTAL: \$1,932,341.07.

LOANS: 28)\$540 (Men's F'ship); 29)\$5,000 (Chinese Ser. Sunday School).

TOTAL LOANS: \$270,706.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,203,047.07

OFFERINGS FOR: Heng Jee Seng \$150; Missions \$1100; Chinese Bibles for China Mission \$50; Philippines \$50, \$100 (Sunday School), \$100 (Sunday School); Thailand \$50, \$100, \$500; Burma \$100; Child Care Centre \$200; Eld Khoo Peng Kiat \$1000; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$500.

CHINESE NEW YEAR SERVICE

OFFERINGS: \$4,714.00.

EXTNBLDGFUND II 1181)\$130; 1182)\$200.

TOTAL: \$1,932,671.07.

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,203,377.07

OFFERINGS FOR: Mrs Wong \$335.

IN THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) This is my response to your writing "Chinese New Year Morning Worship" in today's Life BP Weekly.

Please accept this as my contribution for Mrs Wong, the wife of the preacher from Ling Liang Church - for her medical needs.

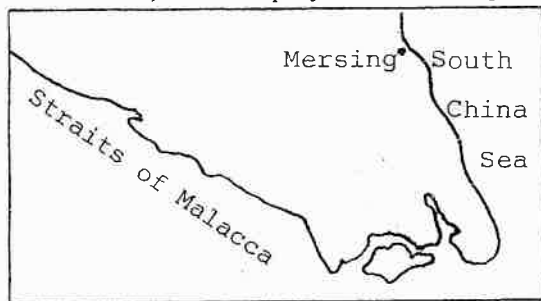
(2) This is a thanksgiving for all the blessings and tender mecies that our Heavenly Father has showered upon me! May He multiply this little gift! "To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"



My dear Readers,

MERSING AHOY!

Having failed to find a campsite for the June vacation, we decided, after a prayerful morning, to look up the Mersing area. Accordingly we arranged for Elder and Mrs Khoo, Rev Stephen Khoo (who is conversant



with the East Coast) and Deacon Yiew Pong Sen to make a sortie Sat. Feb 8, 7.15 am. Mrs Tow came along to fill the Church mini-bus.

Our target was the Merlin Hotel, 2 miles out of Mersing. I thought this was a new hotel on a hilltop overlooking the South China Sea, having seen their brochure two or three years ago. When we got to our destination, we found it not as advertised on glossy paper. The building has aged in ten years. The trees on the hillslope had so grown that the sea was hidden out of sight. As the 31 rooms were small and could admit only one extra person per room, we left Merlin "without a bite."

How about the Government Rest House perched on a hillock at the seafront, fully exposed to the September incoming breezes? This is where Life Church had camped twice in the early eighties. Lo and behold, the Rest House is now much improved over the last time, able to offer us 6 rooms more than before. This will permit us to accommodate 100. So the date is fixed for Sept 7-11, which falls within the one-week school vacation. The deal was clinched. We are 100% in agreement - this is the Lord's place for our camp. The theme proposed for the September Camp, as mooted at the previous Session, is "Our Part in Worldwide Missions." (This would be our first Camp on Missions.)

Meanwhile, Dr Arthur Steele, who was voted our speaker by the last Session, has been contacted. Praise the Lord, he is delighted to come with Mrs Steele.

GREAT STIRRING OF HEART AT KEBAKTIAN INDONESIA'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

There must have been 80 people gathered for this great occasion. Tram Epoi of Sarawak, now a second year FEBC student, led the Service. Four inspirational items were presented:- 1) Flute solo by Rev Koa with piano accompaniment by Mrs Koa. 2) "Constantly Abiding" by FEBC student body. 3) Song by Indonesian students. 4) Song by Korean students. My soul was uplifted to preach from Philippians 1:6.

I recounted all the FEBC students who have held the pulpit from Feb 1982 - Agus, Haposan, Roska, Kiantoro, Arianto, and now Tram. Throughout the last ten years, the Kebaktian has persevered with the support of Deacon and Mrs Charlie Chia. The attendance has doubled the last one year. A group of young people from Tanjong Pinang is now attending. According to Phil 1:6 it is He, our Lord, the Head of the Church, who has sustained us. And He will increase us in missionary outreaches to the Great Indonesian Archipelago of 13,000 islands! Peranakans were especially challenged to enter the Indonesian field. It was noted that

Life Church, in cooperation with FEBC, has advanced to the Riau Islands (including Batam), to North Sumatra and West Kalimantan. We must be prepared to advance farther afield by the guidance of His Spirit. In the light of all these openings, the theme "Our Part in Worldwide Missions" is timely and appropriate.

A link between us and our Indonesian outreaches is Beulah house, haven for a constant stream of members coming to Singapore to seek medical treatment. Incidentally *Rev and Mrs Djunaidi* of Siantan, Pontianak, are visiting after Easter. We welcome them not only to the Indonesian but also to the Chinese and English Services.

OUR GREATEST OUTREACH IS BURMA!

And the strategy is the support of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, 6D Nanthani St., Insein, Rangoon. Under the leadership of Rev Robert Thawm Luai



(who spent a semester with us as a graduate student in 1986) the school has grown to 60 students! Three of these students are at FEBC to train as teachers when they return. The FEFST will hold its first graduation July 1992. This first batch of graduands will then go into their own fields. Last year, during the vacation break, the whole student body went evangelising their own home towns and villages.

With a view to upgrading the principal's training and knowledge of the Bible lands, FEBC is giving Rev Thawm Luai a half-scholarship to enable him join the 3rd Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The strategy of missions we adopt is this: If we cannot get in, we will help those who are in to get the gospel out — to their own people. This applies to Burma particularly. Do not forget to pray for Burma!

Burma statistics. Population 37,000,000. Protestant Christians 4.7%. How does this compare with Singapore?



This is the beginning of Life EP Church (40'x20') being built by Pastor (Captain) Tail Hlai Thang who also runs a Govt-reg. Orphanage. (13-1-92)

THE SECRET OF REJUVENATION

Rejuvenation, according to Chambers, is "to grow young again." Or as David says in Ps 103, "... so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles'."

The secret is not Chinese herbs or Western tonic pills. The secret is happy service for the Lord.

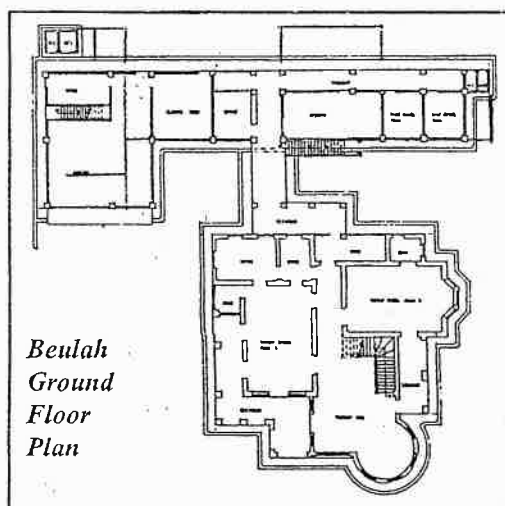
I'm speaking to "senior citizens." Instead of "evening rest," get involved in some Church project. Start to give out instead of taking in. As you give, you will receive. Like the Sea of Galilee, and not like the Dead Sea, which is now becoming more dead! But Galilee is forever refreshing. As she pours out her water into the River Jordan there is poured in the more, leaping from the Lebanese mountains.

Give yourself to the service of others. Use meaningfully your accumulated savings, as the Lord gives you understanding. Giving is not loss but gain. Gain from the joy of knowing that what you give goes to worship of God and relief of the needy. Did not Jesus say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive?" (Acts 20:35).

Give as you also receive from the Lord. For example, this 3rd Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. When you begin to see the Lord's hand blessing you, be a blessing to others.

Has not the Lord blessed you since you presented your hongbaos at the Chinese New Year Worship? To relieve a preacher-couple from Kalimantan? A sister attending the Thursday Evening Class added one more hongbao. How it blessed the recipients, even us, the channel! "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh 8:10).

LAST CALL!



Beulah
Ground
Floor
Plan

When developers buy a land such as Beulah, they consider not at all the existing buildings. They tear down and put up 18-20 storeys. When we bought Beulah we considered both land and buildings. Now, while No.6 Gilstead Rd was in gross disrepair and the ancillary buildings were dilapidated, No.10, when we took over, was in robust health. It has 32 rooms, providing 3 big ones for group meetings, the rest housing 10 families, with guest rooms to spare.

Every week 400 old and young make use of Beulah's facilities, not counting motorists, and now with an expanding car park. And Thai construction workers opposite are attracted to the Thai Service!

Moreover, Beulah gave us immediate occupation and therefore instant relief. All the talk against Beulah that it is a luxury is criticism you can judge whether it is fair or unfair. And has not the Lord blessed everyone who has loaned or given to His cause? If not why should you rally so cheerfully to the present appeal? It is reliving 1989-90 again! We still need \$100,000, so who will form the third wave to this last call?

- T.T.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,698.00 (8.00 am)

*\$16,914.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1183)\$*\$4698;
1184)\$300; 1185) \$2000; 1186)
*\$16914; 1187)\$400; 1188)\$90;
1189)\$1200 (Sharon BPC); 1190)
\$240 (AUD200); 1191)\$200 (Thai
F'ship); 1192)\$250; 1193)\$300;
1194)\$200; 1195) \$20; 1196)
\$10000; 1197)\$200; 1198)\$300
(Kebaktian Indonesia); 1199)\$50 (Box
1200) \$100. Stop Press 1201)\$200
(by post).

TOTAL: \$1,970,333.07.

LOANS: 30)\$9,000; 31)\$10,000;
32)\$10,000; 33)\$5,000.

TOTAL LOANS: \$304,706.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,275,039.07

OFFERINGS FOR: Baraka BPC \$200,
\$200, \$35; Mrs Wong \$320; Chinese
Bible For Saipan \$100; Setsuko
Takashima \$60; Missionary F'ship
\$100, \$200; Child Care Centre \$200;
Philippines \$120(AUD100); Burma
\$2000; FEBC Scholarship \$1080 (Keb.
Indonesia).

IN THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Please channel this gift of \$2000
as my contribution to EBF II.

- 8.00 am offering bag

(2) We praise and thank God for His
grace and mercy upon our family espe-
cially His gift of salvation to our late
beloved mother. Enclosed is an offering
in her name, being baptised in "the nick
of time."

(3) Thanks be to God for all his good-
ness. I am very happy that I am led to the
right path. Please accept my small con-
tribution for Beulah House. May God
bless your ministry. - FEBC student

(4) Thanks be to God for enabling me
completely to recover from food poison-
ing, which resulted in a strictly glucose
solution diet during the Chinese New
Year! Praise God for His lovingkindness
and tender mercies towards me, a
wretched creature! May this small
amount be dedicated to the Missions.

(5) A hongbao from a student of the
Evening class for Mrs Wong. "May the
Lord heal you!"

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Feb 17-23, '92)

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| MON | 7.30 pm | Five Stars of the Chinese Church (Rev Tow) |
| | 8.30 pm | "Prophescope" on Israel (Rev Tow) |
| TUE | 7.00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| WED | 8.00 pm | Session Meeting |
| THU | 7.30 pm | Charismatism False and True (Rev Tow) |
| | 8.30 pm | How to Discover God's Will for My Life (Rev Tow) |
| FRI | 7.30 pm | E-Band Fellowship |
| SAT | 1.00 pm | LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF |
| | 3.00 pm | LBC |
| | 3.00 pm | Wedding of Dr Sherman Loh & Phetsavanh S. (Dr P. Tan) |
| SUN | 8.00 am | "Is Fellowship A Means to Edification?" (Rev C 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 |
| | 10.40 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 |

NBC This Week: Fri Bishan, Newton

OUR BEST

- Hear ye the Master's call,
"Give Me thy best!"
For, be it great or small,
That is His test.
Do then the best you can,
Not for reward,
Not for the praise of man,
But for the Lord.
Chorus:
Every work for Jesus will be blest,
But He asks from everyone his best.
Our talents may be few,
These may be small,
But unto Him is due
Our best, our all.
- Wait not for men to laud,
Heed not their slight;
Winning the smile of God
Brings its delight!
Aiding the good and true
Ne'er goes unblest,
All that we think or do,
Be it the best.
- Night soon comes on apace,
Day hastens by;
Workman and work must face
Testing on high.
Oh, may we in that day
Find rest, sweet rest,
Which God has promised those
Who do their best.

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**HONOUR LIM BO SENG,
SINGAPORE'S WAR HERO**

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the fall of Singapore (Feb 15, 1942) the Sunday Times (Feb 16) published the full life-story of Lim Bo Seng, Singapore's Hero of WWII. Every patriotic Singaporean should have read it. In case you did not, here's a reprint of the major events in his life.



And should any criticise us for publishing something political in a religious paper, let it be known that Christians in any country has a duty to play as a citizen of that country. A Singapore Christian is no less a patriot than the non-Christian. Even Jesus paid tax to the Roman Government, if he was taxable, for He said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt 22:21).

The defence of Singapore our young nation is dependent not so much on the latest sophisticated weapons as on the patriotic spirit of her citizens. National Service will not be a chore but a choice, because we love our country. Salute every family that has a son in the armed forces.

Let the life story of Lim Bo Seng, Singapore's War Hero, inspire us. Majulah Singapura!

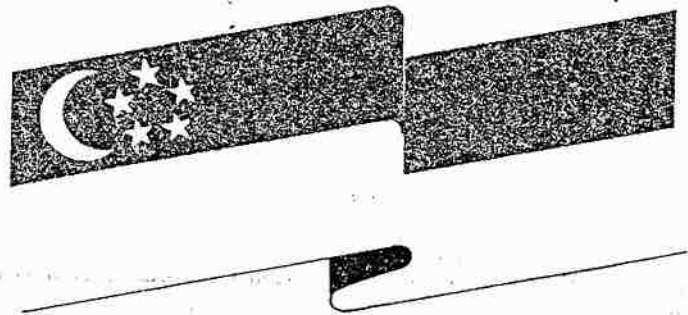
Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. Deut 32:7-9

Singapura

T. Tow

Samuel A. Ward

1. O Fair-est Isle of Southern Seas, Thy waters are so blue; Wait by a bal-my
2. Our fathers came to this green shore, From many climes and lands: They found a ri-cher
3. On thee we've built a new ci-ty- first great port of the world. Let Right pre-vail and
4. To-day we sail as one na-tion, Our flag is fly-ing high; May our Cap-tain by
o-cean breeze, Thy land is decked with dew. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! Thou
life in store Beneath just ru-ling hands. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! Thou
E-qui-ty. Not by might nor by power. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! So
wise ac-tion Steer us with Com-pass nigh. Sing-a-pura! Sing-a-pura! Light-
fa-voured Isle of ease. God bless thee yet with Thine increase, And peace from year to year.
ha-ven of the free. God bless thee yet with Thine increase, And peace from year to year.
may thy sons serve thee. God bless thee yet with Thine increase, And peace from year to year.
ship of li-ber-ty. Sail on un-to pros-pe-ri-ty And peace a thousand years.

**The life of Lim Bo Seng**

1909: Lim Bo Seng was born in Nan Ann near Amoy in China. He was the first son of a man who had married five times. His father would go on to have another wife and 18 children.

1925: Lim Bo Seng's father migrated to Malaya, and eventually arrived in Singapore, where he set up a biscuit and brick manufacturing concern.

Around that time, Lim Bo Seng joined Raffles Institution in Standard Eight and within three years was proficient enough in English to matriculate and read Economics at Hongkong University. He dropped out upon his father's death in 1929, and returned here to head the family business.

1930: Married Gan Choo Neo, 22, a Peranakan friend of one of his sisters.

1937: After the Japanese invasion of China, he joined the Chinese Mobilisation Council, a volunteer

group set up here by the philanthropist Tan Kah Kee, to organise relief efforts for the Chinese in China.

Lim Bo Seng was an ardent supporter of the then Kuomintang government of China and had close connections with its top command. His patriotic feelings for the land of his birth prompted him to throw himself into anti-Japanese activities with vigour.

When the war began in Malaya, he helped the British by organising 10,000 labourers to assist the fighting services in vital work in Singapore.

Feb 1942: Fled before the fall of Singapore. On the way to Sumatra, they fell in with another group on a steamer whose motor had failed.

There he befriended a Colonel Goodfellow who, shortly prior to Singapore's fall, had been organising the nucleus of what was to be the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army (MPAJA).

Later in Calcutta, Lim Bo Seng

met Col Goodfellow again, and joined his intelligence group. He volunteered to be the first to infiltrate into Malaya to help set up a British intelligence network there.

Latter part of 1942: Underwent British intelligence training in Khadakvasla, near Bombay.

April 1943: Went to Chongqing, China, to mobilise Malayan-Chinese students studying there for resistance work in Malaya. Returned with them to India and helped in preparing them for intelligence work in Malaya.

May 1943: He was in the first British resistance group to infiltrate Japanese-occupied Malaya. Set up an intelligence network to prepare for Operation Zipper — the recapture of Malaya by the British in 1945.

May 1944: Captured by the Japanese at Ipoh, Perak, and imprisoned in Batu Gajah jail. A month later, he died in jail from torture and malnutrition.

WORSHIP BEFORE OUR HOLY LAND TRIP!

That Life Church and FEBC is able to make this 3rd Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, after 1983 and '87, is entirely of God's special grace. There are 50 of us, including other B-Pers, ready to mount up on duralumin wings: RJ183, Mar 2 2320 hours bound for Amman. Under His loving care we are scheduled to

return home Mon. Mar 16 1440 hours.

Because modern air travel is so smooth sailing and the great majority of Singaporeans fly, we tend to take safety for granted. We do not pray as in earlier years, nor when we return safely do we remember to give thanks. We forget it was by the everlasting arms underneath us (Deut 33:27).

But as tour leaders of 50 souls whose life and welfare are upon our shoulders, our hearts are constrained. We need the prayers of the whole Church!



Like Ezra leading a caravan from Babylon back to Israel and calling for a time of consecration before departure, it is vital that all Pilgrims be assembled at FEBC Hall Feb 28, 8.00 pm for a time of soul-searching. Pilgrims are called to Special Worship. Is that not the way of Old and New Testament saints? Jacob offered sacrifices to God as he came to Beersheba en route to Egypt and that night the Lord appeared to Him, to bless him on his journey (Gen 46:1,2). Nor did the Apostles leave Antioch on their first missionary journey without prayer and fasting. Dare we flip around like worldly butterflies on a tour to some fairy island without any thought of Him, and His mercies? It is doubly important that every Pilgrim come to the Special Worship Friday Night Feb 28 8.00 pm. Don't miss out by opting out! "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near" (Isa 55:1).

Conversely, hear what the Lord says to the nonchalant: "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh... Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer..." (Prov 1:24-28).


Our prayers are lifted for some joining us who may still be outside of the pale of Salvation. "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." May this pilgrimage be a seeking after God in every sense of the word. Call it a Study Tour if you like, but without the fear of the Lord, all knowledge is foolishness.

If this is a worship, let us remember Moses' injunction, "none shall appear before Me empty" (Ex 23:15). It is proposed that our Eve of Departure sacrifices be channelled to the Baraka BP Church to build God's House at the Shepherds Field.

Is it good to worship before our Holy Land Trip? *Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. 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 these from the land of Sinim. (Isa 49:8-12)*

THE USE OF OUR LIPS

Much that is recorded in Scripture about our lips is evil, especially in Proverbs. Jesus speaks in the same vein, "This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Matt 15:8).

But if our heart is upright like the cross and not crooked, like Hitler's swastika , then He is well-pleased to accept what comes upon our lips. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Heb 13:15). How often are these sacrifices of praise, the fruit of our lips, offered to the Lord? How frequent do we hear Christians say one to another "Praise the Lord, thank the Lord?"

By corollary and speaking horizontally, how often do we hear elders commend juniors for good work done? Encouraging their hearts to deeper service?

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God" (Ps 50:23). And "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov 25:11).

HOW CAN I KNOW THE WILL OF GOD FOR MY LIFE?

The Thurs. evening class at FEBC is thrown open to all. We have studied the Directive Will and Cooperative Will of God. Are you sincerely pursuing the course of life God has indicated to you? Then surely He will bless you by cooperating with your endeavour to do His will. Take the classic example of Ruth. Because she put God first, she turned from Moabite heathenism. She regarded not her prospect of marriage back in the old country, but stepped forward into the unknown with Naomi her God-loving mother-in-law. She found her man in what is a love-at-first-sight encounter upon entering Bethlehem...

Every aspect of God's will is illuminated with the lives of Bible characters. You will see whatever is happening in your young life now in a new light! There are warnings too, such as the Punitive Will of God that judges the

crooked-minded Balaam, a prophet turned pervert, whose end was destruction. You can learn to know more and more of what is God's will for your life through the Thursday evening lectures! Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Feb 24 - Mar 1, '92)

MON	7.30 pm	Five Stars of the Chinese Church (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	"Prophescope" on Israel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7.30 pm	Charismatism False and True (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	How to Discover God's Will for My Life (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship
	8.00 pm	Special Worship for Pilgrims
SAT		FEBC Vacation begins
	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
SUN	8.00 am	"The Signs of the End-Times" (Elder Lim Teck Chye)
	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

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

Elder & Mrs George Tan would like to thank Lifers, especially the Men's & Women's Fellowships for their encouragement during their recent bereavement.

Pilgrims are to collect their airtickets from Mrs Tow after Service today. 2nd payment due Tues Feb.25 9.30 pm.

LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

*\$3,765.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,766.60 (10.30 am)
EXTNBLDG FUND II 1202)*\$3765; 1203)\$100;
1204)*\$8766.60; 1205)\$100; 1206)\$100; 1207)\$50;
1208)\$300; 1209)\$200; 1210)\$796.50.

TOTAL: \$1,984,511.17

LOANS: 34)\$10,000.

TOTAL LOANS: \$314,706.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,299,217.17

OFFERINGS FOR: YF Tracts \$70; Mrs Wong \$45, \$50, \$50, \$300; Phillipines Hilltop \$100; Eld Khoo PK \$500; Maranatha BPC \$50; Child Care Centre \$200; Saipan \$200; YAF Film Ministry \$20; Batam \$560 (WF); Philippines \$50; FEBC Scholarship \$1000 (Kebaktian Indonesia).

SWEET SAVOUR OFFERINGS

(1) The Lord has blessed members of our family and given us joy. We thank and praise Him for His goodness. This \$500 is our family's love gift to Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, for his coming pilgrimage to Israel.

May God continue to bless Elder Khoo and his family and his ministry.

- From: A family of Lifers

(2) I'd like to thank God for sustaining my wife thus far as she undergoes chemotherapy treatment. And what better way to thank the Lord than to give for a good cause. Enclosed is a love gift which please forward to Mrs Wong from Kalimantan. Please also convey our regards to her, that we are with her in prayers.

"The will of God will never send us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." - Jerry Falwell

Edited by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, 9A Gilstead Road, S'pore 1130.



My dear Readers,

PILGRIMS ALL!

Tomorrow night, 50 Lifers, FEBCers and a few BPers will take wing from Terminal I for Amman (ancient Ammon), Jordan. This is our Third Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.



We are Pilgrims not like those who think they'll be blessed visiting the birthplace and burial place of the Saviour and kissing the sacred spots. We're pilgrims rather, when visiting the Holy Land, we can more visualise the scenes where our

Saviour performed mighty works, and meditate on His saving grace. And in all the studies we'll make of archaeological sites, we look to the living stones than the dead. To consolidate all that we see and hear we will hold two services everyday, morning and night. We'll apply the lessons we've learnt to our own lives. We'll learn from one another's observations and testimonies.

We are livelier Pilgrims when we come in contact with a fellow B-P Church, Baraka at Bethlehem. Founded by American missionaries, it is now a flourishing Arab congregation self-governing and self-supporting. We'll have the wonderful opportunity of worshipping two Lord's Days with this assembly of God's people, most deserving of our fellowship. For, they are an isolated congregation standing resolutely like a lighthouse in a stormy sea of mutual hatred and suspicion. We are pilgrims in the footsteps of those who went before us. Whereas those of 1987, after coming home, contributed to buy them a piece of land at Shepherds Field, we are sure we'll not be behind to help them raise a house of worship. We're pilgrims in every sense of the word. I wish the whole of Life Church could come along!

Whether we visit the Holy Land or not we have from the greater light of the Bible seen the Land of the Lord. We are also like Abraham who have forsaken the old country, our heathen homes and associations, to our Canaan, the Church. We realise this world is not our home, we're just a passing through. We are, like Christian, fleeing the City of Destruction, heading each day, nearer and nearer the Celestial City. No doubt along our pilgrim way we have met with setbacks, like struggling through the Slough of Despond. Now that our sin burden has rolled away as we come to the foot of the cross, we will press resolutely on. We will not be attracted to linger at Vanity Fair, but we will fight our way through till we come to the Delectable Mountains from whence we will see the glory of the Heavenly City.

"Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Keep this principle at heart in all our decision making, and we will be victorious pilgrims until the very end. Are we not all pilgrims?

WOW, HAVE I FORGOTTEN MY VOW?

Chambers defines a vow "to be a voluntary promise made to God, and, as such, carrying with it the most stringent obligation to its fulfilment."

Vows are approved in the Bible, for example the Nazarite vow (Num 6). When a person, being oppressed by adverse circumstances, seeks God for help and vows to devote what's come into his or her heart to the Almighty, this is also accepted. For example, Hannah's petition for a son. "And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life..." (I Sam 1:11). When the time came for her to pay her vow Hannah brought Samuel to the priest and she said, "O my Lord ... I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there" (I Sam 1:26-28).

By way of testimony, I am son of my Mother's vow. From a young age Mother told me I was given to the Lord—to serve Him as a pastor. I loved my Mother, and young though I was, I said yes in my heart.

When I grew up to the age of fifteen I was gloriously saved at the Pentecostal Revival (no tongues) in Singapore, 1935, under the ministry of Dr John Sung. The vow Mother made for me came vibrantly alive. I said yes to the Lord before the Evangelist made the appeal for full-time consecration.

When I grew up further, and the world now had gripped me with its honours and glory, I forgot Mother's vow and my own vow. I joined Raffles College, the NUS of my time, but I failed miserably, though I was first in ACS. When after WWII Singapore was liberated and I was now headed to study Law in London, I met a second debacle. On the eve of sailing to England, Mother was suddenly taken ill and died. This did not have the slightest impact on me. I persisted to go, but now the Lord struck a second time. Five weeks after Mother's death it fell on my seven-month daughter. Then, only then, did I remember Mother's vow and my own vow. I turned eastwards instead to study Theology in Nanking, and from there I went to America on a straight course. And I have been on course ever since I turned back to the Lord in April 1946. I am a happy man serving the King of kings, and have not the slightest regret. Despite opposition along the way these 42 years as pastor of Life Church and 30 years as principal of FEBC, I have the Lord before me and am confident He is with me. Mother's vow and my own vow are ever present with me.

Have you made a vow to the Lord? Learn from my mistakes if you have forgotten as I did. "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou has vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" (Eccles 5:4-6).

Now, read carefully, and meditatively Ps 116 a classic teaching on vows.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he hath heard
my voice and my supplications.
- 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto
me, therefore will I call upon him as
long as I live.
- 3 The sorrows of death compassed me,
and the pains of hell gat hold upon
me: I found trouble and sorrow.
- 4 Then called I upon the name of the
Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver
my soul.
- 5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
yea, our God is merciful.
- 6 The Lord preserveth the simple: I was
brought low, and he helped me.
- 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the
Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
- 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from
death, mine eyes from tears, and my
feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before the Lord in the land
of the living.
- 10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I
was greatly afflicted:
- 11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.
- 12 What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits toward me?
- 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and
call upon the name of the Lord.
- 14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord
now in the presence of all his
people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of his saints.
- 16 O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am
thy servant, and the son of thine
handmaid: thou hast loosed my
bonds.
- 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of
thanksgiving, and will call upon the
name of the Lord.
- 18 I will pay my vows unto the Lord
now in the presence of all his people,
- 19 In the courts of the Lord's house, in
the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Praise ye the Lord.

And further, Lamentations 3:22-24 "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him."

Wow, if I have forgotten my vow, He has not forgotten me.-T.T.



STEPHEN MASILA WRITES:

Thank you very much for the book you sent to me. I received it in perfect good condition. I have just begun to read. Thank you for the weekly bulletins which keeps me well informed of how the good hand of the soon coming Lord and Saviour is doing in and through Life Church Christians. I reckon you had a blessed pilgrimage in Israel and elsewhere. I remembered you in my prayers.

In two weeks' time the Institute will go for mid-term vacation. The Lord gave us a wonderful graduation last December. Four graduated and Rev Mark Kim was the guest speaker. I spoke at their graduation at BCEA one week before our graduation. I spoke on the Cost of Complete Commitment to Christ.

This term the Lord added to our Institute family six new students. Altogether we have 20 students and four teachers. This term I'm teaching five subjects.

Pastoral Theology, Hermeneutics, Greek, Old Testament Survey and Principles and Practice of Biblical Fellowship and separation. Pray for me that I may render unto my king that unflinching and obedient service both in the Institute as well as in the Church.

If you can help our Institute with KJV Bibles even if they are old, the students will appreciate them. Most of the Bibles sold here are the "modern versions" and if you happen to get KJV in bookstore it is sold very dearly. The Lord has blessed us with a baby boy, Cleopas. Thus far we have four children; two girls, Irene and Shalom, and two boys, Clement and Cleopas. Pray for us that the Lord may continue to supply all our daily needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:6,7,19).

We extend a cordial welcome to Rev and Mrs David Kang and 2 children, Korean missionaries to Saipan, to Beulah House. They are here to learn Mandarin at NUS and take some courses at FEBC. Preacher & Mrs Pang Kok Hiong and child are leaving Mar 7 for Saipan as missionaries to a growing group of Chinese believers affiliated with the Korean Presbyterian Church.

Obituary. Madam Tio Moi Nei 61 of Tanjung Pinang Church went home to be with the Lord Feb 21. Vigil services were conducted by pastor assisted by Kiantoro. Her remains are now returned to Tanjung Pinang.

Another BPC, Gethsemane, was inaugurated yesterday evening at 28 Harvey Ave, Pastor Tow being the Lord's messenger. Mr & Mrs Das Koshy are running this mission Church headed by Rev Tan Eng Boo of Grace BPC.

F.E. Kindergarten Registration for 1993. Office opened 8-12 Mar, 9 am - 2 pm. Classes for children born 1987-89. Bring copy of child's BC. Priority given to church members.

Men's Fellowship 2nd AGM. Fri Mar 13, 7.45pm at FEBC Hall. All men members 40 years and above are cordially invited to attend the meeting to elect office bearers for 1992/93.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Mar 2 - 8, '92)

MON		No evening lectures Pilgrims depart for Holy Land
TUE	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU		No evening lectures
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship
SAT	10.00 am	Kenneth Koh Geok Tong & Lee Poey Keng Wedding (Dr P Tan)
	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm - LTF/YF
	2.30 pm	1st Ev. Reformed Church Wedding
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF/AF
SUN	8.00 am	"What Constitutes the Church?" (Rev Patrick Tan, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev Brian Harper
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Junior Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	12.45 pm	E-Band Outreach

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan, Newton

LAST LORD'S DAY GEN. OFFERINGS:

*\$3,631.00 (8.00 am)

*\$8,007.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1211)*\$3631; 1212)\$80;
1213)*\$8007; 1214)\$12; 1215)\$10,000; 1216)\$300;
1217)\$50 (Coinafon); 1218)\$378.70; 1219)\$50;
1220)\$50; 1221)\$50; 1222)\$820; 1223)\$622 (Box);
1224)\$1000; 1225)\$1200 ; 1226)\$50; 1227)\$50;
1228)\$320. TOTAL: \$2,011,181.87

LOANS: 35)\$10000; 36)\$2000; 37)\$660 (MF);
38)\$50000. TOTAL LOANS: \$377,366.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,388,547.87

OFFERINGS FOR: Philippines \$94; FEBC \$200,
\$100 (Box); Missionary Fund \$50; Chinese Bibles
for Saipan \$30; Child Care Centre \$200; Rev
Patrick Tan \$500; Mrs Wong \$100.

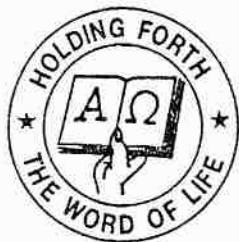
WHO WOULD TRUE VALOUR SEE

John Bunyan

Who would true valour see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be;
Come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
His strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
He'll with a giant fight,
But he will have a right
To be a pilgrim.

Hobogoblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt his spirit,
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away;
He'll not fear what men say,
He'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.



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PASTOR TOW'S EMERGENCY LETTER FROM CAIRO

Cairotel, Cairo, Egypt
Thurs. Mar 5, 92, 10 pm

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Life Church,

Loving greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This evening I received Sec. Yin Chan's faxing of the Ministry of Information and the Arts letter addressed to me, dated 29 Feb. 92. In regard to my application to register our Life B-P Weekly, it reads:

Please refer to your application dated 17 Jan 92 for a newspaper permit to print and publish the above publication.

I regret to inform you that your publication is not successful.

You should not publish or print any issue of the above publication without a newspaper permit. Your attention is drawn to Section 14 of the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act which states that "no person shall print or publish or assist in the printing or publishing of any newspaper in Singapore unless the chief editor or the proprietor of the newspaper has previously obtained a permit granted by the Minister authorising the publication thereof..."

The reason why we have not registered the Weekly all these years is our overlooking it, thinking such a cyclostyled paper for internal circulation was O.K., until it was hinted to us we should seek registration. Immediately we made application Jan. 17, '92. How shocked I was to be informed that our application was "not successful."

As the Bible teaches we are to "submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors..." I regret our Life B-P Weekly will not appear from this Lord's Day, Mar 8, '92. The Lord help us. Rom. 8:28.

Since our coming to the Bible Lands, the Lord has favoured us with sunny weather, though two days before this both Israel and Jordan were hit by a snow storm. Our way south to Petra was covered by snow on every hillslope, making us to think we were in America! We spent a most profitable day at the Cairo museum today, and also at the pyramids. Tomorrow we drive over 450 km to reach Mt. Sinai where Moses gave the X Commandments, etc. Pray for us as we pray for you, till we meet again, Mar 16.

Your affectionate pastor,

REV TIMOTHY TOW

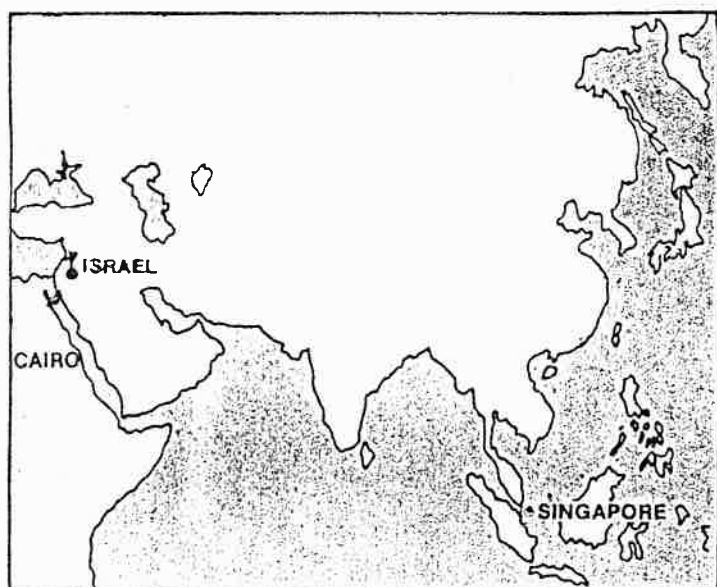
LETTER FROM JERUSALEM

(via Guiding Star)

Baraka Conference Centre
Wednesday Mar 11, 1992

My dear Lifers,

This Third Pilgrimage to the Holy land is made in the spirit of Ezra (read the whole of Ch. 8). Inasmuch as a record of names is given of the Olim (Returnees), here is the list of 49 who have come along.



Timothy Tow Siang Hui
Stephen Khoo Hong Guan
Khoo Peng Kiat
Seow Cheong Kiong
Tan Yew Ghee
Ee Cheng Gum
Tow Soon Ai
Cheng Swee Cheng
Teo Tiong Kiat
Chan Ngiap Koon
Carol Lam Ying Fah
Edward Low Peng Hock
Lee Young Lyong
Koshy Prabhudas
Rosaleen Wong How Leen
Im Seong Ho
Low Sock Eng
Maria Yoon
Ho Chow Pheng
Chern Shueh Nee
Suzanne Mahadevan
Ng May Fong
Eduardo V Morante
Lee Lai Heng
Jeanette Koh Ah Noi

Ivy Tan
Lim Hong Hong
Chan Ah Siew
Grace Chan
Irene Chan Ah Eng
Koh Ee Hoon
Tow Soon Kim
Oh Swee Eng
Bobby Phee Eng Soon
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Pauline Tan
Shin Yeong Gil
Lee-Kang Min Ji
Carolyn Tang Siew Yoong
Doris Lee Lai Keng
Yiew Pong Sen
Chan Pui Meng
Karen Tan Kim Choo
Karen Ng Chui Ngoh
Lim Quay Lin
Choi Hee Suk
Lim Bee Ha
Robert Thawn Lui
Poon Mai Chan

Our American missionaries faxed to alert us to the severest winter in 50 years. No sooner had we received this message than a phone call from Mrs Ben Asher, Haifa confirmed this. "It is snowing heavily here," she said. We all bought raincoats. We wear only woollens. We held a

special service and offered "peace offerings."

The Lord heard our cries. When we got down at Amman Airport, O, what a lovely morning! With Guiding Star's help we cleared Immigration and Customs in no time. We were whisked to Royal Jordanian's Gateway Hotel where we discharged our baggage. Our guide suggested we launch out to Petra, 4 hrs. to the south. Here is a red-rock city founded by the Nabateans, called Sela (II Ki 14:7) where King Amaziah centuries before had destroyed ten thousand Edomites by casting them down the high cliffs. Read II Chron. 25:11-12. Edom or Mt Seir was given to Esau for inheritance. Read further the prophecy of Obadiah on Edom. The sin of fratricide!

To visit Petra, which is 3 km from civilization, and the narrow way between high rock cliffs is strewn with boulders and stones, we had to do it on horseback. This we did, even the ladies, and how brave we look, on our snapshots. We had the pony boys to lead these trained animals. It's an experience we'll never forget! On way to Petra we saw Mt. Hor where Aaron went up to die (Num 20:23-29).

The next day we visited Amman city which is from the ancient Ammonites. Now, Ammon is the son of Lot's younger daughter with her father (Gen 19:38). From Amman we drove north to Jerash with the lingering glory of a Roman civilisation - the amphitheatre and mighty colonnades. Jerash is one of ten cities (Decapolis) visited by our Lord in His ministry on the outer side of Jordan (Mk 5:20). This is the greater reason why we included Jerash in our itinerary.

Now, the greater thrill we got was to see the hilly regions of Jordan covered white with snow. Our coach stopped at a place so full of snow we thought we were in America. The young people had a good time making snowballs! They could make ice kacang too! (if they had the ingredients). Two nights before our coming - snow, snow, snow. But now brilliant sunshine all the way. The Lord cared.



night Mar. 4 at Cairotel. The next morning we visited a Coptic Church and an ancient synagogue and a site supposed to be the Holy Family refuge from Herod. After this

Mr U-Yong Yang, Director of Bon Voyage, 41 Abdel Khalek Sarwat St., Cairo, Egypt (Fax 20-2-391-1104) received us at the Airport and lodged us the same

we spent some hours at the Museum where we saw the ancient culture and glories of Egypt. Then to the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza. We visited a papyrus art institute and saw a demonstration how papyrus was made. The day spent at the Egyptian capital was most educative.

We left Cairo early next morning. Our coach crossed



the Suez Canal by tunnel. On the far side of the Canal we paused to watch the ships, big and small, churning slowly through. Incidentally, when I went to US to study at Faith Seminary in 1947 I went by cargo boat via Suez Canal, which took 42 days. Now you can do it in 24 hours flying time!

Though there is an expressway to Israel's Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba, we took rather the detour that follows the route of the Exodus.

We came to an oasis with many palm trees that reminded of Elim (Ex. 15:27). There was a hole nearby and it was said to be "Moses' well" (Ex. 15:22-26). Our way through the desert was slowed down at point after point by reason of the severe snow storms and pouring rains which swept away the tarmac surface. We found a wonderful half-way house of red-rock chalets newly completed, called Morganland Hostel. Situated in a valley between two mountain ranges it gave shelter from high winds. Had Morganland Hostel not been built in good time to lodge us, we would have frozen under canvas! We found the place a little warmer with nine crammed in one dormitory. Now we knew what the Pillar of Fire was to the Israelites at night.

From the half-way house we headed for Mt. Sinai, a

rock mountain severe and foreboding. At the foot is St Catherine Monastery built there since the 6th century. It has been enlarged through the centuries. Here's a sanctuary for monks and hermits. It was at St Catherine's that the Codex Sinaiticus was found. It is now preserved in the British Museum.

From Sinai we made it to Eilat, Israel's Red Sea resort. Here Rev Robert Thawm Luai was refused entry, being a Burmese with a passport that the Israel Immigration would not accept. We put him on a taxi back to Cairo from where he could fly back to S'pore on his group-tour ticket. This was a blessing in disguise, because his passport carries visa issued by the Israeli Embassy in Rangoon. With this "chop" he will not be able to reenter Jordan, and the outcome would be worse. Rom 8:28. We arrived at Baraka 10.30 pm. The next morning we worshipped at the Church in Bethlehem. I spoke from Dan 12:4 and Mark 16:15 on the increase in travel from one country to another because of the advancement of science - students studying abroad, refugees, tourists and pilgrims. But the travel that counts is extending God's Kingdom by Missions.

We visited the Holocaust Museum, Church of the Nativity, bought olive wood souvenirs, climbed Mt. of Olives, and lo and behold there was the funeral of former

Israeli P.M. Menachem Begin.

We fought shy of RC shrines so full of incense smoke, but made sure we saw the Skull Hall and the Empty Tomb. "He is risen." Many American Christians sing "He lives" upon their visit. We concentrate rather on living stones than dead, so the most meaningful visit was to the Shepherd's Field where Lifers have bought 1,100 sq metres of land for the Arab Church. - T.T.



LETTER FROM JERUSALEM II

*("I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth:
for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Psalm 38:2)*

My dear Lifers,

Miss Ruth Trato, Sec. to Dr McIntire, sends good wishes. Her letter reached us Mar 2, the day we flew! She says,

"You have been in my thoughts since I have just been reading LIFE B-P Weekly and am caught up to January 12.

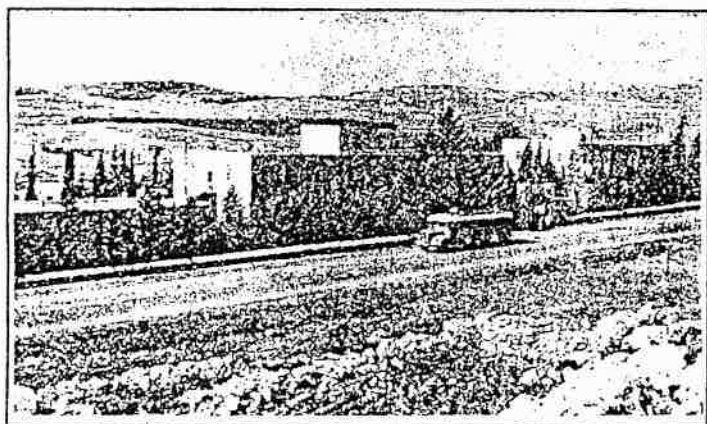


I surely enjoy reading them and am blessed by all the news and exhortations it brings. I particularly enjoy all the evangelization you people have done and are doing. I am constantly amazed at the way the Lord is using the Koreans in what seems like every part of the world. It almost seems as though the Lord is using you people of

the Far East to carry the torch, so to speak of His Word, instead of the British, the Germans or the Americans and others. I was particularly blessed by your visit to Saipan and Guam, and distressed that you could not get into Brunei. I pray also for Rev R Thawm Luai and others in Burma.

One of the purposes of my writing is to wish you God-speed on your tour of the Holy Land beginning March 2nd. I will think of you and pray for your safety and for a manifold blessing from the Lord. Every spring I am consumed with thoughts of the Holy Land as we always went in April, sometimes going in on May. What glorious memories and blessing we have from these trips we have taken. Your itinerary is wonderful and we have been to almost each of the places. I think it is so wonderful that you stay at Baraka and have your fellowship and some study there. May the Lord guide and bless your entire group, and both of you as well. There is no blessing like those received in the Holy places."

**There is No Blessing Like Staying
at Baraka**



Baraka means blessing! This is a streamlined spelling of the Hebrew word *Berachah*. The valley of *Berachah* where this Christian Conference Centre is situated, derived its name from King Jehoshaphat who, because he completely trusted the Lord, defeated the joint forces of Ammon, Moab and Edom (II Chron 20:26). So he blessed the Lord there.

Baraka Conference Centre was a T.B. Sanatorium founded by Dr Thomas Lambie under the Independent Board for Foreign Missions in 1950. That year Rev Quek and I were fortunate to visit this Hospital in the company of ICC (International Council of Christian Churches) leaders with Dr McIntire. The Hospital was in the last stages of completion. Dr Lambie personally took us to the roof top to

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show us this valley of blessing. No sooner had the good doctor firmly established this great work than the Lord took him (1954).

Dr Lambie also built Baraka B-P Church with two missionary quarters in Bethlehem on a hill slope by the Hebron Highway, a km from Rachel's Tomb (Gen 35:19). His medical mission would not be complete, however, without the eternal on-going of the Church.

Coming back to the former T.B. Sanatorium, I'm told that in her heyday it had a staff of 80-90. They ministered to the Arabs not only on the West Bank but also across Jordan. Dr Lambie was a personal friend of King Hussein.

The day came, however, when T.B. was being conquered. The patients dwindled to a handful. With the advent of the 1967 Six-day War the hospital ministry was discontinued except for an out-patients clinic.

Today, this medical mission has become a ministry of hospitality. The 100-bed mansion and the Nurses Quarters are converted into a hospice, like the Scots Presbyterian Hospital at Galilee. It has more rooms than our party of 48 can fill.

The main strength to our journeyings is this Pilgrim Home, where we can be anchored for a 4-5 day visit of the Holy City. We are only 14 miles south, so going up and down the Jerusalem-Hebron Highway is a matter of minutes. Here, whenever any member falls ill, there is an ever ready service from Miss Jones the resident nurse. Actually one of us got sick and had to be confined in bed for three days. It is a home away from home.

The high point of each day's pilgrimage was the evening worship. Special Holy Land songs were sung to coincide with the places we visited. Pilgrims shared their experiences. Lectures on the historical sites were further given with constant reference to the Bible and blackboard sketches. Finally a message for the day. On occasions our hosts joined in this evening worship.

There are holy sites that we must visit, such as the Church of Nativity and Shepherd's Field at Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha (Skull Hill) and the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, not the least, Yad Vashem the Holocaust Museum. The Museum of the Diaspora of the Jews through 2,000 years at Tel Aviv University is also a must. This time we visited also the reconstructed Holy City in miniature at the Holy Land Hotel. On the way we saw a concentration of caravans where the newly arrived Russian Jews are quartered.

From Jerusalem to Galilee

By Mar 11th, we'd spent 2 days in Jordan, 2 in Cairo, 5 in Jerusalem, including an outing to Tel Aviv. Like the children of Israel always on the move in their Long March out of Egypt, we were moving again. This was an extended drive to the Dead Sea, Jericho, and up Tiberias on the Galilee Sea. We by-passed Samaria because of an uncertain situation there. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

On the shores of the Dead Sea we found several cat fishes. These were washed down by the recent flood from pouring rain and melting snow. Of course they were dead. To be carried away by our carnal lusts will end in destruction.

All along the plains of the Dead Sea we were amazed

to see carpet after carpet of tiny flowers rioting in yellow, red, and purple bloom. Our guide said this had never happened before but for the torrential rains and snow. All the way up to Galilee via the Jordan valley we saw a sheet of refreshing green. This reminded us of Isaiah 55:10,11, "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." How our parched souls need to receive the preaching of God's Word too!

The new route we took this time via the Jordan valley led us through Nazareth and Cana all the same. What was different was the bright sunshine we had enjoyed since Amman and Cairo now turned into a fog. A sudden eastern wind from Saudi Arabia was churning the Sea of Galilee. It sent huge waves crashing onto the harbour and seaside villas. What a vivid reminder of that stormy night of the perishing disciples and our Saviour rising from His sleep to calm it down (Mt 8:23-27; Mk 4:36-41, Lk 8:22-25).

The next morning the storm that blew at 110 km an hour completely subsided. This gave us opportunity to sail across the sea from Tiberias to Capernaum, the City of Jesus and of Peter. A drive up the Mount of the Sermon gave us a splendid view of the natural amphitheatre where Jesus preached. On our drive around Galilee we came to the mountainous country where Jesus cast out a Legion of demons who sent 2000 swine amok down the slope and drowned. We took our lunch at a kibbutz at En Gev, whose main course was St Peter's fish. A "train" ride around the kibbutz enlightened us to what the kibbutz means. It is the Jewish form of socialism to cultivate their land.

Our final destination for the day was Nes Amim, a Christian kibbutz. As the storm the previous day had disrupted electrical supply, we were obliged to dine in candlelight. This obliged us also to retire early for the night, an enforced blessing on our tired bodies. So, thank God for darkness too!

When we left Nes Amim the next day to return to Baraka our guide took us to Haifa to visit Mrs Ben Asher.

How wonderful to see our old friend again, to enter her home and to be treated to goodies her hands had prepared. Our party sang a song dedicated to her and presented a "God Bless This House" cross-stitch with a message on Christ beautifully framed.

From Haifa to the highest point of the mountain which is Carmel where Elijah executed 450 Baal prophets, we saw the plain of Megiddo. Megiddo means slaughter and Armageddon (Greek spelling) means Hill of Slaughter. It is this pass between the Mediterranean Sea and the Galilean mountains that attracted ancient armies to battle. Will the Final Battle be fought here before it climaxes in Jerusalem? (Zech 14).

We ate lunch in a reconstructed fortress sitting above the waves of the Mediterranean. Now, did you know Caesarea was where Cornelius resided? Here was also located the house of Philip the Evangelist "one of the seven," where Paul stayed (Acts 10:1; 21:8) on his return from the Third Missionary Journey. Here Paul was imprisoned for two years before his sailing for Rome.

On the way back to Baraka, on the outskirts between Jerusalem and Bethlehem, we visited a Diamond Factory. We saw a film and learnt of Israel's first dollar earner in their diamond manufacture. Tourism that is now fast recovering from the Gulf War is a thriving earner, a runner-up to diamonds. A tourist spends US\$1,000 on average!

Worship at end of our Trip

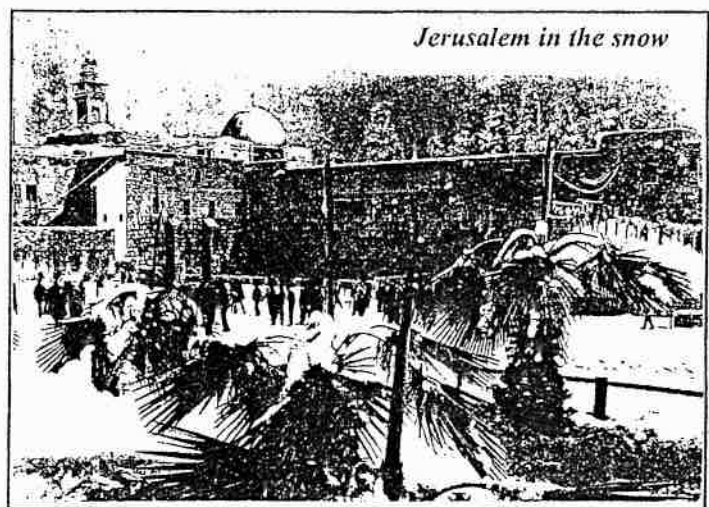
As we were led of the Lord to worship at the Baraka BPC the first Sunday of our entry to Israel, so we had our second and final worship at Bethlehem before we departed via the Allenby

Bridge. Guiding Star on the Jordan side promptly received us to view the Promised Land on Nebo's heights. What a glorious view of the Holy Land that Moses saw before God took him. What were the thoughts of my fellow pilgrims? "We're a pilgrim band plodding through the wilderness here below. Our home is beyond where the light never fails!

When we worshipped the night before leaving Baraka it was wonderful to hear pilgrim after pilgrim testify of the blessing each had received. And despite little pin pricks on and off as we travelled each day, the Lord's wonderful protecting hand to keep us safe and sure was acknowledged. We had a surplus of S\$100 to each individual's account which is rebated, but others have offered this to help Baraka Church build their new house of worship at the Shepherd's Field.

Should a 4th Pilgrimage be undertaken, it is suggested we go during the two school vacations in March or September, when the cool breezes of spring and autumn blow! Hallelujah, praise the Lord that He was our Guide and will guide us through life to the very end. Amen.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.



Is This Our Land, Our Beulah Land?

*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.*

*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?*

*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?*

*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.*

REPORT ON BURMA (with slides) by Rev Robert Thawm
Luai at Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, Mar 24, at 8.00 pm.

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A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

by Rev Bob Phee

An Opportunity Never To Be Missed

Never did I think of revisiting the Holy Land of Israel since my last trip in June 1983 until Rev T. Tow, Pastor of Life B-P Church invited me to join the pilgrimage he was leading. Although the time given to me to consider was short, it was an opportunity never to be missed. The 14 day package tour from 2nd - 16th March included new places which I had not been to in my previous itinerary such as Jordan, Egypt and Sinai Peninsula. The peace of God reigned in my heart on the matter. So I took leave to walk on the land Jesus walked.

Wonderful Leading of the Lord

There were many apprehensions regarding our safety in Israel before leaving - the heaviest snowfall in Palestine in 50 years, the demonstrations taking place along the West Bank and the dispute between the Hitzbolla and the Israelis in Northern Israel. Yet the travel through the cities and countrysides of Israel was as smooth as velvet. With God nothing is impossible. When we landed in Jordan, the snow along the plains had all melted. On the night after we flew off from Amman to Cairo, a heavy rainfall beset the deserts of Jordan. Another sign of the Lord's guidance was seen when we arrived at Tiberias, the day after a ferocious storm hit the sea of Galilee which forced 5,000 of the coastal inhabitants to evacuate to higher grounds. But the following day our sailing across the sea was, perhaps, as calm as the time Jesus quietened the angry waters.

God's leading was evident not only in the control of nature but also in preserving the 48 pilgrims in excellent health. In fact, there were just a few obstacles to face in this pilgrimage but the overall picture showed God's loving kindness over us. These events were very minor - Rev Thawmluai's visa to Israel was turned down and had to return to Singapore via Cairo. And one member reported losing his return air-ticket but it was soon replaced at Jordan International Airport without any problem. Praise God for guiding the pilgrims all the way in the Holy Land.

The Bible Became Alive

In Jordan, we toured the ancient Roman city of Jerash which was one of the cities of the Decapolis - a city named to be visited by our Saviour from upper Galilee. Its location outside Israel caused us to ponder on the constraining love our Lord had for the lost that He bore the long dreary journey to this city to preach the gospel.

It dawned on us this question: how willing are we to sacrifice our convenient way of life to reach out to win the lost souls?

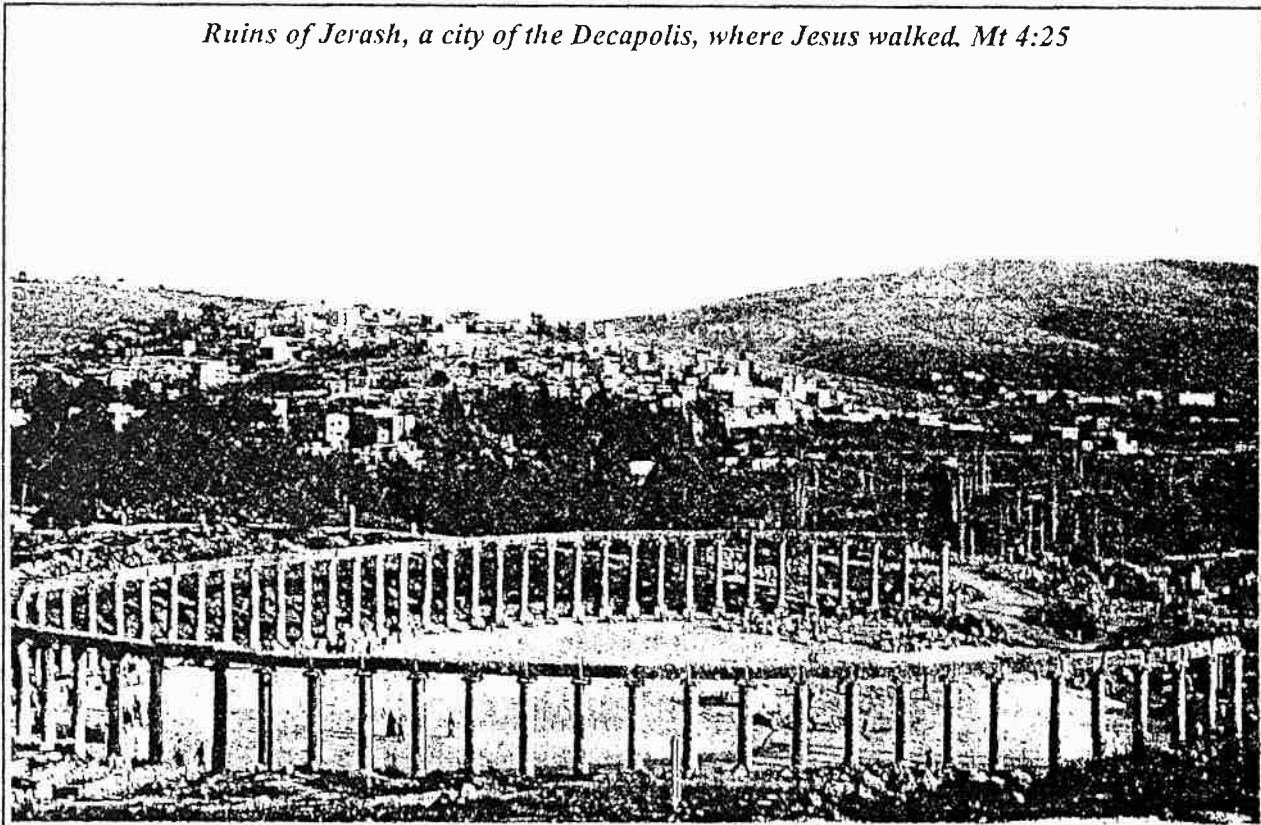
From Cairo, the efficient coach drove us through the triangular Sinai Desert to arrive at the Israel's southern border. That distance took us only ten hours of travelling in a period of two days. But it took the Israelites 40 years and a toll of more than 600,000 lives. While these facts and figures are staggering, the fierce heat of the day and bitter cold of the night in the desert defied our imagination how they ever travelled the Sinai Peninsula. But the Exodus explained that God guided them every step of the way with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. God's love overshadowed their sojourning. So did He also bless us in our pilgrimage.

In Israel and the West bank, the familiar Bible cities and characters sprang to life. The Sunday School lessons covering topics of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth are no more in coloured pictures but in three dimensional reality. The sermons about sheep and figs, or mountains and low-lying towns became places of sacred cities for pilgrims where we could visit. There were shops where souvenirs could be purchased. Indeed, our hearts were greatly amazed by how history has been unlocked in these locations for our vibrant study. The Holy Land is a place worth visiting, a land worthier than other places of interest and pleasure.

As I share the Holy Land Pilgrimage, the Lord may be stirring some of our members and friends to take a trip there. God willing, our Church can organise one, perhaps, in March 1993. To those who are keen about it, do let me know.

(From Sembawang B-P Church Bulletin, Vol XI No. 12 dated 22nd March 1992)

Ruins of Jerash, a city of the Decapolis, where Jesus walked, Mt 4:25



TESTIMONY OF SUZANNE MAHADEVAN

"O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who trusteth in Him" (Ps 34:8).

Truly I have tasted for myself and can say that our Lord is not only good, but is very, very good!

This was proved to me over and over again on our recent pilgrim trip to the Holy Land.

I remember quoting this very verse to my travel partner on the second day of our trip. I had read Psalm 34 that morning and the words "for there is no want to them that fear Him" in verse nine really touched my heart.

I was filled with praise and thanksgiving as I reflected on how God had so wondrously provided for me to even go on this trip to the Holy Land.

It had seemed so impossible at first as I was in the process of interviewing and awaiting replies from potential employers when pastor first invited me to join the other pilgrims. What if I was offered a job and was asked to start work right away when here I had gone ahead to make plans to be away from March 2 until March 16?

I brought this matter to the Lord and began to pray hard. Somehow the desire in my heart to walk where Jesus walked grew bigger with each passing day.

My family felt that I should perhaps go at a different time in my life. I did not give up hope and kept praying silently for God's will and final say on this matter. I believed that God would work out the employment situation to the very detail if it was His will for me to go.

A week later, my parents told me that after much prayer, they decided I should go. My brother stepped in to say he would finance the trip for me as well! So the decision was made in faith that God would take care of the rest.

As time drew closer for us to leave and all the payments were made, the replies began to come in, right up to the day before I left ... None of the replies were successful. The Lord had closed every single door according to His perfect wisdom. Thus, I was "free" to enjoy my trip!

So here I was on my second day of my trip praising the Lord within for His goodness. A joyous day of touring Jordan followed.

We finally returned to the hotel in the evening to leave for Cairo. It was then that I realized that my wallet was missing. Negative thoughts filled my mind - "Did I do something wrong?" "Was God angry with me?"

My partner and I searched everywhere in the hotel for my wallet, but in vain. I knew it must have dropped out of my jacket at some point while we were touring Jerash that day. The only way it could ever be retrieved to me is if it was dropped on the tour bus and the guide or driver found it and would be so kind as to return it to me. However, since I was not even sure I had dropped it on the bus, I felt very dejected and decided to accept it as lost. My partner tried to encourage me and reminded me about the scripture I had read in the morning. She added that I should give thanks even in this situation.

It seemed like such a difficult thing to do as at that point, the last thing I felt like being was thankful! However, I knew that it was the right thing to do and I had to believe that God was still good.

I held back the tears as I prayed in my heart to the Lord. I sincerely and honestly told Him how unhappy I felt. As I began to pray, I found new reasons to genuinely thank Him.

First of all because I had such a Heavenly Father to confide in, One who was willing to share the hurt with me. I knew that God was the only one at that moment who truly understood how I felt because He knew how much the wallet meant to me as it was a present from my brother to me as a souvenir from Australia.

Sharing honestly with my Heavenly Father made me feel so much better. I also thanked the Lord that I still had most of my cash with me and all was not lost. Also, I could thank the Lord for giving me the wisdom to remove my Identity Card and Driver's Licence from the wallet before I left Singapore.

I knew the Lord was close to me as "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" Ps 34:18. I felt renewed with strength and faith in His love for me. My heart rejoiced that the Lord had taught me the precious lesson on how to give thanks even in this cruel circumstance just as I Thess 5:16 tells us "that in everything, give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."

Not only that, but I was more careful with my things the rest of the way. I enjoyed myself despite the loss of my wallet, although it was in the back of my mind.

I was moved to see the Sea of Galilee in raging fury the night before and then completely calm the next morning - just like the time Jesus calmed the raging storm on Galilee. It thrilled my heart to overlook the valley where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the mount."

The simplicity of truth hit me hard as we stood there looking at the lilies of the valley indeed clothed in their splendor and the sparrows of the air without a care in the world because of their Heavenly Father who took care of their every need.

I could almost see the people around Jesus savouring every word that came out of His lips and could almost hear His words from Matthew 6:26 "Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap nor gather into barns, yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not better than they?"

My heart was thoroughly warmed and filled with praise again. As if that was not blessing enough, exactly one week later, we left Israel to return to Jordan. I trotted up the huge tour bus and as I was making my way to my seat, I suddenly heard the welcomed words: "Suzanne, is this your wallet?" I turned around and stood there speechless as I saw my wallet being held up in front of the bus.

"O Father, You have been too good to me!" I cried out half aloud.

Yes, in His severe mercy, the Lord returned my wallet back to me after teaching me the precious lesson on how to give thanks no matter what.

I later learnt that two big tour groups had used the bus after us, but the Lord kept the wallet safe until the driver found it when he cleared the bus after the groups had left. He then kept the wallet with him till we returned to Jordan.

How the driver knew that the wallet belonged to someone in our tour group, I do not know. But one thing I do know is that our Saviour is faithful and true. He takes care of His little sheep so tenderly and carefully.

All praise and glory goes to His awesome Name!

Eld and Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat are on call again to Melbourne (Bethel BPC). They left on Thurs. Mar 26.

Pastor and Mrs Tow are invited to the Convocation of Metro-Manila School of the Bible and to the ground breaking of the Hilltop, etc. They left on Fri Mar 27 and return Apr 1.

"Israel in History & Prophecy" - Special lecture on Mon Mar 30, 7.30 pm. FEBC Hall. Speaker: Dr Tow SH

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 15-19 June 92. Forms for recruitment of helpers and VBS cards for sending out to children are available at the church reception counter.

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice" (Rom 12:5). Kelapa Sawit BPC celebrates 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving Apr 12, 3 pm. Pastor Tow speaking. Dinner follows. Please liaise with Eld Sng.

Mr and Mrs Pang Kok Hiong, Calvary missionaries to Saipan left Mar 7.

Stephen Masila: A lady has brought 20 copies of KJVs in a box + S\$200 for your ministry in Africa.

Dr & Mrs Tow Siang Yeow and Grace are on a visit to USA Mar 30 - Apr 25. Dr Tow is President of FEBC Board of Directors.

SERMON NOTES



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

8.00 am Service

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

RHC 45 We Gather Together

Invocation-Gloria Patria

Responsive Reading

Acts 2:37-47

Hymn

RHC 246 Open My Eyes That I May See

Welcome and Announcements

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Heb 10:19-25

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

"Why Worship on Sunday?" (Rev Colin Wong)

Closing Hymn

RHC 260 The Church's One Foundation

Benediction and Threefold Amen

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS.



Another view of Beulah House, 10 Gilstead Road where guests come in and out all the time. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb 13:2).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10.30 am Service

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *RHC 263 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Invocation-Gloria Patria

Responsive Reading *Rev 3:14-22; 4:1-11*

Hymn *RHC 8 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

Welcome and Announcements

Offering & Hymn *RHC 384 My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Offertory Prayer

Scripture *Hebrew 11:24-31*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *"Precious Lessons from the Pilgrimage" (Rev Bob Phee)*

Closing Hymn *RHC 540 We're Marching to Zion*

Benediction and Threefold Amen

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 30 - Apr 5, '92)

MON 7.30 pm *Israel in History & Prophecy* (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

WED Rev & Mrs Tow return from the Philippines

THU 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

7.30 pm *Charismatism False and True* (Rev Tow)

8.30 pm *How to Discover God's Will for My Life* (Rev Tow)

FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fellowship

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC

2.00 pm Wedding of Daniel Wee & Jennifer Chan (Rev Tow)

2.30 pm LTF/YF

3.00 pm YAF

7.30 pm LBC Parents' Night, FEBC Hall (Mandarin/Hokkien)

SUN 8.00 am *The Testing of Your Faith* (Rev Patrick Tan)

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

10.40 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

6.30 pm Tamil Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan, Newton

GENERAL OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 15, '92

*\$3,881.00 (8.00 am)
*\$8,302.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1247)*\$3,881; 1248)\$70; 1249)\$120; 1250)*\$8,302; 1251)\$500; 1252)\$20; 1253)\$100; 1254)\$1,000; 1255)\$1,000; 1256)\$273.80; 1257)\$40. **TOTAL: \$2,090,403.67**
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,467,769.67
OFFERINGS FOR: *Rev Thawm Luai* \$200; *Mrs Wong* \$100, \$640 (MF); *Missions* \$400; *Child Care Centre* \$200; *Rev George Kutty* \$300; *Setsuko Takashima* \$300; *Thailand* \$14.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,235.00 (8.00 am)
*\$8,842.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1258)*\$3,235; 1259)*\$8,842; 1260)\$50; 1261)\$100; 1262)\$50; 1263)\$378.70 1264)\$150; 1265)\$100; 1266)\$1,500; 1267)\$50; 1268)\$730; 1269)\$1,130; 1270)\$60; 1271)\$100.
TOTAL \$2,106,879.37.
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,484,245.37
OFFERINGS FOR: *Philippines* \$100 (Sunday Sch); *Thailand* \$50; *Philippines Hilltop Land* \$100; *Baraka BPC* \$100, \$100, \$400, \$491.10 (US\$300), \$818.50 (US\$500), \$100, \$1917.86; *Missions* \$50, \$200; *Rev Dan Ebert IV* \$100; *Rev Thawm Luai* \$200; *Setsuko Takashima* \$100; *Burma Land* \$400; *Stephen Masila* \$200; *Daniel Arianto* \$300; *Kiantoro Lie* \$300.



Remember our missionaries in prayer:

1. The Deerams in Thailand
2. The Seets in Manila
3. Rev Thawm Luai & FEFST in Myanmar
4. Haposan Bros. & Father in N. Sumatra
5. Rev Djunaidi in W. Kalimantan
6. Rev Liew Hong Seng in KL
7. Rev George Awad in the Holy Land

DIVINE DELIGHTS FROM THE PROMISED LAND

by Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

INTRODUCTION

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Heb 13:15). By God's grace and through the great kindness of Rev and Mrs Timothy Tow and some Lifers, my wife and I for the first time were able to go together for this Third Holy Land Pilgrimage which lasted for two weeks - from 2/3/92 to 16/3/92. A million thanks to our Heavenly Father and to those who had made it possible for us, undeserving as we are. In the words of our beloved Pastor, "This third Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is the result of nine months of prayers and preparations. We have left no stone unturned to make it as pleasant as possible for our contingent." And because it was undertaken not without much prayer and preparation, God had blessed it marvellously in protecting and preserving our lives each step of our pilgrimage. The Lord saw to all our physical and spiritual needs and provided them through loving hands and hearts at Baraka Conference Centre and through the morning and evening devotions given by Pastor, who also delivered two messages at the Baraka BP Church. The messages were interpreted into Arabic by Rev George Awad. They were both edifying and challenging.

PRECIOUS LESSONS LEARNT

1. **The Higher Hand of God** working in the case of Rev Robert Thawm Luai of Myanmar who was denied entry into Israel at the Eilat Check Point because of some problems with his passport. Looking at it hindsight and from our Heavenly Father's perspective, it was not a chance happening. If he had gained entry into Israel, his international passport would have been stamped which meant that he would not be allowed to return to Amman, Jordan, from where we took our flight home. As Christians, our loving Heavenly Father will never work out anything against our good but for our benefit. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).
2. **God's Protection and Deliverance** of Deacon Seow Chong Kiong when he fell into a deep hole with no one around to help. It was at the ruins of an amphitheatre in Jerash, Amman. Thank God there were no snakes in the pit as in the case of Sadhu Sundar Singh, the great Christian saint of India, who fell into a pit full of snakes! Praise and thanks be to God for His protection and deliverance of Deacon Seow from his predicament. He had already shared with the pilgrims of his "escapade" during testimony time at Baraka Conference Centre with great humour!
- 3a. **God's Providential Care** of Koshy Prabhudas, a faculty member of FEBC when he discovered that his airline ticket was missing. It was during one of the testimony nights when he shared with us his great concern. Here God's wonderful providence was displayed through Mr George Ee, our local tour agent, who did an excellent service in securing Das a flight permit at no cost. How true the saying, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity."
- 3b. **God's Providential Care of Suzanne Mahadevan**, another FEBC faculty member, when she discovered in Israel that her purse containing her credit card was missing. And how by God's providence, it was found by the driver Afif in the space between the bus seats. The purse was returned intact to Deacon Pong Sen when the bus came back to Amman to bring us on our last lap of our pilgrimage to Mt Nebo from where Moses viewed the Promised Land. We also viewed this earthly Promised Land "flowing with milk and honey." But we as believers have a far better Promised Land "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor 5:1) when Christ comes again to take us to be with Him as He has promised (John 14:1-3).
4. **God's Sovereignty Over Nature** when God, through the severe storm over the Sea of Galilee, displayed His power over nature on the night when we stayed at a hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The next morning, it was all calm, and we were able to take a boat ride across it, to God's glory. We had a very profitable time on board where we had fellowship with another group of Christians from America and Canada. Together we sang some choruses. Our Pastor read a portion of Scripture from Mark 4:35-41 which displayed the power of Jesus - how the waves were easily calmed at His command! Prayer was offered by the American Pastor. There was a running

commentary given by a very experienced and interesting tour guide about the Sea of Galilee which is known by three different names in the Bible: Sea of Chinnereth or Chineroth, Lake of Gennesaret, Sea of Tiberias. Always remember, our God is Sovereign, and He can help us overcome whatever storms we may face in life. With Christ in our pilgrimage of life we can face the future with absolute confidence.

Out of this third Holy Land Pilgrimage, individually and corporately, we have learnt many lessons of life. But the greatest lesson, as far as I am concerned, during this pilgrimage is on Faith in God Who is Sovereign in all our affairs. I have learnt much from our beloved Pastor's walk of faith, and I am still learning. When Pastor shared with me about the news of our Life Weekly, he sounded deeply disappointed which was very human. But he was never discouraged which is our Pastor's plus point. He will never allow the "Demon of Discouragement" to oppress or possess him. He truly walks by faith for without which it is impossible to please God (2 Cor 5:7; Heb 11:6).

CONCLUSION

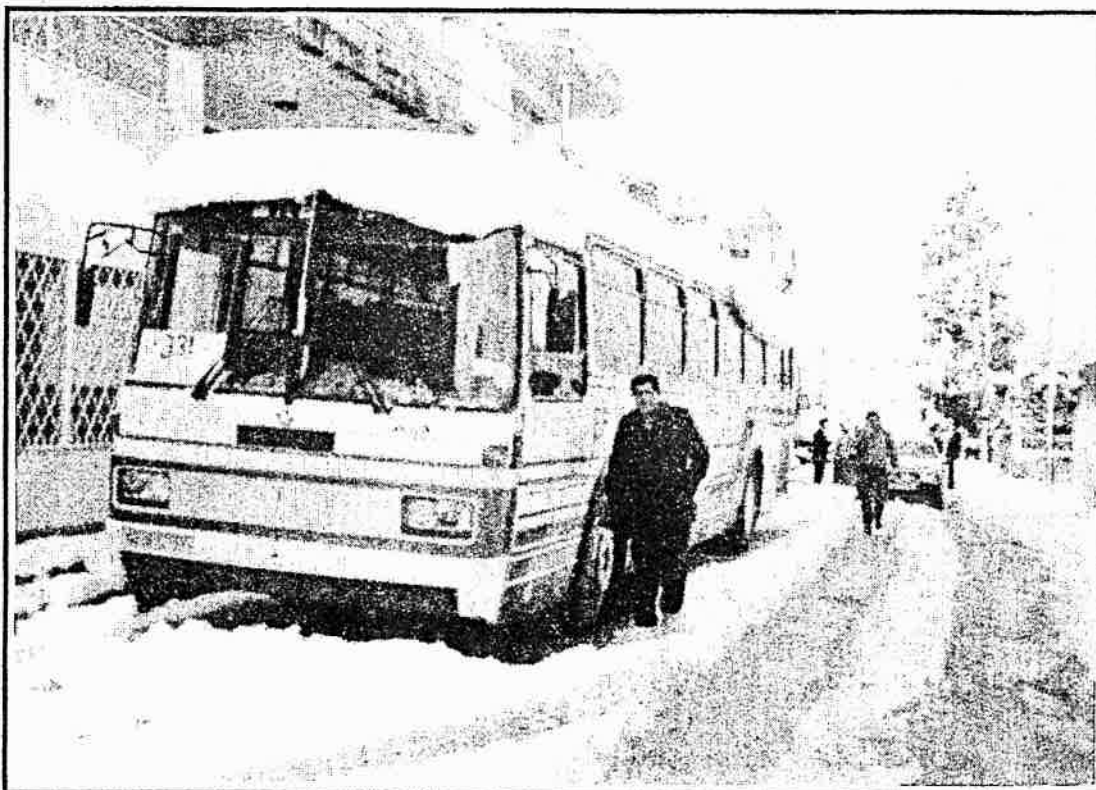
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your wonderful prayer support without which this third Holy Land Pilgrimage would not have been such a blessed one. May God's richest blessings be with you all. I would also like to share with you this lovely hymn "Each Step I Take" for your encouragement and edification:

*Each step I take my Saviour goes before me,
And with His loving hand He leads the way;
And with each breath I whisper, "I adore Thee!"
O what joy to walk with Him each day.*

*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.*

*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 Saviour,
I am strong when He is by my side.*

*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.*



Snow on our tour bus before we entered the Holy Land

My dear Lifers,

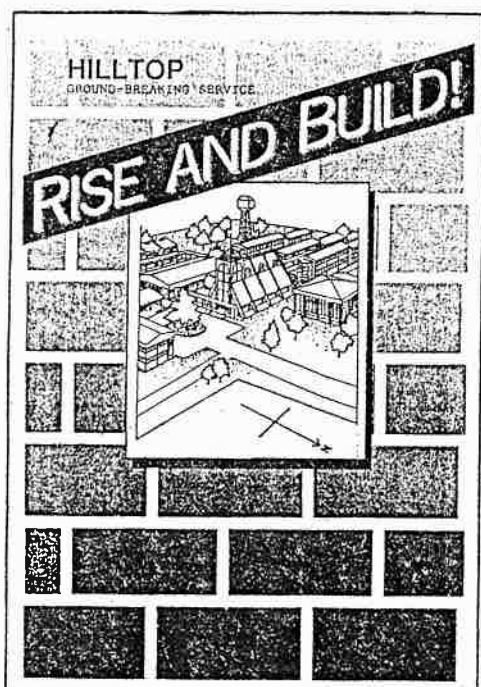
"In journeyings often" (II Cor 11:26), we found ourselves at Manila Airport again the early afternoon of Mar



27. Bill Ebert and Charles Seet were on hand to receive us. This being an off-hour, we were speedily whisked to the Mission Hqrs of the Eberts over a 20 km highway. What a joy to see Rev Ebert III and his wife and Miss Helen Boydston. At 5.30 pm Bill and his wife and three children, Charles, Frieda and baby Stella of

18 months, came to dinner with us.

Our coming here is on a two-fold mission. To speak at the Ground-breaking of Hilltop Mar. 28 and at the Graduation of the Metro Manila School of the Bible Mar. 31. We were invited to speak also at the Lighthouse Church, Pastor Coniate, where the Seets worship on the Lord's Day. (To profit from this trip we've brought 40 kilos of books and select surplus clothing.)



Here is Charles Seet's artistic folder for the Ground-breaking at Hilltop. Before the Service 200 old and young from a score of Fundamental Baptist Churches associated with the Metro Manila School of the Bible were gathered under the shady mango trees for a time of games, singing and picnic lunch. It was good to see the Filipino

pastors taking a lead. The MMSB choir sang beautifully, without any accompaniment. Then I was asked to give the "challenge."

Reading from Acts 1:8-12, especially on Olivet from where the Commission was given to the Disciples, I pointed out that the Hilltop project was no recent development. It originated from Olivet, another Hilltop: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). From that Mount of Olives went forth the 11 apostles, and from age to age, as many as have heard His Call.

Insofar as Hilltop Manila is concerned, it all started in 1955 when a young missionary Dan Ebert and his wife gave their lives for the conversion of the Palawanos in the jungles of southern Philippines. They studied their language and after 12 years living among them, they had the New Testament translated. The Lord led them to Manila to have the manuscripts refined and put into print. Thereafter they were involved in Bible teaching at the Bible Institute founded by Rev Ormeo.

When the Lord led them to start the Metro-Manila

School of the Bible 4 years ago, He also moved a Chinese towkay to sell them 5 acres of land on the top of a hill, thus giving it the name Hilltop. This land was bought primarily through the efforts of Calvary BPC with help from Life Church on the side. It's a combined Singapore effort. [Readers should read the Banner Jan-Mar 1992 issue, the life story of Dan Ebert III.]

Now the headline of the Ground-breaking Service folder is "Rise and Build." This is addressed particularly to the Filipino Churches. "Self help, with God's help, is the best help." Unless the Filipino Churches tithe, rich or poor, in obedience to the Lord's command, the work of building will be hampered.

Since I was asked to give a "challenge", I took off the white pilgrim cap I was wearing and turned it into an offering bag. Several others donning spot caps, upon this challenge, followed suit. A collection taken yielded 6,000 pesos, "something for Jesus" that was not expected according to the programme. At least, it shows the Filipinos are doing their part!

The first thing to do for this building project is drill a well at the foothill. It is estimated to go down 450 feet! This costs US\$20,000! Mr Driesbach, a missionary engineer, with a family of six children, has come from the States to supervise the building operations.

To emphasize the importance of faith and obedience in the work of the Lord at the Sunday Service, we told the story of Elijah and the Widow of Zarepheth. To sustain the prophet, we would rather think of some rich towkay, but God did the reverse. The reason is given in Lk 4:25, 26, "But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow."

The building of Hilltop could well be undertaken by the rich and powerful, but they are disqualified because they, like those in Jesus' day, despise the Lord. It is true, in every church, the burden is borne mainly by the loving and faithful, who see as the Lord sees. The widow's mites, the precious ointment of Mary of Bethany!

The "Commencement Exercise" of the Metro Manila School of the Bible saw 15 obtain their B.Th. and 5 their MBS (Master of Biblical Studies).



My message to the graduands was "Formula for Prosperity in Christian Service," (text Acts 20:17-21; 27-35). Christian Service is not a profession but a calling. A Christian minister is not a conscript, but a volunteer. He is an army officer who, like the Israeli captain, leads up to the battlefield. Whether one is lecturer or pastor or administrator it is expected of him to lead against the enemy, to extend God's Kingdom over Satan's Kingdom. This is reflected in the first point: "Fervency in Evangelism." "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the

Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20,21). We all tend to lose our zeal in soul-winning, our fervency in evangelism. Secondly we must maintain a "Consistent Pastoral Nurture" of the congregation (v.28) by graduated Sunday sermons, Bible Class at prayer meeting, etc. Thirdly, the warning ministry against wolves in sheep's clothing (v.29-31) - "Polemics Dynamic." Wolves come in all guises, even in such study Bibles as NIV where the Virgin Birth of Christ is relegated to Isaiah's "second wife," what blasphemy! Finally, the practice of "Industry and Communication." A pastor by diligence and economy and sharing, helping the weak, is what Paul requires of everyone of our leaders. "Communication," taken from Gal 6:6, means giving of one's substance in Christian fellowship. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." A pastor is always giving, even in material things!

In connection with the Metro Manila School, may I report on the good work done by Charles Seet. He is teaching six hours, as well as taking six hours of study at the CBS. His artwork has enhanced the publications of the School and Mission. Frieda and Stella both look healthy and strong. Charles is rather slim because he is on the go much of the time. But his spirits are high. They all hope that Hilltop will soon be built. This is a good investment because it is the centre of a fundamental Bible-believing ministry that will nurture pastors and teachers to serve throughout the far flung 7,000 Islands of the Philippines. Hilltop is now a movement that cannot be stopped!

-Yours obediently, T.T.

THERE COMES A TIDE TO EVERY CHURCH

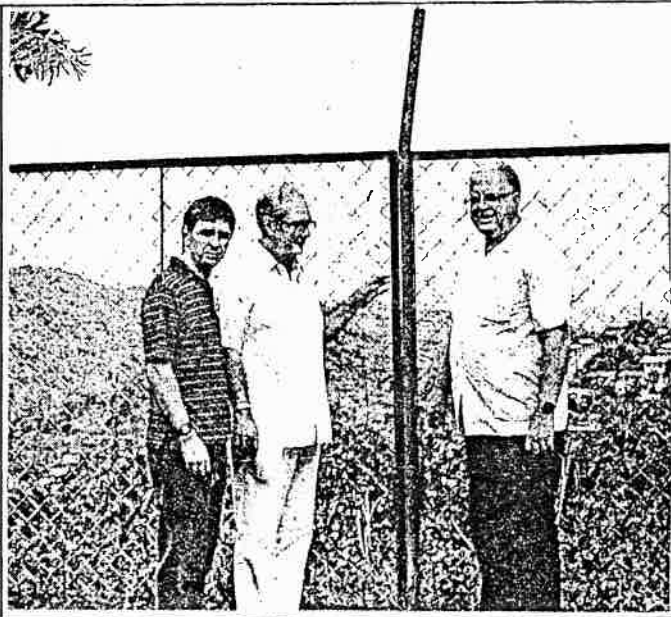
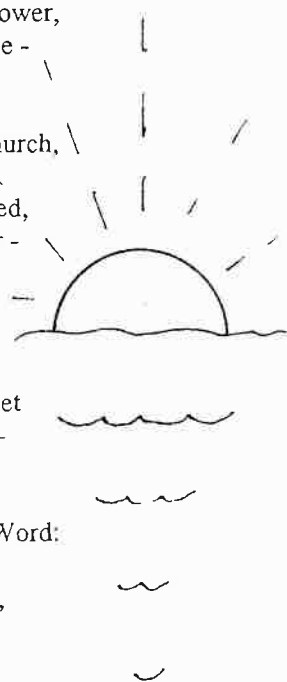
(Tune: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind)

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?
'Twill lead to shores yet unexplored,
This tide that bears you up yonder -
The flood-gates of our God!

Help us to toil for Thee, O Lord,
Upon this flowing tide,
And quicken our hands and our feet
To snatch the souls of men adrift -
The coming Day of God!

Come ye, and hear the Saviour's Word:
This tide for no man waits.
The hour is late, the work undone,
As ebbs the flow below the sun -
The judgement Day of God!



We extend our deepest condolence to Rev David Wong of Mt Carmel BPC on the home-going of his father, Mr Wong Tah Kim, 73 on Mar 30, '92. Mr Wong is laid to rest at the Lawn Cemetery, CCK.

NEXT LORD'S DAY, April 12, we enter into Palm Sunday, beginning of Holy Week. Let us come as little children singing "Hosanna to the Highest" to welcome Jesus the King, riding a donkey into Jerusalem. **The same afternoon 3pm**, Kelapa Sawit BPC will be celebrating her 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving, Pastor Tow speaking. Liaise with Elder Sng if you're going!

The Korean School is now shifted to their newly acquired premises on the eastern part of the Island.

Congratulations to the Tamil Ministry for acquiring 1 Dunearn Close for a house of worship, effective May 1, 1992. Hence the Tamil Service at Gilstead Rd every Lord's Day at 6 pm will cease from that date. (A gift of \$200 to EBF II is received.)

We regret that owing to health reason, Dr Arthur Steele will not be able to speak at our Family Camp at Mersing in September. Meanwhile we've asked Rev Bill Ebert of Metro-Manila School of the Bible to come in his stead.

Priscilla Tan, please call the church office for a parcel sent you by Michael J Caballero of Bethlehem!

The Korean Sunday School is assigned the use of Round House Hall Sun. 12.15 - 1.30 pm.

Infant Baptism. Parents who wish their infants to be baptised at the Easter Sunrise Service, please inform the church office by Thurs. Apr 9 giving child's name and date of birth.

Lost Wallet. Owner please claim from the church office.

Men's Fellowship 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving on Fri, Apr 10, 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

1. **Tithes:** Thank the Lord for guiding our lives. \$260/-
2. **Hongbao:** Thank God for blessing my husband with a wonderful pilgrim trip. \$350/-
3. **Gift** for Rev Dan Ebert IV and family. \$100/-
4. **Thank God** for radiant health and safety in travel. \$100/- for Burma Land.
5. **I am deeply moved** by Life Church's Christmas gift - Mrs Jason Linn, 3A G/F La Salle Rd., Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, H.Kong (Chinese Weekly requested).
6. **Thanks for the book**, *The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God*. If possible may I have a few copies to share with our students and other pastors. - Michael Koech.
7. **I thank the Lord** for leading me to a Church with sound doctrine here in Leeds and to a wonderful Chinese Christian Church for the invaluable fellowship with other Christians. - Melissa Loh, Tetly Hall, Moor Rd., Leeds LS6, 4DB, England.

AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 2502138; Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Rev Colin Wong 2564900; Office 2569256.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship		
Opening Hymn	No. 305	No. 473
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	2 Tim 1:7-18	Lk 4:28-44
Hymn	No. 87	No. 530/507
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 339	"There Comes a Tide"
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture	Js 1:1-15	Lk 4:43-44
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Testing of Your Faith</i> (Rev P Tan)	<i>What was Jesus' First Job on Earth?</i> (Rev Tow)
Closing Hymn	No. 318	No. 564
		Lord's Supper
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

Bring your Chinese-speaking parents, relatives and friends to the Chinese Service 10.30 am at FEBC Hall!



Another view of Beulah House, 10 Gilstead Road where guests come in and out all the time. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb 13:2). Ring 256-4900/256-4201.

ISRAEL

Sun, Snow, Mountains and valleys, the vast wilderness and the refreshing oasis, the green pastures and the colourful wild flowers, the turbulent and the peaceful sea, sweet fruits and tasty food -- all these, including sight-seeing the places where the Lord Jesus was born, where he grew up, where he taught and ministered, where he performed his miracles and where he prayed, where he died and was buried, and where he rose again and ascended into heaven - - all these I saw and shall remember.

But the greatest blessing came from seeing the Hand of God guiding us each step of the way, leading us all the way from Jordan to Egypt, across the Sinai desert to the Promised Land, granting us good weather, providing us good friends, keeping us safe, and giving us a song, many songs. This I shall remember forever.

*Each step I take, my Saviour goes before me
And with His loving hand he leads the way,
He holds the key that opens up the way,
That will lead me to the promised land.*

*If God delights in us,
He'll bring us by His Hand,
To this land flowing milk and honey,
To this our land, our Beulah Land.*



- Low Sock Eng -



Remember our missionaries in prayer:

1. The Deerams in Thailand
2. The Seets in Manila
3. Rev Thawm Luai & FEFST in Myanmar
4. Bro. Dohar in N. Sumatra
5. Rev Djunaidi in W. Kalimantan
6. Rev Liew Hon Seng in KL
7. Rev George Awad in the Holy Land

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 6 - 12, '92)

MON	No evening lectures
7.00 pm	Pilgrims at Parsonage
TUE 7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED 6.30 pm	MsF
THU 7.30 pm	<i>Charismatism False and True</i> (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	<i>How to Discover God's Will for My Life</i> (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship
7.45 pm	Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC
2.30 pm	LTF/YF
3.00 pm	Wedding of Ivan Kam & Junko Ogawara (Rev P Tan)
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
4.30 pm	Rev Tow at New Life
7.00 pm	Men's F'ship 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving, FEBC Hall (Rev Tow)
7.30 pm	Film Show <i>He is Alive</i> , Sanctuary
PALM SUN 8.00 am	<i>Promotion Comes From God</i> (Rev Eric Kwan, Lord's Supper)
9.30 am	Sunday School
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
10.30 am	Rev Brian Harper
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
6.30 pm	Tamil Service
7.30 pm	Korean Service

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,045.00 (8.00 am)
*\$7,537.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1272)*\$4,045; 1273)*\$7,537; 1274)\$50; 1275)\$868.85 (Sunday Sch); 1276)\$3,000 (Life BPC Choir); 1277)\$300; 1278)\$560; 1279)\$60 (Coinafon); 1280)\$20; 1281)\$50; 1282)\$100; 1283)\$1,500; 1284)\$100; 1285)\$200 (Life Tamil).

TOTAL \$2,125,270.22

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,502,636.22

OFFERINGS FOR: *Thailand* \$50, \$450 (NBC Bt Timah); *Burma Land* \$100, \$2000, \$2000, \$100 (Boxes), \$100, \$100, \$100; *Dn Yiew Pong Sen* \$50; *Baraka BPC* \$100; *Child Care Centre* \$200; *Mrs Wong* \$50; *Deerams* \$160; *Pr Wee Eng Moh* \$500; *FEBC* \$100 (Boxes).

NOTICE is given of our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) to be held on April 26, 9.30 am.

Continue to pray for Mrs Heng Mui Kiah now under intensive care at TTSH Ward 43 Bed 9. We thank God that there is some improvement. O Lord, we pray for your special merices upon her that she may recover by Easter Lord's Day!

Welcome to new guests:

1. Mrs Tan Nam Siang of Batam BPC to FEBC Guest House No 2.
2. Rev & Mrs Geoffrey Yong of Brunei to Beulah House, arriving April 11 from Canada.

NBC This Week: *Wed* Bt Timah, Henderson; *Fri* Bt Batok, Joo Chiat

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 13 - 19, '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 7.30 pm	Five Stars of the Chinese Church (Rev Tow)	*\$5,069.00 (8.00 am)
8.30 pm	"Prophescope" on Israel (Rev Tow)	*\$11,082.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	EXTN BLDG FUND II
THU	No evening lectures	1286)*\$5,069; 1287)\$1,840;
8.00 pm	Sharon Maundy Thursday Service	1288)*\$11,082; 1289)\$50;
FRI 8.00 pm	COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	1290)\$1,200 (Sharon BPC);
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	1291)\$100 (Thai Service);
2.30 pm	LTF/YF	1292)\$50; 1293)\$378.70;
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC	1294)\$100; 1295)\$100 (Keb. In-
SUN 7.00 am	COMBINED EASTER SUNRISE BAPTISMAL SERVICE (Rev Tow)	donesia); 1296)\$200 (Tamil Min-
9.00 am	Easter Breakfast	istry); 1297)\$100 (Boxes)
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	TOTAL: \$2,145,539.92
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,522,905.92
3.00 pm	Thai Service	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma</i>
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<i>Land</i> \$150, \$300 (YAF), \$1100,
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	\$1000; <i>Saipan</i> \$100; <i>Thailand</i>
6.30 pm	Tamil Service	\$100 (YAF); <i>FEBC Scholarship</i>
7.30 pm	Korean Service	\$300 (Sunday School), \$200 (Keb.
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Bishan, Newton		Indonesia); <i>Charles Seet</i> \$50,
THANKSGIVING. I wish to thank God for guiding me through the whole of my second year in the university. He has indeed been a gracious and merciful God. A God that truly answers prayers and is always there when you need Him. He has never left me nor forsaken me. Thank God that I have cleared my second year exams (especially my Law Paper). Praise God for all the unceasing and limitless blessings from above.		\$100; <i>Philippines Hilltop Land</i> \$1500.
AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 2502138; Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Rev Colin Wong 2564900; Office 2569256.		<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Please be reminded of our Annual Congrega- tional Meeting (ACM) to be held on April 26, 9.30 am.</p> </div>
		VBS (15-19 June). Cards for participants or children from nursery up to Sec. 1 are available from the Sunday School and Church Reception Counter. We need helpers. Application forms are available for those who want to help. Please sign up as soon as possible.
		There will be no classes for Sunday School on 19th (Easter) and 26th (ACM).



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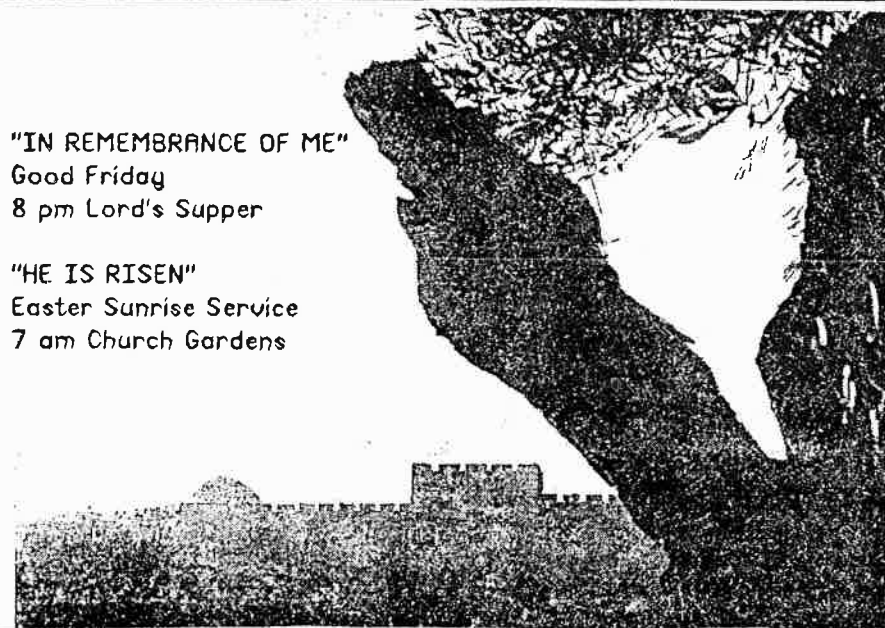
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev P Tan	Eld Chia KC
Opening Hymn	No. 32	No. 18
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Mk 11:1-11	Psalm 146
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 198	No. 226
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Jas 1:17	Jn 12:12-19
Hymn	No. 562	No. 30
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Promotion Comes from God</i> (Rev Eric Kwan)	<i>The Kingship of Christ</i> (Rev Harper)
	Lord's Supper	
Closing Hymn	No. 560	No. 197
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

"IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"
Good Friday
8 pm Lord's Supper

"HE IS RISEN"
Easter Sunrise Service
7 am Church Gardens



A REPORT ON: THE FAR EASTERN FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, BURMA by Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma was born on October 17, 1983 in the spirit of the 20th Century Reformation. The EPCB was born not out of human reason but out of historical demand in Burma's Christianity.

It is impossible to estimate the extent of damage done to the cause of Christianity by teachers and preachers who propagate false doctrines and modernistic ideas in the name of Christianity. The greatest curse of modern civilization is nominal Christianity, a so-called "Christian" doctrine which neglects the teaching of the fundamental truth, denies the inspiration of the Scriptures, the blood atonement of Jesus Christ, the necessity of the new birth, the eternal punishment of the wicked and the everlasting blessedness of the saved.

Therefore, the responsibility for this state of affairs rests entirely upon the men who preach, and the Theological schools which have taught the abovementioned doctrines. The only solution to this problem is a host of fundamental Bible preachers dedicated to the task of teaching the truth of the Word of God without fear, favour or compromise.

Since Burma's Christian Churches are mainly influenced by liberal and charismatic movements, the EPCB felt the urgency for trained men and women to reach out to the spiritually needy multitudes; a new generation of evangelists, pastors and teachers for the Church of Jesus Christ in Burma, who should confront those who preach false doctrine.



With this view in mind, Rev Robert Thawm Luai, Founder of the EPCB, started a Bible Correspondence Course in 1984 in the Falam dialect, which is the lingua franca of the Chins.

In addition to meeting the immediate needs of the spiritually hungry Chin Christians, short term Bible Courses were also conducted.

Although the EPCB's efforts have met the immediate and basic needs to a certain degree it goes without saying that the Church is still far from being able to achieve its desired goal.

Consequently, Rev Robert Thawm Luai, Gen Sec of the EPCB, shared his vision with the Assembly of the EPCB 1985-86 and the Assembly unanimously voted for the establishment of a Bible School in Rangoon.

Not long after this, Rev Robert Thawm Luai was invited by Rev Dr Timothy Tow of the Life BPC.

When Rev Robert Thawm Luai arrived in Singapore, he did not lose the golden opportunity of sharing his vision hopefully and prayerfully with Rev Tow.

The Pastors and Session of Life BPC gladly accepted the "Macedonian call" from Burma. Life Church extended her Mission field to Burma and offered to "underwrite" assistance to EPCB's Bible School project.

Out of these concerted efforts, and as a result of the sharing of burden between the Life Church and the EPCB, the Far Eastern Fundamental School of

Theology was born on May 21, 1987.

The FEFST is profoundly committed to the Biblical stand and thus the School is founded on, and grounded in, and bounded by, the Word of God.

In accordance with its strict adherence to the Biblical principles of separation, the FEFST does not seek accreditation or affiliation with any agency which denies the fundamental historic Christian faith.

The EPCB Assembly of 1986-87 voted to establish Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology in Rangoon. It was therefore agreed to use the present place at No. 6 Nanthani-Street, Insein, Rangoon, as the temporary location of the school. It is accessible from all parts of Rangoon and it has a spacious compound.

The FEFST was inaugurated with 17 students with Rev Robert Thawm Luai, BTh, who spent one semester at FEBC, as its founder-principal. FEFST is affiliated to Far Eastern Bible College.

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"BUYING LAND IN TIME, BECOMES A GOLD MINE"

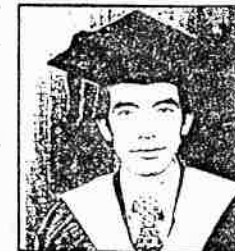
For nearly 5 years, our Church has been supporting Rev Robert Thawm Luai as he heads the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology. Now this school has grown from 17 to 47 students and from one teacher to a staff of 10. The first graduation of over 10 students will come in August, 1992. These will spread the Gospel to the Burmese people them-

selves, who are hermetically-sealed against all outside missionaries. Our commitment to this School of Theology is only S\$25,000 a year. This is less than the support of one missionary couple to the Philippines!

Now, the College rents 3 houses which cost S\$5,000 a year. The landlady of one of these houses, and the landlord of an adjoining house are going to sell their properties, 22,500 sq ft for S\$200,000. This works out to \$8.88 per sq ft. This offer is open only for two months.

As land appreciates all the time and many developers and entrepreneurs are entering Burma in this new age of "reform" by socialist countries, let us act quickly by wisdom of the proverb "a stitch in time saves nine." When this offer was made known to a few who love the Lord, we had an immediate commitment of 10 sums, totalling S\$50,000. (At the showing of slides on the Gospel work in Burma at the Tuesday night prayer meeting, we received spontaneously two \$2,000 cheques.)

As a lover of God and a supporter of cost-effective missions, we're sure you'll want to invest something in what is called "Burma Land" in our Church Bulletin. Please make cheque to "Life Bible-Presbyterian Church" marked "Burma Land" as the Lord lays upon your heart! ("God loveth a cheerful giver" II Cor 9:7. Read the blessing that follows in next 2 verses).



PASTOR'S EASTER LETTER



This site north of the Damascus Gate is believed by many to be the place of Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In 1883, the British General Charles Gordon noted this rocky hill which resembled a human skull, and suggested that this might be the true Calvary. The presence of a nearby rock-hewn tomb, believed to be first century, helped to strengthen this idea, and the scriptural significance of the site appealed to many eminent Christians of that day.

An Association was formed, and by 1892, sufficient money was collected to purchase the tomb and its surroundings, and have it cared for by a resident warden. The Garden Tomb gives a clear picture of what the place of Crucifixion and burial of Christ must have looked like at the time of Jesus. The simplicity and beauty of the site and the peaceful atmosphere of The Garden Tomb, make it a favourable spot for prayer and meditation.

is my experience I'd share with you this happy morning.

As Easter comes from Golgotha, it brings me back to the age-old hymn "On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross." This American favourite has stirred my soul again and again, after I was saved in 1935 during the John Sung Revival. "So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down." May it stir you too this Easter!

May the E. Band continue in your outreaches to Malaysia and Maranatha - and more! May the LBC continue with your Parents' Nights!

May all the Fellowships concentrate on the spiritual things, building up yourselves in the most Holy Faith.

When I saw the zeal of the Men's Fellowship in their preparations for the Easter Breakfast, I knew the presence of the Lord was upon them. I could feel the joy of serving the Risen Saviour warming their hearts.

To members who cannot serve with the hands and feet, may I exhort you to give cheerfully of your substance. May the Lord bless you with good health and long life. I need not remind you of our Beulah Debt or the needs of our mission fields.

Do you know of the 7 Churches of Asia in Revelation 2, 5 are new ones as a result of Paul's running a 2-year Bible School in Ephesus, "so that all in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10)? Do you also know we are now supporting 6 mission fields, viz: Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, Philippines and the Holy Land?"

As I feel stirred within me to redouble my efforts to serve the Risen Saviour, may I urge you to do the same. Hallelujah, He is risen! And He is coming again! Amen.

- T.T.

My dear Lifers,

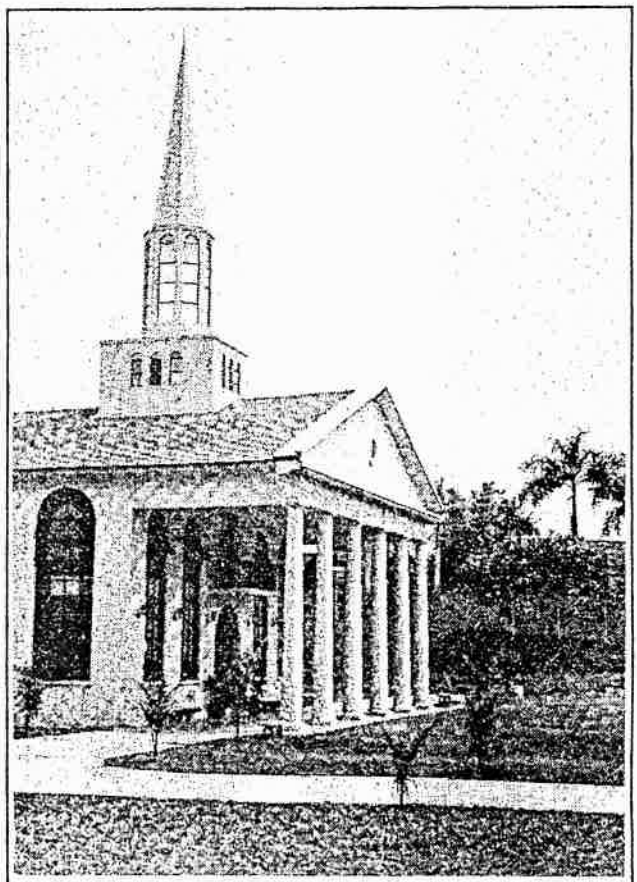
If you are a nominal Christian, the Hallelujahs we sing will be heard dimly, like trying to pick up a distant radio message amidst loud atmospheric disturbances. Except a man be born again, he cannot hear the voice of God!

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (Jn 11:25,26).

Now, a word about the photo. It represents Golgotha, the Skull Hill, where Christ was crucified. Why not the Empty Tomb? The Empty Tomb is shown on the Church Bulletin already. But Easter is not separated from Golgotha. It is the climax.

To show you Golgotha is to remind you the more of our Lord's love in giving His lifeblood to save us from our sins, and from hell. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). Do the Holy Week services bring blessing to your soul? Have you been revived to rededicate yourself to serve the Saviour? Have you considered entering fulltime service? To serve Him in the Church instead of the world? (FEBC needs a library assistant.)

Easter is not a day on the calendar. Rather Easter is the lively experience of being born again to a new life by the Resurrection of our Lord (I Pet 1:3). Easter is a new realisation that Jesus is calling me to be a disciple. Easter has brought me back to Golgotha. this



FORTY YEARS OF WONDERFUL MINISTRY

by Rev Colin Wong (Easter, 1992)

Kelapa Sawit Bible-Presbyterian Church which is 26 miles from Johore Bahru, celebrated her 40th Anniversary last Lord's Day at 3.00 pm. The Church has come a long way. Founded in 1952 by Miss Leona Wu of John Sung Evangelistic Band and Dr Andrew Gih of Evangelise China Fellowship, she is situated on a hilly village. After two years of hard labour, Miss Wu approached Rev Tow to take over the pastorship of the Church. Life Church was barely four years old when she took over Kelapa Sawit with the help of John Sung Evangelistic Band.

In 1954 Rev Tow became her first pastor. Since then, he has been overseeing her growth. Forty years have quietly slipped by and there is much to tell about her.

Rev John Ling, who was an English teacher, and his wife the late Mrs Ling, were the prime movers of the Church. Mrs Ling was a graduate of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. She was a gifted woman. She served her Master diligently. It was she who suggested to pastor Tow about the buying of a double corner house at Air Bemban in 1986. Today, it has a flourishing kindergarten, a Sunday School and a worship service.

With the help of Life Church, Rev Ling was able to purchase a piece of land at Bukit Batu, 4 miles north of Air Bemban and 7 miles from Kelapa Sawit. This was 1983. He also found a shophouse for Sunday worship. Though the service has ceased for about two years due to unforeseen circumstances, the spirit of reviving the work lives on.

For 20 years Kelapa Sawit B-P Church worshipped in a shophouse. In 1975 a piece of land situated on the highest point of the village was earmarked for a church. Through Rev Ling, this land was acquired from the Government at 30 cents per sq ft. It is exactly half-acre. In 1978, a beautiful church was erected. Today, she has a thriving and prospering kindergarten and Sunday school. Miss Ng Sang Chiew, a faithful and dialect-gifted preacher, has contributed much to the development of the youth ministry. She has been serving the church for 10 years.

Every fourth week of the month, the Evangelistic Band of Life Church visits Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban and Bukit Batu. They help evangelise these villages. The joy of co-labouring makes it not tedious. So, the Gospel seed is sown faithfully. Only eternity can tell the fruit of their labours. Elder Sng Teck Leong also visits Kelapa Sawit once a month and serves on the Church Session. Elder Edmund Tay helps out at the Tamil Service.

The Church was packed on her 40th Anniversary. There were representatives from Malaysia and Singapore. Rev Paauwe faxed a letter of congratulations from Adelaide. One of the joys we experienced

was to see a number of the senior members of the Church still standing firm and sturdy for the Lord. Indeed, they are the "pillars" of the Church.

Pastor spoke from Numbers 33 and Joshua 5. He recounted many memorable events which inspired the congregation. Forty years of ministry saw the Church go through many, many trials. But the Lord is faithful. He carried her through. He led her as He led the children of Israel. As the anniversary programme cover says, "O how abundant is Thy goodness," the people's hearts must have been drawn to the words of the Psalmist: *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness* (Psa 145:3-7).

The challenge was given. It was solemn. The people were urged to press on in the work of the Lord. They were told to forgive and forget and start afresh. The Church must continue to shine from this little hill of Kelapa Sawit to the villagers around and beyond.

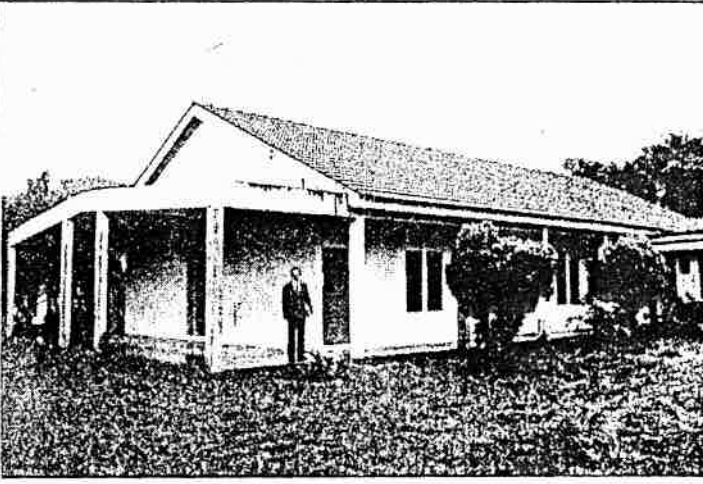
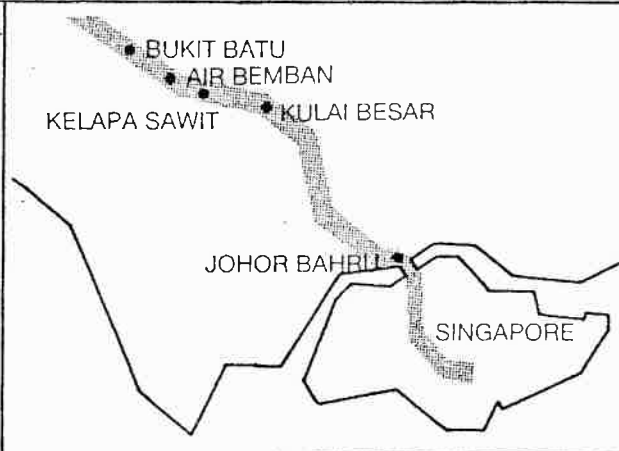
There was one infant baptism. The Lord's Supper was served with the help of the newly elected deacons and deaconess. The Lord's presence was felt. Silent prayers were uttered. Rev Philip Heng of Galilee B-P Church pronounced the benediction. The Threefold Amen was sung most resoundingly.

After the service, a group photograph was taken. This picture of forty years' ministry will speak a thousand words to the younger generation.

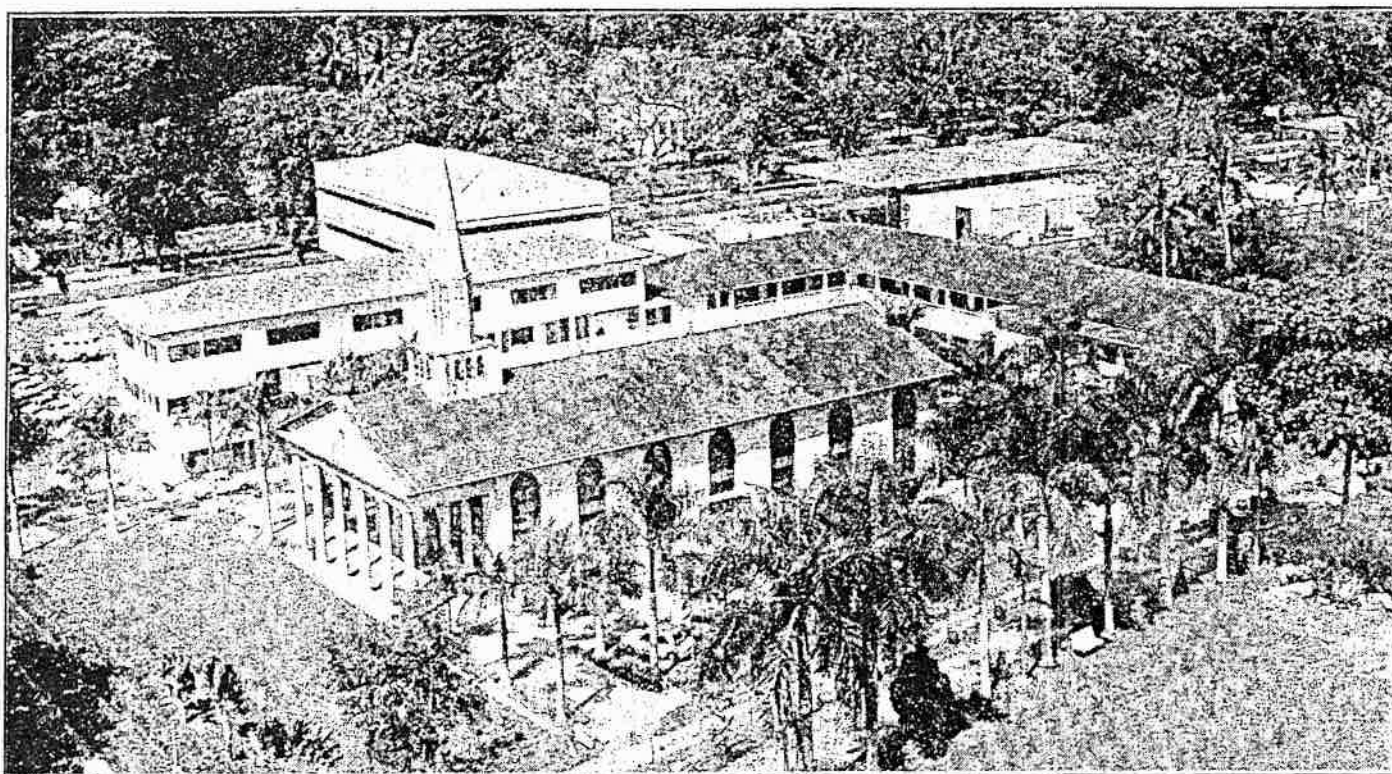
Guests, friends and members of the Church were invited to a sumptuous ten-course dinner. Everyone enjoyed it and ate to his/her satisfaction.

Kelapa Sawit B-P Church is raised up by the Lord. It is like a mustard seed which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it becomes the largest of garden plants. The birds of the air come and perch in its branches. The church has grown and is rooted deep into the earth. Over the years, many weary souls have found rest in her. The history of Kelapa Sawit must be told to the younger generation to spur them to greater service for the Lord.

Will you pray for our first B-P Gospel station, now become three churches, that God may sustain her till Jesus' return? Amen. Ω



EASTER ECHOES



The Church of Fragrant Pines and Palms where the Easter Breakfast was held.

My dear Lifers,

One thing I have noticed regarding Holy Week Services is: each year we're meeting with an increasing crowd. I spoke at the Chinese Service Palm Sunday and there was a record attendance of over 190. On Good Friday Night we counted 900 from the song sheets distributed. At Easter Sunrise Service there were an estimated 1,000. Praise the Lord! Under the royal palms, we greeted Sharonites and Maranathans, besides members of the Chinese and Indonesian congregations. Friends and relatives of baptism candidates came from as far as K.L. One lady said the reason for her coming was she had led this certain catechumen to Christ. Madam Shi Meijuan a China relative of Nancy Yap gave this written testimony, a prayer to the Lord God:

"You are my Saviour, the sun of my heart. I pray You to come to me and bless me with all grace. Take away my troubles and heal my eyes that they can see more clearly. O Lord, please forgive me of my sins and grant me happiness and peace. O Lord, my God, I thank You for giving me the opportunity to see the pastor. I praise you loudly for enabling me to cast my sorrows and sadness. I pray You to throw the devil of my illness into the sea that I may be healed early. This is my worship."

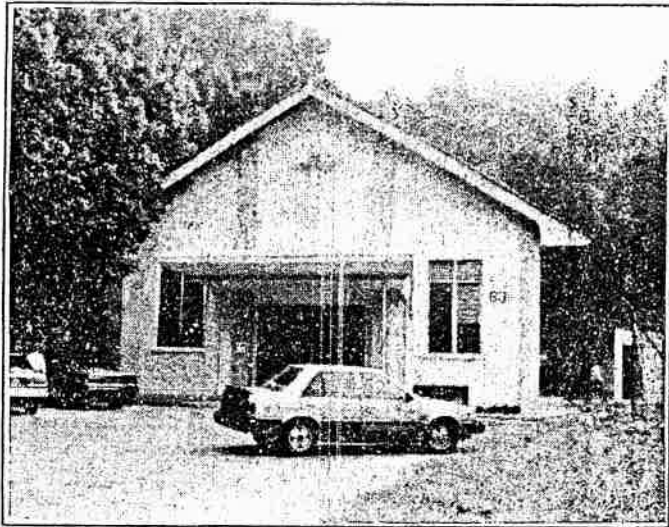
After service which ended at 8.50 am we quickly adjourned to the FEBC Quadrangle where a hundred delicacies were set on a score of tables spread far and wide. Food for a thousand with ample to spare! A word of thanks must be mentioned to the Men's Fellowship and young people who laid the tables and chairs, to the ladies who brought their best dishes as an expression of their worship to God.

Easter Night, 1992

In my meditation on what happened the First Easter Morning, I realised that the power of Resurrection Joy had propelled the early disciples to go and tell the good news to one another. So, it won't be the Easter spirit for members after service to drive off to their own places of recreation or pleasure. Rather the remainder of the Day should be offered to the Lord. One thought that came to mind was to strengthen our younger churches. Ah! There's Maranatha in Changi! What a coincidence, Dr & Mrs Andrew Heng, who were also planning to go, gave me and Rev & Mrs Djunaidi a lift. And how did we know Life Church Choir was also going - in a chartered bus!

Like the two disciples going to Emmaus, we were a small party driving up more speedily and comfortably to meet the Saviour. Our presence and that of the Choir have lifted the hearts of the Maranathans. I was glad to meet Cousin Siang Ling and wife. They live but a stone's throw from our Changi Church. The Choir sang spiritedly while Rev Colin Wong delivered the message from I Cor 15 on the irrefutable evidence of our Lord's Resurrection. Two adults were baptised. The Easter offering for the purchase of "Burma Land" to establish the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology headed by Rev Thawm Luai totalled \$1,160. Snacks and drinks after service further enlivened our spirits.

The same Easter Joy that propelled us to Changi simultaneously worked in the hearts of Deacon and Mrs Sng, in the president of the MF and in several others who came to boost the Kebaktian Indonesia, 4 pm. In all 49 came! They were drawn to the Kebaktian by the Indonesian names of Baptism candidates in our Easter Bulletin.



An elderly brother Tan Kwee Hong was the only Chinese. The rest, 7 young students boarding at Buckley Rd, are Indonesians. This is the first great harvest in the 10-year history of the Indonesian Service. Baptisms there were, but one or 2. Praise be to God that He has given this big increase! (Ps 126:5).

It all started with the youngest of the group, a boy in Pr. VII called Djatmiko. He has been in the habit of cycling into our open Church compound. Here he made friends with FEBC students. Our students, Tram Epoi of Sarawak and Elia of Tg. Uban visited them in their boarding "school", and brought them out to picnics on the East Coast. In this way Christ was introduced to them. Now they are baptised. Each one owns an Alkitab, the Indonesian Bible. Each has been given a book on John

Sung and a copy of the Asian Awakening.

After service, there was the usual high tea provided by the Aquila and Priscilla of the Kebaktian. By such fellowship we discovered new friends. Two ladies came from Surabaya. Visitors have come in through the white Indonesian signboard at the Church Main Gate, as it were saying, "Selamat Datang."

The same Easter Day Elder Edmund Tay went to Dunearn Close where the Tamil BPC has found a home. He told me he had to assist in baptisms. Others might have gone to Kelapa Sawit. Elder Mahadevan to New Life Tamil Service.

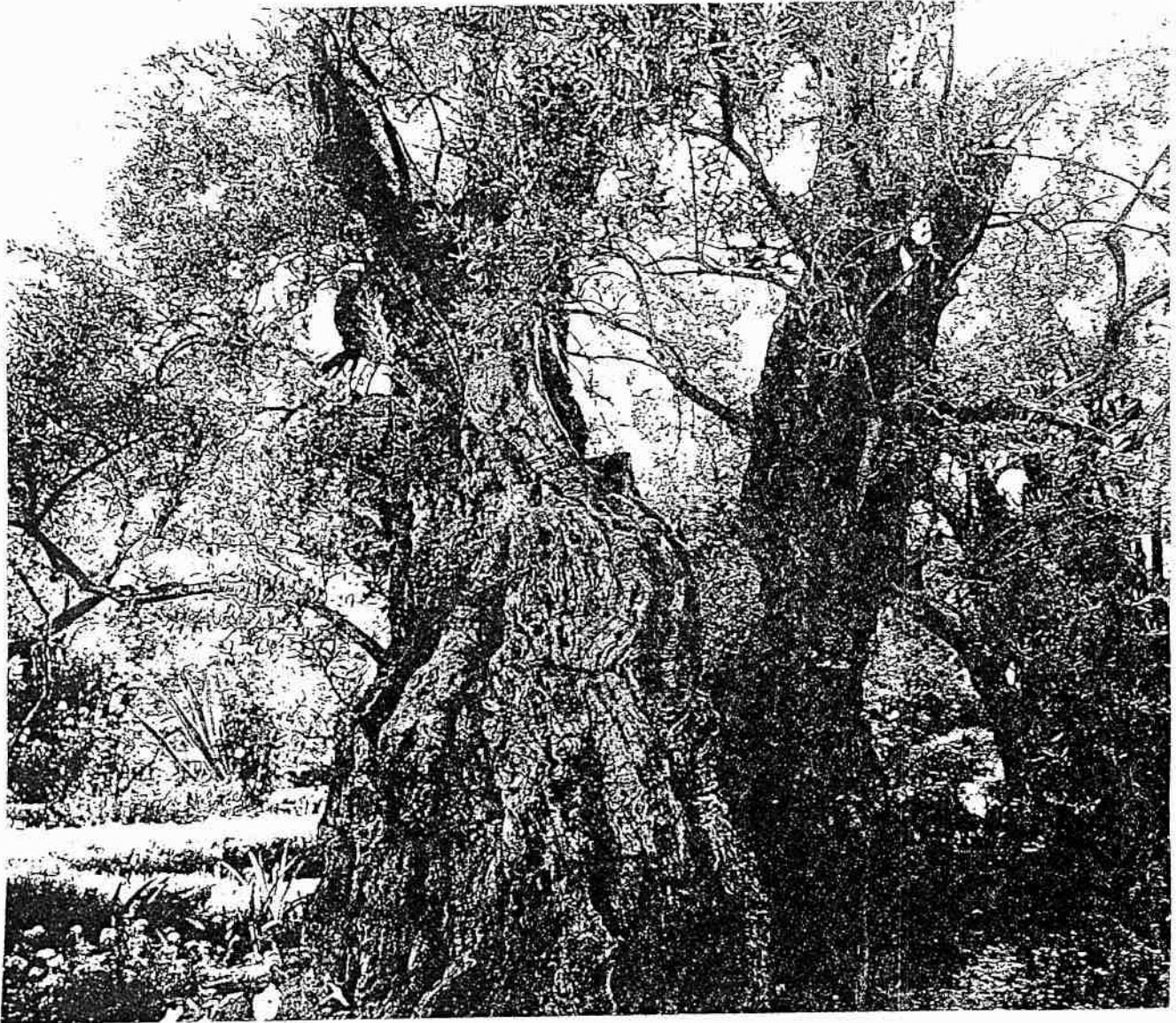
Talking of Kelapa Sawit, it reminds me of Rev John Ling, now "settled" in Kluang. On Easter Saturday I received a letter from him asking Mrs Tow and me to visit him. The Lord has opened a door for him in this railway town. He would like to discuss with us how we might evangelise Central Johore.

Now, to reach Kluang from Gilstead Road is both speedy and pleasant. Just hop on any of the buses heading for JB after crossing the foot-bridge. When you get down at the Immigration JB, there you are, the Railway Station is but 200-300 yds away. Hop on the Kluang Railbus and in less than 2 hrs you are there. The alternate route is from S'pore Railway Station.

Next Easter Lord's Day (1993), we should plan a series of holy outings, that this Day spent in encouraging younger churches instead of cultivating one's pleasure may bear fruit unto Eternity. That our Lively Joy might multiply, from Easter to Easter. Amen. - T.T.



PASTOR'S GOOD FRIDAY LETTER



The garden of Gethsemane is one of the most impressive sites in the Holy Land. It lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives. It appears today as it was twenty centuries ago. On the opposite hill across the Kidron Valley, city followed city, but this garden is still kept almost as it was at the time of Jesus, maybe with the same olive trees. St. John spoke of it as a garden over the Kidron brook. It was a spot favoured by Jesus: "It was a place where Jesus often went for His retreat and prayer" (Luke 22:39). This is the garden where Jesus on His last night underwent the most sorrowful hour of His passion, the hour in which He trembled in His nature, choosing to suffer and die on the cross, taking upon Himself the sins of all mankind. "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me, nevertheless not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 24:42). Judas came then with the servants of the high priest and betrayed his master (Matthew 26:47, Mark 14:44, Luke 22:47, John 18:2,3). All the disciples fled, leaving him alone, fulfilling the prophecy which says "I shall smite the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered." Jesus was arrested, taken to the house of Caiphas and condemned the following day to death on the cross. In the Garden of Gethsemane, there are eight olive trees whose age is lost in antiquity. Some botanists claim that they may be 3,000 years old. Josephus relates that Titus cut down all trees in the environs of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. If these trees escaped destruction, they are the very contemporaries of Christ as they are Roman olive trees. If not, they are without doubt the shoots of those under which Jesus prayed that night of His agony. "The olive tree does not die" (Pliny). They still bear fruit.

- by Sami Awwad in *The Holy Land in Colour*

My dear Lifers,

This photo of the ancient olive trees that perhaps had sheltered our Lord should hallow our thoughts as we come to commemorate His death tonight. Let the olive tree which "does not die" (Pliny) be Life Church's emblem, even as we have chosen Phil. 2:16 as our watchword: "Holding forth the Word of Life," since 1950.

Why does the olive tree live on and on, for hundreds and hundreds of years? Why not the coconut tree, or the royal palms in our Church Gardens? It is the nature of this Tree. Ever since we came to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, who died that we might live, a new nature has been implanted within us. It is the eternal life from Above. "For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, **should not perish, but have everlasting life.** Reader, can you say you have this everlasting life or no? It will be a great tragedy if you come to Church and leave without receiving Jesus Christ as your Saviour!

The day before our Lord's Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem, He and his disciples were invited to dinner at a little village called Bethany. Four persons stand out in John's narrative of this memorable occasion. There was Lazarus, whom the Lord had recently raised from the dead, who sat with Him. Then Martha the big sister served, I believe, with the best of cooking. Mary, who loved the Lord more than all poured out her life's savings in "a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly" (worth 300 pence or thousands of dollars today). But Judas Iscariot who could only criticise, whom John observed was a thief (Jn 12:6), betrayed our Saviour and His Cause. With which one of these four do you stand?

If Jesus were to come to your house today what would you do to receive Him? The acts of the Bethany Trio are worthy of our example but that which touched our Lord's heart, that ran through His body, was Mary's love that followed Him to His grave (Matt 26:12).

Mary's devotion to our Lord is commanded to be told to all the world wheresoever the Gospel is preached. What better occasion to tell it than this Night of nights? What God requires of us is not so much our service or money, as a heart given entirely to Him. What will you give Him tonight?

Paul reminds us, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying" [NIV: not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and

jealousy] (Rom 13:12,13). Will we leave this Service a better person, resolved to serve the Lord and His Church lovingly till Jesus comes?

Now, if we are here tonight to remember Him in His sufferings for our sins, how can we neglect to come to the Easter Sunrise Service? At the Combined Easter Service we will have first-fruit offerings to the Lord in 35 adults and 4 infants baptised of our English Service, 5 for the Chinese Church, including a visitor from China who'll take the Gospel back to her villagers! and a record 8 Indonesians, at the 4 pm Service!

This has been a wonderful Holy Week. Last Saturday evening at the LBC Parents' Night, 3 hands were raised to receive Jesus, the parents and aunt of Henry Tan Kiat Siong. On Palm Sunday, Kelapa Sawit celebrated her 40th Anniversary thanksgiving! Elder Sng was at the helm of the Church Minibus with nine from both the English and Chinese congregations. 200 came for the great occasion. Miss Ng Sang Chiew was coordinator, Rev John Ling was chairman, hale and hearty. I was the Lord's messenger. I related the past blessings, since I was the one who has been with the village church since 1952. Looking forward, the challenge to the new generation was towards self-support and consolidation of Kelapa Sawit's outreach to Air Bemban and Bukit Batu. Other ministers present were Revs Philip Heng, Colin Wong, David Wong and one from Tampoi. The E-Band was there also who presented a song item.

Every year, we're called to minister at Tanjong Pinang, but now new ministers are rising. Rev Koa Keng Woo of Muar is ministering on my behalf, while Rev Colin Wong is called to Batam and Kiantoro, our recent FEBC graduate, is Calvary's new staff worker. Roska should have come back from Medan where she's been "recuperating" of late. As to Dr Patrick Tan, he has to take care of New Life. Elder Chia Kim Chwee is the speaker at Woodlands Park Sunrise Service. Rev Peter Chua ministers at Maranatha. We remember Elder and Mrs Khoo now Downunder.

Beloved, let this Easter see our missions go forward with renewed energy. But we must support them from the cosy home front! There is a crying need of the hour, and that is to meet the golden offer of "Burma Land." If we rally to the Lord now, it will be "a stitch in time saves nine."

Many people have inquired after my health. Praise the Lord, I've never felt better than what I am today. My "dip-light" left eye has become a shade brighter since the recent Pilgrimage. Pray for me and Ivy.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 20 - 26 '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Five Stars of the Chinese Church (Rev Tow)	*\$4,506.00 (8:00 am)	
8.30 pm	"Prophescope" on Israel (Rev Tow)	*\$8,072.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	EXTN BLDG FUND II	
THU 7.30 pm	Charismatism False and True (Rev Tow)	1298)*\$4,506; 1299)*\$8,072.00;	
8.30 pm	How to Discover God's Will for My Life (Rev Tow)	1300)\$50; 1301)\$300 (Sharon BPC);	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship	1302)\$7,000 (MF); 1303) \$300;	
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	1304)\$100; 1305)\$50 (Coinafon);	
2.30 pm	LTF/YF	1306)\$5,000; 1307) \$200; 1308)\$500;	
2.45 pm	1st Ev. Reformed Church Wedding	1309) \$300; 1310) \$2,000 (Thanks-giving); 1311)\$255.04 (Norway);	
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC	1312)\$160 (AS200) (Adelaide); 1313)	
SUN 8.00 am	What Is True Religion (Rev C Wong)	\$24 (AS30); 1314)\$121 (US\$200) (Kalimantan). TOTAL: \$2,174,477.96	
9.30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,551,843.96	
10.30 am	Rev Tow	OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$50;	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	Philippines Hilltop Land \$100;	
10.30 am	Junior Worship	Baraka BPC \$100; Indian Mission	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	\$200; Batam \$650 (WF); New Life	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	BPC \$200; Thailand \$600; Philip-pines \$600; Burma Land \$50, \$600	
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	(Missionary F'ship); \$50, \$100; \$225;	
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	Holy Land \$4.07.	
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bukit Batok, Joo Chiat		GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING: Over	
<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Please be present for our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) next Lord's Day at 9.30 am. </div>		\$12,000++.	
VBS (15-19 June). Cards for participants or children from nursery up to Sec. 1 are available from the Sunday School and Church Reception Counter. We need helpers. Application forms are available for those who want to help. Please sign up as soon as possible. There are no classes for Sunday School today and next Lord's Day.		<p>We extend a very warm welcome to Rev and Mrs Djunaidi who arrived Maundy Thursday from Kalimantan. En route, they spent two nights at Kuching, preaching at Sharon Rose BPC (now under care of Sharon BPC). Rev Djunaidi was under our support from 1977 to 1987. Today, he has established a Christian Day School, from kindergarten to High School and built two Churches on the Kapuas River.</p> <p>He spoke at Good Friday Night Service and is the Lord's messenger again this morning. The Djunaidis are also visiting our churches in Malaysia (Rev Koa at Muar, etc). They are on their way to see relatives in Taiwan.</p>	



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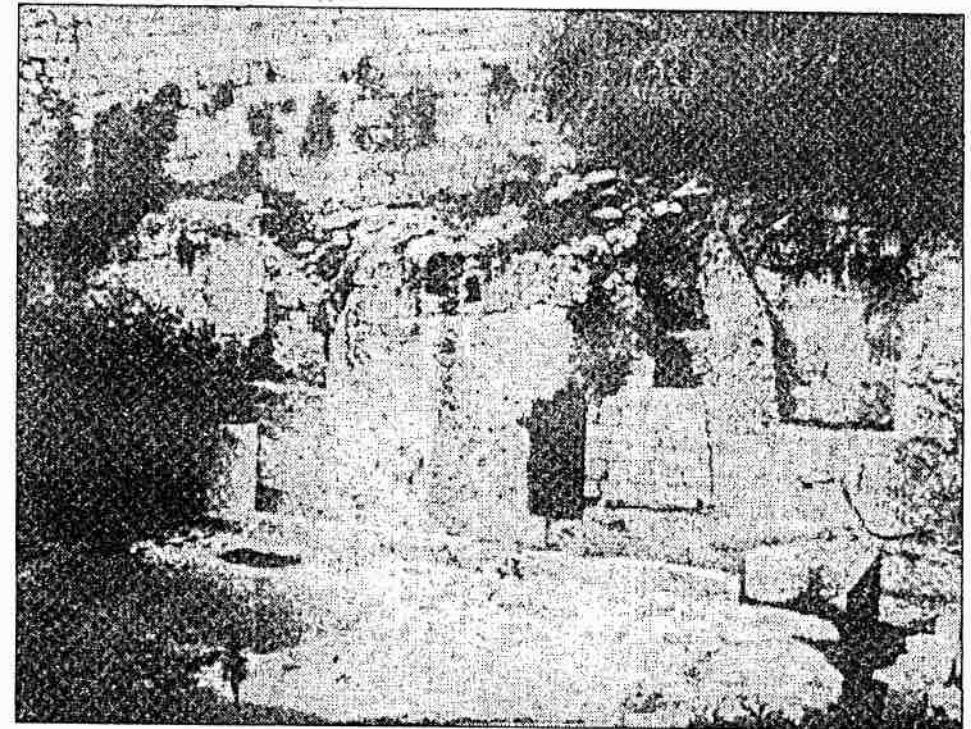
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."



What happened on the First Easter Morning?

The order of events, combining the four narratives, is as follows: Three women, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, start for the sepulchre, followed by other women bearing spices. The three find the stone rolled away, and Mary Magdalene goes to tell the disciples (Lk. 23:55 - 24:9; John 20:1,2). Mary, the mother of James and Joses, draws nearer the tomb and sees the angel of the Lord (Mt. 28:2). She goes back to meet the other women following with the spices. Meanwhile Peter and John, warned by Mary Magdalene, arrive, look in, and go away (John 20:3-10). Mary Magdalene returns weeping, sees the two angels and then Jesus (John 20:11-18), and goes as He bade her to tell the disciples. Mary (mother of James and Joses), meanwhile, has met the women with the spices and, returning with them, they see the two angels (Lk 24:4,5; Mk 16:5). They also receive the angelic message, and, going to seek the disciples, are met by Jesus (Mt 28:8-10).

The order of our Lord's appearances would seem to be: On the day of His resurrection: (1) To Mary Magdalene (John 20:14-18). (2) To the women returning from the tomb with the angelic message (Mt 28:8-10). (3) To Peter, probably in the afternoon (Lk 24:34; I Cor 15:5). (4) To the Emmaus disciples toward evening (Lk 24:13-31). (5) To the apostles, except Thomas (Lk 24:36-43; John 20:19-24). Eight days afterward: (1) To the apostles, Thomas being present (John 20:24-29). In Galilee: (1) To the seven by the Lake of Tiberias (John 21:1-23). (2) On a mountain, to the apostles and five hundred brethren (I Cor 15:6). At Jerusalem and Bethany again: (1) To James (I Cor 15:7). (2) To the eleven (Mt 28:16-20; Mk 16:14-20; Lk 24:33-53; Acts 1:3-12). To Paul: (1) Near Damascus (Acts 9:3-6; I Cor 15:8). (2) In the temple (Acts 22:17-21; 23:11). To Stephen, outside Jerusalem (Acts 7:55). To John on Patmos (Rev 1:10-19).

Scofield

THE ROAD I LOVE BEST

Twould never do for God to live
across the street,
Or in the house next door, where we
would daily meet,
So in His wisdom and His love, He
sometimes sends.
His angels kind to walk with us - we
call them friends.

When trouble comes, or loss, when
grief is ours to bear,
Pastors come and friends: words of
cheer our load to share.
How could we face defeat without a
friend's caress?
Had we no friends to praise, how bare
would be success.

I love the road to Life Church
with her shady palms
I love to breathe her fragrant air and
drown my care.
I'm a gypsy in heart
And feel the urge to roam,
But, the road I love best
Is one that leads me home.

Sylvia Wong

THE APOSTLES' CREED TWELVE ARTICLES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

1. I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
2. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
5. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
6. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
7. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Ghost;
9. The holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints;
10. The forgiveness of sins;
11. The resurrection of the body;
12. And the life everlasting. Amen.

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Ho Kwai Ching, Heidi
d/o Mr & Mrs Ho Chee Seng
02. Lee Hui En, Abigail
d/o Mr & Mrs Lim Mui Poh, Jason
03. Tan Jun Qi, Josiah
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Ming Song
04. Wong Zhu-An, David
s/o Mr & Mrs Wong Wah Suang, Paul

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Chan Yen-Lynn, Sherrin Student
02. Chng Siew Hwee, Jacelyn Student
03. Chng Siew Miang, Joycelyn Student
04. Goh Jaime Student
05. Lee Ai Ping, Brenda Student
06. Lim Hui Mien, Sharon Student
07. Seah Serene Student
08. Tham Keng Sum, Alex Student
09. Wong Marian Student
10. Yew Wensi, Vivian Student

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

11. Lee Ka Yoon, Jennifer Student
12. Lee Seung Yoon, Steve Student
13. Seah Hoon Wah Claims Exe.
14. Sim Swee Ho Poultry Rearer
15. Ang Bee Choo Housewife
16. Tan Boon Wah Engineer
17. Wun Chung Toh, Willie Manager

BAPTISM

18. Au Mei Leng, Sandra Staff Nurse
19. Cheng Wei Chieh, Seme Mktg Exe.
20. Chew Kar Keong, James Student
21. Fan Shanshan Student
22. Giam Pin Pin, Karine Prod. Sup.
23. Goh Li Cheay, Rachel Sr Accts Clerk
24. Ho Chee Seng, Max Sr Mgr
25. Ho-Lim Choon Lye, Christina Merchandising Mgr

26. Ho Poh Han, Jason Student
27. Khor Kew Yew, Bernard Student
28. Koh Chin Mei, Diana Mktg Exe.
29. Koh Geok Tong, Kenneth Mktg Exe.
30. Lee Poey Keng, Yvonne Shipping Exe.
31. Len Hiap Lee, Christopher Student
32. Len Jean Peen, Phebe Student
33. Leong Oy Wah, Catherine Housewife
34. Lim Jew Hoe, Allan Self-employed
35. Tok Goon Har, Lily Clerk
36. Low Meiling Student
37. Neo Gek Keng, Lynn Merchandiser
38. Ogawara Junko
39. Park Je Hyun, Jonathan Student
40. See Siew Eng Civil Servant
41. Seow Jennie Housewife
42. Sng Wee Kiat, Silas NSF
43. Soh Ling Kei Rest. Cpt.
44. Soh Whee Kheng, Grace QC Tech
45. Tan Piah Sin, Margaret Trg Offr
46. Tan Teck Long, Leonard Mtls Engr
47. Hoe Chwee Khim, Catherine Hairstylist
48. Tay Bee Hong, Apphia Student
49. Teng Siew Hoon Student
50. Teo Pek Hoon, Agnes Teacher
51. Selvamala d/o Velusamy, Joan Receptionist
52. Voon Ven Meng, Perth Sales Exe.

KEBAKTIAN INDONESIA

01. Tan Kwee Hong
02. Djatmiko Nugroho Yoesoef
03. Yongky Widjaja
04. Yaohan Widjaja
05. Rudy Haryanto
06. Tedy Eka Wijaya
07. Hendra Weito
08. Harry Tjoa

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 27 - May 3, '92)		GOOD FRIDAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON	No evening lectures	*\$11,407.00
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1315)
WED	FEBC Exams Begin	*\$11,407; 1316)\$500; 1317) \$100.
FRI 10.00 am	Prayer Retreat for F'ship Leaders (Sanctuary)	TOTAL: \$2,186,586.92
7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,563,952.92
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma Land</i>
2.30 pm	LTF/YF	\$123.80; <i>Missions</i> \$50; <i>Philippines</i>
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC	<i>Hilltop Land</i> \$80; <i>Easter Breakfast</i>
SUN 8.00 am	<i>No Favouritism with God</i> (Dr Lim Teck Chye)	\$100.
9.30 am	Sunday School	EASTER SUNRISE GENERAL OFFERINGS:
10.30 am	Rev Tow (Lord's Supper)	*\$19,505.00
10.30 am	Chinese Service	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1318)
10.30 am	Junior Worship	*\$19,505; 1319)\$200; 1320)\$5,500
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	(MF); 1321)\$20;
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	TOTAL: \$2,211,810.96
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	LOANS: 39)\$15,000.
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	TOTAL LOANS: \$377,366.
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,226,810.96
3.00 pm	Thai Service	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma Land</i>
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	\$200, \$200, \$120, \$100, \$10000,
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	\$10000, \$1160 (Maranatha BPC); <i>Dn</i>
7.30 pm	Korean Service	<i>Yiew Pong Sen</i> \$50; <i>Improving Sound</i>
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Bishan, Newton		<i>System</i> \$1000; <i>Missions</i> \$150.
FISHERS OF MEN		Expresgram to:
I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men.		1. L ² : Thank
I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me.		you for kind let-
If you follow me, If you follow me,		ter. 2. Rev Carl
I will make you fishers of men, If you follow me.		Martin: I've
Come, come, come, come, come unto Me, come unto Me, come		"compensated"
unto me.		with another
Come, come, come, come, come unto Me, And I'll give you rest.		copy of the Clock
And I'll give you rest, And I'll give you rest.		book. Did you
Come, come, come, come, come unto Me, and I'll give you rest.		receive booklet
For what shall it profit a man, profit a man, profit a man?		on Billy Graham
For what shall it profit a man to gain the whole world?		by air? 3. Dr A.
To gain the whole world, to gain the whole world?		Steele: How are
For what shall it profit a man and lose his own soul?		you? Praying for
		your full recovery.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev C Wong	Rev T Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 18	No. 216
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	James 1:19-27	Matt 16:13-27
Hymn	No. 324	No. 199
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn		"Fishers of Men"
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Matt 23:1-7	Lk 5:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>What Is True Religion?</i>	<i>The Secret of Success through Life's Struggles</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 405	"Fishers of Men"
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

"OUR PART IN WORLDWIDE MISSIONS"

This is the theme of Life Church Family Camp at Mersing Sept 7-11, 92 and this is a reminder from our Risen Lord. The Easter Message no doubt is "He is risen," but we often stop short at that. The extension of the message is, "As the Father hath sent Me so send I you (Jn 20:21)... Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15).

By God's grace we have been engaged in missions right from the beginning. A few months after the founding of Life Church in 1950, the pastor and Deacon Hsu Chiang Tai were sent on 4 preaching missions to Malaysia, to some 50 new villages in the days of the Communist uprisings. Out of these sorties resulted the taking of Kelapa Sawit in Jan. 1954 as our first "foreign" project.

After two decades of missionary labour both on Singapore Island itself and Malaysia, the Lord began to launch us farther afield - to Kalimantan and North Sumatra, then to the Riau Islands. Then followed Thailand, Sarawak, Burma, Batam, Philippines and the Holy Land. Designated offerings for China, Africa and Saipan of late were received, and are accordingly being dispensed.

Now, these farflung mission commitments are not embraced by carnal efforts.



They have been put on us through the Lord's opening door after door to this Church because He has chosen us to work out a part of His global plan — "our part in worldwide missions."

To implement our missions into all the world, we have a triple strategy:

1. By sending our own missionaries — such as the Seets and the Deerams.
2. By supporting God-chosen nationals who prove themselves honest and efficient, such as Rev Djunaidi (now self-supporting) and Rev Thawm Luai, principal of the 47-student Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Rangoon, Burma. This latter deployment is most cost-effective as comparative figures in the Annual Fiscal Report shows.

3. By designating gifts, eg. Bibles to Africa, China, Saipan, etc. To maintain our worldwide missionary outreaches including support of FEBC, an acknowledged missionary college by "Operation World," the budget is \$300,000 a year.

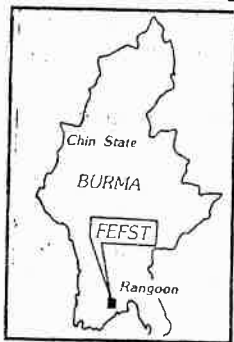
There is much talk on missions these days, but how much have you done to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth? According to the 1992 budget, there must be an income for missions of \$5,770 a week! Our weekly report shows just a fraction. Who will come to the Lord's help?

Fortunately, we didn't take that \$1 million loan. Being relieved from paying bank interest, our burden is lightened. Otherwise missions might grind to a halt!

Life Church is well able to give \$5,770 a week to Missions. If every member will offer \$4 per week! Let us support God's work while we may. Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work" (Jn 9:4). And will he say to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant?" (Matt 25:21). - T.T.

To Whom It May Concern

The acquisition of one property on which the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology headed by Rev Robert Thawm Luai stands is approved by Life Church Session. This property is in Rangoon, Burma and has an area of 11,250 sq ft and a bungalow, and is selling for S\$100,000. This works out at S\$8.80 per sq ft.



Rev Thawm Luai's letter dated April 20, '92 discloses that the transaction of buying this property is agreed as follows:- Payment of the price of S\$100,000 must be made in three instalments by Dec 31, 1992. The first down payment of S\$20,000 to be remitted before April 24. With God's help this sum has been sent.

With the enthusiastic support received from lovers of God amounting to S\$30,000, our need is reduced to \$70,000 - the price of a car! As the Lord lays upon your heart, please send cheque in favour of "Life B-P Church," marked "Burma Land." "A stitch in time saves nine."

God bless your house as you build His House (II Cor 9:7,8).

Treasurer, Life BP Church



And can you find Tg. Uban station of our Chinese Service?

While Man's Kingdom is extending to the white beaches of Northern Bintan Island, God's Kingdom has quietly gone before in the establishment of a Gospel Station by our Chinese Church at Tanjung Uban, Jan. 1991. Can you locate the Cross not too far from the Teluk Sebung Ferry Terminal? This Gospel station is linked to Tanjung Pinang Zion Presbyterian Church (Esther and Joseph Liu). It is manned by Mr & Mrs Chia Jung Kong, whose son, Elia, is a student at FEBC. Using both Chinese and Indonesian, our Gospel light-house there is beamed on the Chinese population.

In June Elder Sng Teck Leong will head a team to Uban to run a DVS.

Tanjung Uban is marked out to be an Industrial Estate. The little seaport is now rumbling with earth moving machines and lorries. It will be another Batam in the next few years. Pray for our workers there and the brethren at Tanjung Pinang to the South. And do you know we have a Gospel Triangle formed in the Riau Islands if we put Maranatha in Changi at its apex and Batam and Bintan at its base?

IN THE OFFERING BAGS

- ☒ A token of thanks to our sovereign God. Praise Him.
- ☒ For Missions only (\$150).
- ☒ "Old Lifer" (\$2,000).
- ☒ A Sinner Saved by Grace (\$80).
- ☒ Sorry for being late. This is my 3 months' tithes - Feb, Mar, Apr (\$570).
- ☒ The Lord's works are excellent! Please write off this loan to €BF (\$2,000) as a love offering for God's House. Thank God for your work in God. (Jer 33:3). - Sharonite
- ☒ As the Lord has prospered me, so I'll remember Him by returning 10% of my gross salary.

Straits Times

Tues. April 21, 92

Economic co-operation between Singapore and Indonesia took another step forward with simultaneous ground preparation ceremonies here and in Bintan yesterday for the international terminals that will be linked by ferries.

The terminals will start as the main entry and departure points for tourists to the Bintan Beach International Resort now being developed by private companies from both Indonesia and Singapore.

The \$18-million Changi Ferry Terminal at Tanah Merah - to be built by the Port of Singapore Authority (PSA) - is expected to be ready by mid-1995. In Bintan, the \$10-million Teluk Sebung Ferry Terminal will be developed by Bintan Resort Corporation (BRC), a Singapore-Indonesian joint venture. It is expected to be completed by December next year.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 4 - 10, '92)

MON 7.30 pm "Proplescope" on Israel Exam
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm Charismatism False and True Exam
FRI 7.30 pm FEBC End-of-Semester Thanksgiving & Dinner
7.30 pm E-Band Fellowship
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
3.00 pm YAF/LBC
SUN 8.00 am True Faith Produces Good Works (Dr P Tan, Lord's Supper)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Dan Ebert III
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
7.30 pm Korean Service
NBC This Week: Fri Bukit Batok, Joo Chiat

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,151.00 (8.00 am)
* \$7,083.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1322) *\$5,151;
1323) *\$7,083; 1324) \$50; 1325) \$10; 1326)
\$215 (YAF & AF); 1327) \$50; 1328) \$200.
TOTAL: \$2,224,569.96
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,616,935.96
OFFERINGS FOR: Burma Land \$20,
\$200, \$600, \$500, \$100, \$1560, \$250 (Box),
\$1200; Rev E Paauwe \$995 (Holland);
FEBC \$100 (Box).

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- ✉ Given with thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings and mercies. (\$200)
- ✉ In thanksgiving for God's mercies to mother. (\$500 for Burma Land)
- ✉ Thank God for helping me to clear my 1st yr. exams at the university! (\$50)
- ✉ My Easter offering: \$1,000
- ✉ The Lord has honoured me with a promotion. I thank the Lord for this blessing, and enclose here-with the first fruits of my increase. - A Lifer
- ✉ After hearing your appeal for fresh loans to the Beulah House, I've decided to make out a second loan to Life Church. Instead of renewing my fixed deposit at a local bank, I've decided to lend the whole sum to church. I hope it will go some way towards relieving the church of its huge debt. - Former YAFer
- ✉ Thank God for our daily bread. I give tithe with grateful thanks.
- ✉ Thank God for a job. (\$50 for Missions)
- ✉ Thank and praise the Lord for seeing me through my 3 yrs of NUS education and granting me a job. (\$50)

Expresgram to: 1. *Albert Ong*: Glad to know you're returning for a visit. (Agnes called.) 2. *Michael Koech*: Will send books! 3. *Goh Seng Fong*: Thank you for recent letter.

Please claim your lost items at the Counter today.

STOP PRESS! *Burma Land*. From loan to gift \$70,000. For His Gospel. ♥ Jesus Shall Reign! *Loan to EBF*: \$10,000.



LIFE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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3 May 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Jack Sin	Rev T Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 37	No. 88
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Romans 2:1-16	Psalm 32
Hymn	No. 86	No. 311
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 335	No. 58
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	James 2:1-13	Luke 5:12-16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	No Favouritism With God (Eld Lim T C)	Title below
Closing Hymn	No. 445	No. 291 Lord's Supper
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



Today Doctors can
cure leprosy of
skin,
But WHO can
cleanse the
Leprosy of SIN?

“EBENEZER, HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US” (I SAM 7:12)

When FEBC closes on May 8, '92 for the academic year 1991-92, she will have served the Lord full 30 years. With no guarantee of support from any Church or organisation, she has all along looked upward to God. It is the Lord who has sustained her. In this very memorable year, we can say only with Samuel, “Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us” (I Sam 7:12).



This is not to deny the part played by Life Church on whose grounds, including Beulah Land, the College has found a campus. Like the prophet Elijah being taken care of by the widow of Zarephath! But the benefits are mutual. The Church blesses the College and the College blesses the Church. That FEBC is a Church-based theological school is in the high tradition of none other than Spurgeon's Pastor's College linked to the Metropolitan Tabernacle. Inasmuch as the Pastor's College was the brainchild of Pastor Spurgeon, FEBC has in fact come out of Life Church.

However, the College is established an independent institution. It is governed by a Board that is comprised BPers who love the College, men of wisdom and expertise to attend to her physical well-being. They are: Dr Tow Siang Yeow (Pres), Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow (V-Pres), Elder Heng Yow Tong (Treas.), Elder Eric Mahadevan (Sec.), Elder (Dr) Cheng Wei Nien, Elder (Dr) George Foong, Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, Rev Stephen Khoo, Rev Koa Keng Woo, Elder Edmund Tay, Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan, Mr Wee Hian Kok.

The academic and spiritual side is looked after by the Principal and a consecrated Faculty. Insofar as the Faculty for this semester is concerned, they are:

Rev Timothy Tow, MDiv, STM, DD (*Principal*)

Mrs Ivy Tow, BTh. (*Matron*)

Rev Bob Phee, BTh, MDiv, ThM, DipTh(Lon), BA.Hons(Lon)

Rev Stephen Khoo, BTh, MDiv.

Rev Koa Keng Woo, BTh.

Mr Prabhudas Koshy, BSc., BTh.

Rev Brian Harper, Bible Union of Australia (*visiting lecturer*)

Tutors in English: Eld Edmund Tay, Ms Suzanne Mahadevan, BBA, MS(Comm.)

Tutors in Music: Mrs Koa Keng Woo, Mrs Anne Tan

With the return of three FEBCers from the States next month, the Teaching Staff will be augmented by Mr Quek Swan Yew, BArch, BTh, MDiv, ThM; Mr Jeffrey Khoo, BTh, MDiv, ThM; Mrs Jemima Khoo, BTh, MA, MRE. Incidentally, this 30th year of FEBC has seen the launching of the Masters Programme.

This semester sees 14 completing their courses of study and leaving us. They are:

Yoon Maria (S'pore)

Han Kwai Yow, Steffen (M'sia)

Heng Jee Seng, Philip (S'pore)

Jeong Un Gyo (Korea)

Nanta Marilyn A K (Sarawak)

Wonsia Zamesia, Joshua (Liberia)

Lee Won Bok (Korea)

Tang Carolyn (S'pore)

Choong Siew Lean (S'pore)

Tai Ji Choong (S'pore)

Lim Keow Ker, George (S'pore)

Lim Lay Lee (S'pore)

Yiu C K Peter Simon (S'pore)

Kendagor Joseph (Kenya)

Of those still pursuing their studies, two gospel teams are being formed for the long vacation - one going to Thailand and the other to the Riau Islands, to Batam, Tanjung Uban and Tanjung Pinang. (A word to outward bound students: see that you are fully prepared to evangelise.)

FEBC, in the course of her development, has become the hub of a Bible College movement. Her graduates involved in theological education are:

1. The Siregar brothers, Haposan, Agus, Dohar, in Medan, Sumatra.
2. Rev Mark Kim (principal), Rev Richard Kivi, Jenny Ong in Bible College of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.
3. Rev Stephen Masila and his Bible School, Kenya.
4. Rev Michael Koech and his Bible School, Kenya.
5. Rev Thawm Luai (principal) Fundamental School of Theology, Rangoon, Burma.
6. Mr & Mrs Charles Seet, Metro-Manila School of the Bible, Philippines.

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” II Tim 2:2.

A cross section of what FEBC graduates are doing in the fields may be taken from Australia: Rev Mark Heath and Grace are pastoring BPCWA (English), Rev Peter Chng BPCWA (Chinese), Perth. Rev & Mrs Peter Clements at the Presbyterian Church, Cootamundra. Mr Lim Hai Seng, Bethel BPC Melbourne. Brutus Balan, Baptist Church, Tasmania. (Rev Peter Chua recently served several months at Hope BPC, Adelaide during Rev & Mrs Paauwe's furlough back in the States.)

The 30th Anniversary of FEBC will climax with a big graduation service planned for Sat. Sept 19, 1992 (nearest to Sept 17, Day of Founding) at Gilstead Road, at which Dr Tow Siang Hwa will be the Lord's messenger. By then, 180 will have passed out from her hall of learning to the four corners of the earth, to every continent except South America.

The College reopens July 20, 1992. The principal as usual will teach the two evening classes: 1. The Gospel Prophets, Isaiah and Micah. 2. Calvin's Institutes.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. God ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matt 28:18-20).

- T.T.

Out of This Life

Out of this life I shall never take
Things of silver and gold I make
All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on earth must stay

I wonder often just what I shall own
In that other life when I pass alone
What shall He find and what shall He see
In the soul that answers the call for me.

Though I call it mine, and boast its worth
I must give it up when I quit the earth
All that I gather and all that I keep
I must leave behind when I fall asleep

Shall the great judge learn when I am thru
That my life has gathered riches too?
Or shall at the last be mine to find
That all I had worked for I left behind.

- Author Unknown



PASTOR'S VACATION LETTER

My dear Lifers,

This is not to say that your pastor is going on a holiday, but rather it is the pastor in his role of principal of FEBC, now on vacation, takes time to hold a tete-a-tete with members of the Church. Please consider this Pastoral Chat my personal visit with you!

The Political Weather, foreboding!

For some weeks past we were experiencing a heat wave. But I'm inclined to talk of the political weather in other parts of the world in the light of God's Word. The racial riotings in L.A., the strikes in Germany and other rumbling events should remind us Christians to "set our affection above" (Col 3:2), "not on things on the earth." "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Lk 21:28). But Jesus also says, "Occupy till I come" (Lk 19:13).

Now, from all these signs bursting around us, we are urged to look upwards for our Saviour's Return. We are told to be watchful! This does not mean that we get the more inquisitive about date-setting and pious speculating. Rather, we are to be engaged more intensively in the extension of God's Kingdom. That's what Missions is all about. Not mere talks or trips, but practical, timely help to His servants who are diligently pursuing His business in distant lands.

In this connection, has not the Lord commended one of His handmaidens as He Mary of Bethany? That wheresoever the Gospel is preached in all the world Mary would be remembered in fragrance? When the **Stop Press!** news item, just only two lines, appeared in last week's Bulletin, several came to offer praises to God for the conversion of a \$70,000 loan to gift for the purchase of a property for the Bible College in Burma. I'm sure there are many more Marys in Life Church who will do their best, when the Lord has need again!

Rev Dan Ebert III

This faithful missionary from America to the Palawano jungles for 12 years to translate the New Testament into their language is a true hero of the Gospel. Now, in the prime of life, with two sons helping him in the building of a Bible College on a 5-acre Hilltop at Antipolo, Manila he has come to Singapore to be a blessing to us too. I was deeply touched by his message on Psalm 5 at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary BPC last Sunday night. May

Lord's Day, May 10, 92



I urge you to attend tonight's Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary, as well as the next Lord's Day's. But, what about you worshipping at 8 am? Don't miss the blessing by not coming to the 10.30 Service too! Elder Mahadevan, who represented Life Church at the inauguration

of one of three Churches built with S'pore funds under Rev Ebert's direction some years back, is chairman.

In order that you may know how God has blessed the Ebert family, I've got a tribute written by his elder son, Dan IV, on the life and work of our distinguished speaker. I count Rev Ebert one of my very esteemed brothers in the Lord.



Now, there is a Chinese saying, "When the tiger is mentioned, the face changes colour." It means to talk of money brings embarrassment. But truth does not countenance anybody, rich or poor, tycoon or wage-earner. Jesus tells us off, very plainly, that like the Rich Fool (Lk 12:16-34: read it and search your heart) we are not rich towards God. Someone also says our giving to God is not measured by what goes out of our pocket but by what is held back in. How about the yardstick of the tithe? That sacred 1/10?

Now you retort, "You've been talking about Burma, and now Hilltop, Philippines." Why not? I'm speaking to you to whom the Holy Spirit has been witnessing! Talking about missions, everybody can. Giving to missions, somebody clams! But our Beulah Debt? Why talk of the Debt when you've not lifted a finger for a good long while?

Forgive me for such straight talk. But I surely am crying at the nonchalance of Readers of this 'Vacation' letter who, with a little help, could have gone a long way to help raise the new dorms and classrooms of Metro-Manila School of the Bible, and thus expedite the Gospel to the 7,000 Islands of the Philippines. Let God speak to every sincere and contrite heart!

Why should I play the fool, to talk such embarrassing talk? If I am foolish, to speak on money, it is for the Lord's sake. I'm treading the footsteps of our Saviour. Count the number of times He speaks about money! Of His 40 parables, those that



concern money or wealth number 8. Can you find them?

Far Eastern Bible College reopens July 20, '92. The Faculty for the 1992-93 academic year are as follows:



Rev Timothy Tow
Mrs Ivy Tow
Rev Bob Phee
Rev Stephen Khoo
Rev Koa Keng Woo
Mr Quek Suan Yew
Mr Jeffrey Khoo
Mrs Jemima Khoo

New students are coming in from USA, Zaire, Kenya, Indonesia. Paradoxically, we have received none from Singapore. Young man, young lady, why do you still procrastinate? Doesn't the proverb, "Procrastination is the thief of time" arouse you to action?

What is scholarship? To be able to use long, hard words, the language of so-called academics, that no body understands? Nor is mere accumulation of knowledge the thing. It is the ability to spread knowledge intelligently that links us to the fountain of knowledge. And that fountain is God Himself. "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom: and to depart from evil is understanding" (Job 28:28).

At FEBC the Bible is reverently taught. Every lesson learnt must first be applied to the student's life. We pray the Lord to keep FEBC a lively College, and not a dry-as-dust school of the scribes. We pray the Lord to help us launch the Masters programme, that more and more this College may become a centre of theological training in this part of the world.

In conclusion, while we have unashamedly appealed for the support of needy institutions, like those in Burma and the Philippines, we have little mentioned the needs of FEBC. Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Giving, not receiving, is the way to riches." And what is JOY? Jesus first, others second, you last!

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

The Church Has Need of You (Ephesians 2:19)

If it's e'er so little the part you take,
The Church has need of you.
Be it big or small the effort you make,
The Church has need of you.
If it's a thought you give by the way,
If it's only a word you pause to say,
It's a part that nobody else can play,
The Church has need of you.

By your smile you can change another's life,
The Church has need of you.
By a hint you can bring peace out of strife,
The Church has need of you.
Then lift up your head and never say die,
Count you every blessing, stop every sigh.
Get busy and don't let a chance slip by.
The Church has need of you.

Make your Church beautiful
Of all the good in which you share.
The love that around you lies,
And you will see with glad surprise.

In a big house there're vessels of all kinds:
Some are made of silver and some of gold,
Others are made of wood or made of clay,
Some for special occasions, some for the day.
Now if anyone makes himself ready,
The Master will use him, sure and steady.
Make your Church shine with all the light you get
To do good to someone do not forget.

Sylvia Wong



Camp Theme:
Our
PART
IN
WORLDWIDE
MISSIONS

Speaker:
REV BILL EBERT
of the
PHILIPPINES

Camp Master: JACK SIN

Attend LIFE CHURCH CAMP at MERSING SEASIDE, SEPT 7-11, '92. VISIT Rev John Ling at Mersing Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 11 - 17, '92)	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fellowship SAT 1.00 pm LJBC 2.30 pm LTF/YF 3.00 pm YAF/LBC SUN 8.00 am <i>The Use and Abuse of the Tongue</i> (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 Fellowship 1.30 pm Adult F'ship 3.00 pm Thai Service 4.00 pm Indonesian Service 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service 7.30 pm Korean Service NBC This Week: <i>Wed Henderson;</i> <i>Fri Bishan, Newton</i>	*\$5,752.00 (8.00 am) *\$11,082.00 (10.30 am) EXTNBLDG FUND II 1329) *\$5,752; 1330)\$48; 1331)*\$11,082; 1332)\$50; 1333) \$83 (YF/LTF); 1334)\$200; 1335)\$90 (Coinafon); 1336)\$20; 1337)\$150 (Keb. Indonesia); 1338)\$400 (Korean S.Sch.). TOTAL: \$2,242,444.96 LOANS: 40)\$4,000; 41)\$10,000. TOTAL LOANS: \$406,366. GRAND TOTAL: \$2,648,810.96 OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma Land</i> \$200, \$635, \$100, \$100, \$1350 (WF); <i>Philippines</i> \$50; <i>Missions</i> \$600; <i>Dn</i> <i>View Pong Sen</i> \$10; <i>Batam</i> \$550 (WF); <i>P'ppines Hilltop Land</i> \$500, \$505, \$300, \$100 (Lifer Tues Pr. Mtg); <i>FEBC</i> <i>Scholarship</i> \$250 (Keb. Indonesia). From Tues. Night Prayer Meeting 1. Since Burma Land is oversubscribed let this \$300 cheque be used for Hilltop, Philippines. 2. Handed to pastor by young lady: \$100 in brown envelope. From ACCUMULATED OFFERINGS designated for Hilltop, Philippines we have made a bank draft of US\$10,000 to be presented to Rev Dan Ebert III our guest speaker this morning. Building operations have now begun with the drilling of a 450 ft well! The cost is US\$20,000, but henceforth the water is free. Pray for a sweet spring! BURMA LAND. The landlady has re- fused to sign the sale contract. Rom 8:28. God must have a better plot, as in our Beulah experience. Pray! "YE HAVE NOT BECAUSE YE ASK NOT" (Jas 4:2). Ask in faith with other members at TUESNITE PRAYER MTG! Rev John Ling has accepted a call to pastor a church in Mersing.
<i>To Session Members:</i> Thank you for the love gift and thank you all for your kindness and concern. I enclose the payment voucher duly signed by me. The Lord has drawn me closer to Him and has taught me how to walk with Him each day. Daily I am learning to cultivate the presence of God in my heart, that everyday whatever I am doing or encounter problems I learn to talk to Him and seek His guidance. Praise and thank God for His providence. As thanksgiving to God I am enclosing an offering of \$500 for Hilltop, Philippines. May God continue to bless you and your work in the extension of His Kingdom.	2/KP



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev P Tan	Eld Mahadevan
Opening Hymn	No. 41	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Gen 22:1-14	Psalms 90
Hymn	No. 340	No. 21
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 128	No. 249
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Is 2:14-26	Mk 2:1-12
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>True Faith Produces</i>	<i>Bible Faith & The</i>
	<i>Good Works</i>	<i>God of Miracles</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 551	No. 323
	Lord's Supper	
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

REV DANIEL JOHN EBERT III

A Biographical Impression by his son Dan IV

On Sunday afternoons young Dan Ebert could often be found at the side of his father, Rev Daniel Ebert Jr., as the latter ministered to the drunks and outcasts of Philadelphia's Skid Row. His father, who worked as a press manager for the Curtis

Publishing Company, was a lay-preacher. By the time of his death three years ago Rev Dan Ebert Jr. had established several churches in the New Jersey-Pennsylvania area, had won hundreds of men and women to the Lord, and had influenced the lives of countless young people for Christ. Though this is the story of his son, the father must not be forgotten: he is the root from which the tree has sprung.



In such a home, the call to the foreign mission field was received with bitter-sweet joy. There would be sorrow in the years of separation from loved ones, but joy would come from following Jesus to the ends of the earth. Upon receiving his call from the Lord, Rev Ebert underwent his missionary preparation at the New Tribes Mission training institute, this was supplemented with linguistic studies at the University of Wisconsin. Rev Ebert also completed his studies at the South Jersey Bible Institute. Soon the young missionary found himself, along with his wife and three small children, living in the midst of the

jungles on the island of Palawan in the Philippines. The Lord had placed him in an obscure corner of His vineyard in an unheard of part of the world. In such a place, surrounded by a primitive people, facing frequent sickness from Malaria, his father's life verses often gave him strength:

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the midst of these heavy teaching, writing and administrative ministries, Rev Ebert is preparing for a second publication of the Palawano New Testament, as well as a new edition of the Palawano hymnal. (Reprint from *Life B-P Weekly Vol XXIV No. 30 dated 5th March 1989*)

Prayer Of Parents

Great Parent of mankind (through our Lord Jesus Christ):

Help me in my divine task of parenthood:

Help me to see my children's problem through their eyes;

Keep ever before me my own childhood

So that I will not expect too much.

Give me the patience of the silent stars;

Give me a sense of humour:

Help me to win them through love

Instead of compelling them through fear.

Help me to teach them to see straight

And to play the game according to the rules.

Help me to teach them that every home is an altar

And that every wish is a prayer:

Help me to live my own life above doubt and scepticism;

Help me to radiate faith in the basic goodness of life;

Help me to keep the ideals of youth aglow in my own life.

Give me the strong hand for guidance

When youth falters and would turn back:

Help to teach them to live bravely

And to meet defeat courageously;

Help me to teach them that a man's real character is

What he is when he is alone with himself in the dark;

Help me to teach them that the value of their lives

will be measured by the service they give;

Help me to teach that true happiness is found,

not in things, but in the unfolding of their minds and their souls;

Help me to make my life go on in theirs,

bigger, finer, nobler, than I ever dared to be.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

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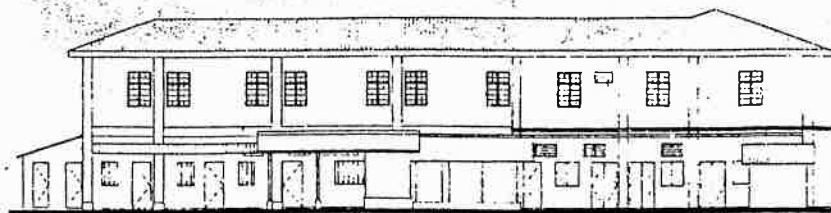
Mothers'

and

Grandmothers'

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 18 - 24, '92)	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 9.00 am Women's F'ship Retreat 7.30 pm MsF Mtg TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal 8.00 pm Session Mtg FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fellowship SAT 1.00 pm LJBC 2.30 pm LTF/YF 2.30 pm Sharon BPC Wedding 3.00 pm YAF/LBC SUN 8.00 am <i>Godly Wisdom in Your Work</i> (Rav Tan Eng Boo) 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 Fellowship 3.00 pm Thai Service 4.00 pm Indonesian Service 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service 7.30 pm Korean Service NBC This Week: <i>Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat</i>	*\$4,258.00 (8.00 am) *\$6,210.00 (10.30 am) EXTNBLDG FUND II 1339) *\$4,258; 1340) *\$6,210; 1341) \$200; 1342) \$1,300; 1343) \$100; 1344) \$60 (Coinafon); 1345) \$870 (Chinese Ser.); 1346) \$100; 1347) \$300; 1348) \$71; 1349) \$400; 1350) \$450. TOTAL: \$2,256,763.96 GRAND TOTAL: \$2,663,129.96 OFFERINGS FOR: <i>P'ppines Hilltop</i> <i>Land</i> \$160, \$30, \$1000, \$50, \$1000, \$200, \$450; <i>Burma Land</i> \$350; <i>Deerams</i> \$600; <i>VBS</i> \$200, \$250, \$150; <i>Dn Yiew P S</i> \$300; <i>Seets</i> \$500; <i>Philip-</i> <i>pines</i> \$200 (Sunday Sch); <i>Rev P Tan</i> \$200. <i>This small ang pow (\$200) is a</i> <i>token of my thanks and gratitude</i> <i>to the Lord for enabling me to pass</i> <i>my tertiary exams. He is truly</i> <i>great and gracious to me, His un-</i> <i>deserving child. Praise the Lord!</i>



SOUTH-EAST ELEVATION

A warm welcome to guests! Another view of Beulah House as seen from the 20-storey white condominium, "Dunearn Gardens." This is the L-Annexe, the former Eye Hospital Wards. "He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment" (Dt 10:18).

EXPRESGRAM to R. Martin: Many thanks for your letter and check!



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev C Wong	Rev C Wong
Opening Hymn	No. 66	No. 31
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Rom 2:17-29	Psalms 63
Hymn	No. 134	No. 367
Welcome and Announcements		No. 306
Offering & Hymn		
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	James 3:1-12	Luke 5:17-26
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Use and Abuse</i> <i>of Tongue</i>	<i>Has Jesus forgiven</i> <i>you your sins?</i> (Rev T Tow)
Closing Hymn	No. 376	No. 189
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

PASTOR'S \$ TALK AGAIN!

(Jesus talks of \$ in 8 out of 40 parables)

If my talk on money last week scared some of you like a tiger, this one today should sound purring sweet like the mewing of pussy cat.

Last Monday night a young Lifer who worships at 8 am called at the Parsonage. He is still serving in the Navy, but will join the U in July to study Business Science. (His desire is to be a banker.) He produced a wad of 50 dollar notes wrapped by a \$100 bill. He said, "I had loaned to the Beulah Fund \$900 which I reclaimed some months back. Now I'm handing to the Church the same amount of \$900 as a gift! I'm glad to read that Burma Land has been oversubscribed."



I asked A.H. (initials of his name) how he could give so much. He replied, "These are from my small savings and from money earned by giving tuition. You can put it anywhere you like."

"How about half to EBF II and half to Hilltop Philippines?"

"Yes. As you please."

This young serviceman reads every word of the Bulletin. He showed interest in Burma Land. He is happy that part of his offering goes to help out Hilltop.

On the other hand, I've heard some growling over sums given to missions, which they opined should go to pay the Beulah Debt. A good thought! We are all for the quick reduction of the Beulah Debt. (It now drops to \$1.233 million.) But consider also this. Having been delivered from taking that \$1 million bank loan (annual interest \$80,000 according to an elder in business), do we not owe the Lord to sustain His work elsewhere? We have a Beulah Debt, we also have a Gospel Debt (Rom 1:14)! Which is greater? Remember what I said about JOY? (Jesus first, others second, you last).

HILLTOP, A LIGHTHOUSE TO PHILIPPINES' 7,000 ISLANDS

I am all for Hilltop, foremost, for those involved in this project. You have seen and heard the Founder of Metro-Manila School of the Bible, Rev Dan Ebert III. He is supported by his two sons, Revs Dan IV and Bill and a life-long lady co-worker Miss Helen Boydston. The Lord confirms the good work done by the Ebert Team by moving the Charles Seets to join them, though there was a call from another country. Let Charles Seet tell you about Hilltop. Two are a confirmation.

I am all for Hilltop, secondly, because it is such an urgent project. For, everyday we delay building, we are losing hundreds of dollars in rent payments and in precious time lost fighting, fighting jammed traffic to and from the Metro-Manila Bible School. Moreover, because the School has no hostel like FEBC, students from the provinces and outlying islands cannot come. In fact the School has lost a goodly number of students because of the absence of such basic facilities. Once the classrooms and dorms go up on Hilltop, we can see enrolment shoot up to 200! Why do we refuse to give a little help, each one, which can easily expedite the work and finish it. (I remember that brother who handed me a \$25,000 cheque for Hilltop when it was first announced.)

I am all for Hilltop, thirdly, because it is a profitable enterprise. Five acres of heavenly land at less than US\$1 per sq ft. How many hundreds of thousands are already saved, initially. Not to develop it now is pure losing business. (But such is not the case with Beulah land. We have the castle of a manor house with an L-Annex incorporating 35 rooms, all ready and in superb condition, giving immediate housing to 10 families and rooms to spare for a constant hospitality ministry.) So, we who are so well taken care of should lend the Eberts and their Filipino associates a hand. "A stitch in time saves nine."



Now, there is good news to revive your fainting heart! Calvary BPC has voted to underwrite the Hilltop project by S\$800,000. Nevertheless, this is still below the rock bottom cost price, US\$750,000. This is where Readers of this Money Talk come in. Your doubling up will bridge the gap! "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever" (II Cor 9:7-9).

- T.T.



Letter from USA

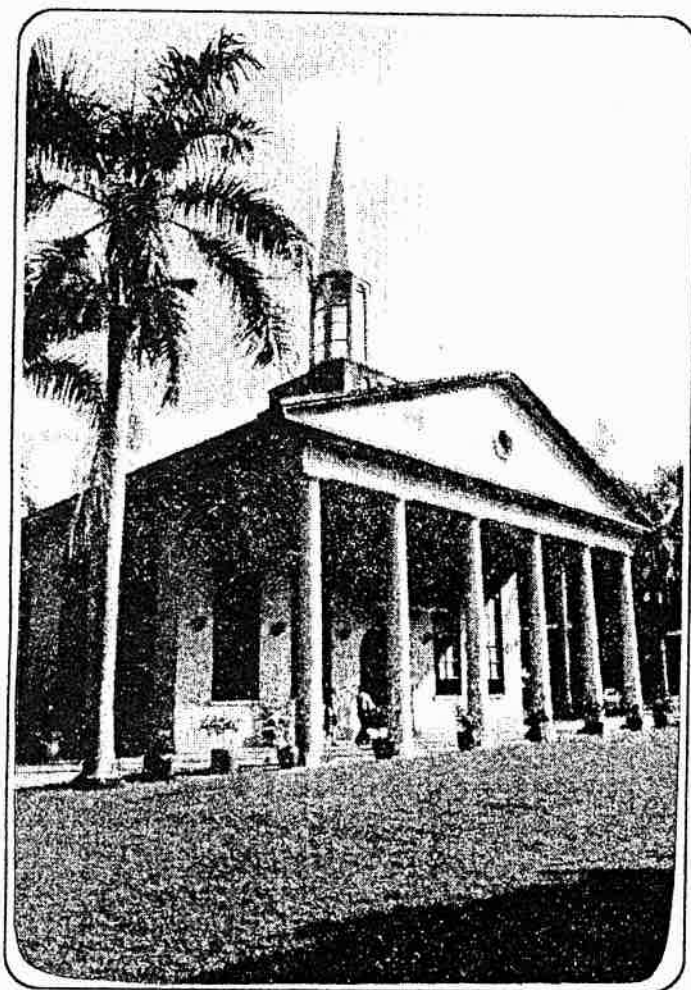
Thank you very much for sending me the book *The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God*. I enjoyed reading it very much. It helped me to get a better picture of God's saving grace. Since I attend a Baptist Church, I hear a heavy emphasis on free will. Your illustrations reinforce my view that Calvin agrees with Paul. I had never read the Westminster Confession before. I must say that you certainly made excellent use of every page in the book.

Thank you again for sending it. It was informative as well as a real blessing to me.



THE STORY OF TANJUNG PINANG, 1967-1992

by T. Tow



Rev Tan Peng Koen was the Chinese pastor of a Methodist Church in Palembang, South Sumatra. When he reached the mandatory retirement age of 65 in 1967, he was still full of vim and vitality. A John Sung old-timer and by training a Presbyterian, he resolved to found a Chinese Presbyterian Church in any Indonesian town where there was such a need.

In his itinerations, he came upon Tanjung Pinang. This was it! By the cooperative will of God, he found favour with the Indonesian Reformed Church which had taken over a fine Church building in the town centre left behind by the Dutch after WWII. He borrowed the Church auditorium to hold a Chinese service on the Lord's Day during "off hours".

No sooner had he started his Chinese service than the Lord led him to acquire a piece of land on a hillslope at Jalan Bakar Batu a quarter-mile from the town centre. He bought this property with a dilapidated bungalow for a song, because it was "haunted". He built a parsonage over the base of the old house and a chapel and two classrooms, all made of wooden planks and zinc roof. This he did

with the help of two daughters Esther and Lydia with their husbands, Joseph Liu and Linus Lee. Esther graduated from Southeast Asia Bible College, Malang, so she could assist in the Church work. Linus, the only member of the family with Indonesian citizenship, was custodian of the property. A watchmaker, he opened a shop in town. Lydia and Joseph both taught in the primary school under the umbrella of Zion Presbyterian Church, for that was her name.

In August 1973, Life Church held an Indonesian Missions Month. In the providence of God Rev Tan Peng Koen came to Singapore where Pastor Tow found him at Chin Lien Bible Seminary. As a result of this "chance" meeting, he was invited to Tanjung Pinang the same month. In those days, travel across the 48 miles of placid waters of the Riau Archipelago took 5 hours by slow chugging motor launches. Today it is reduced by half with super "cats".

Rev Tan Peng Koen retired to Taiwan in a couple of years. He entrusted the moderatorship of the Church to the pastor of Life Church. This meant that Life Church had to spare him there three times a year to baptise and conduct the Lord's Supper, and officiate at weddings, etc. Before Rev Tan left Tanjung Pinang for good, Life Church offered \$2,500 to acquire a piece of land for a Church and school at Kijang, 17 miles from Tg Pinang on the eastern seacoast.

As the Church grew and prospered a new three storey brick building was built over the old wooden chapel, while on top of the old classrooms arose a two storey school also made of concrete. Attendance at Church services rose to 100 while the Sunday School with 350 attendance exceeded even that of Life Church Sunday School! The Youth Fellowship and Choir add much vigour to the life of the Church. Now two services are held on the Lord's Day, Chinese and Indonesian. Baptised membership is in the region of 150.

One young man heard the call of God to fulltime service. His name is Kiantoro Lie. He spent five years at FEBC to obtain the BTh degree. Upon his graduation he returned to help the mother church. After two years he is "promoted" to Batam. He is a preacher of Calvary BP Church's station in Batam. He works closely with Roska, Life Church's "veteran" missionary.

As the pastor of Life Church was called to serve in other fields on many occasions, he intro-

duced Rev Bob Phee to stand in for him. Elder Sng Teck Leong has also visited on a number of occasions. Lately, Rev Koa Keng Woo of Muar BPC is added to the team.

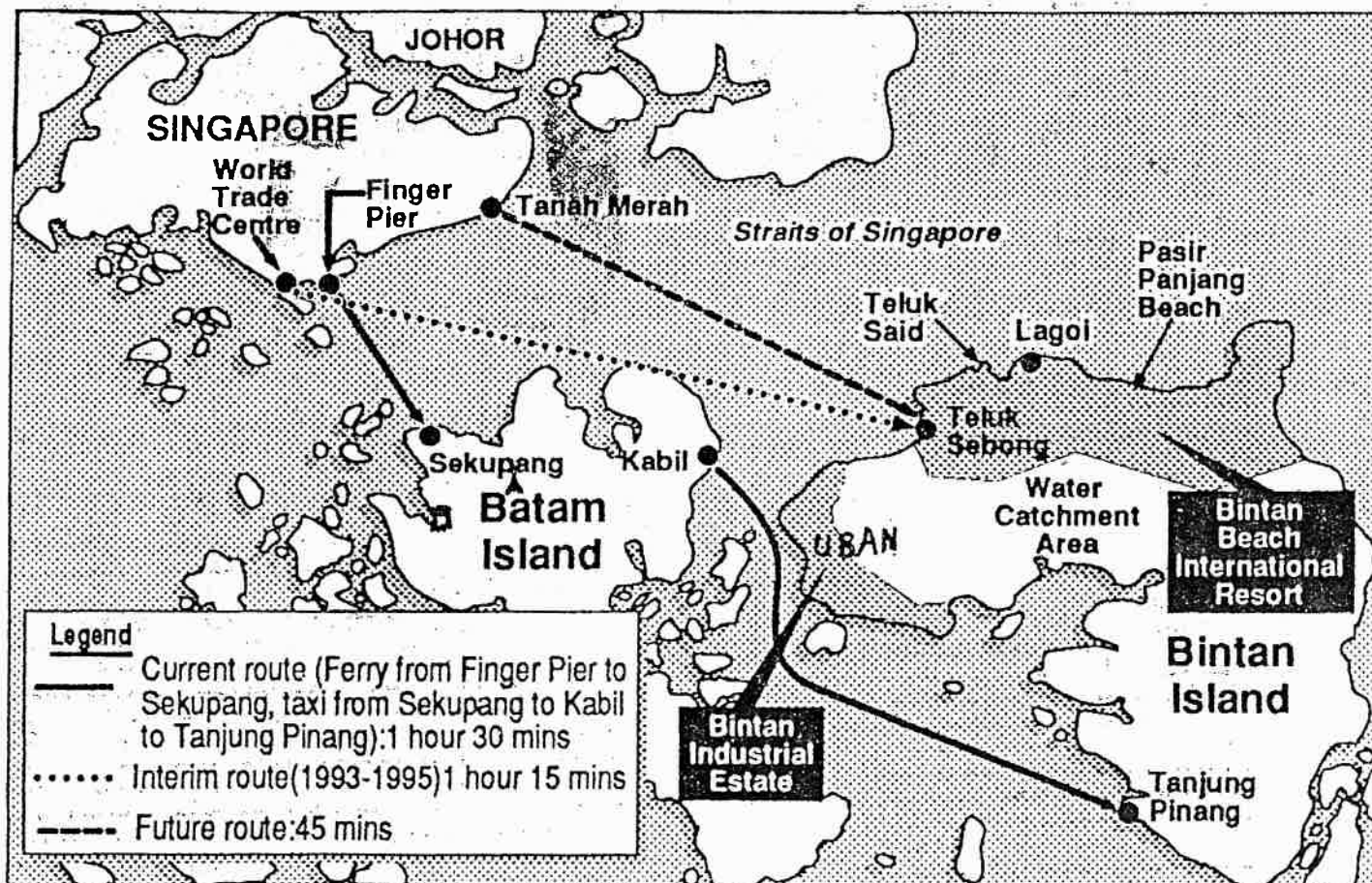
When pastor Tow first visited Tanjung Pinang in the early seventies, he met Mr and Mrs Chia Jung Kong, whose infant son he baptised. How did he know that years after he would receive this baptised son, Elia, to study at FEBC? Elia has now completed two years, and is a helper at the Kebaktian Indonesia meeting 4 pm every Lord's Day. Elia's mother, a graduate from an Indonesian Bible College, and his father who studied for a season at Chin Lien Bible Seminary, had during the intervening years served in outlying Gospel stations such as Singkep Island. When they brought Elia to enrol at FEBC they also requested Life Church to help them start a Gospel station at Tanjung Uban. As a result of this contact Life Church Chinese Service has "adopted" them.

After months of preparation with the help of Mr Joseph Liu, a bungalow standing in a strategic location at Tanjung Uban was leased from a Batak Christian. Permission from the Indonesian Government was obtained to establish this as a branch of the Zion Presbyterian Church, Tanjung Pinang.

And so, a new Gospel witness, the only one to the Chinese at Uban was raised January 1991. A family of five was baptised by Dr Patrick Tan when he led an FEBC missions team to Bintan Island the same year. These are the first fruits.

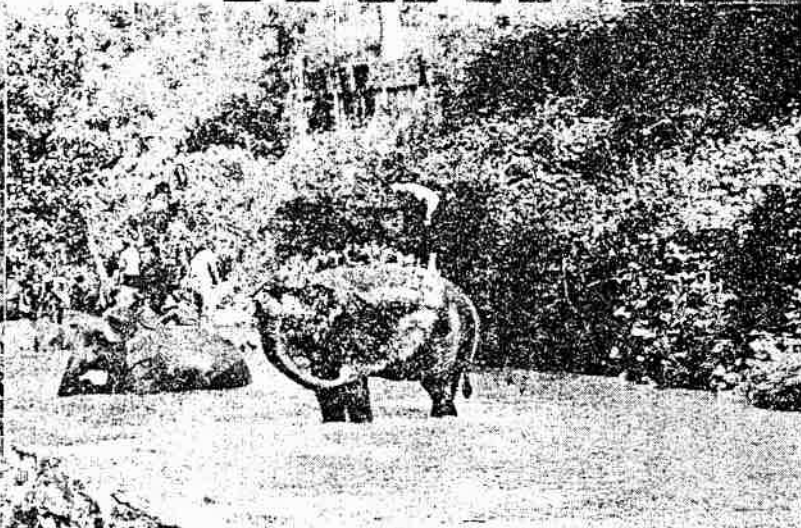
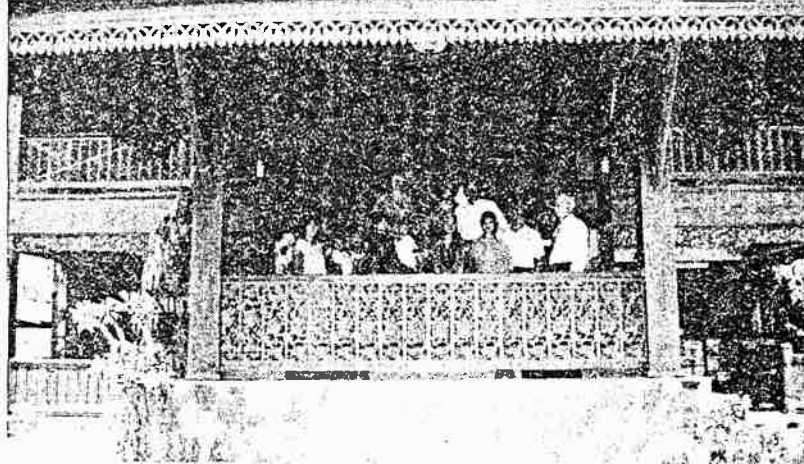
The story of Tanjung Pinang began with Rev Tan Peng Koen a retired Methodist minister. His zeal for God's Kingdom led him to this emporium of the Riau Islands. The story of Tanjung Pinang closes at this point with the spreading of the Gospel to Kijang, Batam and Tanjung Uban, Life Church supporting behind the scenes. Today, as you look at this latest map showing how Batam and Bintan Islands are being developed to international proportions, will you not marvel at God's Higher Hand leading His servants to extend His Kingdom well ahead of Man's Kingdom? Let Life Church learn a lesson in missions, yea, even for our other fields, such as Thailand, Burma and Philippines.

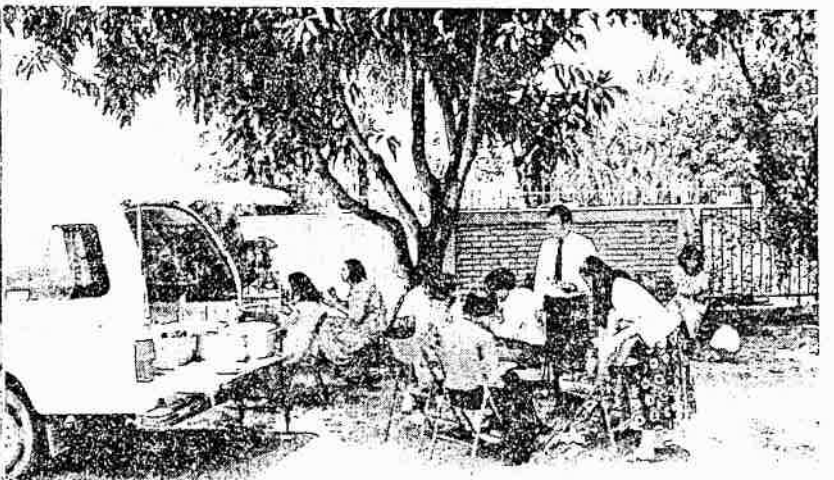
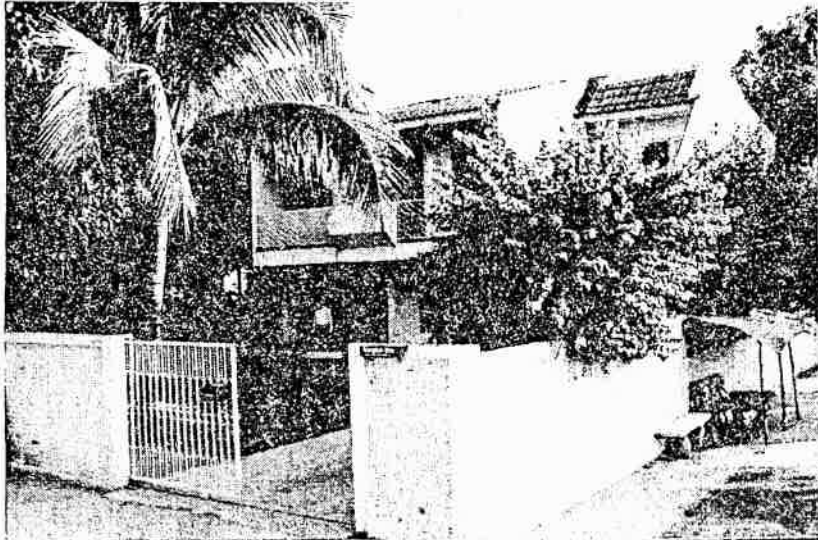
"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccles 11:1). And, "blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass" (Isa 32:20). He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps 126:6). Amen.



Legend: Tanjung Pinang (1967). □ = Batamas Shipyard (1988). ▲ = Nagoya (1989). UBAN (1991).

PHOTONEWS FROM CHIANGMAI





APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 1 - 7, '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON .pm	Pastor & Mrs Tow return	*\$4,445.00 (8.00 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	*\$6,971.00 (10.30 am)
WED 6.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	EXTN BLDG FUND II
FRI 6.00 pm	Session & Catechumens Gathering	1362)*\$4,445; 1363)*\$6,971; 1364) \$100; 1365) \$100; 1366) \$10; 1367) \$20; 1368) \$100; 1369) \$1,000; 1370) \$300 (Sunday Sch); 1371) \$293; 1372) \$50 (Coinafon).
7.30 pm	E-Band Fellowship	TOTAL: \$2,283,449.44
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,689,815.44
2.30 pm	LTF/YF	OFFERINGS FOR: P'ppines Hilltop
2.30 pm	1st Evang. Reformed Church Wedding	Land \$200, \$77, \$200, \$1000, \$400, \$100, \$300; Msnr Charles Seet \$50; Dn Yew P S \$50; Missionary F'ship \$50; Thailand \$200; FEBC Scholarship \$1080.
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC	
SUN 8.00 am	Humility is Good Policy (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	
9.30 am	Sunday School	
10.30 am	Msnr Charles Seet, Lord's Supper (Rev Wong)	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	
10.30 am	Junior Worship	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	
10.45 am	Rev Tow at Maranatha BPC	
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	
5.00 pm	Rev Tow at Tamil Church Dedication, 1 Dunearn Close	
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour (Calvary Pandan)	
7.30 pm	Korean Service	
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Bishan, Newton.		
Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow. (\$77 for Philippines Hilltop Land)		
AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 2502138; Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Rev Colin Wong 2564900; Office 2569256.		



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dr P Tan	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 438	No. 34
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Joshua 1:1-18	Matthew 13:24-43
Hymn	No. 406	No. 262
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 427	No. 353
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	James 4:1-9	Exodus 20:1-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Can Christians Go To War?	Thou Shalt Not Kill (Rev Peter Chua)
Closing Hymn	No. 437	No. 416
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

THAILAND



Population: 52,700,000
Area: 514,000 sq km
(22 provinces)
Capital: Krung Thep
(Bangkok)

Official
Language: Thai
Literacy: 84%

Religion:
Buddhist - 92%
Muslim - 4%
Taoist - 1.6%
Animist - 1.4%
Rom. Cat. - 0.4%
Protestant - 0.31%
Peoples:
Thai - 80%
Chinese - 12%
Malay - 3.2%
Khmer - 2.8%
Tribal - 2%
Refugees - 1%

This Lord's Day Pastor and Mrs Tow are in Chiangmai to officiate the 1st Anniversary Thanksgiving of Life BP Student Centre and to baptise several new members.

Our missionaries there are Jess and Deeram, both FEBC graduates. Their annual budget is about \$22,000.

At FEBC we have 3 Thai students with one coming in July, '92. Do you know we have a Thai Service every Lord's Day 3.00 pm at Beulah House? Bring a Thai friend!

Let your Thai domestic help off to keep the Sabbath of the Lord and worship at Beulah House. Read the IV Commandment!

My dear Lifers,

I have been directed by Session to write you on matters that concern our big Church family.

Child Care Centre. The idea of such a centre was to make the fullest use of Beulah House. This idea though excellent cannot be carried out. Change of use of Beulah House in this respect has not been granted. Second, those who projected this Centre cannot implement it through unforeseen circumstances. Session has decided no syndicate other than BPs can lease Beulah House to operate a Child Care Centre.

Beulah House is not under used as some people think. It affords living quarters for the Assistant Pastor and 9 FEBC families. With rooms to spare we run a constant hospitality ministry. Pastors, missionaries, Christian friends come in and out all the time. They come from Batam, Tg Pinang, Kalimantan, Brunei, Australia, Holland, Malaysia, Burma, to mention just a few. Freely we have, freely we share. (We have enough rooms because what were outhouses and sheds we've upgraded for a better shelter.) The Wongs who came for medical treatment stayed almost 5 months. We also pay their bills.

O, I've forgotten to mention that Beulah provides a room each to YF, YAF, AF, Teens Fellowship, E-Band, Church Choir/Thai Service, while the open Chinese Room and Round House are used by groups such as S.S., Catechism Class, SBC, Korean S.S., Junior Worship etc. There are still smaller open rooms for private study and Bible Classes (Upper Round House). Welcome to WF to use Beulah anytime! The shady grounds afford parking at all times, and are a relief to the growing congestion on Sundays and when there are weddings. O yes, there is the NBC Newton too. The lawn is a paradise to young people for outdoor games.

During one week several hundreds use Beulah House and land. An African FEBC student maintains the grounds in exchange for a big room for his family. Inmates sweep and mop the house in loving service to the Lord. Happy economy!

Last week Session received a letter from "Life Church new generation members." Representing this group the writer complains of "the disappearances of both elders and deacons in the worship services especially the 8.00 am worship." Now, in the spirit of St Peter, that elders (deacons) are "ensamples to the flock" (1 Pet 5:3), we must confess our shortcomings, each one before God, where we have not done our duties. On the other hand, the letter writer should know that one elder goes to speak at a Tamil Church on a regular basis Sunday morning. Another elder and deacon are with the Chinese Service. Still another elder chairs the Chinese Service on H.C. Sunday. There's a deacon who goes every now and then abroad and stays away as long as a month or two. I'm not trying to give excuses, but I also know another who has had to travel for his company.

In regard to certain members of the AF and MF being appointed to collect offerings, it is not a case of "any Tom, Dick and Harry." These men have proven themselves in zealous service for the Lord. They would be good candidates for the next election. They attend Prayer Meeting regularly.

As to the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, I have complaint also from another Lifer who says it is dull. Yes, we admit that often our hearts are lukewarm because

we live so comfortably in a land of peace and prosperity. But when the bombs were exploding all around us (Japanese days) everyone cried to the Lord. By the way, if you want the Pastor to pray more fervently, sit closer to the front like putting the burning charcoal together. Separate them and the fire extinguishes. Even Jesus needed three disciples to come together to pray with Him.

The case of an elder commending the Men's Fellowship is taken to task. Complaint is made for his not mentioning the E-Band and the ladies serving at the Easter Breakfast. This elder explained why he mentioned the men, for they were zealously doing visitation on behalf of Session members. As to commending the ladies and E-Band the pastor has said kind words about them in his writing as well as at the Prayer Meeting. The young generation writer is sincerely touched by first hand testimonies. But sometimes we don't have such. Can we manufacture them on the spot?

In conclusion, may I ask all Session members to search our own hearts. May I urge more to come and pray and help make it a warm service by your testimony and praying together, saying Amen according to Paul (1 Cor 14:16). It is said that Presbyterians are cool as cucumbers. Why not turn into hot goreng-pisang (broiled banana)?

Nevertheless let the pastor give his testimony. Prayer meeting night is not a chore but a cheer to his heart. He also knows each fellowship has its own prayer meeting. But Tues. night is at least the Session's Prayer Meeting.

Another matter I'd like to share with you is the Hilltop Project, Philippines. It is great loss to the Lord if after drilling the well, they cannot proceed to the construction of the three basic buildings. Lost time is lost money. It is great profit to the Lord if they can continue right after finding water. The 450 ft well costs US\$20,000 but the sweet water is eternally free!

Now, if every Reader will do just a little, they will succeed. (Praise God, \$7,000 has come in the last 3 weeks.) I've asked Session members to do their part first, and

I believe they will, because I perceive they have said yes to the Lord. We are "ensamples."

Now that Charles Seet is back from Manila, you can hear from his own lips at the 10.30 service June 7. I for one can say, if he is quartered in the new Hilltop dormitory, he won't be so thin. Travelling through smoky Manila, like fighting a war, wears him out. Sometimes, I thought if he turns sideways I won't see him at all!



Finally, a word on Maranatha in Changi. If you are not worshipping in town while living in its vicinity, here is God's House where you can attend. Young Lifers making their homes in Pasir Ris, here's an open door to a pioneering ministry. We commend Lifers who go up to Maranatha every now and then to uphold the Maranathans. We have happily seconded Rev Colin Wong to head their Church, but he would be leaving in September for higher studies in the States. Let us consider one another in the bonds of Jesus Christ. "Do something good for Jesus everyday!" Maranatha!

Yours obediently, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 8 - 14, '92)

MON 8.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
WED - SAT LBC Camp, Galilee BPC
YAF Annual Retreat
WED 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
THU 7.00 pm Chung Wei Ken & Teong
Pin Loo Wedding, Pinetree
Country Club (Rev Tow)
FRI EBF Camp
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 LTF/YF
2.30 pm Charles Ng Theng Loon &
Suzanne Nam Wedding
(Rev Tow)
SUN 8.00 am *Tomorrow takes care of itself*
(Rev Edward Paaue),
Lord's Supper
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Dr 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 Fellowship
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Rev Tow at Tamil Church
Dedication, 1 Dunearn Close
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel
Hour (Calvary Pandan)
7.30 pm Korean Service
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*\$3,929.00 (8.00 am)
*\$8,770.00 (10.30 am)
EXTNBLDGFUND II 1373) *\$3,929;
1374) *\$8,770; 1375) \$50; 1376) \$970
(Chinese Service); 1377) \$100
(Coinafon); 1378) \$100 (Thai F'ship);
1379) \$378.70; 1380) \$100; 1381)
\$1,375.
TOTAL: \$2,299,222.14
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,705,588.14
OFFERINGS FOR: *P'ppines Hilltop*
Land \$50, \$50, \$1675, \$565, \$587.70,
\$250 (Boxes), \$1375; *Burma Land* \$300
(Life BPSC); *Seets* \$100; *Medan* \$600
(New Life BPC); *Rev Goh Seng Fong*
\$825 (US\$500).

Received at Tues. Night Prayer Mtg.

Truly I want to praise and thank
the Lord for His goodness and grace
upon me even as He has answered my
prayers in my recent examinations.

The Lord has granted me the
strength and wisdom from above to
enable me to clear my postgraduate
examinations; something which I know
I could not accomplish by my own
human effort.

I would like to present this cheque
which is my take-home pay for the
month as a thanksgiving offering.
Please channel it to the various areas
of need such as the 'Hilltop' and EBF II,
etc as you wish. - *A lifer deeply in-*
debted to God. (2/6/92)

Today is **Missionary Sunday** for the Sun-
day School (Open Sunday). Speakers are
Charles Seet for the Upper and Mrs Leah
Paaue for the Lower.

VBS. To date, 150 children have re-
sponded. We need more teachers and
your prayers.



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Call to Worship	Dn Paul Wong	Rev C Wong
Opening Hymn	No. 28	No. 24
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Pslams 62	II Cor. 9
Hymn	No. 90	No. 408
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 311	No. 405
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Phil 2:1-11; Eph 4:1-6	Acts 11: 27 - 30
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Humility is good</i> <i>policy</i> (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	<i>Wonderful Privilege</i> <i>of Giving</i> (Msnr Charles Seet)
Closing Hymn	No. 420	No. 419
Benediction and Threefold Amen		Lord's Supper

A TYPICAL TRIBAL CHURCH IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE



LETTER FROM CHIANGMAI

My dear Lifers,

Lord's Day, May 31, '92

When Deeram and Jess drove us to Life BP Student Centre at 75/33 Muban Muangsamut (near Khokhar Sarm, Tel. 243-373), lo and behold, there were our FEBC students: Roland, Conrad, Lazum and Andrew arrived before us. They had visited Chiang Rai, home of Prasert, another FEBCer in the north, and were now on their return trip to Bangkok-Singapore. The same night they had an appointment with a Burmese Christian group. They came very timely to help mail the Thai RPG and do some whitewashing for the Centre. As Bangkok is still unsafe we've asked them to stay on until the weekend.

I had seen photos of our Mission House, thinking it was a corner terrace house. No, it is a two-storey compound house with a garden on three sides. It is the first house at the head of a lane running into a private estate with security guards stationed outside our compound. Built only 13 years ago it is well shaded by three mango trees, one longan tree, a full grown coconut at the entrance, a pomegranate and a guava tree on the sides. Several flowering trees with thick foliage provide further umbrage. Why I tell about the trees is because summer heat is here.



Downstairs is a large hall seating 60 with a room that is now the Church office. At the back is a big kitchen that serves also as dining hall. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and a big bathroom. I cannot think of a better house so ideally situated to plant Life Church's own mission in Chiangmai, N. Thailand.

Coincidentally, down another lane but 75 yds away is another Gospel Station, the Shiloh BPC started 3 years earlier by Sembawang, Rev Bob Phee. While ours is a Thai-English work theirs is Chinese, so there is no clash. They complement each other, like two BP petrol kiosks.

Now, while our coming to Chiangmai was to speak at the Student Centre's 1st Anniversary and to baptise 4 firstfruits, we were told Rev Kalnin of Frontier Labourers for Christ, with whom Jess had co-laboured several years, had just come back from Canada! Immediately, I sensed the Lord had sent us also to settle a very important matter outstanding between Life Church and his mission. Immediately the Lord seemed to give the answer - by the sword of Solomon! When we phoned him our proposal, he was delighted. As a gesture of friendly settlement he invited me and my family to a Thai dinner at a prestigious hotel. He also realised ours was no chance meeting. In fact he wanted to contact me in regard to a young Burmese graduate desiring to study at FEBC. So we killed two birds, very happily.

As Chiangmai is under a heat wave, we spent a miserable night at the Student Centre, like baking in an oven. To escape the heat we found a hotel at the foot of Chiangmai's mountain, a 15-minute drive away. We also gave Jess' family a break. Interestingly, the hotel here has two rates. While the three of us (including Jonathan)

pay S\$45 a night, they being nationals pay \$35.

The hotels in Chiangmai which enjoy an 80% occupancy have dropped to 10% as a result of the recent shootings in Bangkok.

While we rested the first day, we went on an outing the second and final day in an air-con minibus which cost 900 baht or S\$60 for the whole big family of eleven. We climbed the mountain to see a tribal village of the Miaos. This reminded us of the countless tribes by other names in the landlocked frontiers known as the Golden Triangle. It is a pity we had no Gospel tract in the Miao language.

En route to the mountain village we visited a butterfly farm and a cobra show. A visit to the Elephants was most enlightening.

These elephants have to work for a living. They work much harder than those at our zoo. They carry visitors, usually Caucasians for fun around the Camp. Others put up a show on how to transport logs and pile them up. They work as a team. They use their trunks while at work and after that to take your offerings of bananas and sugar canes. As a reward for laborious performances they're given a bath in a river. The elephant is trained to work for man from age 3 to age 7. Like 4 years at FEBC. It has a life span of 70. It eats 200 kg of food and drinks 120 litres of water a day. But it can perform superhuman tasks and is an appointed servant of the Thai king. Are servants of the Lord better than elephants?

The Gospel Rally on Friday night had 26 gathered at the Student Centre. Four who attended were students taking English lessons. The singing was bilingual. Andrew and Roland gave testimonies of their salvation and call very movingly. To keep up with the tempo I gave mine. Both Deeram and Jess served as interpreters. The meeting lasted 1 1/2 hours after which refreshments were served.

Saturday afternoon, the women's fellowship came together. There were 8 and 2 of them brought their husbands. I spoke from Lk 8:1-3 to challenge the ladies to serve the Lord like Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Susanna. Lazum and Roland sang "Along the Road." The 4 FEBC boys left by bus for Bangkok the same night.

Sunday May 31 our red-letter day saw the hall packed to overflowing. At least 70 old and young were gathered. Four young women from the tribal villages were baptised before a happy yet solemn congregation. Their names are 1. Na So Cha-er; 2. Na So Cha-per; 3. Rathanpau Sai-sor; 4. Unoy Cha-per. These were escaped to Thailand from across the Burmese border. A young people's choir of a dozen is also made up of the tribal people. Praise the Lord, the poor has the Gospel preached to them. My message to them is "Carrying out the King's Commission," text, Mark 16:15-20. The Lord's Supper was served to 50. These are mostly delegates from established Churches. The thankoffering S\$300 was designated for Burma Land.

In the afternoon we set out to the outskirts to a Home Blessing for Santit, a staunch member of the Church. What blessing? The material house, big or small, palace or cottage, does not matter. What matters is God's presence here, giving us a job, a loving wife and children all fearing and serving Him with one accord (Ps. 128). "Where Jesus is, 'Tis Heaven there." When we returned to Hqrs after a buffet dinner provided by our host, our mission to Chiangmai was accomplished. Hallelujah. Amen.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 15 - 21, '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON - FRI	Vacation Bible School	*\$4,275.00 (8.00 am)
TUE - SAT	LTF Camp	*\$9,709.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	EXTNBLDG FUND II (1382)*\$4,275;
WED 11.00 am	Team leaves for Medan	1383)*\$9,709; 1384)\$300; 1385)\$100;
7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	1386)\$200; 1387)\$300; 1388)\$100;
8.00 pm	Session Meeting	1389)\$1300(Sharon BPC); 1390)\$20;
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	1391)\$100 (Kebaktian Indonesia);
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	1392)\$100; 1393)\$100; 1394)\$300;
2.30 pm	YF	1395)\$946.50 (Chinese Service);
2.30 pm	Sembawang BPC Wedding (Rev Bob Phee)	1396)\$300; 1397)\$100 (Thanksgiving).
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	TOTAL: \$2,317,472.64
SUN 8.00 am	<i>The Deceitfulness Of Riches</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,723,838.64
9.30 am	Sunday School	OFFERINGS FOR: P'ppines Hilltop
10.30 am	Rev Albert Ong	Land \$10, \$120, \$620 (Women F'ship)
10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$250 (Kebaktian Indonesia), \$5000;
10.30 am	Junior Worship	Seets \$100, \$100, \$100 (Sunday School),
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	\$50; Kebaktian Indonesia \$100; VBS
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	\$200, \$300; Chinese Service \$66.50.
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	TESTIMONY OF LEONG OY WAH, CATHERINE
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	<i>I would like to thank the Lord for</i>
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	<i>all the blessings he has given me and my</i>
3.00 pm	Thai Service	<i>family. I thank the Lord for a wonderful</i>
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<i>and understanding husband and an</i>
4.00 pm	Rev Tow at Tg Pinang 21st Anniversary	<i>obedient and intelligent child. Ever since</i>
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	<i>my husband became a Christian, he is</i>
7.30 pm	Korean Service	<i>more understanding and loving and car-</i>
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Bishan, Newton.		<i>ing.</i>
With your hilarious response to the Hill- top Project, Philippines, we are rush- ing a second instalment of US\$10,000 to Rev. Dan Ebert III. "It is a privilege to give to the work of the Lord." - Charles Seet. "Give and it shall be given unto you" (Lk 6:38).		<i>When my son was born 16 years</i>
AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 2502138; Rev Patrick Tan 3521181; Rev Colin Wong 2564900; Office 2569256.		<i>ago and I learnt that he was a haemo- philiac, my heart was broken, I could not express my miseries that I have been through for almost 10 years. Dur-</i>
		<i>ing that time things were not going in the</i>
		<i>right path for us. Then in 1987, Elder</i>
		<i>T.C. Lim persuaded us to turn to the</i>
		<i>Lord and we started going to Life BP</i>
		<i>Church (before we were Taoist). Slowly</i>
		<i>the Lord has smoothened our path. I</i>
		<i>praise the Lord for His blessings.</i>
		<i>Now my son is 16 years old and</i>
		<i>the Lord has blessed him with good</i>
		<i>health and intelligence and has touched</i>
		<i>his heart. So we will be baptised this</i>
		<i>coming 19th (Easter).</i>



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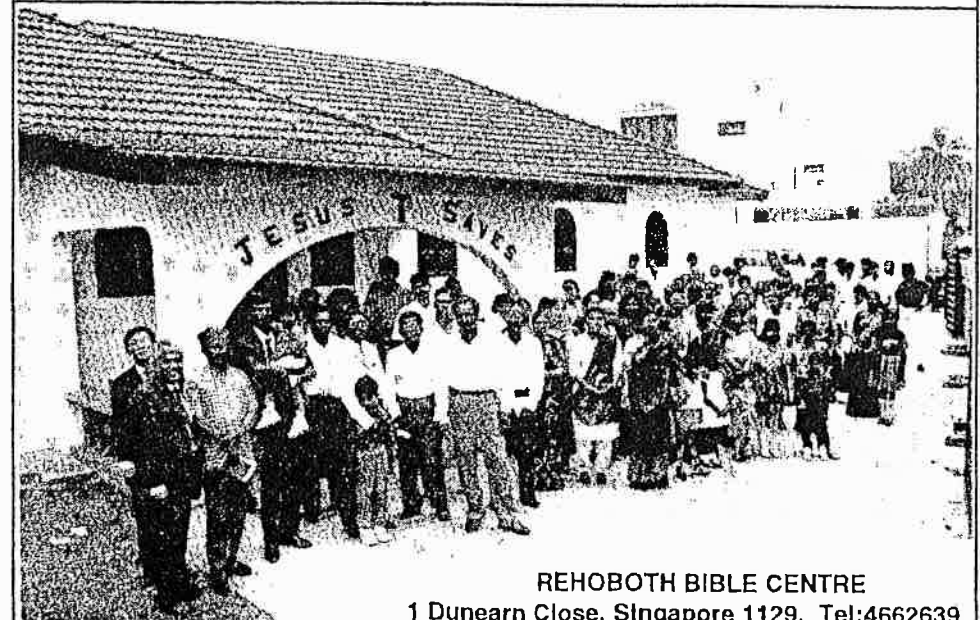
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dr Patrick Tan	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 119	No. 197
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Col 1 : 21 - 29	Isa 25:1-12; 26:1-3
Hymn	No. 377	No. 242
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 327	No. 321
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Js 4 : 13 - 17	Phil 3 : 1 - 10
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Tomorrow Takes Care of Itself</i> (Rev Edward Paauwe)	<i>Conforming to Christ</i> (Dr Patrick Tan)
Closing Hymn	No. 180	No. 106
Benediction and Threefold Amen	Lord's Supper	



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My dear Lifers,

What is one unmistakable sign of the Second Coming of Christ? It is running faster and faster the Missions Race. Our Lord commands it, "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).

Let us thank the Lord that He has put into the hearts of Lifers, young and old, to strive together for the gospel to the ends of the earth. Near or far, every missionary endeavour is commended of God.

1. Talking about missions, you have just had a first-hand report last week of our northernmost outreach to Chiangmai with "Photonews."

2. June seems to be our special Missions Month. For we have the Charles Seets with us and you have heard from his own lips at Prayer Meeting and at the 10.30 service. We have also a hilarious response from some half dozen lovers of God each week to the Hilltop Project. In no time we shall be rushing a second instalment of US\$10,000 to help launch building operations!

3. There's a team visiting Medan, North Sumatra June 17-24 headed by Bro & Mrs Henry Tan and Rev Colin Wong. If you have surplus children's clothing, they are bringing a good quantity in answer to Dohar. They will surely be delighted to see the new classrooms Haposan has constructed on the plot of land you've bought. Your Christmas gift has helped also not a little.



5. Saturday June 20th, 7 am our minibus with a full load will head for Bukit Gambir. Muar, to the inauguration of a new BP Church. The sanctuary is a big corner terrace house with a 30 ft frontage. With a little help from

4. Rev and Mrs Paauwe of Adelaide, Australia are here. They have just had a week's ministry with the Calvary Jurong Bible Camp up Fraser's Hill. Rev Paauwe is speaking this morning at the Chinese Service and I'll be interpreting into Hokkien.

several BPCs, Rawang her parent church has bought it at a good price. This two-storey building has ample space for 150 worshippers and more to run a kindergarten, living quarters on the upper floor for the preacher and his wife.

6. Lord's Day June 21, 4 pm Tanjung Pinang will celebrate her Silver Jubilee. As moderator I have been requested to deliver the message. For those who have registered to come along, the cost is roughly \$100 round trip plus staying overnight at little Sadaap Hotel. We return Monday early afternoon arriving S'pore about 5 pm.

7. Simultaneously, Elder Sng Teck Leong will be leading a team to run a VBS at Tanjung Uban, June 20 onwards. As Kiantoro is desirous of doing one at Batam, several FEBC students are being sent to help.

8. Meanwhile Rev and Mrs Djunaidi are being settled at Rawang to pastor the flock for a month. (The preacher there has left for another appointment.) Rev Djunaidi feels the call of God to strike out again in evangelistic missions. After retiring with wife to Pontianak, he is willing to go and pastor Kijang for a season.

9. From far to near, we have Tabernacle BPC at Tampines (Rev Ronny Khoo) celebrating her 5th Anniversary Thanksgiving Lord's Day June 28, 10.30 am. They also want me to deliver the Word. All these anniversaries and inauguration will take your pastor away the month of June! But you will have Rev Albert Ong, now on vacation from study in Belfast, at the 10.30 service June 21 and Mr Jeffrey Khoo, June 28.

10. The Deal for Burma Land closed at \$5.3 million Kyats. This is about 7% more than previously asked. Not penny wise pound foolish, Rev Thawm Lual has to agree. He reports, dated May 23, '92:

"I returned to Yangon on May 11 to continue negotiation with the land lady regarding the Bethel House. Finally on May 16, it was mutually agreed to fix the price at 5.3 million Kyats with payments to be made in three instalments of 3+1+1.3 millions in between May and August, December 1992 and April 1993 respectively. In this connection, I may say that we have been haggling for quite sometime now and I sincerely believe this is the best bargain below five(5) million Kyats, but it is impossible in view of the prevailing rate of inflation in our country coupled with the unfavourable general conditions, as you know well. I therefore hope you will appreciate our all-out efforts in the present case."

Let me round up this timely survey of missions with a reminder for Sept 7-11, '92, our Missions Camp at Mersing by the sea. By "magic lantern" we'll take you to the harvest fields. Our speaker is Rev Bill Ebert, younger son of Rev Ebert III. Mersing is 100 miles from S'pore, driving time 3 hours. Space for only 100, first come first served. - Yours obediently, T.T.

A REPORT ON THE MISSION TRIP TO TANJUNG PINANG

by Deacon Yiew Pong Sen

Founded in 1967 by the late Rev Tan Peng Koen, a John Sung old-timer and retired Methodist pastor, Zion Presbyterian Church in the Riau Archipelago was destined to come under the umbrella of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church. With Rev Tan's retirement to Taiwan in the 1970s, our pastor was entrusted with the moderatorship of Tanjung Pinang Church. Under his leadership, the Church grew and multiplied to three other branches in Kijang, Batam and Tanjung Uban. Today, Zion Presbyterian Church has two worship services on the Lord's Day, a baptised membership of 150 and a Sunday School attendance of 350.



Rev & Mrs Tan Peng Koen

Led by our pastor, a team of fifteen BPeres including three ministers, one elder and two deacons, were present at the 25th Thanksgiving Anniversary on the Lord's Day of June 21st, 1992. The overflowing crowd of more than 250 worshippers packed the sanctuary, balcony upstairs and open-air compound adjacent to the Church.

When the clock struck four, the chairman Mr Joseph Liu called the congregation to worship. The congregation sang spiritedly. Rev Tow preached from the text in Luke 5:1-11. He challenged the worshippers to be "Fishers of Men." Indeed the value of one soul won to the kingdom of God is worth more than two boat-loads of "Ikan Kakap"! Rev Tow's message in English was interpreted into Bahasa Indonesia and Mandarin by his two FEBC students, Kiantoro on his right and Joseph Liu on the left. Following the message, the

pastor baptised a recent convert from Tanjung Uban through the ministry of Elder Sng Teck Leong. Truly there was joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth (Luke 15:7). Rev Tow also administered the Holy Communion in the latter part of the worship service.

Choirs in smart looking uniforms from the Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and branch churches were in attendance to offer sacrifices of praise to God for His faithfulness. Elia Chia, an undergraduate of FEBC, confidently led a group of young people from his hometown to sing and recite Scripture texts in three languages: Bahasa Indonesia, Mandarin and English! Rev Bob Phee of Sembawang BP Church pronounced the benediction in Mandarin. After Worship we were treated to a sumptuous buffet dinner. Thank God for the sweet fellowship of saints. I renewed my acquaintances with some of the friends and brethren who had stayed at Beulah House.

As darkness deepened, Elder Sng, Elia Chia and his church members left us to return to Tanjung Uban where the Life Church E-Band had earlier arrived to assist them in the VBS. The rest of the Singaporeans adjourned to Hotel Bintan Island Indah which was next door to the Church. Despite their busy schedules, Mr Joseph Liu, Kiantoro and the brethren found time in the evening to bring us out for supper and a city tour in two passenger vans.

The next morning, Rev and Mrs Bob Phee left us to keep an appointment in Singapore. Mrs Tow and a sister from the Church brought the rest of us downtown to shop. The narrow streets filled with busy feet reminded us of the old Singapore. While the ladies bargained in the shops, the men waited patiently and fellowshiped outside the shops. Such fellowship of saints is becoming rare in our busy Singapore. Dr Andrew Heng, a founder member of our Church, recalled the early days of Life Church at Prinsep Street and the youth activities at Hooper Road.

Dr Heng shared with me the importance of our younger Lifers to know our history so that we can chart the future. We need to know why we are BP and separatist. Such first-hand testimony from a founding member provides the "golden link" between our blessed past and the younger generation. Indeed there is the promise of blessings to the young Lifers if we continue to "hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments." But there is the malediction if we "will not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God." (Deut 28:1,15)

After being treated to another sumptuous seafood lunch, we bade farewell to our Indonesian brethren at the pier. The return journey by way of Kabil and Sekupang had given us a glimpse of the landscape of Batam Island which is now being developed into a centre of tourism and industrialization. After some delays, we finally boarded the ferry at Batam pier for home. Our hearts were thankful to God for the privilege of fellowshiping in the Gospel with the Tanjung Pinang Church. As the writer reflects on the Church and mission stations in the Riau Archipelago, he is reminded of God's faithful servants Rev Tan Peng Koen and our pastor who saw the vision "to extend His Kingdom well ahead of man's kingdom," and had paved the way for us to continue the work of the Gospel till Jesus returns again. Amen.

BUKIT GAMBIR BPC - DAUGHTER OF RAWANG BPC

by Dn & Mrs Sng Jin Seng



The Outhouse built by the young people of Rawang that was the old Bt Gambir Church

We praise and thank the Lord for enabling us to witness the inauguration of Bukit Gambir BP Church on Saturday 20 June. The group of six accompanying Pastor Tow set off in the cool of the morning from Life Church. It was a delightful drive along the expressway and soon we were at the causeway, grateful to the Lord for sparing us from much inconvenience although the van had gone into the lane meant for cars. It was a smooth journey and towards noontime we pulled into Rawang BP Church.

pleasantly surprised to meet Rev & Mrs Djunaidi. Also arriving not much later was a group from KL who had come for the same purpose and together we had a sweet time of fellowship.

Rawang BPC was rebuilt in 1972 with support from Life Church. It is a beautiful building that can accommodate 200 worshippers with a separate parsonage and kindergarten building set amidst two hectares of land with much greenery all round. We could not get any durians although quite a number were dangling temptingly on half a dozen trees. Instead we pulled out three young orange coconut plants for Beulah House. After a short rest we headed for Bukit Gambir BPC. On the way we were treated to a delicious lunch by Mr Tan Aik Kwang. Thereafter we took another couple of minutes to Bukit Gambir BPC to be met by a large group who had gathered under the hot sun outside the church awaiting our arrival. Bukit Gambir BPC is an offshoot from Rawang BPC started in 1983 by the efforts of the Youth Leadership. In the providence of God they found the present two storey corner shophouse at Taman Desa Besar. This new Church premises were bought in 1990 for about S\$80,000 with enthusiastic support from Rawang, Muar, Kulai Besar, Pekan Nanas, Kelapa Sawit, Malacca and BP Churches in Singapore. It is beautifully renovated with ample space on the ground floor for a kindergarten and an upper floor for worship as well as quarters for the resident preacher.

The inauguration service began with Rev Koa reading 'Lift up your heads, O ye Gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory' (Ps 24:9-10). He thanked the Lord for gathering so many people from near and far to rejoice with them in this dedication service. Rev Tow was honoured in cutting two ribbons - one for the ground floor kindergarten and another for the upper floor worship hall where the dedication service was conducted. Rev Tow exhorted us on the Great Commission (Matt 24:14) given to all people of all ages by our Lord Jesus Christ. He equated the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to running a relay race, having come to Bukit Gambir which is but a junction in the Missions race. He urged all present not to slacken in the Missions race but run the faster, the fastest, as we are in the last lap. Concluding the challenge to keep up with the Missions race, he gave the slogan "Give, pray and go." Immediately after the service at 4.30 pm a group photograph was taken and then we were transported to MCA Building for a sumptuous ten-course dinner. Food and drinks were served cheerfully by the youth groups. What a blessed day - to be nourished both spiritually and physically.

We are most thankful to the Lord in granting alertness to the drivers, Rev Stephen Khoo and Dn Yiew Pong Sen and in bringing us home to Singapore at 10.20 pm - safely. The trip was well worth the distance travelled for we perceived the Lord had guided us in every step we took. Praise the Lord.

Give - Pray - Go - Give - Pray - Go - Give - Pray - Go. Will you?



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dr Patrick Tan	Dn Ong E L
Opening Hymn	No. 128	No. 4
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 30	John 1:1-14
Hymn	No. 100	No. 72
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 391	No. 255
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Is 5:1-9	II Tim 3:14-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Deceitfulness of Riches</i> (Dr P Tan)	<i>Back to the Bible</i> (Rev Albert Ong)
Closing Hymn	No. 463	No. 256
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

HE WHO RUNS LAST RUNS FASTEST

(Message by the Pastor to Bukit Gambir Inauguration, June 20, '92)

That there is such a handsome 2-storey Corner Terrace House for the establishing of Bukit Gambir B-P Church is truly the work of the Lord. It all began with the zeal of younger members of Rawang Church who came here a decade ago to start a Sunday School. In God's providence there was the house of Bro Ek Kwang made available for their every youthful activity.

As the house became too small, an outhouse was extended at a cost of M\$10,000. This provided not only room for the running of a kindergarten during weekdays but also became a sanctuary for Church services. Like bamboo shoots after the spring rains, this Christian testimony in a heathen township grew and multiplied. From a Sunday



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 22 - 28, '92)	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting	*\$5,157.00 (8.00 am)
THU 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	*\$7,078.00 (10.30 am)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC	EXTNBLDG FUND II 1398)*\$5,157;
2.30 pm YF/LTF	1399)\$300; 1400)*\$7,078; 1401)\$350;
2.30 pm Tan Boon Wah & Karen	1402)\$50; 1403)\$100; 1404)\$100;
Chua Mei Ling Wedding	1405)\$70; 1406)\$92.
(Rev P Tan)	TOTAL: \$2,330,769.64
3.00 pm LBC	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,737,135.64
SUN 8.00 am <i>The Patience of Job</i>	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Pppines Hilltop</i>
(Rev P Tan)	<i>Land</i> \$100, \$50, \$400, \$50, \$80, \$40,
9.30 am Sunday School	\$100, \$105, \$200 (Korean SS); <i>Rev C</i>
10.30 am Rev Colin Wong	<i>Wong</i> \$10; <i>RPG Ministry</i> \$200; <i>Seets</i>
Rev Tow at Tabernacle	\$130, \$50, \$100.
BPC 5th Anniversary	
Thanksgiving	
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 Fellowship	
3.00 pm Thai Service	
4.00 pm Indonesian Service	
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service	
7.30 pm Korean Service	
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Joo Chiat	
From the Offering Bags:	
(1) \$50 EBF II; \$80 Philippines Hilltop	
Project. Thanking God for meeting	
all my needs. I shall be content.	
(2) One thing I've learnt - we can never	
never outgive God! (\$350) - A regu-	
lar tither	
(3) Tithes & Offering for Jun and May	
(\$740).	
(4) My monthly tithes for the Lord! (\$80)	
AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow	
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Rev Colin Wong 2564900; Office 2569256.	
	TESTIMONY
	by <i>Leonard Tan Teck Long</i>
	I came to know about our Lord
	Jesus Christ through my wife's employer
	sometime in 1990. I started to attend
	church services on every Sabbath day at
	Life Church or Pandan Calvary.
	My initial struggle as a young
	Christian was to seek the truth to clear
	my doubts about the Christian faith. I
	managed to overcome these problems
	by constant fellowship with God through
	the Bible. My faith grew stronger each
	day and I could feel God's presence
	within me.
	I thank God for His grace and
	great work in getting my parents to
	accept me as a Christian and not to take
	food offered to idols.
	Praise the Lord! Amen.
	Our deepest condolences to Herbert
	Gwee & family on the home-going of his
	father on 16 Jun 92.
	VBS 92 has finally reached its conclusion
	on Friday. Thank God for a good turnout
	of children despite the heavy downpour
	on the last day. May the Gospel seed be
	sown in the hearts of these children and
	teens.

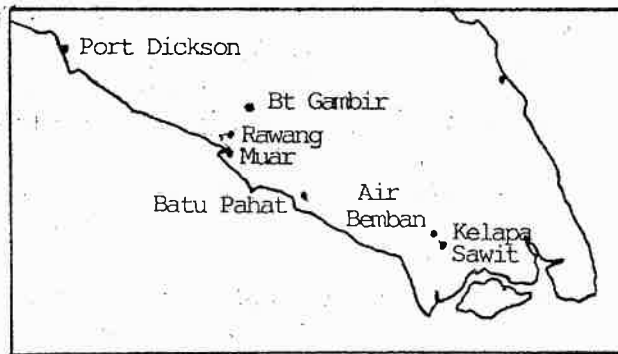
School to a kindergarten, and from a kindergarten to a regular Lord's Day worship. Now the whole church became involved with strong support from the elders and deacons, not the least Rev Koa their honorary pastor. Often they would drive up from Rawang in two church vans. The witness extended further to Kundang Ulu in the upper reaches of the Muar river, where another Sunday School was started.

When this Estate was completed several years ago Rawang, the mother church took the initiative to acquire this house. Support came from near and far and from some Singapore B-P Churches for the cause of missions.

Talking about missions, older Christians still remember the days when the Gospel was brought to our lands by white missionaries. We received our faith from the English Presbyterian Mission. But now times have changed. No more do we see them of a past generation.

Today missions is on the agenda of practically every S'pore Church. It has come also to Malaysia and Rawang, the mother church, has caught the vision. Hence Bukit Gambir.

Why did English missionaries first come to our arcestors in South China as early as the eighteen fifties, 140 years ago? Why did they follow up to Singapore and Malaysia in the eighties? Why do we now take up the torch they have passed on to us, as in the running of an Olympic race? Because the Great Commission is given to all peoples of all ages by our Lord Jesus Christ. Usually, we quote it from Matthew 28:18-20. But, the Great Commission is given an urgent emphasis in our Lord's Olivet Discourse. This is found in Matt 24:14, *"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."* Like running in a relay race, and we living in these last days are in the last lap, is it not required of us to run the fastest?



comfortably settled here. It was Oswald Smith of Canada, a firebrand for missions, who said, *"Why should anyone hear the gospel twice when others have not heard it once?"*

What I say to Bukit Gambir I say to others - you who have come

from Rawang, from Muar, perhaps Malacca, other parts of Johore and you all the way from Singapore. Let us not slacken in the Missions race but run the faster, the fastest, as we are in the last lap. This is a day of Asian missions. If we do not keep up in loving and lowly service, the Lord will remove our candlestick as He would Ephesus.

How can we keep up the Missions race? There is a slogan we've heard, "Give, pray and go." How often is a great missions enterprise delayed, nay, scuttled, when rich Christians hold tight their purse strings and turn a deaf ear to a brother's plea in a foreign land. I'm referring to the Hilltop Project, in the Philippines under Rev Ebert III. It is the building of a Bible School to train hundreds of Filipinos to evangelise their 7000 Islands. Singaporeans are beginning to give, so can Malaysians.

Secondly we can pray. Prayer is what is most lacking in this age of prayerlessness. Many mountains will be removed when we kneel down and pray, pray, pray. When we seek the Lord and look not to man. "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:2,3). Rather, let us ask in the spirit of our Saviour. Ask, seek, and knock, and when we do earnestly ask in the will of the Father, will He not grant us our request? Forget not to pray for our missionaries!

Thirdly, go. Why should not some young person here who has come all the way on a missions trip, now decide to go? What we need today is not so much money as men. That includes women too. You have heard the outer call from pastors and preachers appealing for workers. Let it be decided today as there comes to you that inner voice, the inward call of God.

We are now in the last days of the missions race. And he who runs last, must run the fastest. Amen.

I have just graduated from Engineering in NUS. I just like to share with you God's blessings upon me.

Though I did not do well in my second and third year (had re's in my second year), the Lord has been very gracious to me. All I asked for was a pass for my final year but the Lord granted me a good Honours degree. Truly, our God is sovereign, with Him nothing is impossible! All praise and glory to our ever-loving God.

I was reminded of a sermon which you delivered on vows (Num 30:2). You had said that it is better not to make a vow than to make it and not fulfil it. Thus enclosed is an offering of \$300 (+\$200 to come) and my tithes for the month of May and June (\$440). I would appreciate it if you will designate the offering of \$300 for the Beulah debt. Thank you!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 29 - July 5, '92)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
 SAT 1.00 pm LJBC
 2.30 pm YF/LTF
 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
 7.00 pm **Film Show *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* (FEBC Hall)**
 SUN 8.00 am *Christianity - Impossible with Men* (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
 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
 10.40 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
 7.30 pm Korean Service
 NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan, Newton.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$20,501.00 (8.00 am)
 *\$8,648.00 (10.30 am)
 EXTN BLDG FUND II 1407) *\$20,501;
 1408)*\$8,648; 1409)\$3,000 (Thanksgiv-
 ing).
TOTAL: \$2,364,098.64
 LOAN: 42) \$1,111.00 (Men's F'ship).
TOTAL LOAN: \$407,477.00
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,771,575.64
OFFERINGS FOR: P'ppines Hilltop
Land \$100, \$500, \$220; *Thailand* \$50;
Bibles for China \$200; *Seets* \$280, \$100;
Hope BPC Bldg Fund \$100; *Bethlehem*
Jurong BPC \$400.

TESTIMONY

Catherine Hoe Chwee Khim

I was brought up in a Bud-
 dhist family and for 30 years of
 my life I had been following this
 faith. I came to know about
 Christianity through my em-
 ployer Mrs Lee Gek Hia in 1990.
 I have been attending Church
 services for the past two years
 and my experience and expo-
 sure to Christian life is great.

I thank God for granting me
 the opportunity to receive His
 words and salvation which is so
 rich and free. Praise the Lord!
 Amen.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) For Philippines/Indonesian
 Missions in thanksgiving to the
 providence of God (\$1000).

(2) This offering is for Hope B-
 P Church's Building Fund
 (\$100).

(3) In May, my workload was
 overwhelming due to unforeseen
 circumstances, I was very des-
 perate and depressed. The
 tensions were hard to bear, eve-
 rything seemed to go wrong for
 me. Dear Lord, thank you for
 guiding me through the difficult
 period. -A Lifer

(4) Please give this little offering
 to our Thailand Mission (\$50).

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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Edmund Tay	Dn Paul Wong
Opening Hymn	No. 121	No. 18
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 91	Psalms 27
Hymn	No. 131	No. 360
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 365	No. 532
Offertory Prayer		
Praise Item	Duet	
Scripture Reading	Is 5:10-20	Phil 2:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Patience of Job</i> (Dr P Tan)	<i>The Self-Humiliation of Christ</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)
Closing Hymn	No. 261	No. 564
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

CORRESPONDENCE FROM SIREGAR BROTHERS



1. Registration of the Church

Praise the Lord, through much prayers our God
 the Almighty has moved the heart of the Religious
 Department Officer to give us licence to extend God's
 Kingdom through Bible-Presbyterian Church in North
 Sumatra, and in the time to come throughout Indonesia.

2. Institut Alkitab Indonesia Barat (Bible Institute of West Indonesia)

Praise the Lord for the evening classes offered by
 our Church. Now we have 4 students as full-timers.
 Truly our God is the Lord of the harvest. He knows our
 need of labourers. These students become great helpers in our Church. Please pray
 that these evenings course will grow to Institute Alkitab, as we are expecting.

3. Yayasan

Praise the Lord for our Yayasan. God used the Yayasan as the way to get our

Church registered. The Yayasan also becomes our mission field. Our school is considered good, because of its religious emphasis. Through these children we also could reach out to their parents.

4. A Word of Thanks

On behalf of Medan BP Church, I would like to thank Life Church for her gift. While looking to God to accomplish the second project your gift arrived. So I counted it as a gift from God. In 1991 at the end of November God gave us six classrooms. The price of building these 6 classrooms is about Rp20.000.000. In May 1992, by faith we built another 3 rooms - 2 for classes and one for office. It cost us Rp10.000.000.

Now it has been a blessing again and again in my lives ministry for God. Indeed Romans 8:28 is real in every way of our life as we are travelling toward heaven. In all things ... God will turn out for our good. How I wish that this very Word of God may encourage you to serve your God and our God joyfully.

Haposan

I am very thankful for the coming of the Gospel Team to Medan. The Lord has done great things through them. Many people are drawn nearer to the Lord. Their time in Medan is truly a blessing for us. We thank you for the team. We pray God may bless Life B-P Church and its many fellowships. We thank also the Missionary Fellowship of Hope B-P Church for their concern for our work in Medan.

Dohar

Indeed it is a joy hearing from Rev Colin Wong and the Team that you are always going on from strength to victory and labouring for the Lord. Our church has been going on safely under the umbrella of the Yayasan, but now is under process of registration. Please pray for this specifically because the heart of the king is in His hand.

We thank God for Life BP Church for the precious land. May we use it wisely and beneficially to God's glory alone.

Hereby with joy I would like to inform you, if God willing on July 11 1992, I will be married to Osmery Silvia Bangun. She is a born-again Christian, a Karonise, my school mate at the Law Faculty. And Rev Siregar (father) will officiate the wedding ceremony. Jehovah Jireh.

Agus

My dear Readers,

Last Thursday morning, a sudden gust of wind brought down one of the old trees in Beulah Land. It fell across Gilstead Rd, blocking the traffic. We phoned the Police and in no time two carloads arrived with electric saws.

With the help of FEBC boys the debris was cleared.

Why did this tree of all trees in the Garden fall? I discovered the trunk had rotted. Worms! What an object lesson for us all. Let us cleanse our hearts and minds from within. There's a saying, "Pride goeth before a fall."

Praise the Lord, the BP Banner is now raised over the Church headed by Haposan in Medan. Our support of Medan is not in vain. As for BP, N. Thailand, we've bought a Mazda pickup converted to minibus for Jess and Nirand (that's Deeram's new name).

But we are more for the Gospel Banner. So let us continue to help the Hilltop Project under Rev Dan Ebert III. God has answered prayer. They have hit water at 500 ft! They have begun digging foundations for the first two buildings. Let us do our bit. Your dollar is like \$10 over there! When we discharge our Gospel Debt, God will do His part for Beulah. "If everyone will do his best, God will take care of the rest."

After the 10.30 am service today, the Church will hold a farewell lunch in honour of Dr Patrick Tan. In view of my appointment with Tabernacle BPC in Tampines at their 5th Anniversary Thanksgiving, I might not make it to wish him well with my personal presence. The Lord go before him to New Life. We count him our missionary to a new country, Woodlands!

- T.T.

For several weeks you have been greeted by this smiling face of Mikio Toyoshima on the walls. He is founder of the Toyoshima Group of 12 companies and 2 schools, with a capital of US\$4 million. He employs 700 staff. Saved from the verge of bankruptcy and suicide, he has an un-usual testimony of how he found Christ. Today he is a much sought after evangelist.



Mikio Toyoshima spoke at the Korean Church. Lee Young Lyong of FEBC, a BA from Tokyo, rushed to translate his book 'SAVED!' in time for distribution at the Gospel Campaign. Now the author has given permission to CLBC to publish his English version. I have read this book and I recommend every Lifer to read it when it comes off the press.

Incidentally, Toyoshima's pastor Rev Tsutada was domiciled in Singapore before WWII. His youngest brother Benjamin Tsutada was my classmate at ACS (1937). My greetings to the Tsutadas and prayers for Mr Toyoshima that you will continue to witness Jesus to the ends of the earth. Your coming has not only blessed the Korean and Japanese Churches here but Life Church as well!

- Tow Siang Hui

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 6 - 12, '92)		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	(1) \$400 for Beulah House Fund. Thanks be unto God for His goodness and mercies.
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	(2) \$100 for Hilltop, Philippines - from Beulah guest.
	7.30 pm Men's F'ship (Rev Tow, FEBC Hall)	(3) \$105 for Beulah House - my tithe and thanks to God for looking after me.
	7.45 pm Women's F'ship (Beulah Hse)	(4) Please use this \$50 for Missions work with Dyaks (after reading "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo").
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	(5) Please accept this little gift for FEBC as she celebrates her 30th Anniversary. I love you and the College my Alma Mater and will continue to pray and support this College as long as she stands faithful. - Saipan
	2.30 pm YF/LTF	(6) \$1,000 for Hilltop, Philippines in thanksgiving for His abundant mercies and grace upon my ministry.
	3.00 pm LBC/YAF (Rev Tow)	(7) Thank you for allowing us to stay in ... We enclose a love gift to you in gratitude (\$100 to EBF 11).
SUN 8.00 am	<i>The Saviour of the World</i> (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	(8) I enclose a POSB cheque for \$100 for EBF 11 as thanksgiving to God for His manifold blessings to me and my family.
	9.30 am Sunday School	(9) This is our love gift to the Lord for all His goodness to us in Singapore (\$1,000).
	10.30 am Rev Stephen Khoo, Lord's Supper	- Hospitality Ministry
	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	
	7.30 pm Korean Service	
NBC This Week: <i>Wed</i> Henderson, <i>Fri</i> Joo Chiat.		
LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
*\$3,372.00 (8.00 am)		
*\$7,710.00 (10.30 am)		
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1410) *\$3,372; 1411) \$40; 1412) *\$7,710; 1413) \$100; 1414) \$400; 1415) \$400; 1416) \$100.		
TOTAL: \$2,376,220.64		
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,783,697.64		
OFFERINGS FOR: <i>P'ppines Hilltop Land</i> \$100, \$1000, \$200, \$100; <i>Missions</i> \$40, \$50; <i>Burma</i> \$50 (MSF); <i>Dyak Work</i> \$50.		
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev C Wong	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 56	No. 28
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Mark 10:17-27	Isaiah 62
Hymn	No. 284	<i>Yerushalayim...</i>
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn		<i>A Thousand Golden Years</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	John 3:1-10	I Thess 5:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Christianity - Impossible with Men</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>It's Later Than You Think</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 279	No. 227
		Lord's Supper
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



TABERNACLE B-P CHURCH

REPORT ON TABERNACLE BPC'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

by *Dn & Mrs Sng Jin Seng*

It was in May 1987 when a group of zealous Christian youths called the Life Bible Class was led by the Lord to evangelize in Tampines New Town. Along the way this outreach was augmented by an afternoon service held in a warehouse belonging to a deacon from Life BP Church.

This offshoot of Life Church has since blossomed into maturity under the name of Tabernacle B-P Chapel, led by Rev Ronny Khoo, an FEBC graduate who was ordained in 1989.

Tabernacle Chapel worships regularly with an average attendance of around 30 members. Sunday School and prayer meetings are also conducted on the Lord's Day. On Sunday afternoons, the Berean Church worships at the premises under the leadership of Preacher Wee Eng Moh.

Truly, the Lord has been gracious to Tabernacle's ministry over the past five years, blessing them with over 30 converts since their inception, including an additional four baptized on the 28th of June this year. Indeed, there was much joy even as 'there is joy in the presence of angels over one sinner that repenteth' (Lk 15:10).

Following Life BP Church's rich tradition of anniversary celebrations, Tabernacle Chapel celebrated her fifth anniversary on the 28th of June 1992.

Such a thanksgiving in remembrance of God's saving grace is surely pleasing to the Lord, as Rev Timothy Tow exhorted in his message. Taking his text from Romans 13:8-14, he encouraged members to consider two purposeful words: Retrospection - a time of reflection and rejoicing over the Lord's leadership and blessings - and Introspection - a time of self-examination and measure of one's service to the Lord. Rev Tow urged members to employ their resources wisely and liberally for the Lord's work so that when we are ushered into His presence, we can hear Him say to us "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matt 25:21).

Expecting the usual fellowship tea after service, we were instead treated to an unexpected blessing of a bountiful 9-course lunch at the Spring Court Restaurant. A fair number of former Lifers were also present and it was a time for the renewing of old ties.

All praise and thanks unto the Lord for this happy and blessed day of communion and fellowship.

My dear Readers,

In our study of Israel and her part in God's saving plan for a lost mankind, we have found that Israel's regathering as a nation and victory over her warring neighbours are persistently foretold by the prophets. There is yet another prophecy on Israel which, when fulfilled, will usher in the Second Coming of Christ. It is the Battle of Armageddon, the climax of World War III, as seen by many Bible scholars today.

Of course there are other events not directly connected with Israel, like the rise of a World Dictator. One of the things he will do is control everybody's pocket book. Without his permission no one can buy or sell. The computer will do it for him. He will surely prohibit Christians from supporting missions! So, I've heard my brother Dr Tow say he would spend all his money in his lifetime, and not leave a dollar for the Antichrist! This is good theology and sound economics.

Frankly speaking, as I meditate on such portentous things to come, I have been stirred to double my giving. I won't let the Antichrist freeze my money either, small as it is.

Because of good government, Singapore has enjoyed peace and prosperity. It is profitable, therefore, to put your treasure in heaven, while you may, by supporting God's work through the efficient and meticulous administration of your Treasurer.

We are not a kindergarten congregation. Our people are matured Christians. You have shown what you can do for Christ. Beulah House! You have great potential to extend the Gospel to other lands. That's how the Missionary Fellowship is formed. The correspondence from the Siregar brothers in Medan should increase your zeal.

You have constant feeding of the Word from both Church and College, from Prayer Meeting and every Fellowship and from Sunday School. It's high time to rise up and work, and not be pampered by doting talk. Let Life the mother church learn a lesson from 5-year old Tabernacle BPC. When one of her young leaders went to Israel for training, he was able to supply a vacant pulpit for several months. Be ye doers and not hearers, be ye givers and not grabbers. In the spirit of the late American President Kennedy, ask what you can do for the church than what the church can do for you. What profit in that Final Accounting can you show to our Lord Jesus Christ when He comes!

- T. T.

TESTIMONY by Bernard Khor Ken Yew

I currently believe wholeheartedly in Christ, and that He is my Saviour. But things weren't always like this. I remember my younger years, when I was yet unsaved, and I experienced many trials and tribulations, and was completely unable to deal with them. Praise be to Him, that those days are now past!

My conversion wasn't on the spur of the moment. It was no whim, no fancy. Rather, it was a gradual work of the Spirit in me, acting so that day by day, I grew stronger in faith. I first turned to God for a listening ear. At the age of 14, I had many medical and familial

problems, and my burden was indeed heavy. Having nobody to turn to, I began talking to God - I'd been attending Life BP Church for some time by then. After a while, I began asking for His blessing and His help. What finally consolidated my faith was the fact that, after that, I seemed more blessed in my daily life, more capable of dealing with problems and setbacks, and my life became obviously more fruitful.

Today, thanks to the Holy Spirit's working in me, I believe unreservedly in Christ, and have accepted him as my one and only Lord and Saviour. Praises be to Him! Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 13 - 19, '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	*\$3,958.00 (8.00 am)
WED 8.00 pm	Session Meeting	*\$13,417.00 (10.30 am)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1417)*\$3,958;
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	1418)*\$13,417; 1419) \$1,300; 1420)
2.30 pm	YF/LTF	\$100 (Thai F'ship); 1421) \$400
2.45 pm	1st Ev. Reformed Church	(Kebaktian Indonesia); 1422) \$100;
	Wedding	1423)\$100; 1424)\$4,000; 1425)\$1,000
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	(Chinese Ser.); 1426)\$100; 1427)\$100;
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Why Men Disbelieve</i>	1428)\$70.
	(Rev Colin Wong)	TOTAL: \$2,400,865.64
9.30 am	Sunday School	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,808,342.64
10.30 am	Rev Tow	OFFERINGS FOR: P'ppines Hilltop
10.30 am	Chinese Service	Land \$50, \$200, \$200, \$250, \$50, \$100,
10.30 am	Junior Worship	\$100, \$1000, \$124, \$200, \$200, \$1000;
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Thailand \$280; \$50; \$200; Sunday
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	School \$300, \$50; Rev P Tan \$1000;
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	Baraka BPC \$1000; Missions \$37.50,
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	\$322; FEBC \$100 (Box), \$100 (Box).
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	
3.00 pm	Thai Service	(3) Thanksgiving to God for
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	leading me at each step of the
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	way. \$200 to Hilltop Project.
7.30 pm	Korean Service	(4) Enclosed is a gift in Thanks-
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Bishan, Newton.		giving to God for restoring my
Hear Pastor Tow at Sharon BPC 4.30 this afternoon on "How can I know the Will of God for my Life."		health and blessing me in my
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		work. Please give it to the Hill-
(1) Our Most Grateful Thanks to Our Most Gracious Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus (for a successful operation). Amen. \$150 to Chinese Service.		top project in the Philippines.
(2) Thanksgiving for Mother's salvation and Baptism and removal of household idols. (\$200 to Hilltop, Philippines).		- A Lifer (\$1,000)
		(5) Thanksgiving offering for Hilltop Land, Philippines (\$100) and Life BP Church Sunday School (\$50).
		(6) For Hilltop Project, Philippines (\$200). Thank the Lord for all the blessings he has given me and my family.
		(7) I gladly give the tithe with thanks. (\$250)



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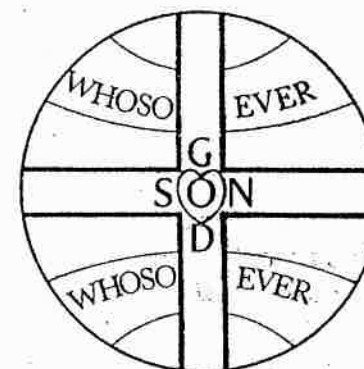
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

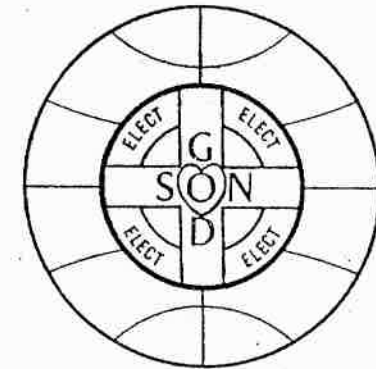
	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 217
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Heb. 13:1-17	Psalms 49
Hymn	No. 333	No. 112
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 224	No. 399
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Jn 3:1-16	Jonah 1
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Saviour of the World</i>	<i>Not Doing the Will of God</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 300	No. 348
Benediction and Threefold Amen	Lord's Supper	

CALVIN'S



VIEW
of
John 3:16

HYPER-CALVINIST'S



VIEW
of
John 3:16

My dear Lifers,

The reason why Dr Patrick Tan has to assume full pastorship of New Life is Assist. Pastor Eric Kwan's departure June 16, '92 to start a B-P Church in London.



This development is of the Lord because the Chinese congregation Eric had ministered to while studying in London has separated from Ecumenism and Modernism. They delight in Eric's fundamental teaching and call him to their pulpit. Incidentally the leading Elder of this new Church is the brother of Elder Dr Cheng Wei Nien of Calvary BPC. He is an old Lifer of Prinsep Street days.

In view of the expatriate expenses involved, both Calvary and Life have agreed to contribute to the support of the small London BPC on top of New Life's. We are committed to S\$500 per month for two years. This is in fulfillment of the Great Commission which must be hastened in light of Jesus' soon Return. "He who runs last (in the missions relay) runs fastest." Let us remember Eric in our prayers and Dr Tan too. Woodlands which is the biggest of all satellite towns is a veritable mission field. Let New Life remember Elder Mahadevan's plea to run a VBS for the Tamils, the neediest of them all.

There is another most neglected field and that is the Arab congregation of Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem. This Church was founded in 1950 by Dr Lambie who built the Baraka Sanatorium, now converted into a Conference Centre. The Arab congregation are mostly converts of Dr Lambie's ministry. Now they have acquired a piece of land (13,000 sq ft) at the Shepherd's Field, to build their own community church. For some months our outreach to the Arabs seems forgotten. When an envelope of \$1,000 designated for "Baraka" was received last week, we praise the Lord that His Spirit is moving again!

Incidentally, two Arab brethren were sent by Baraka for training at FEBC. One, Philip Jawabreh is serving the Lord in Australia. The other, Issa Banurah, is back on his old job at Baraka Conference Centre as maintenance man. With FEBC training he is also a part-time lay preacher. We have had the sweetest fellowship with the Arab Christians, especially the Awad family. They are an orphaned congregation, caught between those of heterogeneous faiths.

A new spirit has come to the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting. More are coming to study the Word and pray. In between we hear testimonies and reports of God's saving grace. We welcome FEBC students who live inside the Church compound and Beulah House. We bless them and they bless us. Let's pray for revival, for all our missions fields, for Eric Kwan especially.

- T.T.

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

by Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

Life is short no matter how long we live on this earth. From the cradle to the grave is a short journey. "The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Ps 90:10). This is true, isn't it?

If you search the Scriptures, you will find no fewer than 18 metaphors comparing life to things which are brief, small, transitory and evanescent. "For what is your life" It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and vanisheth away" (James 4:14b). Man, according to Job, "cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not" (Job 14:2). "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. the grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away" (I Pet 1:24). Life is not only short but it is also a small thing. For it is compared to a handbreadth (Ps 39:5), a weaver's shuttle (Job 7:6). It is also an irrevocable thing like "water spilt on the ground which cannot be gathered up again" (II Sam 14:14).

Realising that life is at best brief, and uncertain helps us use the little time we have wisely. Henry Drummond says, "You have life before you. Once only you can live it." In Psalm 90:12 we have the wise words of Moses: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." The Apostle Paul's admonition is this: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:15,16). It is said that the man who is really concerned to live well must possess himself continually of the thought that he is not to live long. In fact, the usefulness of life comes to about 35 years in a life span of 70 years. Someone has estimated that out of 70 years, we spend

23 years	or	32.9%	sleeping	4.5 years	or	6.5%	leisure
16 years	or	22.8%	working	4 years	or	5.7%	sickness
8 years	or	11.4%	watching TV	2 years	or	2.8%	dressing
6 years	or	8.6%	eating	0.5-1 year	or	0.7%	church
6 years	or	8.6%	travelling				

Let us not be deceived as the rich fool of Luke 12 was deceived when he soliloquised "Soul, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry ... Thou hast much goods laid up for many years." He had all his priorities misplaced. He put material things before spiritual things; he placed time before eternity. All he was concerned was this present world and his temporal life. He acted as though he would live on this earth forever. He failed to realise that his life and time are in God's hands. The very night he had made his great plans without taking God and his fellow beings into consideration, God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Let us live for God today. As our beloved pastor puts it - "Do something good for Jesus every day." Then no matter when our life ends we'll have fulfilled God's plan for us. This is putting eternity's values in view. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 20 - 26, '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 8.30 am	FEBC New Semester Opens Day of Prayer, Beulah Hse	*\$2,868.00 (8.00 am) *\$10,964.50 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	EXTNBLDG FUND II 1429)*\$2,868;
THU 7.30 pm	Gospel Prophets (Isaiah & Micah) Rev Tow	1430) \$220; 1431) \$100; 1432)
8.00 pm	F'ship Coordinating Committee Mtg (FEBC Library)	*\$10,964.50; 1433)\$50; 1434) \$200;
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	1435)\$450; 1436) \$14; 1437) \$378.70;
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	1438) \$207 (YAF & YF); 1439) \$1,000;
2.30 pm	YF/LTF	1440) \$400; 1441) \$300; 1442) \$300 (YAF).
3.00 pm	Grace BPC Wedding	TOTAL: \$2,418,317.84
3.00 pm	LBC English Gospel Mtg (FEBC Hall, Rev S. Khoo)	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,825,794.84
7.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon AF	OFFERINGS FOR: P'ppines Hilltop
SUN 8.00 am	No Freedom Except in Christ (Rev Colin Wong)	Land \$100, \$100, \$500, \$300(YF),
9.30 am	Sunday School	\$1000; China Mission \$150; Bibles for
10.30 am	Rev Tow	China \$200; FEBC \$50 Missions \$100,
10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$200, \$7.83 (wallet); Burma \$250, \$200;
10.30 am	Junior Worship	The Seets \$50, \$100(YF); P'pines Mis-
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	sion \$500.
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	
7.30 pm	Korean Service	
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat		
Bt Timah NBC is being relocated to Julia Kwok's residence at 36H Dunearn Rd #15-46 Chancery Court (1130).		
TELEGRAM FROM BURMA: Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology reopened July 6. A total of 76 students. First graduation day Saturday, August 29. - Rev Robert Thawmn Luai		
		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
		(1) Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I thank God for His guidance and tender mercies. May He bless Life Church richly and may this little gift be used profitably to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and extend God's Kingdom. (Please allocate euqally towards EBF II, Philippines Hilltop and Missions.) (\$300). Amen. - Lifer well-wisher.
		(2) I think your brother Dr Tow is very wise. Likeminded I shall not leave my money for the Antichrist. So here's 10% of my one-n-a-3/4 month's pay for the Lord's House which is not paid yet, unlike my HDB flat! - A thankful tither (\$450).
		AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 2502138; Rev Colin Wong 2564900; Office 2569256.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Wong	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 41	No. 71
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 5:19-47	Hebrews 4
Hymn	No. 287	No. 85
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn		No. 116
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Acts 17:16-34	Lk 6:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Why Men Disbelieve	The Holy Sabbath
Closing Hymn	No. 273	No. 262
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



DEDICATION OF BUKIT GAMBIR B-P CHURCH

My dear Lifers,

At the Chinese Service last week I was requested to baptise Madam Lau Mui Sioh, 77, mother-in-law to Peter Sim. In the course of examination I was told by her children how their whole family with the Choo family were led to Christ 30 years ago by Elder and Mrs Lim Kim Hee. They were denizens of St John's Island. When the Lims, Government School teachers, were posted there, they started a Sunday School and simple worship service. (There was no Church). Madam Lau and her husband, though non-Christians, gladly sent their five children to S.S. The children believed. When the "Lau" family and the Choo family shifted to Singapore the Choos joined one Church and the "Lau" children the BP. But the old lady held out all these 30 years until last Lord's Day. Having seen the joy of salvation in her 3 daughters, even the grandchildren, and in her son, she thought to herself, "It's time for me to receive Christ too." The seed sown 30 years ago on a remote Island sprouted in Singapore. To highlight this memorable occasion we got Elder and Mrs Lim (my younger sister) now of New Life to attend the Baptismal Service. Elder Lim held the baptismal bowl while I baptised the grand old lady, to a beaming congregation of 171. Glory! "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:9).

FEBC reopens tomorrow 8.30 am at Beulah House with Day of prayer. She is strengthened by three of her children who have returned from US after 3 years study, all obtaining double Masters. Jeffrey Khoo is appointed Librarian and Miss Ling Ling, who worked for CLBC before, is taken on as Library Assistant (and now under Government training). A big stock of new books is being added, and our target is 10,000 volumes. Cataloging at present shows just under 8,000. We have ample space for the new lot coming in. If you have valuable books lying untouched, why not trade them profitably for the Lord by consigning them to FEBC? New book shelves are being made to take in yours!

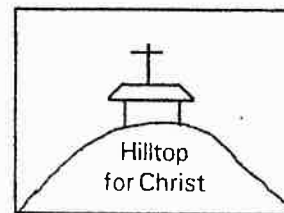
This semester we shall be teaching two courses, Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel Prophets (Isaiah and Micah) at the evening classes. Also Advanced Modern Hebrew by special appointment. It's not too late to register! Just come in, the first class to start Thursday July 23 7.30 pm. M.Div. students will have to write special papers for every course they take. This is going to be a very busy semester as we prepare for the big occasion, the commemoration of 30 years of grace on Sept 19, 1992 at the next graduation. Dr S H Tow will be the Lord's messenger.

After over a month's ministry with Muar, Rawang and Bukit Gambir, the Djunaids are now returned to Kalimantan. But soon Rev Djunaidi will be posted to Kijang, Bintan Island with part support from the Chinese Service. This will relieve Preacher Joseph Liu of Tg Pinang to resume study at FEBC. Our Chinese Service can do much more for the cause of Missions as God has prospered her in number and strength. So is the Kebaktian Indonesia picking up, the Thai Service and



the Filipina Fellowship. The Koreans are way ahead of us both in zeal and commitment. "Wherever you go in the world, you'll see a Korean church."

By God's grace Life Church is having a small part to play in the founding of a new Bible College of the Eberts at the 5-acre Hilltop, Antipolo, Manila. The gifts that flooded in last week are marvellous! Soon we shall send them a third US\$10,000.



The Charles Seets will move to stay in "Jesus Village" up the hill, no more fighting the jeepneys and heavy smoke-emitting trucks, all over Manila. Soon you'll see the school enrolment go up to 100, to 200! We understand the first two buildings will complete in 6 months!

Here is a word from Rev Bill Ebert on behalf of Rev Dan Ebert III his father:

I just wanted to send a short note of thanks for the gracious gift that Life BP Church sent for the Hilltop project. And also to let you know that a receipt has been sent to Dn Charlie Chia.

The Hilltop project is in full swing. The test pumping on the well should be done in a couple of days and as soon as we know how much water we have we will write and let you know. Also the contract for the first phase has been signed and they will soon be working on laying the foundation for the buildings.

Thank you again for the gracious gift.

- T.T.

I WANT TO EVANGELISE BECAUSE ...

- * The chief motive should be because you **love** God and want to obey His commandments, and **glorify** Him among men.
- * Because Christ gave you His **compassion** for men and you know that Jesus Christ will meet their needs, as He has met yours.
- * Because of the reality of Hell and eternal judgment that you know, awaits all who are not saved through Jesus Christ.
- * Because there are still millions who are not saved because they have not heard the Word yet. And there are few labourers to reap the harvest.
- * Because the souls of men are of **great value** to God, and you shall receive a heavenly reward for being His instrument in bringing the Word of salvation to them.
- * Because it is the **greatest** thing you can do for others.

by Charles Seet, missionary to Hilltop

LET THE CHRISTIANITY OF THE CHURCH BE BROUGHT INTO THE HOME

*Excerpted from a message by Dr Marcus Cheng, President of Human Bible Institute
and during WWII President of Chungking Theological Seminary*

Christianity is especially a religion for the home. For there is much teaching on the home in Holy Scripture. When Jesus was on earth he often visited the home. Mark 1:29 says, "And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John." And Luke 10:38 says, "Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house." Moreover Mark 5:19 says, "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." In the Epistles of Paul, Peter and John much is devoted to the home, and religious training in the home.

The greatest need of the Church in China today is the Christian home. Many Christians find God and their faith only in Church. They have not brought Christianity into the home. We have not invited Jesus into our family. So we pray in Church, but not at home. We read the Bible in Church, but not in the home. We worship in Church; we do not worship at home. This happens not only with the laity but also with the clergy, who should be the people's example.

Once I heard a preacher pray in Church confessing his sin: He had not invited Jesus into his house, for he did not hold family worship. Husbands and wives often quarrel. If we can't be Christians at home, then we are hypocrites. In Greek, to be hypocritical means to play acting. When an actor leaves home, he ascends the stage, puts on a mask. Whether he laughs or weeps, whether he moves or speaks, he is merely acting. After the show is over and he returns home, he takes off his mask, his apparel, and he acts, laughs and speaks differently. Some Christians are actors. They speak politely to strangers on the subject of virtue and righteousness. They are like saints and princes. But when they return home they bare their true colours on their parents, wives and children. They lose their temper and puff up their pride. How mean and exacting, they are villains.



At a revival meeting in a certain Church, a member wept as he prayed. Suddenly, before the service ended, he left the Church. It was noised about that this fellow had returned home to apologise to his wife. For often in his house he would lose his temper and abuse his family with foul words! The greatest urgency of the Church today is to receive Jesus into our homes, as head of the house, and as honoured guest. Let us follow Him in all things. Let us honour, and trust Jesus. Let nothing in the house be hid from His eyes, nor any word from His ears. Let our homes be pervaded with His Spirit ...

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The most important thing about a home is not the house nor the furniture (*and TV is a curse for our day*), but the abiding Spirit of Jesus. Even His love that rules in the hearts of parents, between husbands and wives, brothers and sisters. This Spirit can come only from religion practised in the family. It is only by worship of God in the family by prayer and Bible reading that we can be imbued with this spirit of love. So Family worship is No. 1. No matter how great an enterprise you might run for the Church, no matter how zealous you are for the Gospel, no matter how patriotic and altruistic you may be, if you neglect your family, your loved ones, if you shirk your responsibility, then it all comes to nought.

Now, before we became Christians, our homes were devoted to the gods. Whenever there was some happy event, we remembered to offer the gods. Or should there be a death, a funeral, we would also worship, though they were false gods. After we have believed the Lord, all the more should we serve Him the living and true God. So, when we have a wedding or funeral, we should hold family worship, yes, on our birthdays too. Every day, at least once, let us hold family worship, pray and read the Bible so that we may be worthy of our being called Christian homes.

O BETHANY!





O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home,
Where my Lord is wont to stay.
Unworthy as I can be,
He has forgiv'n me by His grace.
What a blessing 'fore Him seated,
Who can take away my part?
O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home!
God and man share heart to heart.

Chorus

*My heavy burdens He puts them on Himself,
Through Valley of Tears no more bereft.
For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home,
I must see Him day to day.
His love endures till worlds be gone,
With Him life brings no dismay.
His love endures till worlds be gone,
I'll go with Him all the way ...*

My Home Sweet Home by Olivet
Finds grace in Emmanuel's eyes.
Where joined in one are heart and heart,
Then soar our souls to the skies.
I pour on Him my ointment sweet,
Little token of my love.
O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home,
Endless blessings from above.

I have turned my back to the world,
Peniel, His face to see.
To Him I've given my heart,
Ebenezer, He strengthens me.
Blow thou North Wind, and thou South Wind!
What sweet odours fill my Home!
My Lord and I, we are as one -
Peace and Joy forever more.



(Music and lyrics by Rev John E. Su, translated by T.T.)



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 27 - August 2, '92)

MON 7.30 am *The Gospel of Matthew*
(Rev Tow)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting

THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets (Isaiah & Micah)* Rev Tow

FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship

SAT 1.00 pm LJBC

2.30 pm YF/LTF

3.00 pm LBC/YAF

7.30 pm Film Show *Fanny Crosby*,
FEBC Hall

SUN 8.00 am *The Narrowness of the Gospel*
(Rev Colin Wong)

9.30 am Sunday School

10.30 am Rev Albert Ong, 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

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

7.30 pm Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Fri Bt Batok*

Catechism Class begins next Lord's Day, Aug 2, '92 at Beulah Hse.

"He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit" (Jn 15:5). Shi May Juan of mainland China was baptised last Easter. After she returned from Singapore she witnessed to her family. Now her husband, 2 daughters and their husbands have believed and are seeking baptism. Praise the Lord!

"For God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (II Cor 9:7,8)

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,148.00 (8.00 am)
*\$8,307.85 (10.30 am)

EXTNBLDG FUND II 1443)*\$5,148;
1444) *\$8,307.85; 1445) \$10; 1446)
\$100; 1447) \$130; 1448) \$70; 1449)
\$1,520 (LTF).

TOTAL: \$2,433,603.69

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,841,080.69

OFFERINGS FOR: *P'ppines Hilltop Land* \$380, \$100, \$300, \$200, \$40, \$1000, \$540(WF); *Helping Hand* \$100; *Heng JS* \$50; *Missions* \$400, \$200; *China* \$200; *The Seets* \$300; *Paul Wagner, India Mission* \$200; *Chinese Bibles for China* \$50; *Dohar Classroom* \$250(WF); *FEBC Scholarship* \$1080; *CLBC* \$750.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Here is the remainder offering of \$200 which I promised the Lord last month. All praise and glory to God who makes all things possible. (Enclosed \$200 + \$200 tithe).

- A Lifer

(2) Lately my ex-schoolmate and a colleague succumbed to cancer of the breast. It dawned upon me that I've always taken my cancer-free body for granted.

Thank God for a cancer-free body!

- A grateful child of God (\$150).

(3) In support of overseas missions. I thank God for His wonderful blessings (\$400).

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Wong	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 70	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	John 6:52-69	Prov 8:11-36
Hymn	No. 291	No. 296
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn		No. 311
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	John 8:30-36	Lk 6:12-16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>No Freedom Except in Christ</i>	<i>Jesus' Bible College</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 281	No. 416
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

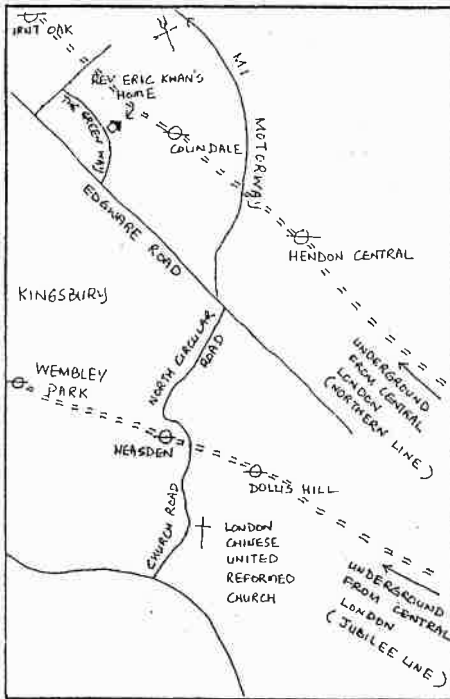


Beginnings of a Bible-Presbyterian Church in London

A VISIT TO THE LONDON CHINESE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

by Jack and Angelina Sin

Rev Eric Kwan and his family were sent to London on 16 June 1992 to pastor a young and growing Chinese congregation for three years. It was through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that Eld Cheng Wei Lin (the brother of Eld Cheng Wei Nien of Calvary-Pandan BP Church) invited Rev Eric Kwan to shepherd the flock last year during his sabbatical in London. During our recent trip to England, we visited the Kwans (who are jointly supported by New Life, Calvary and Life) and to fellowship with this church in London. The Kwans have a lovely abode at 66 The Green Way, Colindale, NW London.



The Lord had called Rev Kwan to pastor a growing flock of about 25 believers who love the Lord and who do not want to be drawn into the tide of the pervasive charismatic influence. This zealous assembly of God's people who are desirous of Christian fellowship without compromise

in doctrine meet at 3.30 pm every Lord's day at United Reformed Church, Church Road, Harlesden for their worship service. The congregation comprises mainly Chinese (with an elderly British couple) who have migrated there. Some are studying or working there for a period of time. A weekday night Bible study was started in a member's home and weekly prayer meeting will commence very soon.

England was once a land that was favoured with Reformers and godly saints but is today spiritually indifferent and lethargic. There is much work to be done to stir up these people with the Gospel of Christ and to build them up in the most holy faith. Let us remember to pray and support the Kwans serving in this foreign land that the Lord may prosper their ministry. (Rev Eric Kwan's tel: 081-2004873.)

The Holy Sabbath. I'm deeply grateful to the Lifer who writes me re my sermon on the above-mentioned subject. I regret with him some of the infringements of regulations on the use of our Church premises on the Lord's Day. Some of these infringements we did not know, but notice has been given to the parties concerned that the sanctity of the Church on both sides of Gilstead Rd is to be honoured, to His glory! Amen.

My dear Lifers;

Jack Sin and Angelina's visit to Pastor Eric Kwan resulting in their providing us a sketch map is the Lord's way of leading more S'poreans visiting London to worship at his Church. Eric is one of FEBC's loyal sons.

As for FEBC, we have a dozen new students this Semester. They come from S'pore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, Korea, Zaire and USA. We're glad, very glad, that Deacon Jack Sin, a promising young man with a good job has turned his back to the world to join FEBC. Another Lifer is Geok Fong of the E-Band. She is being integrated with the Chinese Service. Chota, from Zaire and French-speaking comes with the recommendation of the Bible College of East Africa. Kenny Womeldorf is introduced by missionary Keith Coleman. From Malaysia is Carol Teh; Hpung Raw from Burma; Lee Gi Chen from Korea; Helena, Irene, Mariana are Indonesians. Two are still on the way.

Rev Dan Ebert IV has returned to Manila while his father is on furlough. As to the artesian well that reached down to 500 ft, water is pumping out at 30 gallons per minute! So work on the foundations is accelerated. If we keep up from this end with our resources, our timely help will save them much on house rents.

We want to thank worshippers who testify to the Lord's blessings in the Offerings Bags. A word of commendation on a handsome gift for EBF II from the Lively Teens. The youngest of our many Fellowships, they have set us an example.

Patronise Christian Life Book Centre which renders an ever-smiling service. Place your order with the counter. What better gift for a friend than Bibles, Christian books, JESUS SAVE clocks, Bible plaques. Spread the Word by all means.

- Yours obediently, T.T.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me" (Psalm 103:1).

I would like to give all praise and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ for enabling me to pass my tertiary exams. I had not been doing consistent work throughout the past year. Through the Holy Spirit conviction, I realised my sin, and yet I did not bother to make an effort to study. By the time of the final revision period, I was busy cramming new facts into my memory, and to my horror, I fell sick. I realised then that this was the chastening of the Lord and was what I fully deserved for my sin and slothfulness.

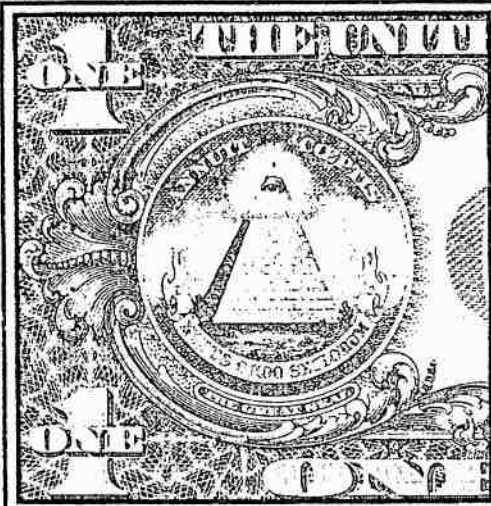
I told the Lord I was willing to accept whatever He had in store for me. Immediately, I felt peace in my heart...

When the exam results were released, I was dumbfounded when I saw that I had passed. Truly, out of the multitude of His lovingkindness, the Lord showed me mercy and granted me a pass, to the praise of His glory.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (August 3 - 9, '92)

MON 7.30 am *The Gospel of Matthew*
(Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting
THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
7.45 pm Women's F'ship at Beulah Hse
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC
2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm LBC/YAF
SUN 8.00 am *National Day Message*
Rev Tow, Lord's Supper
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
10.30 am Rev Colin Wong
10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan, Newton.

PROPHECY AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER



Hear Dr S.H. Tow on the 5
MYSTERIES hidden in this logo
on the American Dollar. **TONITE**,
6 pm at the Sunset Gospel Hour,
Calvary Pandan B-P Church, 201
Pandan Gardens. Bring a friend!

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

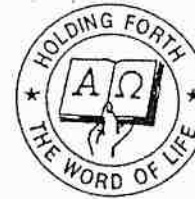
*\$3,134.00 (8.00 am)
*\$7,759.00 (10.30 am)
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1451)*\$7,759; 1452)\$50; 1453) \$50;
1454) \$50; 1455) \$300; 1456) \$190
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TOTAL: \$2,445,086.69
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,852,563.69
OFFERINGS FOR: *P'ppines Hilltop*
Land \$1000, \$50, \$100, \$170, \$150,
\$150(Boxes); *Rev C Wong* \$100.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank God for His goodness
and faithfulness! (\$80).
- (2) Touched by the testimony of
"a grateful child of God" who offered
to the Lord \$150 because his ex-
schoolmate succumbed to cancer of
the breast and "it dawned upon me
that I've always taken my cancer-
free body for granted," I'd like to
thank the Lord that my hand is not
paralysed like the man "whose right
hand was withered" in Lk 6:6. I can
still freely write and sign cheques.
(\$150 for Hilltop).
- (3) Enclosed \$100 is my love of-
fering to FEBC my Alma Mater.

Obituary. Bro Lee Chee Wai,
Richard was taken home by the Lord
Wed. July 29 after a short illness.
(Thy will be done.) Funeral Sat. Aug
1 at CCK Cemetery was officiated by
Pastors Tow and Wong.

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2 August 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Wong	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 65	No. 567
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Matt 7:13-27	Heb 11:1-16
Hymn	No. 179	<i>The Pilgrim's Home</i>
Welcome and Announcements		<i>Sweet Home</i>
Offering & Hymn		No. 358
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Lk 14:25-35	Heb 4:14-16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Narrowness of the Gospel</i>	<i>What a Friend we Have in Jesus</i> (Rev Albert Ong)
Closing Hymn	No. 267	No. 293
		Lord's Supper

Benediction and Threefold Amen



My dear Lifers,

This week we bring you to Rangoon, Burma (Yangon, Myanmar) to visit the faculty and students of Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology. The photo on the front page is taken before the house they are acquiring with our help. The yearly support from our Church for this all-Burma Bible training and outreach is less than that for one couple to Philippines! That's what we meant by your \$1=\$10 abroad, especially Myanmar.

Latest news from Rev Thawm Luai is their student body has increased to 80, 15 are graduating end of August. They have requested me for their 1st Graduation, but it seems impossible because I've a wedding to conduct the same day. Let this be an Expresgram to FEFST, Sorry!

In the Sunday Times last week there is an article on Singapore's 15 biggest money-spinning companies headed by SIA. These companies have too much "lazy money", stashed away in fixed deposits. The interest earned is too little in comparison with more profitable investment. As it is rather risky these days, they are lying low.

For Christians, there is sure gain if you invest your "lazy money" with the Lord. See what your dollar has done in Myanmar, as reported above. And they go to win souls for eternity! Your designated gifts are used as directed. For example, under Bibles for China, we are sending a parcel of a Bible plus Gospel tapes and Christian books to Shi May Juan, baptised last Easter at the Chinese Service. Since returning to Mainland China, she has brought her husband, two daughters with their husbands to the Lord. Now they are preparing for baptism.

Since the Lord has opened the door of missions to Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Myanmar and the Holy Land, it is timely that our Family Camp at Mersing be held under the banner of "Our Part in World-wide Missions." The speaker is Rev Bill Ebert, younger son of Rev Dan Ebert III. May I urge young people especially to come, and hear what the Lord will say to you. If the Gospel is to be hastened to reach the uttermost part of the earth before He comes, then we who are able-bodied are the ones to respond to His call to go!

Talking about missions, Rev Colin Wong our Assist. Pastor is one who has spent several years with OM in many a foreign land. Having served his term abroad, he felt the greater need to be theologically trained. He enrolled at FEBC and graduated in 1987. The same year in August he joined our Church at my recommendation. Having served exactly 5 years he has a desire to study in the States. With a scholarship from the Church, he will be leaving Aug. 13, BA12, 11.15 pm for Biblical Seminary in the Philadelphia area to take his M.Div. in three years. We commend him to the care of the Lord and wish him Godspeed. This training will benefit his future ministry, Maranatha, to which he is committed.



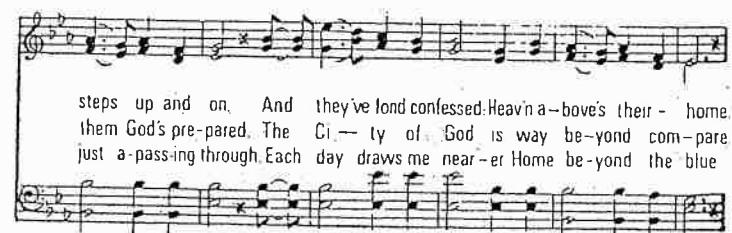
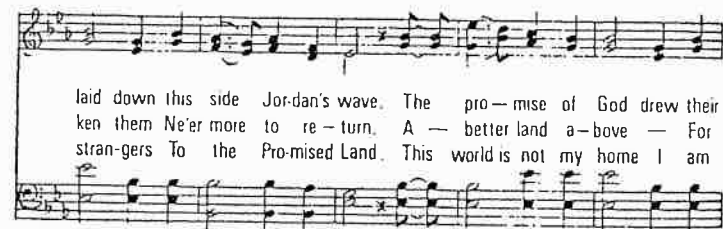
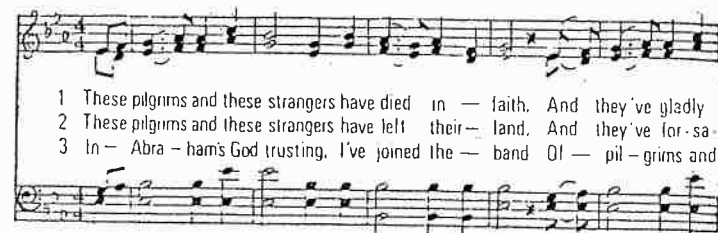
With Dr Patrick Tan having left for New Life and now Colin for USA, I have been asked how I'd cope with the changing situation. I replied, the Lord would work out everything in his own good time. As I'm the only ordained minister, naturally there will be more to do in administering the Lord's Supper and the officiating of weddings.

Jesus says, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." The fact is, as one advances in years, like one getting nearer the end of the race, one runs faster and faster. Preaching and teaching, officiating and administering, is much lighter now than when I started out 42 years ago. The Lord is my strength and my stamina. Praise be to His Name.

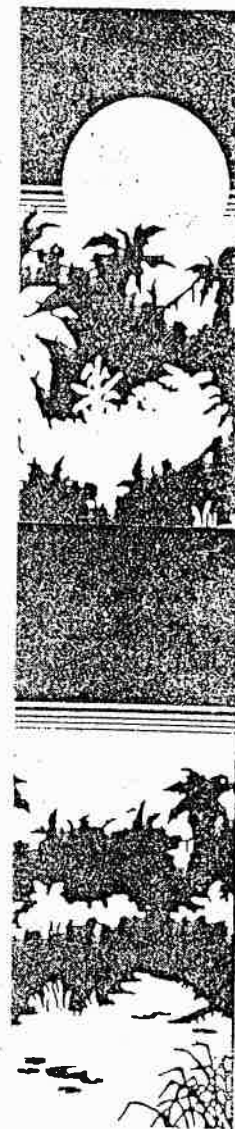
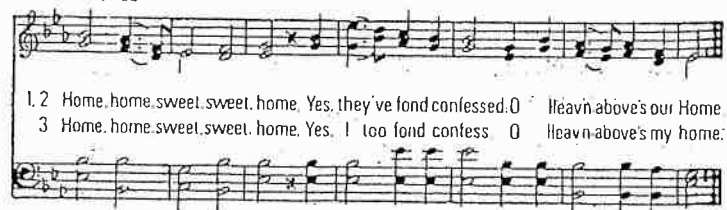
- T.T.

The Pilgrims' Home Sweet Home

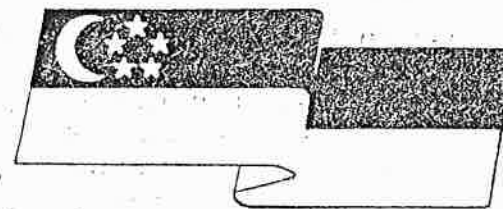
by Rev Timothy Tow



CHORUS



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (August 10 - 16, '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 10.00 am	Seminar on <i>Managing Time & Stress</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo)	*\$4,127.00 (8.00 am)
7.30 am	No evening lecture	*\$15,019.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	EXTNBLDG FUND II 1456)*\$4,127;
THU 7.30 pm	<i>Gospel Prophets</i> (Rev Tow)	1457)*\$15,019; 1458)\$50; 1459)\$200;
11.15 pm	Rev C Wong leaves, BA12	1460)\$100; 1461)\$400 (Keb. Indone-
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	sia); 1462)\$1,130 (Chinese Service).
7.45 pm	Women's F'ship at Beulah Hse	TOTAL: \$2,466,112.69
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	GRAND TOTAL: \$2,873,589.69
2.30 pm	YF/LTF	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>P'ppines Hilltop</i>
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	<i>Project</i> \$100, \$1130; <i>The Seets</i> \$100,
7.45 pm	Missionary F'ship Mtg, Red Porch & FEBC Hall	\$200 (Sunday School); <i>Ch Bibles for</i>
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Missing the Mark</i> (Rev Tan Eng Boo)	<i>China</i> \$50; <i>Philippines</i> \$2000; <i>FEBC</i>
9.30 am	Sunday School	\$100; <i>Rev C Wong</i> \$100.
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	Corrigendum: Delete item (1454)\$50
10.30 am	Rev Tow	from last week's EBF II.
10.30 am	Chinese Service	
10.30 am	Junior Worship	
10.30 am	Children's Choir practice	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	
12.15pm	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	
7.30 pm	Korean Service	
NBC This Week: <i>Wed</i> Bt Timah, Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.		
Mtg Place for Bukit Timah NBC: Julia Kwok's residence at 36H Dunearn Rd #15-46 Chancery Court (1130). Tel: 2552268		
(7) My heart is very glad to see young men & women, from far away countries heeding God's call to study in this College and to serve Him. I shall continue to support the College in prayers. Enclosed is a little gift for the College use. May God bless you with good health. (\$300)		
		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
		(1) Thank you very much for allowing us to stay at FEBC again. It is always a time of refreshing after the stress of Manila. Please find enclosed \$100 to help with water and electricity costs.
		(2) The Lord is good. Hallelujah! Enclosed an offering for the Hilltop Project. The Lord has not withheld anything good from us. "Thank you Lord." (\$100) - 2 grateful children
		(3) For Hilltop Project, the Philippines. God bless! (\$180)
		(4) I want to thank the Lord for a recent promotion. Enclosed is a sum of \$295 for the Hilltop Project. "Much Blessed" (Box, \$295).
		(5) Gracious God, I offer my tithe with thanks and praise. (\$250)
		(6) The Lord is good! (\$333).
		AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 2502138; Rev Colin Wong 2564900; Office 2569256.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Rev Wong
Opening Hymn	No. 21	No. 21
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Deut 8:1-20	Rom 13:1-7
Hymn	Singapura	Singapura
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	<i>A Thousand Golden Yrs</i>	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Tim 2:1-7	I Pet 2:13-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>National Day Message</i>	<i>The Christian and the State</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 431	No. 348
	Lord's Supper	
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

SINGAPURA

(Tune: Materna)

- O Fairest Isle of Southern Seas,
Thy waters are so blue;
Waft by a balmy ocean breeze,
Thy land is decked with dew.
Singapore! Singapore!
Thou favoured Isle of ease.
God bless thee yet with thine increase,
And peace from year to year.
- Our fathers came to this green shore,
From many climes and lands;
They found a richer life in store
Beneath just ruling hands.
Singapore! Singapore!
Thou haven of the free.
God bless thee yet with thine increase,
And peace from year to year.
- 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.
Singapore! Singapore!
So may thy sons serve thee.
God bless thee yet with thine increase,
And peace from year to year.
- Today we sail as one nation,
Our flag is flying high;
May our Captain by wise action
Steer us with Compass nigh.
Singapore! Singapore!
Lightship of liberty.
Sail on unto prosperity
And peace a thousand years!



My dear Lifers,

There is plenty in the New Testament that teaches Christians to be exemplary citizens. In I Tim 2:1-4 we are exhorted first of all to pray and give thanks "for kings and all that are in authority." Leaders in public worship should not forget to pray for our President and Prime Minister and all ministers.

On this 27th year of Singapore's Independence special prayers and thanksgiving should be made for our nation. It is only by good government that we can lead "a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." Because God has favoured us all these 27 years with a just and caring government we have not only peace but also prosperity. Said Rev Dan Ebert in a sermon, "Many would like to settle in Singapore with such wonderful privileges and amenities as you have." Surely he was thinking of the struggles the people of Philippines were going through, in comparison. Let us not take for granted the blessings we have here under God.

Now, a word from the Old Testament. God spoke to Israel by Moses, "And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers... to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not... Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name" (Deut 6:10-13). Young S'poreans should realise that the clean and green City in which we live came by the blood, sweat and tears of our forefathers under British rule. And did not our grandparents come as economic refugees from South China? From India also? We should be kind to aliens sweating out in our country as eg. domestic helps. Do you give a full Sabbath to your maid on the Lord's Day? If not, it is tantamount to using your "neighbour's service without wages, and giving him not for his work" (Jer 22:13). If our prayers cover "all men" we must consider also their pay.

The extension of our enjoyment of peace and prosperity under a good government is that God's will to have "all man saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" be done through us. Here is the witness we must bear through evangelism and missions. Every Church must be a witnessing church. That witness must extend to the ends of the earth. Insofar as Life Church is concerned, we are now immediately involved in helping the Hilltop Project of building a Bible College where Charles Seet is teaching. By God's grace, your cheerful contributions each week have enabled our Treasurer to remit a 3rd US\$10,000. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor 9:7,8).

Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (Jn 9:4). Dear Reader, we have a similar duty. While Singapore is peaceful and prosperous, let us give of our time, energy and substance to spread the Gospel. And while you are in good health and strength, do the same. When God calls us home (it may

be quite sudden as happened to Bro Richard Lee last week) can we render a good account to the Master? Why do we withhold from Him what is due, to our eternal regrets? Let us celebrate National Day more meaningfully, in the light of St Paul's teaching.

- T.T.

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 Might
is now born anew!

Chorus for verses 1 and 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 verse 3
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!

(To the tune: Santa Lucia)

"DID YOU THINK TO PRAY?"

Octogenarian, Sylvia Wong

Prayers are the stairs to God:
We must climb it everyday!
If we would meet with our Lord
There is not another way.

We find our loving Father
When we seek Him in our prayer
Ask and it shall be given
He will take your load of care.

Put your problem in God's Hand
'Tis enough just to believe
Nothing need you understand
What you lack you will receive.

Is your marriage in a storm?
And you are about to sink?
Come to Tuesday prayer meeting
'Twill lift you up, make you think.

Never head for disaster,
Recall how you loved and smiled.
Let Jesus be your Master
With your wife be reconciled.

FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (FCM) IN NTU & NUS

BS Grp	Day	Time	Venue
NTU	Fri	5.30pm	Dr Gunawan's Hse
NUS(Sc.)	Fri	5.00pm	Outside Med.Sci.Lab
NUS(Eng.)	Wed	6.00pm	Outside LT6
NUS(Arts)	Tue	5.00pm	Outside LT9

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (August 17 - 23, '92)		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
MON 7.30 pm	<i>Gospel of Matthew</i> (Rev Tow)	(1) Soon FEBC will celebrate her 30th Anniversary. The good Lord has blessed her and preserved her in difficult times. She is my alma mater. I am proud of her. May she continue to produce many godly labourers for the Lord's vineyard. Please accept this gift for the ministry of FEBC (\$1,000).
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	(2) Enclosed is \$200 for the Hilltop Project. A thanksgiving to God for His sovereignty and providence. From my tithes. - A Lifer
THU 7.30 pm	<i>Gospel Prophets</i> (Rev Tow)	(3) In appreciation of allowing me to stay 2 days in your dormitory (\$20).
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	(4) To Hilltop for Christ. Thank you. (\$200)
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC	(5) This is my gift to God, to thank Him for all that He has done for me, and for even giving me another chance to study/to further my education. I can see how God has gone before me and led me thus far. Truly indeed, my life is in God's hands! Praise the Lord! - A Lifer
2.30 pm	YF/LTF	(6) My love gift to God. Although He has taken my beloved husband Home to be with Him, I trust that Richard is now in the arms of Jesus and enjoying the Glory of eternal life. My heart still pains but who am I to question the will of God? Richard told me many a time that God should be No.1 in our lives and I believe He has chosen to put God first; hence obeying God's Will.
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. (\$1,200)
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Saved by Grace Alone</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	- Mrs Peggy Lee
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	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	
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3.00 pm	Thai Service	
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
7.30 pm	Korean Service	
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Bishan.		
LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
*\$4,023.00 (8.00 am)		
*\$7,047.00 (10.30 am)		
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1463)\$50; 1464)\$150; 1465)\$100; 1466) \$390; 1467) \$1,300; 1468) \$100 (Thai Ser.); 1469)\$200.		
TOTAL: \$2,468,402.69		
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,875,879.69		
OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> *\$4023, *\$7047, \$50, \$720; <i>Thailand</i> \$50; <i>China Missions</i> \$300; <i>WF</i> \$10; <i>Chinese Bibles for China</i> \$50; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$100, \$200; <i>Bibles in memory of Richard Lee for LBPC pews</i> \$1200; <i>FEBC</i> \$300.		
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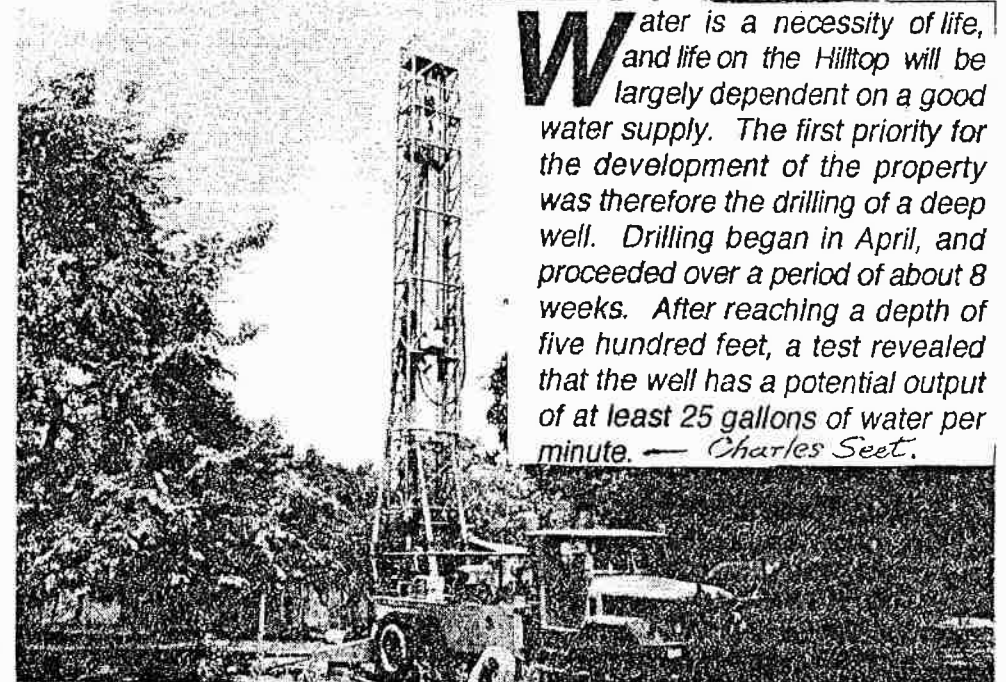
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Jack Sin	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 38	No. 333
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Isaiah 41:1-10	Psalms 32
Hymn	No. 328	No. 58
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 74	<i>Blest Are the Poor in Heart</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mark 6:1-20	Lk 6:17-26
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Missing the Mark</i> (Rev Tan Eng Boo)	<i>The Paradox of Happiness</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 407	No. 507
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



Water is a necessity of life, and life on the Hilltop will be largely dependent on a good water supply. The first priority for the development of the property was therefore the drilling of a deep well. Drilling began in April, and proceeded over a period of about 8 weeks. After reaching a depth of five hundred feet, a test revealed that the well has a potential output of at least 25 gallons of water per minute. — Charles Seet.

My dear Lifers,

National Day has come and gone. For Lifers, every National Day celebration is to lead us to a greater anticipation of the Coming of our Lord, "For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom 13;11). Inasmuch as the Lord will not come "until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom 11:25), that is to say, until the "gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nation" (Matt 24:14), we are to urge one another on in the Lord's work.

To hasten unto the coming of our Lord, we decided from last year to channel our National Day offering to Missions International. For National Day 1991 our record reads \$4,042 (8 am); \$16,799 (10.30 am). How does 1992 compare with '91? See back page. O, the good that our strong S'pore dollar can do for God's work abroad!

After speaking at the 8 am service last Lord's Day, I followed up with another at the 10.30 am Chinese Service. What a joy to see the hall filled to the last of the recently added pews. Our Chinese Service is picking up in missions outreach too. Elder and Mrs Sng Teck Leong though not seen in Church, were serving at Tg Uban with a contingent of young people.

In view of Life Church's poor response to the September 7-11 Camp at Mersing, it is agreed that FEBC run it as part of her extra-mural curriculum. For the theme, "Our Part in Worldwide Missions" is most appropriate for students preparing for fulltime service. Lifers who have registered are welcome all the same. As for the Chinese Section Miss Ng Sang Chiew of Kelapa Sawit has kindly consented to come. She will take charge of the Chinese-speaking. Man proposes, God disposes. We see God's Higher Hand in this new development. "Every Burden Becomes a Blessing."

SAVED! The Miraculous story of a Japanese businessman driven to the verge of suicide who found new life in Christ, by Mikio Toyoshima is now published by Christian Life Book Centre at \$5. Mikio Toyoshima was specially invited by the Korean Church some months ago. Lee Young Lyong, FEBC student, had it translated into Korean to coincide with his preaching mission, but he also had a copy of the book in English. When I read it I was deeply touched by the marvellous work of God in saving his soul. I heartily recommend every Lifer to read this book. Why not use it as a means of saving some distressed soul among your friends? Through FEBC we have had contacts with not a few Japanese Christians, not the least is Toyoshima. (In fact Toyoshima's pastor is the elder brother of my classmate, Benjamin Tsutada, ACS 1937).

Hotline to the parsonage, ring 250-2138! The pastor is on call 24 hours, 7 days a week, as from the beginning. If I'm not at home, your message will be taken down by Mrs Tow or Jemima. I say this to allay the fears of some who have been told, "Don't disturb the pastor, he is too busy." Paradoxically, when the pastor was not attending some *makan* because he had an appointment elsewhere the same evening,

a remark was made which came to his ears, "He, busy?" Serving the Lord is not chores but cheers! And have you read Milton: "He also serves who only stands and waits."

Jess, I hear you're bringing a busload of 40 Thai Christians to Singapore to hold a Bible Camp at Beulah House. Welcome, anytime. Beulah House can take it. There's also the vacated second parsonage to be furnished in time for your coming. You will bring mutual blessings to the Thai Service. And be sure to present a Thai song of praise at both the English and Chinese Services! Glad to know your Saturday Club for children is growing.

Finally, a word to the Catechism Class, 9.30 am every Lord's Day at Beulah House. From this Lord's Day, since Rev Wong has gone to US, I shall continue with the Catechism. To Kay Khine Oo of Burma, Are you there? - *Yours obediently, T.T.*

BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART

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| 1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode. | 3. Still to the lowly soul
Himself He will impart;
and for His dwelling and His throne
chooses the pure in heart. |
| 2. The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring;
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King; | 4. Lord, we Your presence seek,
our inner life renew,
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for You. |



If you want your Filipina maid serve you better, let her first serve the Lord by attending the after-Church Fellowship. Here is FEBCer Tai Ji Choong teaching the Bible (no need of interpretation!)

To serve you in town, CLBC has opened a branch at Peninsular Plaza, #05-60. Tel: 337-1102. Mon-Sat: 11am - 7.30pm

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (August 24 - 30, '92)	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 7.30 pm <i>Gospel of Matthew</i> (Rev Tow) TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting WED 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal 8.00 pm Board of Elders Meeting THU 7.30 pm <i>Gospel Prophets</i> (Rev Tow) FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship SAT 1.00 pm LJBC 2.30 pm YF/LTF 3.00 pm LBC/YAF 4.30 pm Alan Teo & Lynn Neo Wedding, Rev Tow SUN 8.00 am <i>Escape From Death</i> (Mr Prabhudas Koshy) 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 NBC This Week: <i>Wed</i> Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Bt Batok, Joo Chiat. Bt Timah NBC will not be meeting this week.	*\$4,858.00 (8.00 am) *\$9,228.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 1470)*\$4858; 1471)\$1000; 1472)*\$9228; 1473)\$50; 1474) \$203 (Coinafon); 1475)\$300; 1476)\$320. TOTAL: \$2,484,361.69 GRAND TOTAL: \$2,891,838.69 OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Hilltop Project</i> \$1000, \$100, \$10, \$50, \$628(MF), \$300(Box), \$55(Box), \$50 (Maranatha BPC), \$500; <i>Thailand</i> \$1000; <i>Batam</i> \$600; <i>Missions</i> \$50, \$100; <i>Bibles/Lit.</i> <i>for China</i> \$100; <i>RPG</i> \$50; <i>Bursary for</i> <i>FEBC student</i> \$600; <i>Rev C Wong</i> \$50; <i>Medan</i> \$350 (Missionary F'ship); <i>FEBC</i> \$115(Box). (4) Thank the Lord for guiding our daily life I gratefully offer my tithe (\$250). (5) I would like to dedicate this whole offering for the mission. (6) I've always admired the FEBC stu- dents from other countries giving their all to serve the Lord. Some have families to support. Some have difficulties mastering English. Yet the Lord has helped them overcome their burdens, be they academic or financial. The Lord has impressed upon me the desire to help some FEBC students by giving my tithe for this month as a bursary. May the Lord bless the recipient of my bursary! (\$600) Much blessed but not called, yet! (7) Kindly serve the Pastor/Preacher a cup of water each Lord's day at the pulpit. PS: I noticed the pastor coughing during the sermon. Thanks. AT YOUR SERVICE : Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
(1) Recently in our committee meeting, we re- solved that we should express our appreciation to the College by way of a love offering. Please accept the attached gift presented by members and friends worshipping in Gethsemane, as a token of our love. May the Lord continue to be with you all as you serve Him. (2) Please channel the enclosed amount of \$320 to where it is needed most. May God direct the use of this offering. (3) I want to thank our Gracious Heavenly Father who took away the dark cloud which hung over me and replaced it with a rainbow of prom- ises and assurance. This small token is for the purchase of Christian literature and Bibles for the people in China who crave for His word. (\$100)	



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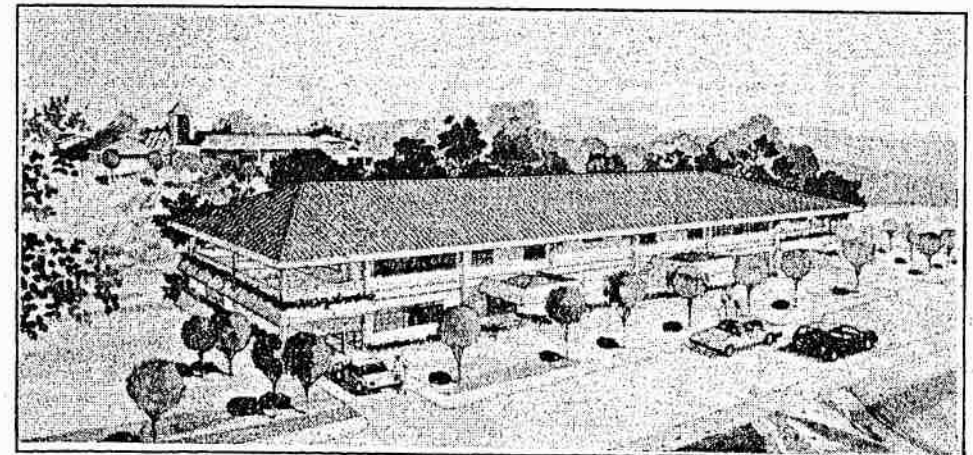
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew PS	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 37	No. 81
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	I Peter 2:1-10	Psalms 42
Hymn	No. 287	No. 124
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 289	No. 376
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 2:1-10	Lk 6:27-38
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Saved By Grace Alone</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>The Power of</i> <i>Positive Reaction</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 29	No. 103
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

My dear Lifers,

Last week we showed you from Charles Seet's photonews the drilling of an artesian well for Hilltop where a Bible college is now quickly taking shape. The cost of the well is about US\$25,000, but this sum is repaid by free water from the earth in two and a half years according to our estimate. Hilltop is constructed at



a tremendously low price compared with Singapore. With plentiful labour on hand they have 100 builders on the job! Another saving feature: On a hilltop there is no need of piling. Besides the Filipinos are doing a lot to self-help, eg. volunteer labour from Church members.

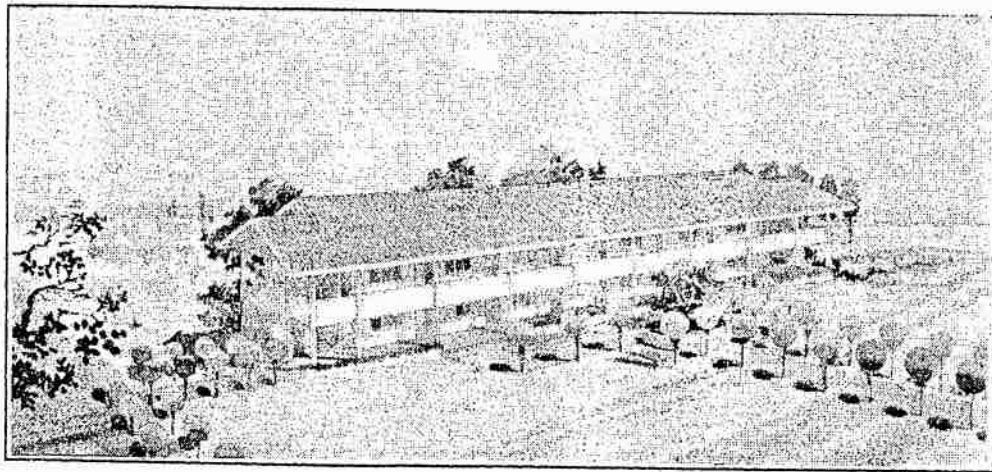
Jesus says, "For unto everyone that hath shall be given" (Matt 25:29). Hilltop deserves our help. By Feb '93 this first phase of building will be finished. If every Reader will do his or her bit **now**, there will be no lack. Have you responded to the Holy Spirit's prompting?

There can be no arguing back. We have our tithes to give the Lord. If we give 5% or half the tithes we have not over given. When I was in Medan to help them buy the adjoining land with your money (\$43,000), I also challenged the Indonesians to give 5%. This challenge was accepted. As a result they could build 6 classrooms on the newly-acquired land all by themselves!

Under FEBC management we have 105 heading for the Mersing Camp, Sept 7-11, '92. Every Camp, we have not neglected the mothers and grandmas. It is an act indeed of filial piety, for the Bible teaches us to honour our parents (V Commandment). This includes the elderly of the Church. "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord" (Lev 19:32).

But vice versa we elders should respect the young, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation (conduct), in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim 4:13). We have great hopes in this camp that is devoted to study of Paul's 3 missionary journeys. We pray that some FEBC student or Young Lifer will be called to foreign missions. We thank an E-Band young brother for contributing to the Camp subsidies.

Talking about missions, I'm glad to report another of our daughter churches in Malaysia becoming self-supporting, next month. It is the Peace BP Chapel (Rev Liew Hon Seng) at Taman Sri Melati, Ipoh Rd, KL which we began supporting at



S\$500 pm since September 1983. After 10 years, it has expanded to Selayang Segar, a new township near Batu Caves, two miles away. So they are two churches now.

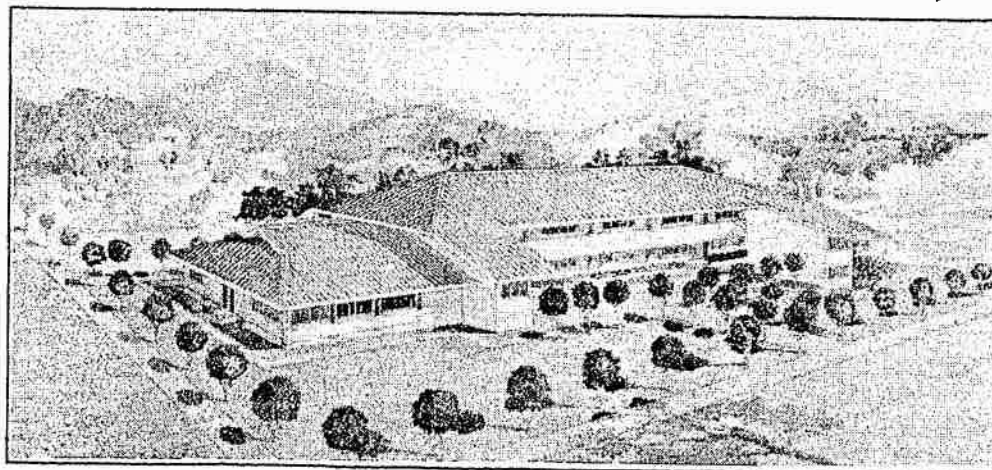
It is the policy of our Church to support a worthy project for a decade. After that she should be on her own, like a grown up daughter ready for marriage.

Now that S\$500 is conserved through our daughter church's independence, we should be prepared to use it on another outreach. This is the way how God's Kingdom should be prosecuted - no let up. Unless we advance, we will "gostan balek." If there isn't any new opening for the duration, it is surely instep with the spirit of unrelenting advancement to channel it to Hilltop, where the need is most pressing. In time of need, as the Chinese saying goes, "a drop of water tastes sweeter than dew."

As to the Beulah Debt, we have also made every effort to clear. Last time I remember it stood at \$1.233 million. Now it has lowered to \$1.187m. Meanwhile Beulah House is serving several hundred people, young and old, who use the premises all the time, you well know! This is great assets. Nor are FEBC boarders living on the premises for free. They contribute to the utilities, they sweep and mop every weekend to make the House of God clean and bright for worshippers and every group activity. We herewith commend Wonsia of Liberia for keeping the lawns down and clear of falling leaves. So do FEBC students on this side of Gilstead Road give of their time and energy to upkeep the House of God. This is all a big family business to the Lord. We do not want to forget that Deacon who is always around to add finishing touches to further cleanliness and beauty. Last but not least is David Amir our gardener. He finds the greatest joy is to work in God's garden.

Finally, it is a joy to report to you Session's approval of a 4th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, via Rome and Jordan, Mar 11-24, '93. May God look down and bless each pilgrim - on a first come, first served basis! Another matter is my call to speak at the Bible Camp of Hope Church, Adelaide, Dec 24-28 and at the Watchnight Service, Melbourne (Dec 21 - Jan 1, '93). Pray for your pastor!

- Yours affectionately, T.T.





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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew PS	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 29	No. 11
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 116	I Thess 4:1-18
Hymn	No. 95	No. 221
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 255	No. 364
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Lk 16:19-31	Lk 6:39-49
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Escape From Death (Mr Prabhudas Koshy)	Are You A Sermon Taster or Listener
Closing Hymn	No. 282	No. 247
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (August 31 - September 6, '92)

MON 7.30 pm	Gospel of Matthew (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED 7.00 pm	Film Show <i>Blind Korean</i> Pastor, Sanctuary
THU 7.30 pm	Gospel Prophets (Rev Tow)
FRI 6.00 pm	FEBC Board Dinner & Mtg
7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF Maranatha Baptist Church Wedding
SUN 8.00 am	Repentance - The Gate to the Kingdom (Eld Chia)
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
10.40 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

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan

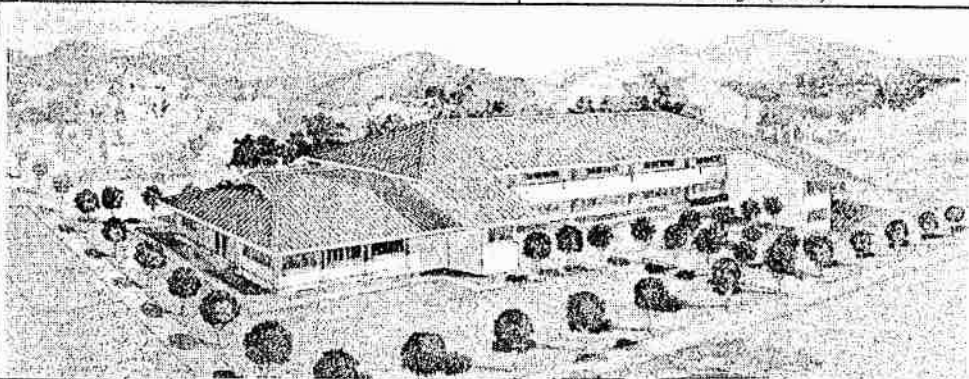
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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,866.00 (8.00 am)
*\$9,413.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II (1477)*\$4866;
1478)*\$9413; 1479)\$378.70.
TOTAL: \$2,503,885.39
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,911,362.39
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project*
\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$150 (Box),
\$40; *Geok Fong (FEBC)* \$50; *Jeffrey*
Khoos \$50; *Ch Bibles for China* \$50;
Burma \$10; *Eld Khoo Peng Kiat* \$260.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) To Hilltop Project of building a Bible College for the Philippines (\$1000 with thanks).
- (2) This is my offering for the extension of God's Kingdom - Hilltop (\$500).
- (3) "The Lord is good to all" (Psalm 145:9). Thank you very much for your kind hospitality to us (\$40).
- (4) Thank you Lord for your providence and protection (\$230).
- (5) Thanks to the Lord for seeing me through 1 year of working life. Also thank Him for guiding me with the right spirit and mind in my new relationship. Enclosed tithe (\$200).
- (6) Given with thanksgiving to the Lord for His love and blessings (\$50).



My dear Lifers,

Having seen the architect's drawings of the 3 buildings that are now rising on the Hilltop, Philippines, one of which is reproduced in this week's Bulletin, you will understand why your pastor is so "cheong-hay" (longwinded) on the same theme week after week. Because the need is as urgent as Beulah in the days of its acquisition. A kilo of help in time equals nine. Your Sing \$ can do the work of 9 pesos. So why don't we help?

I'm persuaded of better things of you! For the mounting supply to Hilltop, according to the back columns each week, are a wonderful encouragement to the Eberts, and Charles Seet our missionary. Of greater uplift are the words of an old Lifer, a medical doctor, "I believe in supporting both Burma and Philippines." For he sees how cost-effective is our investment in these two poorest countries. By contributing to the training of the Burmese through Rev Thawm Luai, 15 are graduating from their School of Theology this September. By building up Hilltop, scores will soon be flowing out of this mountain of training to the farflung islands of the Philippines. Thank God, we have sent a 4th US\$10,000 to the Eberts, and there will be another boost when Rev Bill Ebert comes to speak to our Bible Camp Sept 7-11, '92. How wonderful it will be if some senior Lifers with much blessings from the Lord, will offer US\$10,000 to build His House. In the words of Nathan the prophet to David, may he say to you, "Also the Lord telleth thee that He will make thee an house" (II Sam 7:11).

Beloved, when we hear that half-a-million Filipinos are flushed out of their shack by monsoon and volcanic floods, do we not feel sorry for them? Should we be moved to charity, I would say, there's none more effective than through the Hilltop. The need of saving the darkened souls of a ritualistic people is greater than their bodies.

Now as to our Burma Project. The First Graduation of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology Sept 26, '92 will see 15 passing out. From now on, every year, we will see 10-15 graduating, to keep up the flow of workers to the fields. And what vast distances and numbers! A land that is greater than Thailand, with 40 million teeming souls!

Since the announcement of a 4th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land via Italy and Jordan last week, our quota is three-quarters filled. Hurry! "The early bird catches the worm." The full 14-day trip Mar 11-24, '93 costs only \$3,450.

No one visiting the Holy Land can escape these words about the Restoration of Israel being a sign of the nearness of His Second Coming, "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus

saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts. Thus saith the Lord of hosts. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save 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... Thus saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord" (Zech 8:3-8; 20-22).

This prophecy of Jerusalem resurging in the endtimes when many from Gentile lands will be visiting on pilgrimage is beginning to fulfil before our eyes. Do you know that Jerusalem is greater than Tel Aviv with half million population? Another million Russian Jews are expecting to migrate to Israel in the next several years? These are exciting times before He returns.

- T.T.

PROPHESCOPE ON ISRAEL

Foreword by Dr John Whitcomb

I count it a privilege to recommend *Prophescope on Israel*, written by my friend, Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow. This study of Israel in history and prophecy should stir the hearts of God's people all over the world. It is rich in Biblical references; and it also provides very helpful perspectives on Israel's tragic, yet divinely-guided history from the call of Abraham to the crises of the present hour.

Because of his faithfulness in teaching God's infallible prophetic Word for over 30 years at Far Eastern Bible College in Singapore, a small army of premillennial Bible teachers has been moving across the Eastern Hemisphere. The blessed hope of the Church still continues as the darkness deepens!

May our great God be pleased to use this book especially in the vast regions of Asia and the Pacific until our Lord Jesus Christ returns to receive His Church to Himself!

(This newest book of 170 pages by Timothy Tow is going to the CLBC printers. A good number of its 40 illustrations will be in colour. A timely gift to a friend in the light of our Saviour's Coming!)



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (September 7 - 13, '92)

MON-FRI FEBC Vacation
 7.30 am Coaches leave for Mersing
 TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Eld Mahadevan)
 FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
 7.45 pm Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall
 SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
 3.00 pm LBC
 Covenant Ev. Reformed
 Church Wedding (Rev Lau)
 3.30 pm WF 14th Anniv. Thanksgiving,
 Kallang Pk River
 7.00 pm Rev Tow at Sharon BPC
 Anniv. Thanksgiving Service
 SUN 8.00 am Rev Bill Ebert
 (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
 9.30 am Sunday School
 9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
 10.30 am Rev Bill Ebert
 10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
 10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Junior Worship/
 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

NBC This Week: *Wed* Bt Timah,
 Henderson; *Fri* Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.

Children's Activities at 10.30 am, Lord's Day
 Nursery Age 2-3 FEK Room
 Pre-Jr Worship Age 4-7 Beulah Hse
 Jr Worship Age 8-12 Beulah Chinese Hse

Attend Inaugural English Evening Service
 Bethlehem-Jurong BPC
 No. 1 Dunearn Close, 1129
 Tel: 466-2639
 Speaker: Dr Lim Teck Chye
 Tonite: 6.00 pm



Far Eastern Bible College

announces

the Nineteenth Graduation
 and

Thirtieth Anniversary Thanksgiving
 Saturday evening September nineteenth

Nineteen hundred ninety two
 eight o'clock

Life Bible - Presbyterian Church

Refreshments under the Royal Palms

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,178.00 (8.00 am)

*\$8,431.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1480)*\$4178;
 1481)*\$8431; 1482)\$10; 1483)\$50;
 1484)\$100 (Rehoboth Chapel); 1485)
 \$1100.

TOTAL: \$2,517,754.39

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,925,231.39

OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project*

\$200, \$100, \$100, \$160, \$100, \$647,
 \$200, \$500(WF), \$150, \$25000,
 \$5000, \$350, \$160, \$50, \$1000 (In
 memory of James Mong); *Burma*
 \$600(WF), \$350, \$50, \$137 (Sharon
 Sunday Sch); *Rev Colin Wong* \$60;
FEBC Camp \$50; *CLMM* \$200;
Medan \$100; *Setsuko Takashima*
 \$130; *China Missions* \$100 (Box);
FEBC \$100(Thailand), \$20, \$32.

On the 21st Anniversary of Sharon
 BPC a branch church, Gospel Light
 BPM is started at Blk 71, Lor 4,
 383 Toa Payoh. Worship: Lord's
 Day 8.45 am

Sunday School Attendance: 308
 Offering: \$392.05



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Jack Sin	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 85	No. 207
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Mt 21:18-32	Jn 9:1-22
Hymn	No. 273	No. 295
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 136	No. 306
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Lk 15:11-32	Lk 7:1-10
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Repentance - The Gate to the Kingdom</i> (Elder Chia)	<i>He Who Asks a Favour, Quavers</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 392	No. 265
		Lord's Supper
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

My dear Lifers,

A BLANK CHEQUE FOR THE LORD!

For several months a new phenomenon has appeared on "From the Offering Bags" column. It is the "sacrifice of praise ... the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name" (Heb 13:15). It is the words of overflowing gratitude accompanying every monetary gift.

This week we received such a "sacrifice of praise" with a blank cheque that overwhelmed us. The offerer is a sister whom we know well and love in the Lord.

She writes:

"As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting..." Psalm 103.

I thank God for preserving me in a road accident that wrecked my car but left me unscathed. The Lord is indeed merciful. Praise the Lord!

Enclosed is my thanksgiving offering. Please enter the amount and use it as the Spirit leads. I cannot thank the Lord enough. He who gave me life everlasting, will He not freely give me all things?"

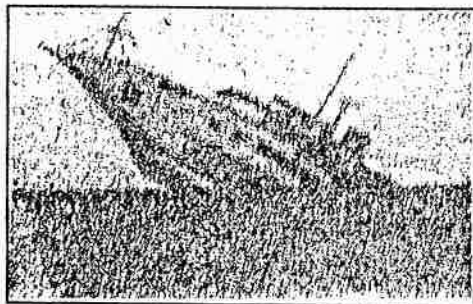
As her pastor I prayed for her thanking God for delivering her from "the jaws of the city tiger" (Chinese saying). Incidentally, I had in my mail the testimonies of Deacon Edward Goh of Calvary BPC and his wife also thanking God for saving them from death.

As I am asked to decide the amount for the blank cheque, I put myself in her shoes. What would I have given to the Lord were I in her situation? \$5,000, I said. So this is the thankoffering, Sister, I have made on your behalf. On your behalf I am led to channel it to Hilltop, which is in deepest need of help at this hour. God look on your gift and bless it! God give you unspeakable joy!

PLUCKED FROM A WATERY GRAVE

Dn Edward Goh

My wife and I were invited by Jetset Tour to go on their inaugural trip "Cruise to Nowhere", a 3 days 2 nites voyage on Aug 21-23 1992.



We left WTC at 8.00 pm on 21 Aug. There were 527 passengers on board this 13,000 ton cruiser, the size of a 10-storey building. the first 2 days it was smooth sailing. On the 23 Aug at about 2.15 am, we were awakened by a loud "bang" and the engine went dead. There was no alarm but only 3 words by the captain in Greek. It was like any other normal paging system.

I told my wife to get back to sleep because I knew that the cruiser was very solid. About 15 minutes later, my wife was feeling very uneasy and she heard some commotion outside our room. I thank God that she got up and opened the door to enquire. All passengers had left except for a couple who were trying out their life jacket. They shouted at my wife "Quickly, grab your life jacket and get out!" My wife panicked and screamed, "Ed, quickly get up, the ship is in trouble." I still could not believe it. She got the 2 life jackets and we rushed out but it was a bit too late. Three life boats had left and 4 more were overcrowded. I told my wife to start praying.

The master of the ship saw the critical position of the cruiser and shouted at us, "Quickly jump down and swim to the nearest life boat." Of course there was no guarantee that they will pick us up. There were about 140 of us who were left behind. We were about 5 storey high above the water, we had no choice but to jump into the water and swim our lungs out. My wife was still in her pyjamas and she tugged at the shirt of a nearby passenger. I was close to her but was separated. Someone in the life boat grabbed my hands and hauled me up but my wife was left behind. I could hear her crying for me. The boat just left. I shouted to the boatman to stop, but in vain. It was a moonless night but I thank God the sea was calm even though the underwater current was strong. The cruiser tilted and 'Zoom' it was gone under water in just 25 minutes.

Although I was safe on board the cargo ship, tears flowed down my cheek and I felt so miserable that my wife was still out there. While I was on the cargo ship I could

not remember how many times I had prayed to the Lord pleading for his mercy to be upon us. The 14 hours in the cargo ship was tormenting because I had no news regarding my wife. I was amazed when we arrived at WTC. I thanked God when my brother in law, Elder Aaron Wang told me that Anne was safe and was coming by the next cargo ship with about 310 survivors.

If my wife had not accompanied me on this trip today I would have perished. I thank God for his love and mercy. All praise and glory to Him. Amen.

Anne Goh

As we were running out of the room, I heard my husband call "Anne pray." When I jumped into the sea with my husband and the rest following I grabbed anything that was near to me, because I could not swim. I managed to cling onto a shirt of a passenger, but because I was in my pyjamas and slowed down his pace he shrugged me off. I could not move fast. Ed shouted loudly at me to try harder because he managed to grab onto the rope of the life boat but unfortunately he was hauled up and the boat sped off. It was pitch darkness, I cried and was about to pass out. It was so frightening because the underwater current swept me further away. I realised that the hope of survival was very slim but was glad that Ed was safe to take care of the family. I immediately cried aloud to the Lord to have mercy on me, I also asked Him if it was time to take me home. Then I called aloud again for the Lord's help. Lo, and behold I heard voices. I managed to pull myself together and shouted 'Help!' Three Australian crew from nowhere held my arms and dragged me away to a rubber dinghy. Immediately I thanked God that my prayer was answered. "He did not wish any of His own to perish." I was put on the Taiwanese Trawler before being transferred to the Cyprus cargo ship that took us back to WTC at about 12.15 am. I was in the cold and oily water for more than 30 minutes. I had never felt so frightened in my whole life. Thank God that I could be reunited with my family again. I thank and praise God. I can depend on Him even until the very last breath of my life. I must submit my whole life to him for He had saved me. Praise the Lord.

In last week's Bulletin, we appealed to senior Lifers if one would give US\$10,000. The Lord answered our prayer when one handed in a cheque for S\$25,000 far above our expectation. The same brother had given a similar sum two years ago. Praise the Lord for such spontaneous rally to the Lord's cause. Together with the \$5,000 mentioned earlier, we have remitted the 4th and 5th instalments of US\$10,000. Here's another blessing, "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: As it is written, he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever" (II Cor 9:8,9; Ps 112:9).

We warmly welcome Rev Bill Ebert, the younger son of Rev Dan Ebert III to bring greetings from Philippines to you at the 10.30 am service. His elder brother Rev Dan IV is holding the fort in Manila while their father is in USA on "deputation." They remind me of the Proverb, "A threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Eccles 4:12). The Hilltop project truly is in good hands. Rev Bill is our speaker at Mersing Camp and we all need your prayers. May God spur our Church and College to fulfil the Great Commission.

- Affectionately, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (September 14 - 20, '92)

MON 7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
WED 8.00 pm Session Mtg
THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* (Rev Tow)
NBC Leaders Coordinating
Committee Mtg
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
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8.00 pm FEBC Graduation Service
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Home* (Dr P Tan)
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3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service
4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service
7.30 pm Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bt Batok, Bishan.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) I would like to make a small donation to express my thanks and gratefulness to FEBC. I have greatly benefitted from my visit here and would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received. I have developed a thirst for knowledge of God's Word. Thank you also for all the books you gave me (I am avidly reading them), and for the delicious cooking.

I return to England a stronger Christian, and hope to find a good church to continue growing.
- Young lady from England



Far Eastern Bible College

announces

the Nineteenth Graduation
and

Thirtieth Anniversary Thanksgiving
Saturday evening September nineteenth

Nineteen hundred ninety two

eight o'clock

Life Bible-Presbyterian Church

Refreshments under the Royal Palms

LAST LORD'S DAY

GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,161.00 (8.00 am)

*\$8,900.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1486)*\$3161;
1487) \$200; 1488)*\$8900; 1489)
\$1300; 1490)\$400 (Keb. Indonesia);
1491)\$1213 (Chinese Service).

TOTAL: \$2,532,928.39

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,940,405.39

OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project*

\$10, \$137.50, \$100, \$500 (Thanks-
giving), \$400, \$50 (Box), \$4000, \$100,
\$500, \$1000 (Mersing); *Burma* \$50,
\$50; *Missions* \$200; *Charles Seet*
\$200, \$100, \$132 (Missionary F'ship),
\$50; *China* \$100; *Philippines* \$50;
Chinese Bibles for China \$50; *Dan*
Ebert \$300; *Missionary F'ship* \$300;
FEBC \$115 (Box).

(2) For Missions. Thank God for all
His blessings. (\$200)

(3) My tithes to God with thanksgiving
(Prov 30:8,9). (\$94)

(4) Thanksgiving offering for use at Hill-
top Philippines. (\$500)

Sunday School Attendance: 310

Offering: \$216.65



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Eld Mahadevan
Opening Hymn	No. 37	No. 27
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Isaiah 53	I Thess 5:1-29
Hymn	No. 117	No. 47
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 453	No. 406
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 8:26-40
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Philippines under the Great Commission</i> (Rev Bill Ebert)	
Closing Hymn	No. 420	No. 455
	Lord's Supper	
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT FOR FEBC'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On this thirtieth year of the founding of FEBC it is with overflowing heart that I add these few comments to an abundance of information on the College as given in the 1991-96 Handbook, and in the 30th Anniversary Magazine to appear on the 19th Graduation, 19th Sept, '92.

From 1962 to 1987 we graduated a total of 108 in the BTh, DipTh. and Cert.RK. From 1987 to 1992 we graduate another 93. Our grand total is 201. With the extension of the M.Div. since 1991 we shall henceforth see a greater number trained for every requirement in the Christian ministry.

Our students today come from 15 countries, viz: Burma, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Liberia, Malaysia, Philippines, Sarawak, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, USA, Zaire.

While the bulk of graduates have gone into the pastoral ministry, a goodly number are involved in a Bible college movement affiliated to the Alma Mater.

Worthy of mention is Kim Kyung Soo of Korea heading the Bible College



of East Africa (Richard Kivai and Jenny Ong teaching in the same College). Stephen Masila has his Reformed Bible Institute, Michael Koech his Bible School, all in East Africa.

Rev Robert Thawm Luai heads the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Yangon, Myanmar, now with 80 students from 13 denominations. 15 are graduating this September.

Charles Seet (and Frieda, both B.Th. from FEBC) is teaching at the Metro-Manila School of the Bible. They will soon shift to the Hilltop when the buildings are completed March 1993.

Haposan, Agus and Dohar, while being involved in their respective pastoral and children ministries, are planning the formation of a Bible School to be called IAIB Institute Alkitab Indonesia Barat (Bible Institute of West Indonesia).

Most encouraging of all is that our FEBC Faculty is wholly self-reproductive. The return of Quek Suan Yew, Jeffrey Khoo and Jemima, all FEBCers with double Masters add strength to the teaching faculty.

Our present student body comprises 56 full-time and 12 part-time, a total of 68. These are comfortably housed on both sides of Gilstead Road. Eight student families are located in Beulah House and two in the College proper. Several student families have young children who conveniently study below their parents at Far Eastern Kindergarten.

The FEBC kitchen under the management of Mrs Ivy Tow, "Matron," feeds the student body as a big family - all praises and little complaint.

The Basic Theology on Monday and Thursday evenings taught by the Principal have an enrolment of 86 for Matthew and 67 for Gospel Prophets. This includes several from the Helping Hand, a Christian Drug Rehabilitation Centre headed by Mr Robert Yeo, another FEBC graduate. This impartation of Scripture knowledge should bolster the faith of these erstwhile addicts.

Since Mr Jeffrey Khoo became Librarian in July '92 the Library has taken on a new look. It is further expanded all the way up the Mezzanine floor of the Bell Tower. The Library now has 8,000 volumes and more are being added from time to time. Miss Chan Ling Ling is employed as Library Assistant and is undergoing a course of training at Temasek. Mr Tai Ji Choong (BSc, Hons), a graduate in R.K. and an FEBC lover has done much to contribute to the Library, including gift of a computer.

A new book, "Prophescope on Israel" from the pen of the principal has received hearty commendation from Dr John Whitcomb. This book is soon to go to the printers. Incidentally Dr Whitcomb is scheduled to come to Singapore next June by Calvary BPC's invitation. He will hold a Daily Vacation Bible College in conjunction with FEBC.

FEBC, with Life Church, has just returned from a Missions Camp at Mersing Sept 7-11, '92, speaker Rev Bill Ebert, son of Rev Dan Ebert III. Under the theme "Our Part in Worldwide Missions," studying the Three Missionary Journeys of Paul, much benefit was derived from this camp. The Chinese Section who was instructed by Miss Ng Sang Chiew is full of praises and thanksgiving to God for such a wonderful time at the Govt. Rest House by the sea. A thanksoffering totalling \$1,000 is designated for Hilltop.

Last but not least is the leading of a 4th Pilgrimage by the principal and his wife to the Holy Land via Italy and Jordan, Mar 11-24, '93. Students who join the Pilgrimage can earn 2 credits by submitting a written report on the tour.

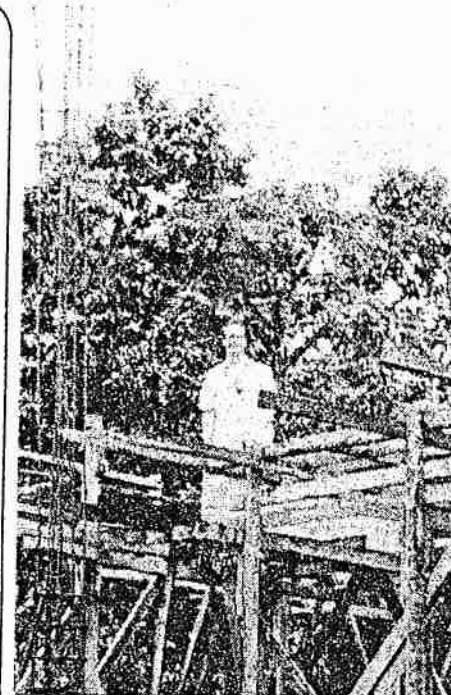
Finally, the FEBC family staying on campus both sides of Gilstead Road is watched over by the holy angels so that we have passed our days and nights in peace and safety. May our student body be more diligent in the care and maintenance of God's House with hearts filled with gladness and praise. Amen.

THE HEAVENLY RECORD

1. When the days of life draw to an end,
And we have no final task to tend.
Oh! What will heaven's record be,
When at last our Saviour's face we see?

Oh! What will the record be?
When the face of Christ I see,
When I reach that land so fair,
Will my treasure be laid up there?
Oh, What will the record be?
2. What will our eternal record be,
When we face the Man of Galilee?
He gave His all to set us free,
But what will our heavenly record be?
3. We may have gained fame and fortune dear,
And live mid' our valued treasures here.
But having found this world so fair,
What will our record be over there?
4. Lay not treasures up upon this world,
You are but a stranger trav'ling here.
Be faithful, work and watch and pray,
So well done we'll hear the Saviour say.

Rev Dan Ebert III



Rev Bill Ebert will present the Hilltop Story (Charles Seet) by Magic Lantern (colour slides) at Prayer Meeting, Tues. Nite 8.00 pm. Special invitation to Men's, Women's, and Missionary Fellowships.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (September 21 - 27, '92)

MON 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm LBC/YAF
Lee Kok Weng & Low Bee
Lee Wedding (Dr P Tan)
7.30 pm Filmshow *Ordinary Guy*,
Church Sanctuary
SUN 8.00 am *The Just Shall Live By Faith*
(Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
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7.30 pm Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Wed* Henderson,
Bt Timah; *Fri* Joo Chiat.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) This offering is for the Hilltop Project. May God magnify His Kingdom. (\$100)
- (2) "Thank God for His mercy, grace and blessing unto me." (Sept tithe: \$200)
- (3) Please direct this amount towards Hilltop Project. May His word and truth be spread forth far and wide to the people. (\$50)
- (4) For Hilltop Project. In response to God's abundant mercy & grace in everyday's affairs. (\$160)

Life Church 42nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 17, '92 at 6.30 pm & 7.30 pm respectively.

Tickets for the Dinner can be purchased at the entrance counter from Dn Ong Eng Lam from today, and from the church office during the week. Charges: \$20 for earners, \$16 for non-earners, \$5 for FEBC students 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.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,284.00 (8.00 am)

*\$7,600.00 (10.30 am)

EXTNBLDG FUND II 1492)*\$4284;
1493)*\$7600; 1494)\$10; 1495)\$200;
1496)\$50; 1497) \$93; 1498)\$54.60
(Calvary Jr/Life YF); 1499)\$100;
1500)\$500; 1501)\$300.

TOTAL: \$2,546,119.99

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,953,596.99

OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project*
\$200, \$100, \$330, \$100, \$100, \$160,
\$500, \$100, \$20+\$634+\$273 (Mersing
Campers), US\$2000, US\$25, \$500 (Life
Church Jr SS), \$500, \$1000, \$100;
Charles Seet \$100; *FEBC* \$115, \$300,
\$200, \$50, \$100 (Aust); *Sunday School*
\$300; *Burma* \$137.50; *Rev C Wong*
\$50; *Dn Yiew PS* \$50; *Setsuko*
Takashima \$100.

FEBC acknowledges with thanks
Tele-greetings from Mr Haposan,
Rev Peter Clements (2 Thess 2:15),
Rev Colin Wong, Rev Thawm
Luai and Rev & Mrs Edward
Pauwwe.

Sunday School Attendance: 280
Offering: \$284.00



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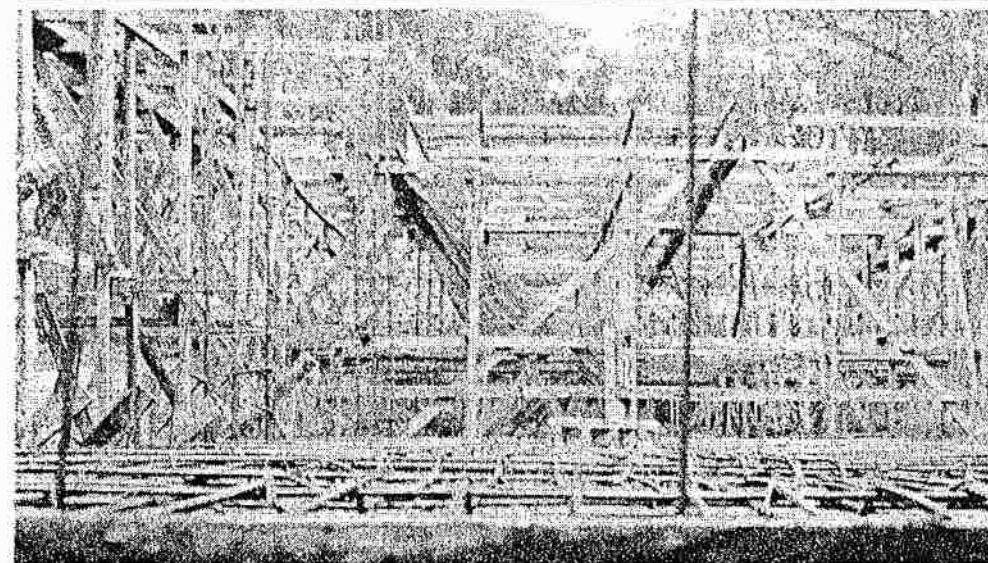
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20 September 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Paul Wong	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 44	No. 449
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 39	Ps 121-122
Hymn	No. 564	No. 540
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 179	<i>Forever with the Lord</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Cor 1:17-29	Luke 7:11-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Way of the Cross</i>	<i>With Christ to a</i>
	<i>Leads Home</i> (Dr P Tan)	<i>Funeral</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 93	No. 502
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



HILLTOP.

"...and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands" (Ezra 5:8).

My dear Lifers,

That the Mersing Camp was a great success is upon every camper's lips. Our ministry to the grandmas of the Chinese Service is particularly appreciated. "When will be our next Family Camp?" the ladies are asking.

After much prayer, Session has decided to go to Tanjung Pinang, Sept '93, at the 300 air-conditioned Bintan Resort Hotel-on-the sea. Meanwhile we've phoned Dr Arthur Steele, and he has kindly consented to be our speaker. The theme: "A man after God's own heart" (lessons from the life of King David). To make sure we'll have our camp site, we're sending Deacon Francis Sng to Tg Pinang to negotiate. Pray that the Lord's favour will be upon his mission.

200 at least crowded FEBC Hall last Tuesday night to see the slides of the Hilltop Story, with personal commentary by Rev Bill Ebert. What surprised the audience was a sketch which FEBC students put up. It dramatised the coming of Rev Dan Ebert III with 3 young children 37 years ago to the jungles of Palawan, Bill Ebert only a few months old in his mother's arms. For 12 years his father laboured among the tribes people, studying their language. He invented an alphabet for them, compiled a dictionary, and translated the New Testament into the Palawano language. "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps 119:130). Thousands of the Palawano tribes turned to the Lord for salvation. The Bible transformed the lives of the natives - not faith healing and tongues as practised today by charismatics.

After twelve years, the Lord led the Eberts to Manila from which eventually a Metro-Manila School of the Bible was developed. To this Bible College the Charles Seets were attracted last year. As the rented premises in Manila are far from adequate, the Lord led them to a five acres Hilltop where three buildings are now in the process of construction. The Lord has since the early part of this year moved our people to give to their Building Fund. The Lord is pleased to open this door of service especially to Lifers. "God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor 9:6). Indeed, He has blessed us with good health and happiness, and provided us with more power to do every good work. Thus far we've remitted US\$60,000 to Hilltop. Thank God for the strong SING\$ which makes it "nine times" more effective in the Philippines. Let us continue to give for the Lord's cause while we can. The day may come when we cannot!

In the midst of life we are in death. Last Lord's Day afternoon we had to fly to Penang to comfort the family of my younger brother Dr Tow Siang Yew who was taken by the Lord Saturday morning. Siang Yew has been ill with cancer for several years. He was 69. He is remembered especially for nudging me to raise my hand to receive Christ in the John Sung Revival Campaign in S'pore 1935. Though he also yielded to the call to full-time service, this call became effective rather in his eldest daughter Betty, who trained in FEBC and thereafter in USA. She is married to a Chinese pastor and both are serving in Hong Kong.

"In the midst of life we are in death!" We are sorry in the flesh to report the passing into glory of Mrs McIntire, also last week. She is the faithful and loving wife of Dr Carl McIntire, president of ICCC. We send Dr McIntire our deepest sympathies as well as a more tangible gift. Right now, Dr McIntire is en route to Seoul for the Far Eastern Conference of the ICCC.

Yesterday was the 19th Graduation of FEBC and 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving. This was a great service with Dr Tow Siang Hwa bringing the message. A commemorative magazine of 100 pages was distributed, which is available to Lifers today. Take your copy, but don't forget to pray for our faculty and students that we might remain faithful. I think FEBC is the only Bible College that requires her Directors and Faculty to take an oath of allegiance to the Sacred Scriptures, God's infallible, inerrant Word. (Anathema to any who gives lip-service but with fork-tongued interpretation twists Scripture against the Living Word, Jesus Christ.)

Next Saturday the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Yangon, under the principalship of Rev Robert Thawm Luai, holds its 1st Graduation with 15 passing out. We're involved in a Bible College movement - S'pore, Manila, Yangon and there are 3 more in East Africa and one budding in Medan. We want to take this opportunity to send our heartiest felicitations to Rev Thawm Luai and the College in Yangon. We apologise for not being able to visit you under the present circumstances. But when the Lord shows the way, no one can stop us!

As for our 42nd Anniversary Thanksgiving, there will be a Dinner on Beulah Lawns, Sat Oct 17, 7.45 pm. At 6.30 pm a service will be held in Church. On the Lord's Day Oct 18, it will be a combined service of both the 8.00 am and 10.30. Over 30 will be baptised. Believing parents with infants for baptism are requested to register with the office early!

- T.T.

Tune: Hallowing Name

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| 1. For ever with the Lord,
Amen, so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality. | 4. Ah, then my spirit faints
To reach the land I love,
The bright inheritance of saints,
Jerusalem above. |
| 2. Here in the body pent,
Absent from Him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home. | 5. For ever with the Lord,
Father, if 'tis Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word
Even here to me fulfil. |
| 3. My Father's house on high,
Home of my soul, now near
At times, to faith's foreseeing eye,
Thy golden gates appear. | 6. Be Thou at my right hand,
Then can I never fail;
Uphold Thou me, and I shall stand;
Fight, and I must prevail. |

James Montgomery 1771-1854

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (September 28 - October 4, '92)

MON 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
2.30 pm Calvary BPC Wedding
(Dr P Tan)
3.00 pm LBC/YAF/AF
SUN 8.00 am *Nicodemus* (Elder Chia)
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bt Batok, Bishan.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) How quickly doth each month fly,
What pleasure to give my tithe!
Two friends have mastectomy,
Thanks for a healthy body! (\$400)
- (2) Please use this small gift to further the
Kingdom of God. This is a thanksgiving from me
to the Lord for seeing me through my Diploma
exams successfully. - A grateful heart. (\$100)
- (3) Hilltop Ministry. To my dear Heavenly Father
for His faithfulness to me and great provision and
blessings. May His Name be glorified! (\$100)
- (4) This is a very small sum. But I pray the Lord
will accept this as my gift to the works of FEBC.
(\$100)
- (5) Thank God for precious call of the Lord. I
give my tithe with thanks and praise.
- (6) Want to thank our Father for His manifold
blessings and for opening my eyes to count them!
(\$100 for Hilltop).
- (7) Thank you for your ministry of hospitality in
providing your guest apt. to us from 19/9 to 23/9.
We sincerely appreciate your meeting our need for
accommodation during this period.

- American Missionaries

LIFE CHURCH 42ND ANNIV.
THANKSGIVING SERVICE &
DINNER, OCT 17, 6.30 PM.
Tickets on sale today!

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,359.00 (8.00 am)

*\$7,398.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1502)

\$5359; 1503)\$7398; 1504)\$10;
1505)\$50; 1506)\$50; 1507)\$200.

TOTAL: \$2,559,186.99

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,966,663.99

OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project*

\$60, \$230, \$50, \$130, \$100, \$587,
\$50, \$100, \$500, \$100, \$50(YAF);
Burma \$50; *Thailand* \$500,
\$50(YAF); *Rev C Wong* \$100, *Pas-*
tor Wilardo Bona (P'ppines) \$100,
Missions \$50; *FEBC 30th Anniver-*
sary \$300(Life Chinese), \$100;
M\$200 (K.Besar); M\$200 (K.Sawit);
M\$100 (Rawang).

FEBC GRADUATION SERVICE

ON 19 SEP (Designated for Philip-
pines Hilltop Project): \$5,075.00.

GIVEAWAYS AT SGH, CALVARY PANDAN TONIGHT ONLY.

Two valuable gifts will be yours
at SGH tonight:

- 1) Panorama of 2nd Coming
- 2) God's Kingdom on Earth
-- The fruit of hundred hours'
study & research. Hear Dr S H
Tow at Calvary Pandan tonight
at 6 pm. Come with another!

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Sunday School Attendance: 339
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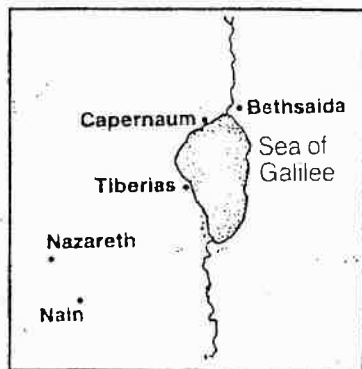
ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew PS	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 18	No. 100
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Rom 5:1-21	John 1:29-51
Hymn	No. 111	No. 278
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 336	No. 523
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Hab 2:1-20	Lk 7:19-35
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Just Shall Live By Faith</i> (Mr J Khoo)	<i>Greater than the Greatest Prophet</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 301	No. 277
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



My dear Lifers,

In my sermon last week, "With Christ to a Funeral" (Lk 7:11-18), I drew your attention to the fact that our Lord was on the move all the time, from one town to another. Day I, we find Him in Capernaum, His adopted hometown (Lk 7:1). Day II, He is in the city of Nain. If we look at the map, He has covered 20 miles, en route visiting with the Centurion whose servant was dying.



To further impress you with the urgency of the Gospel, I pointed how the word **GOSpel** is spelt first with **GO**. As your pastor all these years, the Lord has given me the grace to keep our Church going. So, in 42 years He has granted us 44 branchings. That lately we've been part-involved in supporting the London BP Church (Rev Eric Kwan) and Hilltop, Philippines, is in keeping with the Christ Spirit of Missions.

It was noted last week that the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Yangon, would be holding her first Graduation Sept 26 with 15 passing out. (Photo on front page shows 8 in the highest class.) This is now history. Now I'm informed that the School is given the option to install a telephone (a high privilege), but Government wants US\$1,100 for a downpayment (not Burmese kyats). I wonder if any Reader has spare US\$\$? A cheque addressed directly to the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology will give the School the much needed contact with the outside world we all enjoy. Right now, telephonically speaking, she is totally deaf and dumb! O the good we can do for the cause of Christ in a hermit country! Giving them a phone is facilitating the work of the Gospel.

COMMENDATION ON ELDER & MRS KHOO PENG KIAT

Welcome home, Elder and Mrs Khoo! Here is Dr S H Tow's commendation of the Aquila and Priscilla couple in Calvary BPC Weekly, "Elder and Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat return home 21.9.92, having done 6 years 'shuttle service' at Bethel (Melbourne). Their Bible teaching, care of the members, counselling and visitation, etc. will be missed by all the members. God has his perfect plan and timing, sending in Rev and Mrs Brian Harper in answer to prayer." (Rev Harper, Thank you for your telegram and good wishes on FEBC's 30th Anniversary.)

We have missed Elder and Mrs Khoo on and off the last six years. It seems their overseas ministry is drawing to a close, but Life Church will be greatly strengthened by Elder Khoo's steady and serene counsel-in-session. He will also be much needed by many pulpits, with his manifold experience of preaching in a foreign land.

How I wish some more Lifers in their retirement will find new "employment" with the Lord. It is not too late to join FEBC to train for a season. Confucius the Philosopher-Scholar says, "There is no age limit to learning. Whoever attains is my teacher."

REVIVAL COMES TO KIJANG, BINTAN ISLAND

Our outreaches on Bintan Island are Tg Pinang (the main Church), Tg Uban (supported by Chinese Service) and Kijang, 17 miles on the East Coast. Kijang is a Chinese town speaking the Hakka dialect.



Now Rev Djunaidi who offered to pastor shepherdless Kijang has arrived by boat for a month. He writes, "On Sept 1, we held a memorial service for Bro Phang. Ev. Joseph Liu came down with a party from Tg Pinang. This was a wonderful occasion to preach the Gospel to relatives and friends. Since coming, a good many dropouts have returned, while young people affected by Charismatic teachings are shedding their noisy practices. We hold a Friday night Bible study to correct their errors. We have much personal contact with the new believers.

Next week I am invited to fly to Jakarta to speak at the Bible Church Anniversary Thanksgiving. I shall hold several special meetings there before returning to Kijang. Please bear us up in prayer. Greetings to Life Church and the Chinese Service." (Rev Djunaidi's half-support is provided by our Chinese Service. Apparently, his wife is not with him.)

- T.T.

PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1992 8.00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
OCT	4	Nicodemus	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	11*	Samaritan Woman	Rev Timothy Tow
	18**	Eating Crowds	Rev Timothy Tow
	25	Paralytic	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat
NOV	1	Judas	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	8*	Woman in Adultery	Rev Timothy Tow
	15	Man Born Blind	Rev Tan Eng Boo
	22	Lazarus	Mr Jeffrey Khoo
	29	Martha	Mr Quek Suan Yew
DEC	6	Mary of Bethany	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	13*	Peter	Rev Timothy Tow
	20	Jesus to His Own	Mr Jeffrey Khoo
	27	Jesus Commissions	Mr Quek Suan Yew

*Lord's Supper

** Combined Anniversary Service, 9.30 am

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (October 5 -11, '92)

MON 7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
7.45 pm Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall
7.45 pm Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse
(Bearing the Defects of Others, Rev Stephen Khoo)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm LBC/YAF
SUN 8.00 am *Samaritan Woman*
(Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
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 Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
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

NBC This Week: *Fri* Joo Chiat

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,546.00 (8.00 am)
*\$7,239.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II (1508) *\$4546;
1509)*\$7239; 1510) \$20; 1511) \$100.
TOTAL: \$2,571,091.99
GRAND TOTAL: \$2,978,568.99
OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop Project \$70,
\$100, \$20, \$100, \$300, \$150,
\$39.60(US\$25); *Burma* \$50, US\$1300,
US\$2000, US\$50, \$300 (Burmese students);
Rev George Kutty \$200; *Charles Seet* \$100;
Ch. Bibles for China \$50; *Hope BPC* \$800;
FEBC \$50, \$128, \$500, \$50. *African Pas-*
tor I \$2000; *African Pastor II* \$200.

LIFE CHURCH 42ND ANNIV.
THANKSGIVING SERVICE &
DINNER, OCT 17, 6.30 PM.

Tickets on sale today!
Next Lord's Day is the absolute
last day for ticket sales.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Enclosed is cheque for \$1100.
Please apportion as follows:
- \$800 for Hope BP Church Adelaide
Bldg Fund. With thanks for sending
the "Lively Hope".
- \$300 for Life Church EBF II.
(2) Thank God for good health and
strength, for His protecting HAND,
and no accidents. (\$100 for Hilltop)
(3) I am greatly touched and
encouraged by the testimony of the
life of Rev Dan Ebert. The Lord is
definitely working in the Philippines
through him. Here are my tithes, and
may they be designated to the Hilltop
Project for the extension of God's
Kingdom. Praise the Lord! (\$70).

- A Young Lifer

(4) This is a much long overdue letter
of thanks. I have been reminded again
of that when you graciously provided
temporary housing for some of our
personnel this past week.

I sincerely appreciate your
Christian hospitality and willingness to
assist those of us who are new with
our entrance into Singapore.

- Rev James A. Moore

AT YOUR SERVICE :: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
Office 256-9256

Sunday School Attendance: 332
Offering: \$365.50



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong E L	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 86	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 23	Psalms 32
Hymn	No. 105	No. 111
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 281	No. 390
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 3:1-18	Lk 7:36-50
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus & Nicodemus</i> (Elder Chia K C)	<i>Whose sin is greater of the two?</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 279	No. 293
		Lord's Supper
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



"TOO LATE HE REALIZED HE WAS WRONG"

Arthur E. Steele (Sept 1, 1992)

This was a front page headline in the St Petersburg, Fla newspaper, Aug 27, 1992, describing one of the many casualties in the devastating Hurricane Andrew that struck southern Florida. The account stated that Mr Claude Olson chose to ignore the warning to evacuate the area before the storm. At 5 am, as the hurricane-force winds began to destroy his house, he telephoned his brother stating "It's too late, I'm stuck." The roof fell in and the walls collapsed upon him and he died.

The front page also carried other accounts of lives lost when the well-broadcasted warnings were ignored:

"He ran from his house but flying debris killed him in his barn."

"She refused to leave her mobile home. She was later found beneath the wreckage."

"She wouldn't leave her cats behind. Her condo collapsed around her."

"He ran from the house as Andrew buffeted it. He was tossed from the trailer where he sought refuge."

The destruction was so vast that over 250,000 were homeless, 1.5 million were without electricity and damage is estimated at over \$30 billion, called the worst disaster in US history.

The meteorologists predicted accurately the danger of the hurricane and its 150 mile per hour sustained winds. Television, radio and police cruisers gave the warnings. City officials gave the order to evacuate.

Many chose to ignore the warnings and died. Bodies are still being found as rubble is cleared.

The newspaper headline concerning the man who died was, "Too late, he realized that he was wrong." He had received the warning but he chose not to believe. This has a spiritual application to bear.

Jesus warned about sure judgment but many refuse to believe His warning and refuse to receive Him as their Saviour.

John 3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God."

John 3:48 "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my word, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken shall judge him in the last day."

With the clear warning by the Lord comes His words of love, assurance and life eternal.

May we all have a revived sense of urgency as we serve the Lord while there is time.

LETTER FROM KENYA



I have received the twenty eight Bibles in good and perfect condition. And say a **BIG THANK YOU** for your effort mailing to us. Please let the person who donated them know that we have greatly and deeply appreciated her Christian concern and love.

I have given most of them to those students who did not have KJV and especially the new comers. KJV is dearly sold here. You cannot get it without more than 1700/- (Kenya shillings) and sometimes you rarely find it in our bookstores.

The Lord has brought six new students this term. Altogether there're 25 students. Five will graduate on 5/12/92. There are now six teachers. This term I'm teaching Greek and Old Testament Survey.

Last but not the least please pray for us because we are experiencing hard times financially. Our country is experiencing a severe and serious drought. Most of the food is imported from outside and when it arrives in the country it is sold so high, things are going up everyday.

- Stephen Masila

LETTER FROM ELDER (DR) LIM TECK CHYE

Dearly Beloved Rev Tow
& Members of Life BP Church,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At long last the book - *Training of Children* by Bishop J C Ryle is finally printed.

This must be one of the best sermons I have read on the training of children by Christian parents.

It must be more than one year since I promised to print and distribute this booklet.

On the occasion of the Church anniversary I would like to present this booklet to all parents (1 book/family). My prayer is that many homes will be blessed with godly children who will in turn bring glory to God Almighty.

May parents be guided by God's Word which is a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path.

Most importantly may parents obey God's Word.

LETTER FROM CHARLES SEET

Thank you for your prayers for us and also for the bee pollen. We have been greatly encouraged by your concern for us and also rejoice that FEBC is celebrating her 30th Anniversary...

Some news: The Hilltop construction is progressing well although the recent typhoons and rains have delayed the work a little. The completion date has been postponed to March 10, 1993 in view of these and more foreseen contingencies.

Pastor Donaldo Coniate (of Lighthouse Church where the Seets are worshipping) is recuperating well and has taken a break for 2 months on the Hilltop.

He has been busy evangelizing the (100) construction workers, conducting Bible Study among them and teaching them Gospel choruses. He has evidently made a great impact on them. (God bless every cheerful giver).

We are all very excited about the provisions the Lord has made for the Hilltop!

FROM REV BILL EBERT

Receipt for S\$500 for Hilltop from LCSS Jr Dept. He says,

We are excited to see the way that the Lord is working in the development of Hilltop. I would like to thank you for the books you gave for the ministry. You can be assured that they will be used for God's glory.

BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word,
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and to find Thee,
By Thy teachings sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.*

*All our knowl-edge, sense and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded.
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou a-lone to God canst win us;
Thou must work all good with-in us.*

*Glorious Lord, thy-self impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open thou our ears and heart;
Help us by thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry thy people raises;
Hear, and bless our prayers and praises.
Amen. "Old" Lifer.*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (October 12-19, '92)

MON 7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* (Rev Tow)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm LBC/YAF
6.30 pm 42nd Anniversary Thanks-
giving Service & Dinner
SUN 9.30 am 42nd Anniversary Thanks-
giving & Baptismal Service
(Rev Tow)
10.30 am Chinese 27th Anniversary
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
7.30 pm Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Wed* Henderson,
Bt Timah; *Fri* Bt Batok, Bishan.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,282.00 (8.00 am)
*\$10,644.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1512) *\$4282;
1513)*\$10644; 1514)\$1300; 1515) \$200;
1516) \$100 (Thai Service); 1517) \$300;
1518) \$150; 1519) \$400 (Keb. Indonesia);
1520) \$1170 (Chinese Service); 1521) \$10.
TOTAL: \$2,589,647.99
LOANS: 43)\$5,000.
TOTAL LOANS: \$412,477.
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,002,124.99
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project* \$100,
\$150, \$50, \$1000 (CLBC), \$40 (Box);
Burma \$68.55(US\$50), \$2054 (US\$1300),
US\$1100; *Charles Seet* \$200, \$100; *FEBC*
\$300, \$50; *Missions* \$92; *Kenya* \$30.

LIFE CHURCH 42ND ANNIV. THANKSGIVING SERVICE & DINNER, OCT 17, 6.30 PM.

Today is the **absolute last day** 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, 13 Oct, with
the Church Office (256-9256).

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Enclosed is \$10 for stamps. I
am very, very grateful for your
Weeklies.
- (2) Enclosed is our love gift (\$100)
for Life B-P Church's Anniversary
Thanksgiving in October. - Adelaide
- (3) I heard you need US\$\$\$. These
are from my travel (US\$20).
- (4) Would you kindly channel the
enclosed S\$300 to the Hilltop
Project and our EBF II as you see
fit? Thank you! With love, Life YF
- (5) For thanksgiving from Pepsi:
\$200.
- (6) This is my thanksgiving for 42
years of His saving grace - \$500 to
EBF and \$500 for Hilltop.
- (7) Handed to Pastor by a sister
before 10.30 am Service, US\$1,100
for Burma.

AT YOUR :: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
SERVICE Office 256-9256

Sunday School Attendance: 313
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Ong E L
Opening Hymn	No. 270	No. 230
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 49	Prov 17:1-17
Hymn	No. 414	No. 311
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 289	No. 358
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 4:1-26	Jn 15:13-27
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus and the Samaritan Woman	What a Friend we have in Jesus (Eld Khoo PK)
Closing Hymn	No. 273	No. 366
	Lord's Supper	
Benediction and Threelfold Amen		

Beware the earth-bound ostrich

'It is like these
ostriches. You can run
fast and flap your wings
at the same time. But
you are never air-borne,
like a swan or a stork.
We must get air-borne.
We must be able to
have that external
dimension to our
economy.'

— Mr Lee on the need for
Singaporeans to venture abroad.

What Mr Lee Kuan Yew
has said in Shanghai, as reported
in S.T. Oct 6 is right. If our country
is to stay at the top of the economic
league, S'poreans must become more "ven-
turesome." S'poreans must not be "like these
ostriches. You can run fast and flap your wings at the
same time. But you are never air-borne, like a swan or
a stork. We must get air-borne. We must be able to have
that external dimension to our economy."



How is any Church of Jesus Christ blessed with
vibrant life and power? It is the one who also ventures
out, obeying the Great Commission to go to all nations
with the Gospel. Then will He not only bless it with power but also with His
presence - "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matt 28:18-
20).

As we approach our 42nd Anniversary Thanksgiving, we notice the

Lord has blessed us with two more "airborne" outreaches, viz. our part-support of Rev Eric Kwan to London and part-support of Hilltop, Philippines. As for London, it is in answer to a request from New Life. As for Hilltop, it is because of our fraternal ties with Rev Dan Ebert III and the Charles Seets are our missionary teachers to the Philippines. Both these "ventures", in obedience to the Lord's command, have blessed Life Church.

By supporting these "airborne" projects, are we become the poorer? Not at all, since our Lord promises, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). By giving from the plenty we've received from God's Hand, we are showered with a greater abundance so that we "may abound to every good work" (II Cor 9:8).

Your hearty support for missions begets further hearty support. As you have read in the back page columns, an influx of offerings has come these two weeks for Burma and Africa. These two windfalls on His people living in straightened circumstances "not only supplieth the want of saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God" (II Cor 9:12).

Mr Lee wants our economy to be airborne like a swan or a stork. "We must have that external dimension to our economy." In the spiritual realm, our Church, having spread out to ASEAN and beyond, even to Burma, Africa and the Holy Land, has abounded to every good work. God make every Lifer a swan and a stork for Christ! And beware the earth-bound ostrich!



My dear Lifers,

Let me introduce to you our Singapore students at FEBC:

3rd row: George Lim (*Cal*), Conrad (*Tab*), Desmond (*Cal*), Alvin (*N.Life*), Jack Sin (*Life*), Fook Meng (*Ev.Ref*), Hock Kee (*Gal*), Pong Sen (*Life*), Roland (*Life*), Tong Seng (*Life*).

2nd row: Lay Lee (*Cal*), Janet (*Life*), Pauline (*Life*), Anne Wong (*Maranatha*), Serene (*Cal*), Geok Fong (*Life Chinese*), Angela (*Cal*).

1st row: Faculty: Suan Yew, Stephen Khoo, Mrs Ivy Tow, Myself, Bob Phee, Jemima, Jeff.

This shows we have 17 S'pore students, exactly one-quarter of a total enrolment of 68 from 15 countries. George Lim and wife Lay Lee are beginning to serve at Pasir Ris (Macedonia BPC, Chinese). George is available to speak at Life (Chinese).

- T.T.

ECHO FROM TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

I truly thank the Lord for the opportunity to attend the Prayer Meeting last evening. I thank the Lord for the blessing of the sharings and testimonies, in particular Rev Cooper's report on Kenya. It has brought a personal revival in my heart and challenged me to redouble my efforts for the Lord from the abundant city of Singapore. Indeed the Lord has been very gracious to us in Singapore.

I am reminded also by Rev Cooper's message to number my days. I pray that amidst the busy schedule of secular work, I may constantly remember that I am here to do the Lord's business, the King's business and not lose track of that vision. May God help me to find time and means to do His work each day...

As I prayed about it this morning, I asked the Lord to give me abundantly so that I may give to the brethren in Kenya. I then realized that I have been praying for the wrong thing. I am reminded that God loves not those who give out of abundance, but the widow who gives her two mites. So here I am giving this small love token of \$30 which I can afford out of my own necessity. May God bless this little gift and use it for His glory to meet the need of some brother in Kenya. May the Lord help me to give again.

God has been so gracious to me. Through the trials and difficulties His grace has proven to be sufficient for me. So help me, Lord, to give not only in fund but in time and service... Num 6:24. - With thankful heart. A sinner saved by grace. 30/9/92.

TESTIMONY FOR ANNIVERSARY BAPTISM

I was introduced to God when I was in university 3 years ago. My regular study group consisted of a few Christians and they were constantly preaching the Word of God. Eventually I attended church regularly. But most of the time, it was due to 'peer pressure'. I prayed for passing examinations, which at that time was my first priority. I wasn't fully committed. Yet God has taken care of me. I was able to sail through my university days quite smoothly.

Wordly temptations crept into my life after I started working. I encountered many problems with work. I have been depending on my own understanding which hindered my relationship with God. Life seemed miserable and empty. One night, I sought the Word of God and prayed for guidance and strength. I began to attend church regularly. I have come to learn more about God. My burdens were uplifted and I felt peace and joy in my heart. I notice everything has changed, my thoughts and my life. Praise the Lord, He has showed me the light and the truth. I have come to accept Christ as my Saviour and I am seeking Baptism this October to show the world that I am serious about my faith.

- Lauren Leong Lai Siong

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (October 19-25, '92)	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
<p>MON 7.30 pm <i>Gospel of Matthew</i> (Rev Tow)</p> <p>TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg</p> <p>WED 8.00 pm Session Mtg</p> <p>THU 7.30 pm <i>Gospel Prophets</i> (Rev Tow)</p> <p>FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship</p> <p>SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF</p> <p>3.00 pm LBC</p> <p>3.00 pm Chua Beng Hai & Yeo Sew Hoon Wedding (Rev Tow)</p> <p>SUN 8.00 am <i>Jesus & the Paralytic</i> (Eld Khoo P K)</p> <p>9.30 am Sunday School</p> <p>10.30 am Rev Tow</p> <p>10.30 am Chinese Service</p> <p>6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr</p> <p>NBC This Week: <i>Fri Joo Chiat.</i></p>	<p>*\$3,700.00 (8.00 am)</p> <p>*\$8,649.00 (10.30 am)</p> <p>EXTN BLDG FUND II 1522)</p> <p>*\$3700; 1523)\$500; 1524)*\$8649;</p> <p>1525)\$500; 1526) \$200; 1527)\$310;</p> <p>1528)\$757.40; 1529)\$50 (Thanksgiving); 1530)\$150 (YF); 1531) \$300;</p> <p>1532) \$100 (Sharon BPC); 1533)\$100;</p> <p>1534) \$100; 1535) \$210.</p> <p>TOTAL: \$2,605,274.39</p> <p>GRAND TOTAL: \$3,017,751.39</p> <p>OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop Project</p> <p>\$500, \$70, \$200, \$100, \$200, \$100,</p> <p>\$500, \$50 (Tabernacle), \$150(YF),</p> <p>\$50, \$100 (Paauwes), \$400(WF),</p> <p>\$100, \$50(YAF), \$1000(Tues Prayer Mtg), \$150, \$210(by post); <i>Missions (China)</i> \$50; <i>FEFST</i> \$316 (US\$200); <i>Books for Africa</i> \$500; <i>Batam</i> \$200(WF); <i>FEBC Scholarship</i> \$360; <i>Thailand</i> \$50(YAF); <i>FEBC</i> \$120 (Box). STOP PRESS! \$2,200 for Hilltop from EBF.</p>
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
<p>(1) Please accept this small amount of my thanksgiving gift for the financial debts of the church. May God extend His Kingdom fruitfully. (\$20) - Filipina Lifer</p> <p>(2) Thank God for His guidance in my life and His many blessings! (\$500 for Life Church EBF II).</p> <p>(3) Thank the Lord for daily life. I gratefully offer my tithe with praise. (\$250)</p> <p>(4) For the Chinese Bibles to China, or to wherever there is a need. (\$200)</p> <p>(5) FEBC Student (\$20).</p> <p>(6) Please channel this money towards Hilltop. May construction work progress smoothly and God's Word be spread forth far and wide. (\$70)</p> <p>(7) We rejoice with you on this happy occasion of your 42nd Anniversary, and thank the Lord for His faithfulness in sustaining your ministry all these years.</p> <p>May He continue to bless you and grant you good health and strength to serve Him</p>	<p>Prophescope on Israel is a gift from Life Church to every worshipper this Day to commemorate the 42nd Anniversary, limited to one person one copy.</p> <p>till He returns. (Berean BPC) (\$200)</p> <p>(8) Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord! I wish you and all Lifers, a Happy 42nd Anniversary. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. - William Chia, 949 Dansey Ave, Coquitlam, BC, Canada, V3K 3G8</p> <p>(9) Handed through Pastor after Tues Night Prayer Mtg \$1,000 for Thanksgiving.</p> <p>Sunday School Attendance: 307</p> <p>Offering: \$257.95</p>



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"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and FORGET NOT all his benefits"

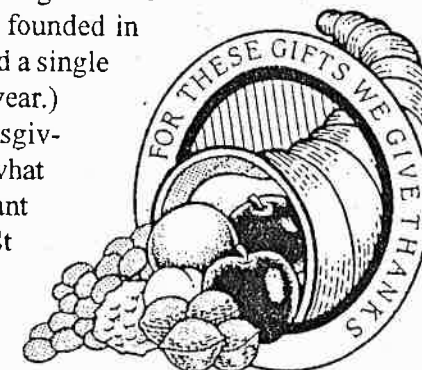
EVERY ANNIVERSARY IS THANKSGIVING!

That every Anniversary is Thanksgiving is a BP tradition. It is a tradition since LBPC was founded in 1950. For 42 years we have never missed a single celebration! (And this is also LCCS's 27th year.)

How did our First Anniversary Thanksgiving begin? It began from a grateful heart for what God had done in preserving alive our infant Church of 30 members at 144 Prinsep St against a hostile world. Like saving the Pilgrim Fathers through a bitter winter in the first year of their founding - 1620. In their case, half of the 102 founding fathers died in their howling wilderness conditions. It is when we have gone through a grave ordeal, whether it be calamity in the family, near death in a traffic accident like that undergone by that sister who presented the Lord a blank cheque, that we know how to give thanks.

But we Singaporeans are too snug and smug, lolling on beds of ease under a southern sun - away from earthquakes and famines, hurricanes and tornadoes, floods and fires, wars and killing fields. We do not know how to thank the Lord until we've gone through life's miseries. But some of you have experienced suffering; the older generation went through WWII. We knew how to give thanks. Yet, we tend to forget after God's deliverance.

For this reason David exhorts us, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **FORGET NOT** all his benefits" (Ps 103:2). Before he mentions the positive, he lists first the negative, wherein he recalls his deliverance. The greatest is the forgiveness of sins! Has God forgiven you of sin you only know deep in your heart? Second is his recovery from every sickness. (Why are we still sick? Perhaps we have not thanked Him as we should.) Third is deliverance from destruction, whether it be that traffic accident I earlier mentioned or any other kind of snatching from the jaws of death. Then the positive - His lovingkindness and feeding us with good things and rejuvenation of our lives. His saving us from oppression, His goodness in withholding His anger when we offend Him time and again ... Like a father to a wayward son.



Thanksgiving to my understanding is first of all giving. As we recollect His mercies past and present we present to Him not our leftovers, but the cream of the much He has bestowed upon us. This is above the tithe which is our usual dues. Thanksgiving as far as the Church is concerned is that it should not be a transference from one pocket to the other, but a spending out for God's Greater Cause. So a portion is earmarked for the Hilltop Project in Philippines where a Bible School is being feverishly built to hasten the training of workers for the 7,000 Islands of a perishing nation. But our greater contribution in obedience to Christ's command to go into all the world are the Charles Seets.

The greater part of giving therefore is going! I've just received a call from Africa to go and minister to their crying needs. I've just received this earnest request that we also send a missionary couple. Praise God for the lady who has designated two gifts for two African pastors labouring under famine conditions. If you cannot go, you can help them that go!

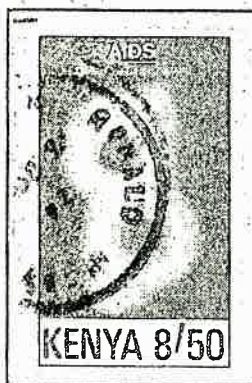
In respect of missions, did you know that the Great Commission is also the first command to the Church? For this reason Life Church from its beginning has been a missions church. The Church is the missionary society. By going out wherever the Lord has sent us, we have to date established over 40 branchings. For 1992, we have taken on part-support for a London BPC (Rev Eric Kwan), and now the Hilltop Project. We should have the holy ambition as a Church to branch out one, if not two, every year for Christ before He comes. "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). So, Thanksgiving means both giving and going, till He comes. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

- T.T.

LETTER FROM MODERATOR OF A KENYAN CHURCH TO LIFE CHURCH

May I put a request to you. Can you consider visiting our church, the Independent Presbyterian Church in Kenya. The reason of my invitation is that, you are from a third country like ourselves, and as I have learned from the history of your church is that you, yourself started the Bible Presbyterian Church while using a bicycle. Many of your people thought it impossible for a church to function without being financed by American Missions. As I understand, BP in Singapore is among the big churches, who have also sent missionaries in many countries. Our IPC church would need such spirit of dedication. What about coming here as a team and meet our leaders and Christians. What about considering sending a missionary to us. Every time Leonard writes, he says that Far Eastern Bible College is the right school for African Pastors.

- Rev Solomon Mutbukya



INFANT BAPTISM

01. Lee Song-En, Timotheus
s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Heok Seng
02. Lim Song Ping, Nicholas
s/o Mr & Mrs Lim Ching Wah
03. Loo Jia En, Joanne
d/o Mr & Mrs Loo Lam Hua, Victor
04. Lun Keat Sum, Caritas
d/o Mr & Mrs Lun Chee Leong
05. Ng Li Ting, Jolyn
d/o Mr & Mrs Ng Poh Koon
06. Tan Hui Jie, Jill
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Swee Thim
07. Tan Jun Qi, Caleb
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Chong Keok, Jonathan
08. Tan Li Qin
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Hock Huat
09. Tan Shi Qi, Kyla
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Long Tian
10. Tan Yalin, Elise
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Choon Seng
11. Yeo De Jie, Samuel
s/o Mr & Mrs Yeo Eng Heng

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Koh Wayne *Student*

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

02. Ang Yoke Lin, Phoebe *Bank Officer*
03. Koo Nam Kok, Anthony *Sr Mktg Rep.*
04. Lim Pek Yong *Physiotherapist*
05. Lim Yan Choo *Senior Officer*
06. Loh Kok Howe, Calvin *NS*
07. Lok Kwok Wah *Shipping Ex.*
08. Tan Hui Hwa, Grace *Teacher*
09. Tng Lay Neo, Jenny *Teacher*

BAPTISM

10. Chan Tuck Whye *Student*
11. Chan Weng Kit, Philemon *Student*
12. Chang Phuan Sim, Jeffrey *SAF Offr*
13. Chiang Hwee Min, Beatrice *Student*
14. Choo Bee Yoong, Shirley *Student*
15. Chuà Jin Yong *NS*
16. Kay Khine Oo, Kate *Student*

BAPTISM (cont'd)

17. Lam Mun Fei, Elroy *Student*
18. Lee Phuyay Ling, Nikole *Student*
19. Lee Swee Tin *Sales Asst*
20. Leong Lai Siong, Lauren
Region Market Analyst
21. Lim Kar Yuen, Kezia *Student*
22. Loong Chiew Yen *Student*
23. Ong Chong Lin *SAF Officer*
24. Ong Kok Lam, Danny *Sales Ex.*
25. Tan Beng Lee *Accounts Ex.*
26. Tan Irene *Programmer Analyst*
27. Tan Weng Suan *Systems Analyst*
28. Teo Pee Wee, Vincent
RSAF Regular
29. Teoh Meng Hwee, Mildred *Student*
30. Wee Peng Yew, Amos *Undergrad.*
31. Yip Tinn Chie, Wesley *Student*
32. Yoong Chi Keen, Solomon *NS*

TESTIMONY

My name is Kay Khine Oo. I arrived in S'pore in Oct 1991 to take a diploma course in computer studies. My father, who is a Chin national, is a Christian and my mother, a Burmese Buddhist. The arrangement for my stay in S'pore was made through my uncle, Rev Robert Thawm Luai and the principal of FEBC. I myself was very keen to learn more about Christianity.

I have been a Buddhist for the past 23 years. I am very glad to have learned the love of Christianity during my study at Informatics Computer School. Now, I understand that the Lord has stood by my side all this while, sheltering me with his love from all evils.

During my stay at FEBC, my heart was warmed by the care and guidance given to me by Rev and Mrs Tow. I am now seeking baptism. I pray that all men will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and experience His love.

WHY REFORMATION SUNDAY?

Ecumenical Movement is to gather all Protestant denominations to return to Rome. To compromise our faith for the sake of a united Christendom. Like the Israelites of old who got mixed up with the heathen religions around them.

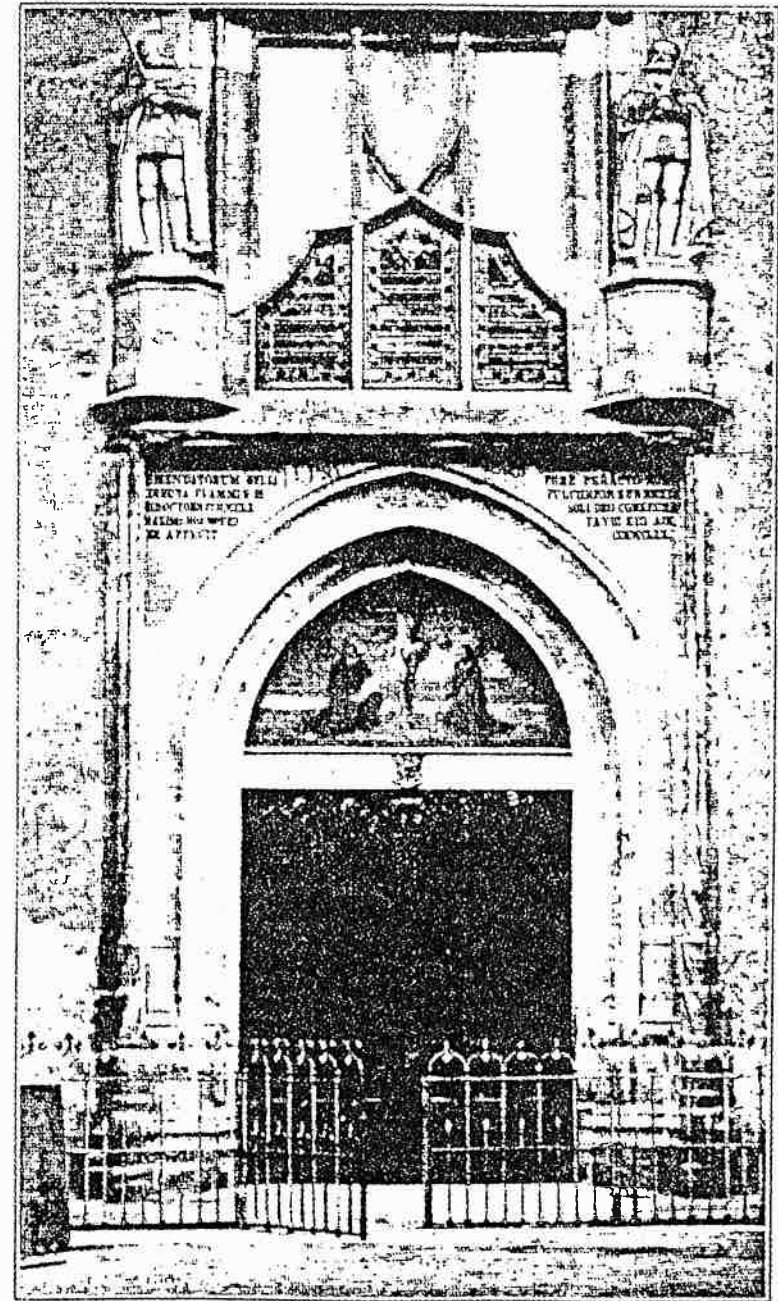
These misguided Israelites worshipped the idols of Baal and other Canaanite gods. Thus saith Isaiah the prophet, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that walketh in darkness and have no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God ... Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him" (Isa 50:10; 51:1,2).

Why Reformation Sunday? In the words of Isaiah, it is to remind us of the origin of our Protestant faith, that broke away from Rome to return to the faith of the Apostles, to the Bible itself. Hence another watchword of the Reformation is "*Sola Scriptura*, The Bible only."

In the light of the Bible we must contend earnestly not only against the superstitions of Rome that have not changed an iota, but also against the many heresies that come from a new strange breed of Christianity. The social gospel that the Liberals and Modernists preached is no less rampant today. The emergence of Neo-evangelicalism that compromises with the old Liberalism is even more confusing. The lip service some professing fundamentalist would give to an inerrant and infallible Bible is negated by their new brand of hermeneutics. Neo-Evangelicals can juggle the Virgin Birth of Christ to be fulfilled by Isaiah's son of his second wife (NIV and Ryrie Study Bibles) and by the birth of Hezekiah instead of Jesus of the Virgin (Walter C Kaiser). The claim of Charismatics to seeing visions and hearing voices from God, thus overriding the Sacred Word, is no different from Roman Catholic claims to apparitions of Mary and Saints.

Why Reformation Sunday? It is to reaffirm our faith in the Holy Scripture (*Sola Scriptura*) that teaches we are saved not by human works but by God's grace alone through faith. The reaffirmation of our faith is none other than repeating the Apostle's declaration on God's plan of salvation that stems only from Himself. "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. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:8-10). Amen.

- Timothy Tow



The Castle Church Door at Wittenberg

WHY REFORMATION SUNDAY?

In our BP Church calendar, we annually celebrate specially the Birth of Christ, His Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), Death (Good Friday) and Resurrection (Easter Sunday). There is another Day that we celebrate, and that is Reformation Sunday, for we are Protestants, who came out of the darkness of Rome from the Day Luther nailed his 95 theses on the Church door of Wittenberg Oct 31, 1517 (Eve of All Saints Day Nov. 1).

These 95 theses (statements) were Luther's reactions to the corrupt practices of the Roman Catholic Church. The chief bone of contention was the sale of indulgences ordered by the Pope, cheap sale of "forgiveness tickets." These indulgences ("forgiveness tickets") were being hawked around with the offer, "As soon as your coin into the Box chinks, the soul of your departed from Purgatory springs." This is nothing but priestcraft, to extort money from an ignorant congregation by fear. This is pure human cunning invention.

In Luther's 95 theses, he challenged the decree of the Pope. He says,
(1) "An indulgence can never remit sins. God has kept that in His own Hand.

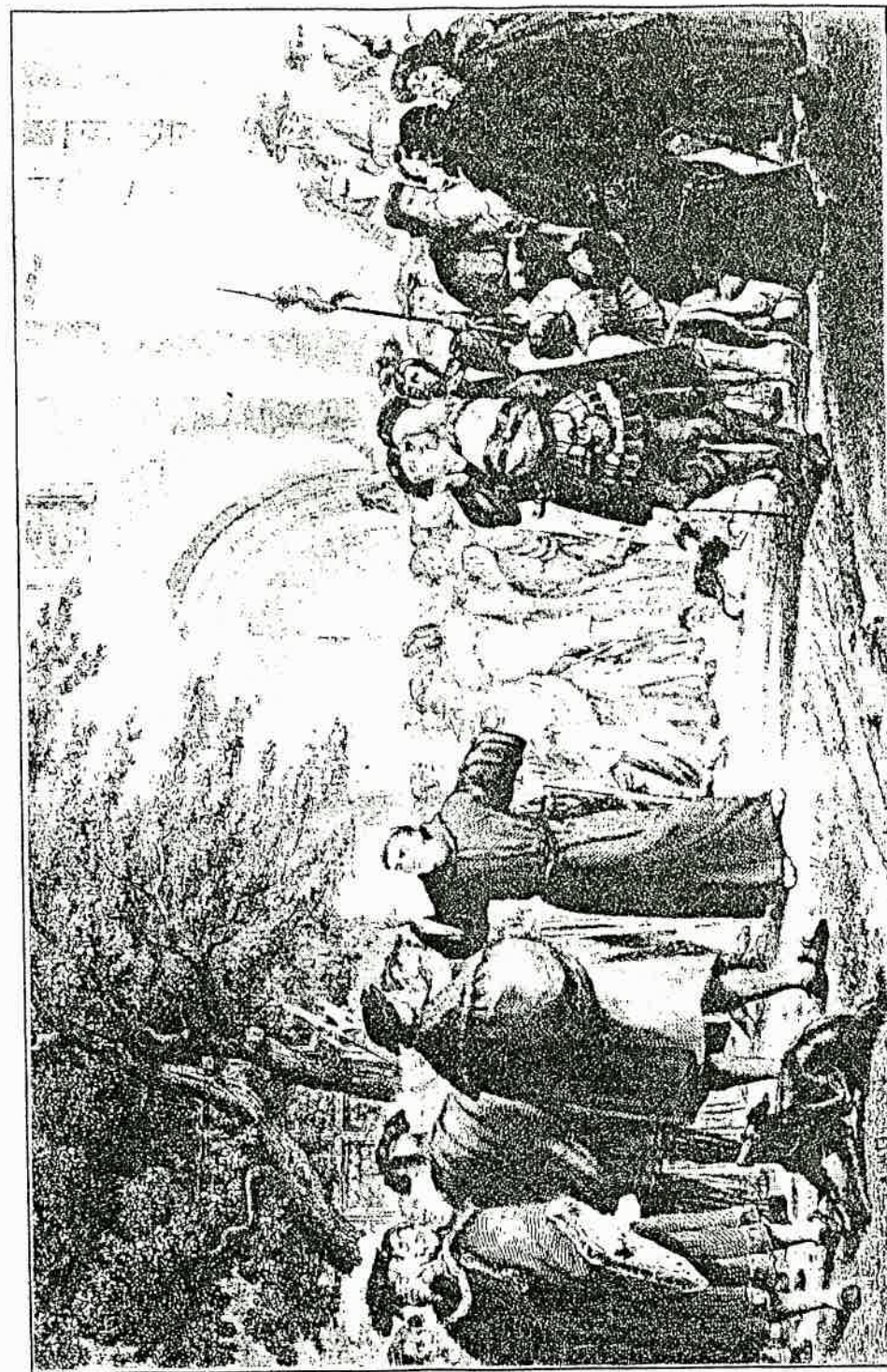
(2) "It cannot remit divine punishment for sin. That also is in God's Hand.

(3) "It has no efficacy for souls in (so-called) Purgatory.

(4) "The Christian who has true repentance has already received pardon from God, and needs no Indulgence."

Hence the Protestant watchword, "The just shall live by faith" (Rom 1:17). Reader, if you are brought up in the Roman Catholic system, that you must work your way to heaven by penances and indulgences, by paying your way through the Church, you have the Gospel of Despair. Praise God, salvation is by God's grace, a free gift, to everyone that repents. He who comes humbly to the foot of the cross, trusting in the merits of Jesus alone, is born again, is saved forever! We must preach this saving truth without fear or favour. We must earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). This is the Reformation spirit. That is why we hold Reformation Sunday in order to remind sons of the Protestant Reformation of the preciousness of their heritage. We remember Luther, yea, even Calvin, both foremost in the fight against the foul system.

Reformation today is to revive the flagging spirit of Protestants of this age now being ravaged by the tide of the Ecumenical Movement. The



*Scene in Front of All Saints Church, Wittenberg,
October 31, 1517*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (October 26 - November 1, '92)

MON 7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Dr Tan)
7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* (Rev Tow)
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm LBC/YAF&AF
Roy Ho Lye Heng & Tham
Lai Mei Wedding (Dr Tan)
7.30 pm LBC Parents' Night, FEBC
Hall (Rev Kwan/Rev Tow)
SUN 8.00 am Jesus & Judas (Eld Chia K C)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow, Lord's Supper
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
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
7.30 pm Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Wed* Henderson,
Bt Timah; *Fri* Bt Batok.

LAST LORD'S DAY **THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:**

\$29,082 + \$30 + \$10,000(Cal. Pandan BPC)
+ \$1,392(Other BPCs) + \$50 + \$200 + \$100
(Keb. Indonesia).
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1536)\$757.40;
1537) \$250; 1538)\$1000(AF).
TOTAL: \$2,607,182.79
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,019,758.79
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project* \$50,
\$50, \$1200, \$100; *Burma* \$100, \$10; *Kenya*
\$200, \$300; *Rev C Wong* \$100; *China* \$150;
Ch Bibles for China \$100; *Dn Jack Sin*
\$350; *Burma tel.* \$785.50 (US\$500), \$69.45
(US\$69.45); *Anniv. Dinner* \$100.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank you Lord for carrying me through,
A thanksgiving offering should ensue.
Enclosed is 10 percent of my backdated pay.
Thank you Lord also for an increase in pay.
(\$605, and channel \$100 to Rev C Wong)
 - (2) I truly praise and thank God for raising up pastors and leaders in Life Church, who are soberly, zealously & diligently contending for the holy faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Enclosed herein is a small token to be channelled to the Hilltop Project, so that God's Name will continue to be exalted and magnified in Philippines.
- Constrained by His Love, A Young Lifer.
 - (3) Thank God for His blessings during my prelims, undeserving though I may be (\$5 + \$50 [Thanksgiving from mom, prayer for grandma]).
 - (4) Please channel this gift for Kenya's needs. (\$300)
 - (5) Just a sinner saved by His Grace, Amen. (YF) (\$20 for Hilltop)
 - (6) First of 3-part instalments to God for the many undeserving grace & mercies that He showers upon us. (\$1000).
 - (7) For Dn Yiew Pong Sen. May the Lord bless you & your family as you serve Him. (Donor, pl. see Treasurer.)
- CORRIGENDUM:** EBF's contribution to Hilltop should read \$2,220.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Jack Sin	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 42	No. 344
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jude 1-23	Psalm 46
Hymn	No. 432	No. 46
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 119	No. 432
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 5:1-9	Epistle of Jude
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus and the Paralytic</i>	<i>Reformation Unending</i>
	No. 58	<i>Facing A Task Unfinished</i>
Closing Hymn		
Benediction and Threefold Amen		

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY

To be exact, it should be Oct 31, Eve of All Saints Day, 1517 when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the Church Door of Wittenberg. His protest against all the dark traditions of Rome, precipitating in the cheap sale of indulgences that could release the souls of loved ones from purgatory, was the ecclesiastical Atom Bomb that triggered the Protestant Reformation. That brought us back to the Bible. The watchword of the Reformation is, "The Word Alone; Grace Alone; Faith Alone."



With the Apostasy of the Protestant Church returning to Rome in an Ecumenical Movement, with her decline in doctrine and morality, further undermined by heresies and worldliness, there is a great need today for Reformation as in Luther's day. Our Church took a prominent part from the beginning with the 20th Century Reformation movement headed by the ICCC and we will continue to witness for the Truth till Jesus returns. "For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9).

"AFTER THEIR PATTERN"

This was God's injunction to Moses how the Tabernacle with all its furniture was to be made: "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount" (Ex 25:40).

EBENEZER

Hitherto hath the
Lord helped us
(I Sam. VII:12)

I	Prinsep St.	1950
II	Gilstead Rd.	1962
III	Woodlands	1983
IV	Beulah Land	1990

If the Tabernacle is to be made according to the divine pattern, so must the work of the Church be pursued accordingly. Where is the pattern for the work of the Church given? In Acts 1:8 where our Lord's parting word, before He ascended to heaven, says, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

By God's grace, Lifers had not remained static in our Jerusalem. According to the white tablet on the right side of our Church entrance it is thus recorded.

These are four significant milestones in the extension of our Church work these 42 years. In detail they are as follows:

I. PRINSEP ST. 1950 our Jerusalem

Kelapa Sawit	1954	Galilee	1960	Tekong	1960
Sembawang	1957	Jurong	1960	(Dispersed since the Island was "taken over" by SAF)	
Zion	1957	Mt Carmel	1960		

II. GILSTEAD RD 1962 our Judea

FEBC	1962	Rawang	1972	CLBC	1976
Life Chinese	1965	Kulai Besar	1973	N. Sumatra	1977
Calvary	1970	Tg Pinang	1973	W. Kalimantan	1977
Sharon	1971	Grace	1976	Life Indonesia	1982

III. WOODLANDS 1983 our Samaria (N. Life)

Life Tamil	1983	Bkt Gambir	1986	Shepherd's Field	1988
Life Thai	1983	Kapitbahayan	1986	Pandacan (Manila)	1988
K.L.	1983	(Manila)		Tay Tay (Manila)	1989
Air Bemban	1986	Tabernacle	1987	Batam	1989
BPCWA (Cal.)	1986	Burma	1987		

IV. BEULAH LAND 1990 our uttermost part of the earth

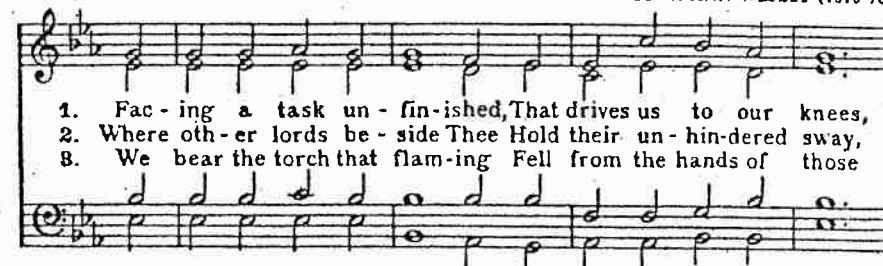
Selayang Segar	1990	Tg Uban	1991	Hilltop	1991
Metro-Manila	1990	N. Thailand	1991	London	1992
Maranatha	1990	Berean	1991	(with N. Life)	

Our latest outreach unto the uttermost part of the earth is Hilltop, where 3 "longhouses" are 40% complete. By your hilarious thanksgiving, half will be channelled to Hilltop to keep it going. Jesus says, "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).

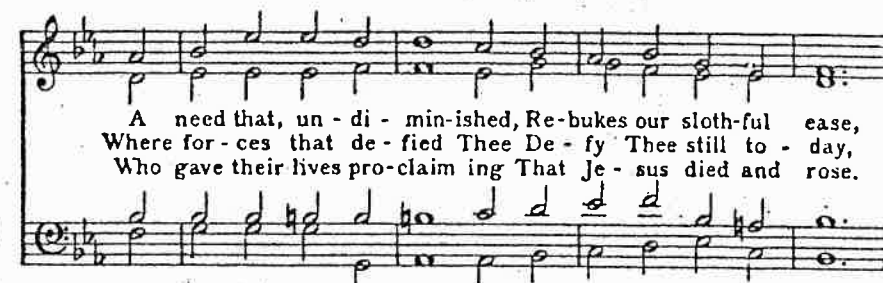
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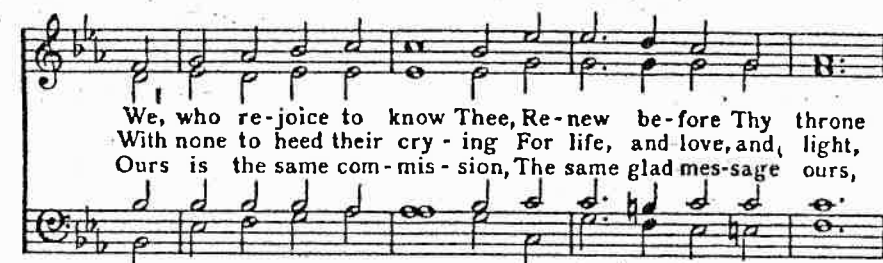
SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY (1810-76)



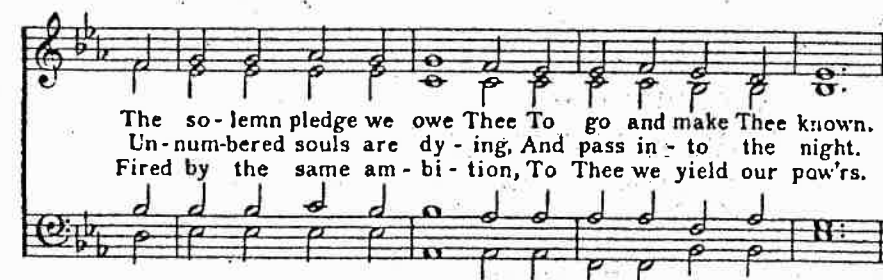
1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, That drives us to our knees,
2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee Hold their un - hin - dered sway,
8. We bear the torch that flam - ing Fell from the hands of those



A need that, un - di - min - ished, Re - bukes our sloth - ful ease,
Where for - ces that de - fied Thee De - fy Thee still to - day,
Who gave their lives pro - claim ing That Je - sus died and rose.



We, who re - joice to know Thee, Re - new be - fore Thy throne
With none to heed their cry - ing For life, and love, and light,
Ours is the same com - mis - sion, The same glad mes - sage ours,



The so - lem pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known.
Un - num - bered souls are dy - ing, And pass in - to the night.
Fired by the same am - bi - tion, To Thee we yield our pow'rs.

Alternative Tune: EWING (371)

4. O Father Who sustained them,
O Spirit Who inspired,
Saviour, Whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake.

FRANK HOUGHTON (1894-)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (November 2 - 8, '92)

MON 7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
FRI FEBC Exams begin
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm LBC
Fellowship of Jesus
Wedding (Rev Bob Phee)
SUN 8.00 am *Jesus and the Woman in Adultery* (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Mr Quek Suan Yew
10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice
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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
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr
7.30 pm Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,690.00 (8.00 am)
*\$7,728.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1539)*\$3690;
1540) \$200; 1541)*\$7728; 1542) \$500;
1543) \$100 (Mt Carmel); 1544) \$50
(Sembawang); 1545) \$100 (Mt Hermon).
TOTAL: \$2,619,649.79
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,032,126.79
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project* \$50,
\$40, \$600, \$100, \$150, \$500, \$50, \$200;
African pastors \$40; *Brutus Balan* \$100;
RTD \$50, *China Mission (Bibles)* \$500,
\$100 (Box); *FEB* US\$30 (Rev Grauley).

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Enclosed is a gift of \$1,000 for
Rev Kim Kyoung Soo and Miss Jenny
Ong (Kenya).

Books for Africa (\$153).

God send us men whose aim 'twill be
Not to defend some ancient creed,
But to live out the laws of Christ
In every thought and word and deed.
God send us men alert and quick
His lofty precepts to translate,
Until the laws of Christ become
The laws and habits of the State.
God send us men of steadfast will,
Patient, courageous, strong and true,
With vision clear and mind equipped
His will to learn, His work to do.
God send us men with hearts ablaze,
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need;
These are the bulwarks of the State.
Amen.

(2) Kindly direct this token of my
gratitude for His mercy and love
towards the Hilltop Project. (\$600)

(3) Thank the Lord for your prayers,
blessings and protection He has given
to my family and myself. Enclosed
here \$200 for Beulah Debt. - A Lifer

(4) Thank you for the timely warning
at the 10.30 am service today. May
the Lord continue to bless you with
wisdom as you oversee His flock.

- A Lifer

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Edmund Tay	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 1	No. 121
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 111	Psalms 86
Hymn	No. 197	No. 540
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 44	No. 419
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Matt 26:1-5,14-25	Lk 8:1-3
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus and Judas</i> (Elder Chia)	<i>Do something good for Jesus everyday</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 55	No. 200
		Lord's Supper
Benediction and Threefold Amen		



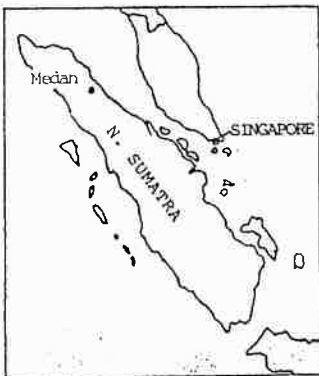
My dear Lifers,

The list of offshoots from Life Church which was tabulated last week excluded several that have "closed down," such as Layang Layang and Bukit Batu. Though Bukit Batu is deleted from the list, we must not forget that in 1983 we bought 25,000 sq ft of land at M\$1 per ft for her. We have good investment for Bukit Batu!

We should have listed another new work for 1991 viz. Gloria B.P. Kindergarten, Medan by Dohar. (This work is also supported by New Life, \$100 pm.) The other work in Medan is under Haposan, Dohar's brother. He has a much bigger setup, having built 9 classrooms on the land we bought for him. Both brothers are inviting us to visit them, to preach and to counsel.

DOHAR'S LETTER TO LIFE CHURCH SESSION (21/10/92)

I have been very much occupied with the work, till I hardly find a good time to write you about the work especially concerning the building of the Church and the school!



Here I enclose some pictures of the building and the activities of the kindergarten. I hope these will give you a better idea about the work in Medan.

My heart is still heavy because the building is not completed yet. Our Sunday School is increasing in number till we have to meet at the play ground. Last week we have 120 children came to our Sunday School.

Our young people is also increasing in number. Last week we have 40 of them. I see that a lot of things is to be done in the Church and the school. I

can only pray to God, He may help us in all these. Please uphold in your prayers God may enable us to serve Him faithfully.

My father, Haposan, and Agus are very busy with all their work so everyone of us is busy doing the work of God. I am glad that God is blessing us richly. I believe God has guided us that I open this new ministry so the Bible Presbyterian Church in Indonesia will grow faster now. We have three churches in Sumatra and two schools. My wife has the burden to open an orphanage. She said, "I was one of the orphans that received help from God." We have been praying for that since we open the children ministry to the poor this year. Doesn't God say that we have to care for the poor and the orphans? I thank God for my wife that she has such a beautiful heart. It is very easy to forget and to ignore them. No wonder sometimes our preaching became as the sounding brass. I believe God has started revival in Medan through the Bible Presbyterian Church of Indonesia.

I thank God for FEBC, the School of God that provided me sound doctrines. I pray that God will continue to bless and protect FEBC forever. I have visited all the theological schools in North Sumatra, but none of them as sound as FEBC. Please continue teaching Calvin's Institutes. It is the greatest

teaching that I ever know. I have four children. Now they are in school. I pray that one day they can study at FEBC. Now we are preparing them for it by teaching them English. Will FEBC be still the same in ten years to come? I hope the building may change but the stand is the same forever.

Please pray for the completion of our building, God may provide our needs. Our Kindergarten needs a second hand van (bus) and some materials, Bible stories for children.

Remember to pray for our Evangelistic Meeting next month. I will be speaking the gospel to our Medan people. Will you visit us sometimes?

Thanks to Life B.P. for the support, I just received Rp 763.200—on the 13th Oct 1992 through TT to my acc.

May God bless you and all the brethren here.

Expresgram to Dohar: Visiting you Nov. 18-23, via Garuda.

My Personal Testimony

Yong Chi Keen, Solomon

God began His gracious work in me 28th June 1991, when a friend, Theresa Low, brought me to a revival meeting in Life BP. After that sermon, my mind swarmed with questions I'd never have asked, and the unanswered question of "What is my purpose in life?" stood out so very clearly. I hungered to know. That evening, the 4 of us, Theresa, Kelvin, Wing Fei and I, went out for supper. Over the table, many truths were revealed to me. Things I never questioned and bothered myself with were told me. The actual truth of Christianity was spread out before me. My impression of Christianity in the past was something far from what I was told that night. The Lord didn't let me sleep peacefully that night.

Thus began my quest to quench the thirst for the knowledge of Christ. Thank God He provided so well with so many Christian brothers in camp who gave me many magazines and tracts.

I attended LBC and got to know Paul Phua. Little did I know how God would use him to bring me to Jesus.

I was posted to another camp and when I first reported sick I was greeted with a nice surprise. For lo and behold Paul was the medical clerk there. In the hour I spent there, I asked Paul many questions. One of which was, "Why is God so unfair to save only some and not all?" After I had left, he wrote me a letter telling me to put aside the question and think of my own salvation first. For if I was not saved how else are others to be saved. I saw the great truth in it and God convicted my heart to let go and ask Jesus to enter into my life.

Through all this, I could see God's divine grace, and provision as Jehovah Jireh, providing people at the right place and time, saying the right things. Thank God for His mercy upon me.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (November 9 - 15, '92)

MON 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
7.30 pm *Gospel of Matthew* Exam
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm *Gospel Prophets* Exam
FRI 6.00 pm FEBC End-of-Semester Dinner
7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
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/LTF
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6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr
7.30 pm Korean Service

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

Times of Spiritual Refreshing!

Attend **BIBLE FOR TODAY** meetings
with Dr & Mrs Waite at Calvary
Pandan Sat. Dec 12 & Sat. Dec 19,
4.30 pm. Acting by Mrs Waite of
Fanny Crosby's life, etc.
School of Special Studies in between
Dec 16-18. Talks on Amillennialism
and Hypercalvinism, etc at Calvary
Pandan, 9 am; 7.30 pm.

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

*\$3,236.00 (8.00 am)
*\$11,647.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1546)
\$3236; 1547)\$11647; 1548)\$1300;
1549)\$400 (Keb. Indonesia).
TOTAL: \$2,636,232.79
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,048,709.79
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project*
\$500, \$100, \$20(Sale of Beulah mat-
tress), \$1000(CLBC), \$120 (Box);
Burma \$100; *The Seets* \$200; *Mis-
sion* \$100, \$50; *Philippines* \$100,
\$200 (Sunday Sch.); *African Pastors*
\$50; *Chinese Service* \$152; *Kip Vel*
\$20 (Box); *Dohar (Medan)* \$50.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) For the Lord's provision for me this
past year and His blessings. Great is
His faithfulness, may His name be
praised and exalted forever.

Here is my humble offering of \$100
to Him towards Beulah House.

(2) This \$200 for Hilltop is an extra
blessing from the Lord. How true is
the promise, "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 9:8). - "Thankful"

(3) This is an offering in thanks to the
Lord for privilege He's given me to know
Him all my 16 years. I thank God that
in S'pore, one worships as freely the
Divine One as he pleases. (\$35)

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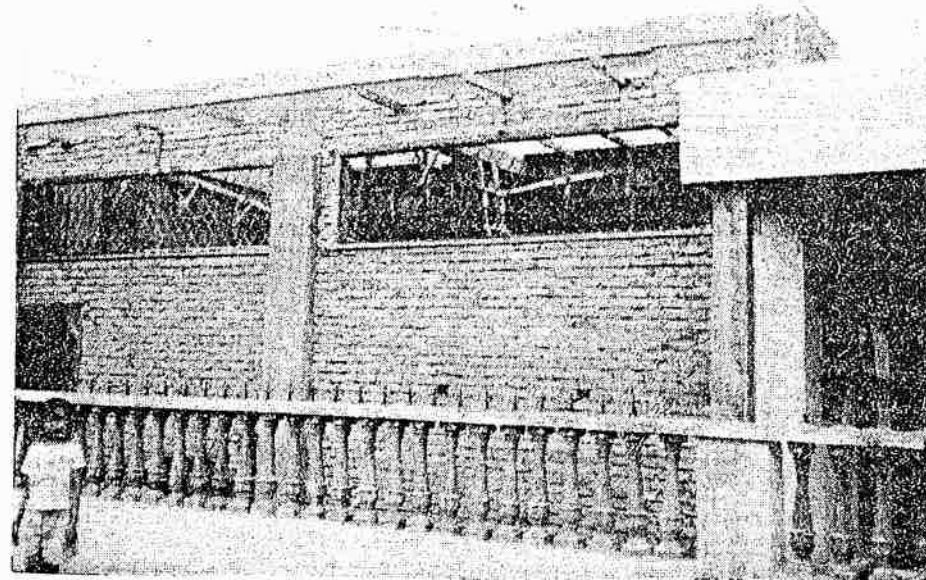
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8 November 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Cail to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Paul Wong
Opening Hymn	No. 289	No. 1
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Prov 6:16-35	Psalms 25
Hymn	<i>O be careful!</i>	No. 90
Welcome and Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 52	No. 335
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	John 8:1-24	Josh 2:1-22
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>What is deadlier than Adultery</i>	<i>Rahab, an example of genuine faith</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)
Closing Hymn	No. 273	No. 441
Benediction and Threefold Amen	Lord's Supper	



My dear Lifers,

When I was invited to speak at New Life's 8th Anniversary last year, I was burdened to challenge them to trade every talent for the Lord. One buried talent I had observed at NL was not opening a bookroom when they had ample space for such a service. When we attended the 9th Anniversary Makan last Lord's Day, I was delighted to see they have now opened that bookroom, though in a small way. The spiritual dividends will multiply as the book ministry grows.

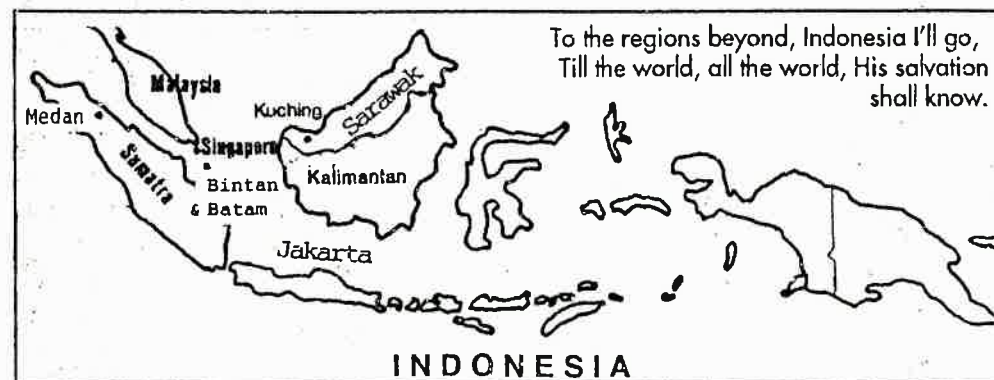
Now this is a moral also for the Mother Church at Gilstead Rd. Are we also trading every talent God has put into our hands? Insofar as Beulah House is concerned, I'm glad to report we have reduced the Debt of \$3.1 million as at April 30, 1990 to \$1.01 million as of Nov. 1, '92. Other than reducing the Beulah Debt, lovers of God have been designating support for the Hilltop Project so that with half of our 42nd thanksgiving earmarked for Hilltop, we are enabled to remit Rev Dan Ebert III another US\$20,000. This raises our total giving to Manila to US\$80,000. Your Sing dollar now sent in time, saves nine! The day may come we might not be able to do that. "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it" (Prov 4:27). God bless every cheerful giver who also sends us a word through "The Offering Bags" column. This is "the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name" (Heb 13:15).

Last Lord's Day we published the Dohar letter from Medan. You saw the sprightly little kids on the front page. This week we show you the unfinished Church extension to their kindergarten. Considering the fact that Dohar has acquired a kindergarten property with enough space to add an extended Church auditorium, we cannot but be persuaded he has done a very good job. By Jesus' benediction on those who have, that more be given them, don't you think here's a worthy cause we can also help? And six thousand dollars will do it, as estimated by Dohar (our Sing dollar gains much strength over the rupiah).

During the week Haposan telephoned me. He would like to time our visit to Medan with the Inauguration of the B-P Church of Indonesia. This is a

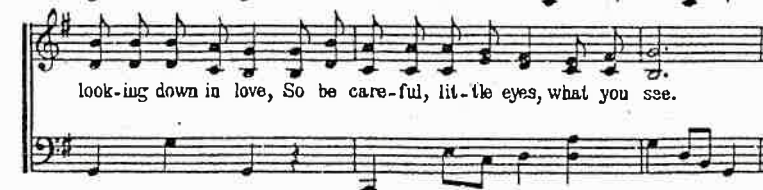
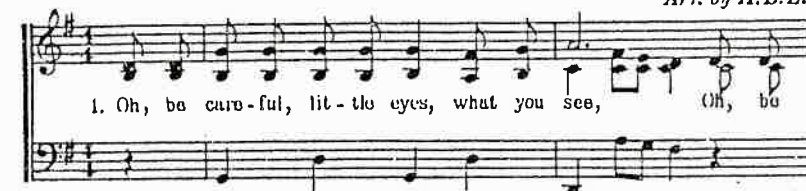
matter of abundant rejoicings, because after 20 years, B-P was to be recognised only for N.Sumatra. Due to the outstanding work of the Siregar family, founding two schools and three Churches (and Haposan is a sought after speaker even on radio) the Government of Indonesia has now recognised the BP Church throughout the farflung nation of 180,000,000. I am constrained that Life Church should not only send me but other B-P Churches their pastors too. So we have Rev Stephen Khoo representing Calvary, bringing a gift, Rev Bob Phee (Sembawang), Rev Peter Chua (Sharon), Rev & Mrs Koa (Malaysia) and Eld Khoo Peng Kiat.

"Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it" (Rev 3:8). Since 1971 we have entered this door to Indonesia. Today He has given us a lighthouse to West Kalimantan (Djunaidi), Bintan Island (Tg. Pinang, Kijang, Tg Uban), Batam, North Sumatra (Medan and Kota Baru). With Dohar's sister Mariana training at FEBC and Marilyn Nanta of Sarawak now returning to her longhouse territory, the prospect of entering new fields is bright. (Arianto has returned to serve his Church in Djakarta), Indonesia, ahoy! Land of 13,000 Islands! *Who will be next to go?* "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). (Dohar address: TK Gloria, Jln Garuda Raya No. 44, Perumnas Mandala, Medan, 20226, Indonesia.) - T.T.




OH, BE CAREFUL

Old Melody
Arr. by H.D.L.



2. Oh, be careful, little ears, what you hear.
3. Oh, be careful, little tongue, what you say.
4. Oh, be careful, little hands, what you do.
5. Oh, be careful, little feet, where you go.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (November 16 - 22, '92)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	*\$4,964.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,905.00 (10.30 am)	
WED 4.55 pm	Rev Tow & Co. to Medan	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1550) *\$4964; 1551)	
THU 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	*\$9905; 1552) \$100 (Thai F'ship); 1553)	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	\$1500(FEK); 1554) \$93; 1555)\$70; 1556)\$100;	
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm YF	1557)\$1068(Chinese Ser.); 1558) \$62.90	
2.30 pm	Baptist F'ship Church	(YF<F). TOTAL:\$2,654,095.69.	
	Wedding (Rev M. Reddick)	GRAND TOTAL: \$3,066,572.69	
3.00 pm	LBC/LTF/YAF	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Hilltop</i> \$180, \$10, \$100,	
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Jesus and Lazarus</i>	\$5000(S.S.), \$80(Box), \$150, \$150 (Tues. Nite),	
	(Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	\$100(Box); <i>Burma</i> \$50, \$500; <i>Missions</i> \$200,	
9.30 am	Sunday School	<i>New Life BPC</i> \$300, <i>FEBC</i> \$30 (Box), \$200.	
10.30 am	Rev Ronny Khoo		
10.30 am	Chinese Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	(1) Happy to contribute \$150 pm to Hilltop.	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	(2) For Hilltop from Tues. Night Prayer Meeting.	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	"I thank you Lord, Amen." (Indonesian worshipper)	
12.15 pm	Korean Church Service	(3) "Thanks to God for His blessings and	
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	countless merices" (\$300).	
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	(4) Please accept this little gift (\$200) for the	
1.30 pm	AF	work of FEBC. I look forward to joining the FEBC	
3.00 pm	Thai Service	and to learn much (from the College) in the Word	
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	of God." - Calvinian	
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	(5) Accumulated offerings for Saipan amounting	
7.30 pm	Korean Service	to \$7,035 are being channelled through Calvary-	
NBC This Week: Fri Bishan.		Jurong. Greetings to Bro. Pang Kok Hiong!	
FEBC closes for the Christmas Vacation from Mon. Nov 16 (after the Big Cleaning of College Campus) and reopens Jan 4, '93. Mrs Phoebe Wong and two children are leaving Fri. BA12, 11.15pm to join Rev Colin Wong at Biblical Seminary, Hatfield PA. Chota of Zaire is headed homewards and hopes to start a BPC in his French-speaking country. Joshua Wonsia and family are now settled in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, while Liberia their home country is still embroiled in civil war.			
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Sunday School Attendance: 291 Offering: \$256.20		A buffalo to be sacrificed to the gods by the Bataks.	

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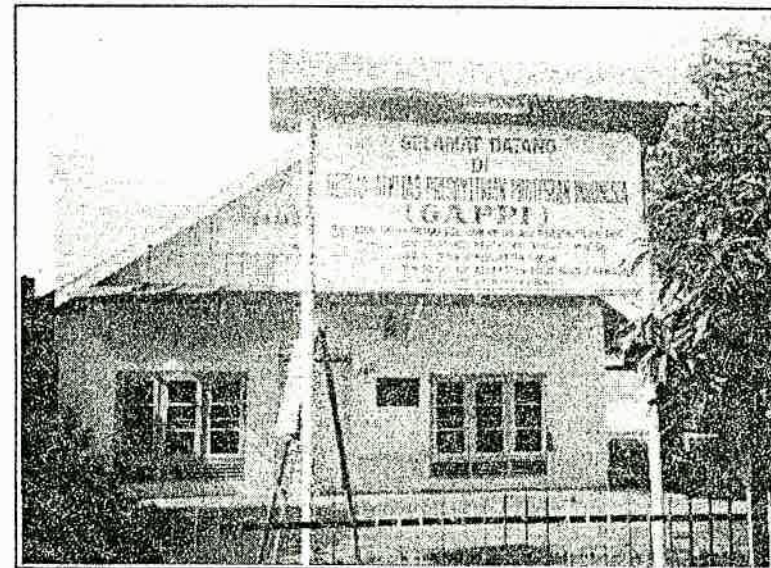
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15 November 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Mahadevan	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 93	No. 216
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 146	Jn 15:1-26
Hymn	No. 311	No. 243
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 335	No. 122
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 9:1-7	Phil 4:1-9
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus & the Man Born Blind</i> (Rev Tan Eng Boo)	<i>Euodias & Syntyche</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 295	No. 377
Benediction		



say is these meetings are a windfall from the Lord. It costs them such a lot to make the long journey half way round the world, and yet the lectures are free! I wish all our Fellowships that have their meetings on Saturday would cancel them in order to profit from the two great days at Calvary Pandan. Although I've not met Dr Waite in person, I've known him from the Christian

My dear Lifers,

Last Lord's Day, you were deluged with a king-size white and chocolate brochure announcing the coming of Dr and Mrs D.A. Waite, Dec 12-20, '92. A thousand are expected to hear them at Calvary Pandan especially the two Saturdays of Dec 12 and Dec 19. The time is 4.30 pm when Dr Waite will speak on *Bible for Today I & II, versions and perversions*, followed by Mrs Waite on *Model for Lovely Ladies I & II*. Later in the evenings at 7.30 pm Mrs Waite will pay *Tribute to Fanny Crosby and Frances Havergal* (two greatest English hymn writers) by dramatisation, etc. In between the two Saturdays Dr Waite will run a *School of Special Studies* Dec 15-18, 9 - 11 am; 7.30 - 9.30 pm. This series of lectures will be counted as FEBC lectures, and FEBC students are urged to attend, 1 credit!

What I'm trying to

Beacon years ago when he was Dr McIntire's personal representative, speaking on behalf of the ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches) throughout the length and breadth of America. He has plenty of spiritual wisdom to impart, I'm sure. So do not miss what your pastor recommends.

Wed. Nov 18 a party of ten of us including 5 BP pastors will leave for Medan on a business-cum-pleasure visit to N. Sumatra. For here we have Haposan's Church and 9-classroom school and Dohar's Kindergarten with an extended Church auditorium under construction. Up-country at Kuta Baru there's another Church (built by Life Church years ago). The climax of our trip will be the Inauguration of the BPC to establish branches throughout Indonesia. This recognition does not come but after 2 decades of sowing and reaping. It is to be remembered that while the Church at Medan and Kuta Baru was founded by Life, this work was later passed on to Galilee. Galilee bought them a property at which a kindergarten was run, which developed into a Primary School. Jan. 1991, Life Church bought an adjoining piece of land twice its size whereon 9 classrooms are further developed. As for Dohar, he is supported by Life Church with help from New Life. This is a glorious page of missions receiving the high commendation of the Indonesian Government. Missions through Christian education!

Pray for us that our "official" visit will bear much fruit. They need our advice and our help. With Life, Calvary, Sembawang, Sharon and Malaysia represented, who knows what further development will result in days to come. If Mr Lee Kuan Yew's clarion call to S'poreans to "fly" abroad is imperative for our economy, the Lord's standing orders to go into all the world are even more for God's Kingdom. We are determined to enter every door of missions God is opening for the BPC movement.

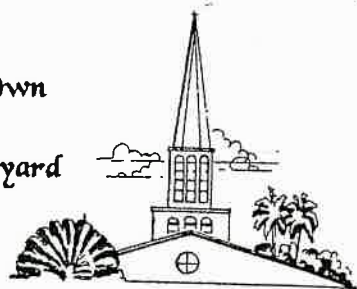
Incidentally, the theme of our Australian

Bible Camp in December is "Striving together for the faith of the Gospel". Under this Missions emphasis who knows Adelaide might not have a part with us in evangelising our mutual great neighbour - Indonesia. As for Sharon, she will again channel her Christmas offerings to the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, USA, that has missions to Africa, S. America, the Holy Land and Australia.

Finally, a word about the Children's Bible Camp under Mrs Ivy Tow, Nov. 29 - Dec. 2. This is the last call for parents to send your kids to enjoy a season of fellowship and study of God's Word, with a Gospel film show every nite! - T.T.

My Own

Churchyard



Dear Lord, when things get hectic,
And living seems so hard,
I just get out of the house
And sit in Life Churchyard.

For it is quiet and peaceful
Beneath the pines and palms,
Where sunlight peeps thru branches
While the bumble bee hums.

This old world we inhabit,
So much the worse for wear,
And beauty fades so quickly
And hearts forget to care.

But somehow I've discovered
Within my own Churchyard
A quiet, peaceful sanctuary
Where I can meet with God.

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Testimony of Amos Wee

I was introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ when I was in Sec. 3 ... however, my faith was not strong partly because my parents are free-thinkers. I ended up taking Buddhist studies as an 'O' level subject for my religious knowledge class.

The classes taught me that we could achieve nirvana, simply through doing good deeds and rebirth repeatedly until we end up with a state of 'nothingness' ... though I passed the subject, I found the ideology of nirvana meaningless.

When I was in JC 2, on May 28 1987 during a PE session in college, I suffered a stroke and ended up in TIS hospital. When I regained consciousness, I discovered that the left side of my body was paralyzed, my speech was slurred, I was unable to sit up without support. Then my cousin who is a member of Galilee BP Church, brought his pastor to visit me often and got his church members to pray for me.

By the grace of God, I got back my 'feeling' on the left side of my body within the week. Through this experience, I came to have stronger faith in the Lord Jesus and began to read the Bible more often with the guidance of the RPG booklet which Pastor Low brought to me every month.

During my stay in TISH, I made a promise to God I would go to church once I was out of hospital.

Within 6 months I was back in school, with leg-braces and a walking stick. I visited Galilee BP and made

another promise to God, that I would go to church every Sunday. However with the need to repeat my JC 2 for my 'A' levels, I was not able to go to church every Sunday, as Sunday was the only available day for my therapy.

Once again, God granted me his grace by helping me get my 'A' level certificate in 1988. Though the results were not very good, God helped me get into SJM in 1989. With the workload of tertiary education and therapy that I had to go through, I was unable to go to church every Lord's day. Thus I promised God that I would go to Life BP Church once a month to collect the RPG which would guide me to better knowledge of God. God helped me to regain normal speech and also write with my right hand (I was a left-handed person before my stroke!).

Finally in August 1992, God helped me to get my BSc (Econ) degree. This time, I was able to put my worries about paper qualifications aside, and I've been able to honour my promise to God by coming to church every Sunday!

Thank God for his mercies! Praise be unto God who helped me through my difficulties and making it so easy for me to become a Christian. Thus, to be baptized in Life BP Church would be my way of showing people that I'm a true Christian.

Finally, I would like to say that I was truly moved by the simplicity of being saved! 'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation' (Rom 10:10).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (November 23 - 29, '92)

MON 11.25 am Rev Tow & Co. return
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
WED 8.00 pm Session Mtg
THU 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fship
SAT 2.30 pm Mariner Kwok & Giam Pin
Pin Wedding (Rev Tow)
3.00 pm Combined F'ships Workshop,
"Principles of Interpretation
of the Bible" (Quek Suan Yew)
FEBC Hall
5.30 pm Lok Kwok Wah & Jenny Tng
Wedding (Rev Tow)
7.30 pm Filmshow *Bamboo in Winter*,
Sanctuary
SUN 8.00 am *Jesus and Martha* (Mr Quek SY)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
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

NBC This Week: *Wed* Bt Timah,
Henderson; *Fri* Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,423.00 (8.00 am);
*\$9,572.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1559)*\$4423;
1560)*\$9572; 1561) \$50; 1562) \$100; 1563)
\$300. TOTAL: \$2,668,540.69
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,081,017.69
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$110, \$100,
\$150, \$100 (Coinafon), \$570(WF); *Burma*
\$50; *Bibles for Russia* \$100; *College Extn*
Bldg Fund (of Chinese Ser.) \$300, \$80; *Rev*
E Paauwe \$994.95.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Please channel this gift of \$2,000 to Medan's
1. church
2. orphans.
Praise Him, Praise Him,
All ye little children. Amen. - "Old" Lifer.
- (2) Enclosed is a small token of gratitude to the
Lord. Please use it where the need is greatest
(\$250 for Hilltop).
- (3) Love gift to Medan (Dohar Church Bldg) from
Maranatha BPC (\$200).
- (4) We would like to channel this sum (\$300) for
Hilltop, but please channel it where you think the
need is most. Thanks for your book "Prophescope
on Israel".
- (5) I'd like to convert this loan (\$7000) into gift
for EBF II. The Lord has saved me from an
operation.
- (6) Enclosed is a photostat copy of Telex transfer
of \$52490 to Dohar for his BF. This was the
amount handed from the MF to MsF for onward
transmission to Medan.
- (7) G1,000 = \$5994.95 from Holland to
Paaupes.
- (8) Enclosed \$500 from AF to Dohar.

MY YEAR-END EXAM

My exam was difficult. I prayed to God.
When I was taking my examination, my mother
prayed for me. I find the questions for all the
subjects tricky and what I have revised did not
come out. I tell myself that I will not get full
marks. After a few days, we got our exam papers
back. To my surprise I passed with flying colours.
I thanked God.

Pray always.

Gabriel Goh
(Sunday School Primary Dept.)

LOST: A diary belonging to Berenice Cheng. If
found, please call 350-2444(O) or 7480460(H).

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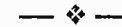
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
Opening Hymn	No. 37	No. 73
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 27	Psalms 55
Hymn	No. 184	No. 25
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 246	No. 309
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	John 11:1-26	Matt 22:1-13; 25:1-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Why did Jesus wait?</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>The Judgments of God</i> (Rev Ronny Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 221	No. 220
Benediction		

GRASSHOPPERS AND ANTS

A Sermon presented by Yumi Sakashita at FEBC Homiletics Class

Text: II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."



I believe most of you are familiar with the fable of the grasshopper and the ant. There was once an ant and a grasshopper. The ant was a very hardworking fellow. Everyday, he gathered food for the coming winter. But the grasshopper was completely different from the ant. Whole day long, he would be hopping here and there, enjoying life, not bothered about the coming winter. When winter

finally came, the ant had plenty of food to eat but the grasshopper suffered greatly and almost died had it not been for the ant who took him into his house. Likewise, we Christians should live with a purpose, because we know what is to come, eternity. We should live with eternity in mind. We should not be like the unbeliever, who is like the grasshopper, who does not think of eternal things. We should prepare for eternity. Before you became a Christian, how was your life like? And after you have received Christ, how is your

life like now?

I will talk about myself. It is more than 3 years ago. There were no Christians around me, school, company, family, or friends. Indeed it was very difficult to find a Christian in Japan, especially among the younger generation. We have money to go out, play golf, eat in expensive restaurants. We have no time to think of religion at all. I had never even seen a Church in Japan then.

One day I happened to read a book which reported that every Japanese has opportunity to travel to 40 countries in their lifetime. I was lured by this report, so I harboured a great ambition to visit 40 countries while I am alive. But deep inside me I had these nagging questions: What happens when I'm old? What shall I do? My body will not be as strong as it is now. I became restless and had fear in my heart. What is life? Is it simply just to live and die? But soon, these thoughts were put behind me.

When I was studying

at the YMCA English College, I happened to see an article about a special visa called the "Working Holiday Visa." It permits one to stay for a year studying in an English School and at the same time to work in that country. The visa is between Japan and Australia, New Zealand and Canada. The age restriction is 25 years old for Australia, and 30 years for New Zealand and Canada. I was 20 years old then. I was so excited that I quickly shared my excitement with a friend, "We must go!!" Immediately we chose Australia for our destination. But we had to save money for our trip first.

After graduating from the College, we worked in different travel agencies since we love travelling. Through my working there, I had several opportunities to visit different countries. Originally, we had planned to go for the "working holiday" after one year of working in Japan, but my friend could not save enough money. So she suggested going one year later. Moreover, she felt that it was good for our career if we worked for one year more. I reluctantly accepted the one year delay. Nobody knew that the higher Hand of God was working in my life at that time. There was a purpose for the delay as later events will show.

After 2 years of working, we carried huge backpacks upon our shoulders (like many of the Western tourists in Singapore) and left for Australia. Filled with excitement, we planned to study in Australia for one year, working, studying and holidaying, and after that tour the Indonesian islands.

En route to Australia, we stayed in Singapore for one week, not knowing that I would come back here one day! I enrolled in an English College in Australia. While studying there, I met a Korean man named Young Lyong (now an FEBC student) through my friend, who was in the same class with him. He invited us to Church. We were curious about the Church, because we had never been to a Church before. So we decided

to go. It was my very first time in a Church. There, I met Rev and Mrs Paauwe who are Rev Tow's son-in-law and daughter.

At first I didn't like the preaching and the Bible, because both were so difficult for me to understand. But after I shifted from the Australian family, I stayed in Young Lyong's boarding house (which he shared with several people). We studied the Bible together. I also attended a night class on Romans. Slowly I began to understand Christianity and together with the Christian love and fellowship I experienced, I realized that I was a sinner, I needed Jesus to cleanse my sins. Can I be a Christian? By God's grace I was wonderfully converted. At that moment, I felt real peace. And I had joy to study the Word of God.

I knew the existence of Far Eastern Bible College through Rev Paauwe. I read the FEBC book and I had a strong desire to study the Bible. Through my 22 years of life, I was ignorant about Christ, I wanted to know more. I prayed because I was not even baptized yet, and I was not sure if I would be admitted to FEBC. God answered my prayer. I was admitted as a student. In fact, Mrs Tow told me after I came to FEBC, that had I not the recommendation from Rev Paauwe, I would not be accepted. I really thank God! And the reason why God had given us a one year delay in going to Australia was proved by two things: (1) My meeting with Young Lyong. (2) Because I had worked for 2 years, I now have enough money to support my study in FEBC. Coming to FEBC was indeed a great transition in my life. My life has changed totally, 180 degrees. If I was rejected, I would not know where I am now, and what I will be doing. Probably I would still be hopping here and there like the grasshopper. But now I know what is to come.

Now let us refer to the text: *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away.* What are the old things? They are old opinions, views, plans, desires, principles and affections. These old relationships have passed away. We are no longer identified

with Adam. We are no longer identified with the world system. We are now identified with Christ. We have been baptised into the body of believers and we belong to Him. Yes. Do you remember the day you were baptised? "*Happy Day, Happy Day, When Jesus washed my sins away.*" I clearly remember the day of my baptism - 21st October 1990, in Life BP Church by Rev Tow. But as the time passed by, we tend to forget all the goodness of God and take them for granted. We should not be like the people in Laodicea Church. We have nice rooms to stay, delicious food to eat. Take a moment to think about this: if FEBC doesn't have dormitories, where are you going to stay? Rent a room? It is very expensive! What are you going to eat everyday? Eat outside? It is also very expensive. Are you grateful to God? If so, we should show our appreciation by doing something for God and render our duties to the College. Do you return the library book on time? Do you perform your duties properly? Cleaning of God's house? Do you switch off the fan and lights when you leave the room? If we love God, we should treasure God's house as well as its facilities. Let us go back to our text again: *Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.* What is a new creature? It indicates not only the greatness and radical nature of the change effected in us when we receive Christ into our hearts, but also its divine origin. It is a divine work, ie. one due to the mighty power of God. It is therefore called a creation, the beginning of a new state of being. "Behold, all things are become new." It is a new relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's be very practical about this. You may ask, "I know that is a wonderful verse, but how may I know absolutely that I am a new creature in Christ?" Listen to what the Lord Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth

my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (Jn 5:24).

Have you believed in the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you trust Him? If you do, He assures you that you have eternal life and will not come into judgement; you have passed from death unto life. This makes you a new creation, no longer subject to judgement and death. You have passed into life. Do you try to base your confidence on experience? You are a new creation because Jesus says so. The basis is the Word of God. You no longer belong to the old creation that fell in Adam. The new creation stands in Christ Jesus, and you are in Him if you are putting your trust in Him. You and I stand in the place of danger and temptation; we may fail in many, many ways, but the wonderful truth is that the Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed us. So we are a new creation in Him. After I was converted and baptised, and since Jesus came into my heart, my life has changed wonderfully. The training here has also helped that change. Though it is difficult and many times I was discouraged, there was much improvement in me. I have a new outlook of life now. In conclusion, after you have become a new creature, do you have a new aim in life? Do you live with a different purpose from that when you were still unsaved.

What then is your ultimate aim in your life? To enjoy yourself and get rich? Are you like the ant who knows what is to come? Or are you like the grasshopper living from day to day without any purpose? After you have become a believer, do you know your ultimate destiny? That is, to meet God. And are you preparing yourself for that great day? Or are you still like the world, living only for this life? It is up to you to choose, to be a grasshopper or an ant.

But remember that our lives in this world is very short. Psalm 90:10 says, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (November 30 - December 6, '92)

MON 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm Children's Camp Parents' Nite
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
SAT 1.00 pm LJBC
2.00 pm Alvin Heng & Tan Hui Hwa
Wedding (Rev Tow)
2.45 pm Combined YF/LTF Gospel
Rally, FEBC Hall
3.00 pm LBC/YAF
4.30 pm Benjamin Heng & Sin Kwai
Fah Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN 8.00 am *Jesus and Mary of Bethany*
(Elder Chia K C)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Rev Tow, Lord's Supper
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
10.30 am Children's Choir Practice
10.40 am Church Choir Practice
12.30 pm Session and Catechumens
F'ship Lunch, Beulah Hse
NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,396.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,478.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1564)*\$3396;
1565)*\$7478; 1566)\$1000; 1567) \$50; 1568)
\$60; 1569)\$100 (Thai F'ship); 1570)\$1500
(FEK); 1571) \$50; 1572)\$318(Coinafon).
TOTAL:\$2,682,492.69.
LOANS: 44)\$500 (MF). TOTAL LOANS:
\$412,977. GRAND TOTAL: \$3,095,469.69
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$10, \$10, \$70,
\$200, \$80(Box), \$300, \$250, \$318(Coinafon),
US\$25; *RT Library* \$60; *Missions* \$50;
FEBC \$100; *Dohar, Medan* \$2000; *Dohar's*
Church Bldg \$200.

FEK requires 1 teacher, 1 Chinese Teacher.
Please call church office.

LOST & FOUND: Owners please claim your
items at the reception counter today.
Unclaimed Bibles will be sent to Thailand/Africa.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) This is the second of the 3-part instalment
as thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness unto us
undeserving sinners, especially in seeing me through
my overseas exam. May you direct this sum to
the FEBC scholarship fund for needy students
(\$1000).
(2) Praise the Lord for His grace, mercy &
manifold blessings! I pray that He will grant us
faith to labour on and be a good witness for Him
till He returns! (\$80).

THE CYCLES WHEREIN CIVILISATIONS RISE AND FALL

From bondage, comes spiritual faith.
From spiritual faith, comes courage.
From courage, comes liberty.
From liberty, comes abundance.
From abundance, comes complacency.
From complacency, comes apathy.
From apathy, comes dependency.
From dependency, comes bondage.

Lunch for Catechumens who were transferred
or baptised on Anniversary will be held at Beulah
House on Sunday, 6 Dec, 12.30 pm sharp.
Session members and their wives & f'ship
leaders/ reps are invited. Please inform the
church office (tel. 2569256) by Wed. 2 Dec
whether you are coming.

Hearing of the Indonesian Govt's full recognition
of BPC, this new friend of Life Church pulled
out a \$1,000 note for the developments in
Medan. Though not a BP, he rejoices in this
new open door to Indo. missions.
From USA a \$25 cheque to be used where the
need is greatest (Hilltop).
Give good books this Christmas. New stocks
from England herel New printing of big
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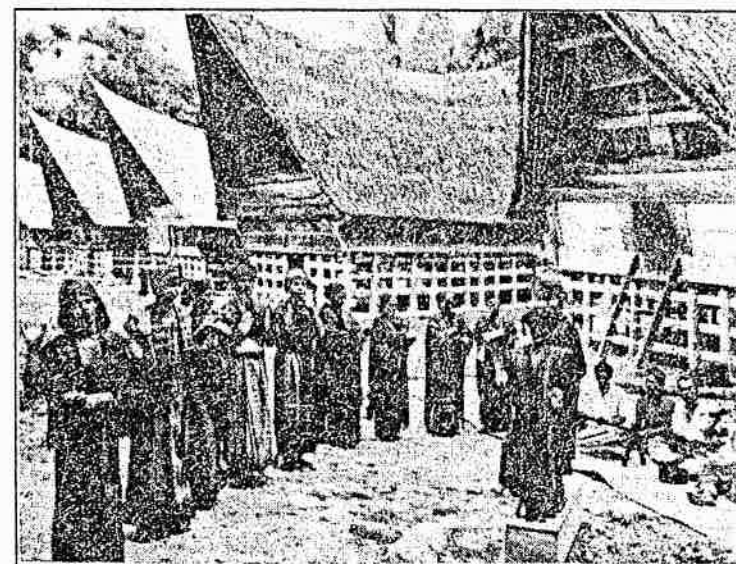
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29 November 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 5	No. 198
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 96	Matt 24:1-14
Hymn	No. 88	No. 223
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 419	<i>Go ye ... nations</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 11:1-44	Lk 8:4-15
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus & Martha</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)	<i>The Type that Delights</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 389	No. 467
Benediction		



A GLIMPSE OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS TO BATAKLAND

In North Sumatra, with Medan as its metropolis, is the
Land of the Bataks. Christian missionaries began to make
inroads there in the early decades of the 19th century.

Do you know that before coming to Singapore in 1819,

Sir Stamford Raffles was
governor of Java (1811) and
of Sumatra (1818-1824).
Himself a Baptist, he
encouraged the Baptist
Missionary Soc. of England
to open a work with the
Bataks. Three English
missionaries were sent in
1824 but these were rejected.
A second effort made by the
Netherlands Missionary Soc.
through a German
missionary, Karl August
Gutzlaff, also failed. A third
attempt was made by the
American Board of
Commissioners for Foreign
Missions (ABCFM) in 1834.

Two missionaries from
the Congregational Church of
America, Henry Lyman, 24
and Samuel Munsen, 29
arrived June 17, 1834 at
Sibolga (Central Batakland).
From there they entered the
Interior, the Silidung Valley
(around Lake Toba). But
that was the last of them.
They were killed and eaten
by the Bataks. Many years
after, when the Bataks were
converted to Christianity, a
monument was erected at
Silidung in remembrance of
the two fallen missionaries.
Underneath was a quotation

from Tertullian, "The Blood of the Martyr is the Seed of the Church." A plaque in English is displayed also in Medan recording the martyrdom of Lyman and Munsen. (I read this at a street corner many years ago.)

It was not until 1861 with the coming of German missionary Nommensen (1834-1918) of the Rhenish Missionary Soc. that the Gospel seed was successfully sown. By him tribe after tribe of the Batak peoples were converted and the Protestant Christian Batak Church, known as HKBP, was established. In 1877 a training school for national leaders was opened in Silidung Valley. In 1878 Nommensen translated the New Testament into the Batak language. By 1894 the O.T. was completed by Rev Johannsen. By 1901 48,000 souls were baptised. Churches were built all over the land.

There is a saying, "A man, a movement, a machine, a monument." Alas, what began so energetically with Nommensen, which grew and multiplied into a movement, is today become a grinding machine and a monument. Travelling through Batakland, one can see old churches, built Lutheran-style, dotting the landscape, but many have now gone to seed.

Today, North Sumatra is occupied by 70 denominations. One of the latest to enter Batakland is BP Mission under Life Church (1972). As a result of our visiting Medan and the Lake Toba region, the stronghold of Bataks, we have drawn young people from these regions to train at FEBC. They who have graduated and actively serving the Lord are Dohar, Sahat, Glorya, Haposan, Agus and Roska. Bapa

Wesly Siregar was ordained a BP Minister at Galilee and appointed to N.Sumatra over a growing BP Church. The religious and educational work by FEBC graduates has so impressed the authorities that Gereja Alkitab Presbyterian (BPC) is now recognised throughout Indonesia. "A great door and effectual" is opened to us, but who will go for Him?
- T.T.

*We're now just come home from beyond
Batakland
A great white harvest field is this land in
North Sumatra (2x)*

*For here we have laboured for twenty
good years
The Lord has prospered them who went
sowing the Seed in tears (2x)*

*Today BPC is a young mission strong
And God has opened wide a door to all
Indonesia (2x)*

*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. Amen.*



MEDAN MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

The best news received from Haposan was full recognition accorded to the BPC by the Govt. of Indonesia. After 20 years of sowing and reaping, God has brought about this recognition. This should cause our hearts to well up with gratitude and praise for what God has done for us. So, to rejoice with our brethren in Medan, a team of 10 including 5 BP pastors representing Calvary, Sembawang, Sharon, Muar and Life left on Wed. afternoon, 18 Nov. for our destination.

At the airport to welcome us were Rev Siregar and his sons - Haposan, Agus and

Dohar and his wife Gloria. Later, our tour bus brought us to Garuda Plaza Hotel. Refreshed after a good night's rest, we were taken to places of historical and cultural interest in Medan, and to Parapat where we stayed overnight to prepare for our tour of Samosir Island, situated in the middle of Lake Toba. This is the Batak country from where our FEBC students come.

Our next stop was at Brastagi, a mountain resort known for its orchards and gardens. We checked in at the Sinabung Resort Hotel. It was a fitting preparation for worship the next morning in Gereja Alkitab Presbyterian Protestan Indonesia (GAPPI), pastored by Bro Haposan. The Lord's messenger for both the morning worship and inauguration services was our beloved Pastor with Bro Haposan interpreting. The morning's message was taken from *The Parable of the Talents* (Matt 25:14-30) exhorting, inspiring and challenging the brethren to trade and make profit for the extension of God's Kingdom.

Simultaneously preaching that morning at Dohar's Church, which is still under construction, was Rev Koa of Muar BP Church. He expounded *The Parable of the Sower*.

The climax of our visit was the Inauguration Service of BPC Indonesia which was held in the afternoon at GAPPI. The church, which could accommodate about 150 people, was packed. Rev Tow delivered God's Word from Acts 18:1-11. God always uses a man to carry out His work. In the case of the Batak Church, it was a German missionary by the name of Nommensen, from whom was developed a great Church. However, a movement like a machine can grind to a halt as a result of spiritual complacency. This state of affairs is found in many of the Batak churches today. The model church for us to follow is that of the N.T. Church found in Acts. A church must go on to generate power like a waterfall (as visited at Lake Toba). The church must be on the move,

otherwise it will end up like a monument.

Other speakers included representatives from churches, Batak villages and Religious Affairs Dept. of N. Sumatra. We thank God that the Head of Religious Affairs was personally present to give a public declaration of the Indonesian Government's full recognition of the BPC based on the five principles of Pancasila. This official recognition marks a most significant milestone in the history of the BPC. Let us not lose by default in not seizing this golden opportunity to extend God's Kingdom beyond our shores (Acts 1:8).

In conclusion, I would like to thank God for:

- (1) giving me the opportunity to learn first-hand the work in Medan and its needs;
- (2) the ministry of hospitality extended to us during our visit by our Indonesian brethren;
- (3) preserving our going out and coming in;
- (4) the caring concern shown towards one another and the dwelling in harmony (Ps 133);
- (5) the physical and spiritual refreshment from God's loving hand and through His faithful servants' preaching;
- (6) moving the hearts of His people to give cheerfully for the Medan ministry;
- (7) our members' prayerful support of our mission.

What is my personal impression of the work in Medan by the Siregar family? I believe they deserve our whole-hearted support both through prayer and giving. There are the 3 churches, the primary school of 300 children and a kindergarten of 100 and an orphanage under construction. William Carey said, *Expect great things from God! Attempt great things for God!* In the words of the writer to the Hebrews, "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Heb 13:16). Paul's exhortation to the Galatians was: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal 6:10). Yes, let us encourage one another to "do something good for Jesus everyday." Try it and you will be blessed. The greater blessing is upon the giver than upon the recipient (Acts 20:35).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (December 7 - 13, '92)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
Wed 7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
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/LTF
2.30 pm Willie Woon & Seah Hoon
Wah Wedding (Rev Tow)
3.00 pm LBC
5.30 pm Roland Ho & Phoebe Ang
Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN 8.00 am *Jesus and Peter* (Rev Tow,
Lord's Supper)
9.30 am Sunday School
10.30 am Mr Jeffrey Khoo
10.30 am Chinese Service
10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
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
7.30 pm Korean Service
NBC This Week: *Wed* Bt Timah,
Henderson; *Fri* Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,955.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,584.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1573) *\$3955;
1574) \$50; 1575)*\$7584; 1576) \$50; 1577)
\$32(Coinafon); 1578)\$20.
TOTAL:\$2,694,183.69
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,107,160.69
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$163, \$150,
\$200, \$340.55 (Combined F'ship W/shop);
\$1000 ("Holiness Unto the Lord"), \$150,
\$450, \$100; *Medan Orphanage* \$10, *Medan*
\$150, \$1000; *FEBC* \$300; *Children's Camp*
\$600; *Dohar* \$50; *Burma* \$3258.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Please channel this \$200 to Hilltop.
- (2) "Holiness unto the Lord." \$1,000 to build God's House on "Hilltop".
- (3) Thank God for seeing me thru my exams. Enclosed is a paltry sum of \$50 for where it is most needed.
- (4) Please see attached cheque for the sum of \$600. I would like to give this money for the children's camp to train them to love the Lord early in their lives.
- (5) For all the many blessings that the Lord has bestowed on me in the past year, I give thanks. Praise be to the Lord! Please channel this humble offering of \$300 toward the furtherance of His Kingdom - the FEBC.
- (6) Through Pastor's hand, \$450 brought by a Young Lifer at NTU, "for Hilltop where the need is greatest".

Times of Spiritual Refreshing!

Attend **BIBLE FOR TODAY** meetings with Dr & Mrs Waite at Calvary Pandan Sat. Dec 12 & Sat. Dec 19, 4.30 pm. Acting by Mrs Waite of Fanny Crosby's life, etc.

School of Special Studies in between Dec 16-18. Talks on Amillennialism and Hypercalvinism, etc at Calvary Pandan, 9 am; 7.30 pm.



Rev O. George Kutty, pastor of Grace Bible Church, P.O. Box 6872, Providence, R.I. USA is visiting Singapore from Jan 20 through Feb 20, '93.

He will be available for speaking engagements. Welcome to Beulah House.

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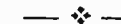
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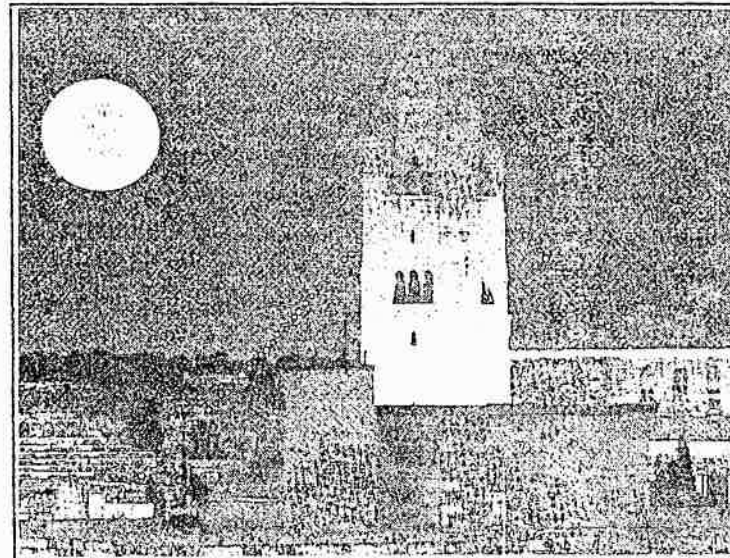
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6 December 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Jack Sin	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 213	No. 364
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 11:20-38	Ps 118
Hymn	No. 335	No. 61
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 384	Shine Forth
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Lk 10:38-42; Jn 12:1-7	Lk 8:16-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus & Mary of Bethany</i> (Eld Chia KC)	<i>Three Foolish Virgins</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 409	No. 277
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		



My dear Lifers,

There's a Chinese saying, "How many full moons have you seen in your life?" Literally and metaphorically. Much less, at Christmas, I'm sure.

This Christmas full moon over Jerusalem, with the

YMCA Tower standing prominent, is sent us by the Embassy of Israel. What makes Christmas so meaningful to us are not the artificial lights we see at Orchard Road, but the heavenly. "He appointed the moon for seasons" (Ps 104:19). Will there be a full moon at Christmas over Singapore this year?

Literally, I am not sure. Metaphorically, we should be thankful for another year of serenity, as portrayed by a full moon in a blue cloudless sky.

As we celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Virgin-born Son of God, we should all the more look forward to His Second Coming, "for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom 13:11).

Christmas is a time when we also remember our loved ones and friends. So it is a good custom to send cards to one another, even to those who have fallen out. A card can work wonders. Christmas is a time to remember the needy. In our Church we have the tradition of designating our Christmas

offerings to "worthy needy members, missionaries and missions." These gifts of kindness have gone a long way to accomplish that for which they are given.

The Christmas full moon over Jerusalem that reflects the Light of lights should draw us away from the enticing ones of departmental stores intent to suck the big blue and red dollar notes out of your pockets. Christians should not lavishly spend on articles that attract the eyes. If you are giving gifts this Christmas, may I urge you to give those that bless the heart - good Christian books that edify. There is a great stock arrived from England, from Banner of Truth Trust, at our own Bookroom. These we heartily recommend.

The Big Willmington Bibles with sound study guides are reprinted. A certain Christian doctor ordered 1,000 of them which he is sending to Filipino pastors. What a wise and worthy deed. Surely, this Christmas gift he is sending to the Philippines will shed much light on benighted souls. Let us follow his noble example to help those in darkness to come into the light of His salvation. So, give Christmas gifts that shed the Light of life!

The Christmas full moon over Jerusalem should remind the 50 Pilgrims who have signed up for the 4th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Mar 11-24, 1993, to make preparations. "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps 122:8). May our journey to Jerusalem be used of God to bless those we meet along life's way.

FROM MALAYSIA TO AUSTRALIA

Rev Mark Heath, who has served six years in Perth, has resigned. He and wife



is a financial need, they have requested help.

I'm happy to report that Session has decided to give them the support we have been giving to KL until Sept 1992. Since that sum is released for mission work elsewhere, and there is a need in Adelaide, we're glad we can contribute that portion and more. This is to our blessing, for the Lord says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Isn't it wonderful to think of it. God has so enriched Life Church that we can help not only London but also Adelaide.

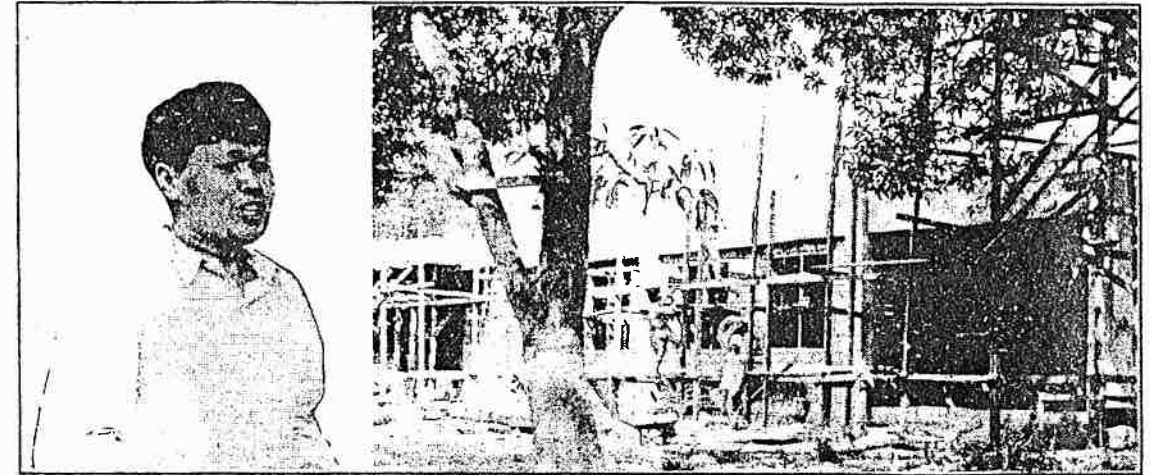
"HILLTOP"

What requires very much help is "Hilltop". Rev Dan Ebert IV writes:

Enclosed are some pictures of the most recent developments on Hilltop. What the pictures do not show are the souls that have come to Christ during the construction. Nearly twenty workers, including an engineer, have made professions of faith as a result of Bible studies conducted by pastor Donald Coniate. These are the first fruit of the Hilltop. At the last Bible study 91 workers were in attendance.

Thanks for the gift of S\$100 for Pastor Willy Bona. Please continue to pray for him and his family. He still does not have the full use of his memory. But we are determined not to forget his faithful service to the Lord, nor the kind of leader and example he has been. This is an important testimony.

Grace and two children are answering a call from Rev Paauwe to assist him at the Bible College and Church in Adelaide. As there



We look forward to receiving a copy of FEBC 30th anniversary publication. We are in prayer for you, Mrs Tow, and all the brethren in Singapore.

These photos show Pastor Donald Coniate, evangelist to the Filipino construction workers and progress on the building site.

- T.T.

Shine Forth for Jesus!

Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar.
To the many duties even near you now be true,
Shine forth for Jesus where you are.

1. Shine forth for Jesus where you are,
Shine forth for Jesus near and far.
Souls everywhere now are groping in darkest of night!
Shine forth for Jesus, send the light!
2. Shine forth for Jesus, send the Light!
Shine forth for Jesus, clear and bright.
Souls everywhere are gone astray they have lost the way.
Bring them to Jesus while you may.
3. Bring them to Jesus while you may,
Doomsday is coming don't delay!
Souls perishing you can rescue, some good you may do.
Do good and God will answer you.

Miss Peggy Yeo, FEBCer 1967, writes to the Principal:

This is a quick note to thank you for the information about Dr John Sung for my thesis. And to let you know that I have finally completed my PhD studies successfully. It is in the field of sociology of religion. If the college library is interested in a copy of it, I will be happy to give a copy. The title is:

"Conversion to and Continuation in the Christian Faith among Multi-Generation Chinese Protestant Families in Singapore (1900-1990)."

I enclose the abstract.

With warm greetings in Christ.

Mr Liu Yu Jie of Ji Nan University, Canton (Guangzhou), now staying at Beulah House, received Christ as his Saviour, Tues. Dec 1, '92. Praise the Lord!

Dr George Chew of London is visiting Singapore for a fortnight. We have recommended him and family to New Life BP Church London (Rev Eric Kwan).

Ong Ning Ning will be visiting Jenny Ong, now missionary-teacher at BCEA, Nairobi, in Dec.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK December 14 - 20, '92		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
MON 8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	(1) Throughout the past two years I have been a strong advocator for tithing. I've experienced 'gross blessings' from the Lord because I give Him ten per cent of my gross pay. Indeed the Lord has given me things/desires that money cannot buy: a baby who gives us so much joy; good PSLE results for my daughter; a jump in pay rise; a good reliable maidservant; etc and etc. The Lord has overwhelmed me with such showers of blessing and I've found it a joy to give and give of my substance. Next Sunday I'll be giving Him my biggest tithe ever.
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	
WED - SAT	Dr Waite's lectures	(2) Through Pastor's hand, \$150 (Hilltop), \$200 (FEBC), US\$40 for "Clock of Sevenfold Will of God".
THU 11.30 am	Anthony Koo Nam Kok & Lim Yan Choo Wedding (Rev Tow)	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship	<i>Letter from Rev John Ling, Kemaman.</i> "Thanks for your new book 'Prophescope on Israel', which reached me a few days ago. I am pastoring the Presbyterian Church in Kemaman, Trengganu. It had no resident preachers for nearly two years. Sometimes when they could not get a speaker and that Sunday would be a holiday. At my first Sunday preaching only six came to the worship service, and two deacons were absent. After a few weeks of tedious visitations and finding the lost sheep, I praise God the Almighty, He leads many back to Church. Now about 30 regular members attend worship service every Sunday. From the conversations with the Elder, in the past they heard only liberal sermons, "Moral and good deeds" sermons. In Kemaman most Chinese speak English. Now I have to preach two languages in one service. I thank the Lord who really loves and supports me. He gives me strength and wisdom from above. Please pray for me too. Please send more of your books."
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF	
	3.00 pm LBC/YAF	<div> <div>FEK requires 1 teacher, 1 Chinese Teacher. Please call church office.</div> <div>Teachers's Training Course for Sunday School Teachers (Jan to May 1993). Registration forms at front of church.</div> </div>
SUN 8.00 am	Dr Waite	
	9.30 am Sunday School	AT YOUR SERVICE :: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256
	10.30 am Dr Waite	
	10.30 am Chinese Service	Sunday School Attendance: 242; Offering: \$239.75
	10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	
	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	
	7.30 pm Korean Service	
	8.50 pm Rev & Mrs Tow leave for Australia, QF82	
NBC This Week: Fri Bishan.		
LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
*\$2,670.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,472.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 1579) *\$2670; 1580)*\$9472; 1581)\$148; 1582) \$1300; 1583) \$320; 1584) \$400; 1585) \$100; 1586) \$100; 1587) \$1050 (Chinese Serv.); 1588) \$300 (Keb. Indonesia). TOTAL:\$2,709,843.69. GRAND TOTAL: \$3,122,820.69 OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop \$1000 (Thanksgiving), \$1000(CLBC), \$100; Burma \$50, \$1000; Bibles for China \$100; The Seets \$200, \$500 (AF); Africa \$1000; Indo- nesia \$1000; Medan \$1000; Missions \$300, \$200; FEBC \$100, \$100.		

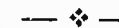


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13 December 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 532	No. 44
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 8	Psalms 33
Hymn	No. 522	No. 378
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 454	No. 421
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 21:12-19	Gal 2:16-20
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Peter the Pastor	The Selfless I (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 391	No. 376
Benediction	Lord's Supper	



CHILDREN'S CAMP ECHOES

Melissa Phua, Young Teens. I think camps are the best places to get to know people and to learn more about God. In all the camps that I have been to, I think this is about the most eventful one. Besides the usual fun and games, there were people to reach out to, lonely hearts to console.

I learnt much from the film shows at night; the importance of salvation and the need to be a living testimony to people around me.

For Bible lessons, we touched upon "charismatics" and "spiritual gifts", which was thoroughly enriching.

Despite mosquitoes and sleepless nights, this camp was a successful time of spiritual learning and inner growing; where we learnt to live with younger children, and play the role of friend and leader.

Tan Shi Ping, Pr 1. I learnt how Jesus made miracles with two fishes and five loaves of bread. I also know God loves all the children of the world. I wish that all my friends will know about Jesus Christ. And I also want to obey my parents. Teacher said that I must accept Jesus from my heart and I have done so. I like the filmshow elephant boy. The elephant boy was very proud and forgot about God but I learned that we must be humble.

Next year I want to come to camp again.

Daniel Wong Zhu Han, Pr 1. I like film shows at the camp because they are interesting. I learned God's Word. And I know that Jesus Christ died for our sins. I want to accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

Elizabeth Tan, Pr 1. I learnt about how Jesus did miracles and fed the people with five loaves and two fishes. God loves everybody and wants them to go to heaven. So He sent Jesus to die for our sins.

I wish that all of the people could believe in Jesus. I also learnt how to respect our parents, God and teachers. I learnt how to sing songs and recite memory verses. We learnt how we must be humble and not be proud. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

Gary Seah, Pr 1. I learnt to sing many new songs like "Little Bells of Christmas". I learnt that Jesus Christ is our Saviour. In the camp Jesus saved me from a nasty fall. I love Jesus very much.

Thank you Mr Tong Seng for teaching me, and thanks for the Pastor and His wife and the Camp Master.

Cheryl Li, Pri 2. This year, I had an enjoyable time in camp. There I was taught to forgive people. I have also learned not to tease other children who are younger than me, and to tell the truth and not lies. I also liked the songs they had taught me.

The most important thing is that I have accepted Jesus as my Saviour.

Cornelius Kan, Pr 3. I have learned about caring for newcomers. By having faith in God almost anything can happen. I have learned about the Tribulation, the Great White Throne Judgment and the Millennium. I learned to obey my parents in the Lord. And I learned a lot of memory verses.

I had accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour on 6th December 91 at last year's camp.

Naomi Zheng, Pr 3. I like this camp because it teaches a lot of things and I made a lot of new friends. I learnt a lot of new songs and stories from the Bible. There were film shows about Jesus Christ, John, Joshua and Daniel. The best time were the missionary stories from other countries. I learnt a lot of memory verses like 'Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right' (Ephesians 6:1). Auntie Yuni taught us a Japanese song. I learnt how to pray. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I wish I can come to Bible camp next year!

Jeremy Goh, Pr 4. In this camp I have enjoyed myself very much. I have learned many things, for example "Love your neighbour as yourself", "Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" etc. Before this, I often disobeyed my parents. But after this church camp, I will try to obey my parents more.

Zacky Choo, Pr 4. I learned about Anti-Christ and the second coming of Jesus. I learned a memory verse each day. I learned a lot of songs. I learned one new game called 'Time Bomb'. I learned there were bees in this campus and so we made a new game called 'Beebusters'. I learned there was very good and delicious food. I learned the order of judgment after the age of churches. I learned that everybody is born with the nature of sin and does not need to learn how to steal or snatch. I learned about total depravity, unconditional election. I learned God can make use of all of us. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

Ian Tan, Young Teen. I've learnt a lot from this camp, mainly obedience to my parents, to love one another and to care for each other, and to love God more.

The video Bible discussion was interesting. Everybody contributed something to the discussion. I made quite a few friends and got to know good friends better.

I came to know Christ at the age of four. He was and still is a good friend to me. I thank my parents for letting me come to this camp. I thank the Lord for all the teachers who have spent most of their time planning for the lessons. I also thank the leaders for planning the games.

I have very fond memories of this camp.

Tan Li Ping, Pr 5. This children's camp was a memorable one. The time-table was arranged in such a way that there was time for everything. During the camp we also learned a great deal of things about Christ. We also learned a lot more about the topic 'Children obey your parents,' which is our camp theme.

I accepted the Lord Jesus into my heart during the Malacca camp. I hope that children in this church who have not accepted Jesus into their hearts will do so.

Cordelia Kan, Young Teens. Though many of the activities of this Children's Camp (which was my first) were mostly planned for the younger ones, I'm glad that I came because I learnt much from Bro Jeffrey on the Charismatic Movement, like speaking in tongues. I also learnt about the greatest spiritual gift: charity. This has greatly spurred me to seek after this gift.

Besides I got to know not only the teens better, but also some of the children. Moreover, the camp has encouraged me to take proper care of children.

There's one thing I'd like to comment about the camp and that is the food was very good. I'd like to thank God for all those who have helped in any way in the camp. May God bless!

Elroy Lam, Young Teen. Well, this is the first camp I attended with so many children under my care. I really felt very responsible. I learnt a lot from this camp through the Bible study conducted by Bro Jeffrey. I learnt more about the Charismatic Movement and spiritual gifts.

During this camp something really struck me. I thank God for teaching me to love (charity) Him and how great His love is. Now I pray that God would bless the children and that they may learn to love one another.

Daphne Chan Zhen-li, Pr 6. On the day of my 12th birthday, my mother presented me a new Bible which was bonded in genuine leather. She dedicated a verse to me as an encouragement for the PSLE which was just a few days away. I treasured that particular verse, Psalm 37:4, when I read each and every word of it: Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart...

The big day had arrived. It was the day which all Pr six pupils would know their results. The 'toughie' - Mathematics, had really worried me the most for the past few days. I had been praying very hard after the exams for my results. I had expected to fail my Mathematics but the Lord has been gracious and blessed me with an A for it. I was really surprised, as I had left out a problem sum due to the lack of time. Besides the A for Maths, the Lord had also blessed me with good grades for my other three subjects.

Finally, I thank the Lord also for a very successful children's camp. I enjoyed practically every moment of it. (Except for the numerous mosquito bites!!!)

Nancy Lee, Pr 5. I joined the Children's Choir Camp this year. I enjoyed it very much. I made new friends. We watched a video show and a film show everyday. Mrs Tow took care of us and the bible students helped to cook the food for us. My teacher told me that we must obey our parents in the Lord for this is right. I have already accepted Jesus as my Saviour. I decided that I will obey my parents when I go home.

Ong Lin Xin, Pr 5. When I came to the camp, the things I learnt were many. For example, we were taught our theme of the camp - obey your parents. This was one of the memory verses I learnt. All in all I have learnt four memory verses. I also learnt that when we play a game, we should have good team spirit and cooperate with each other. I also learnt that when you trust in God, God will help you. I learnt to care for one another and not just care for myself. I have accepted Jesus as my Saviour.

Rachel Yeo, Pr 1. I learnt how to sing new songs about Jesus. I learnt how to be kind and to honour my parents. I learnt a lot of memory verses. I also had memory quizzes too. I like the food at the camp. I enjoyed myself very much. I am very excited when my parents can come to the Church to see me. I learnt not to be proud but to be humble. I like to come to the camp next year.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK December 21-27, '92		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
MON 6.00 pm	MF sharing Christmas Joy with FEBC students, FEBC Hall	(1) We buy expensive toys for our precious children, But what do we give to the Child of Bethlehem? Not our usual monthly tithe I hope, Nor the portion left from our Christmas spending - nope! If you stock-take His blessings manifold, You'll be overwhelmed by the plentiful. Why am I so precious in His sight, That He gave His life to save my plight? This Christmas offering is but a mite. (\$1000)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Chia K C)	(2) Thank God for success in the ballot for a HDB flat in Toa Payoh. Enclosed is \$200 for Hilltop.
THU 8.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service (Elder Mahadevan)	(3) For Hilltop "First Fruits" of Bonus" (\$530).
THU-SUN	YAF Camp at Tg Pinang/Uban	(4) I offer my tithe to gracious God with thanks and praise (\$250).
FRI 7.30 pm	Sharon Christmas Service	(5) For Charles Seet "Just thankful to God for mercy and grace and love ..." (\$1000).
	7.30 pm E-Band F'ship	(6) Thanks to God for blessings and mercies through the year. Please designate as follows: S. Takashima (Japan) - \$200; EBF II - \$300; (Adelaide) Hope BPC Bldg Fund - \$500.
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF	
	3.00 pm YF/LBC Gospel Mtg	
	5.00 pm AF (House warming at Calvin Chua's home)	
SUN 8.00 am	Jesus Commissions (Mr Quek Suan Yew)	
	9.30 am Sunday School	
	10.30 am Elder Chia Kim Chwee	
	10.30 am Chinese Service	
	10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	
	10.30 am Children's Choir Practice	
	10.40 am Church Choir Practice	
	12.30 pm E-Band Outreach	
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat		
TESTIMONY by Jeffrey Cheong All praise be to the Lord for all the many blessings he has given me and my family. The Lord has answered my recent two prayers. First, I thank the Lord for restoring the health of my two boys, Ben two and a half and Mark one year old. Secondly, praise the Lord for his wonderful guidance throughout the period when I was looking for a house. I have finally bought the house. I have decided to write this testimony as I have seen God's perfect guidance. By my own efforts I have failed several times. The way is to wait patiently for Him to direct. May all Glory be to the Lord Jesus Christ.		
Infant Baptism. Tay Hui Yi Esther, d/o Mr & Mrs Tay Poh Wah, Roland. Groups wishing to present song items at the Christmas Eve Service, please call the office (2569256) by Tuesday, 22 Dec.		
		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: *\$4,532.00 (8.00 am); *\$12,311.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 1589) *\$4532; 1590) \$240; 1591) *\$12311; 1592) \$300; 1593) \$530; 1594) \$378.70; 1595) \$20. TOTAL: \$2,728,155.39 GRAND TOTAL: \$3,141,132.39 OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop \$150, \$100, \$200, \$70, \$4000; Saipan \$150; Msnr Charles Seet \$100, \$1000; S. Takashima \$200; Hope BPC Bld Fund \$500; J. Kendagor \$200; BPC of Indonesia (Haposan) \$800; Philippines \$200 (Sun. Sch); Batam \$370; Missions \$600. Teachers' Training Course for Sunday School Teachers (Jan to May 1993). Registration forms at front of church. AT YOUR SERVICE :: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256 Sunday School Attendance: 262; Offering: \$500.85



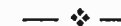
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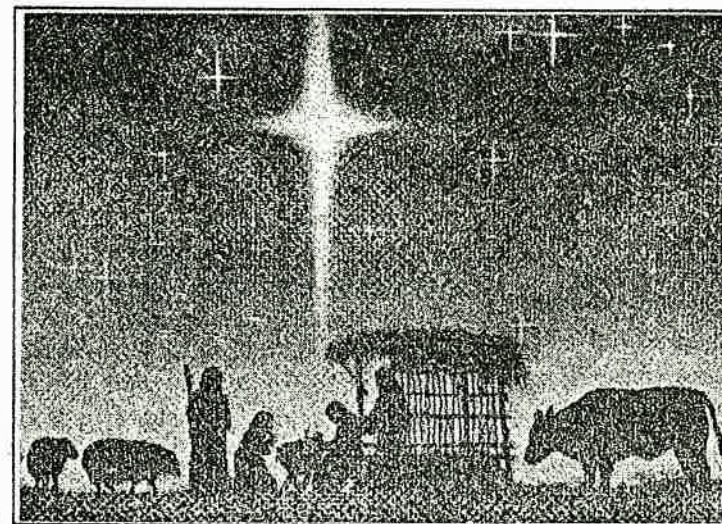
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20 December 1992

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 152	No. 164
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 1:1-18	Matt 1:18-24
Hymn	No. 164	No. 151
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 165	No. 168
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 12:1-2	Rom 12:1-2
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	A Present for God (Dr D A Waite)	
Closing Hymn	No. 408	No. 160
Benediction		



My dear Lifers,

In my sermon a fortnight ago I mentioned some Churches that oppose celebrating Christmas as being senseless, because they say the Date Dec. 25 is wrong. It is not indicated in the Bible. Another reason: there's no command to keep it.

Our answer: Granted Dec. 25 is not exactly the date,

we're not celebrating a day but an Event, eg when the British celebrate the Queen's birthday, it is not the exact date either. The event, not the day, is important. Neither is there a commandment forbidding celebrating the Birth of Christ. To argue that because there is no command to celebrate we therefore cannot celebrate indeed is unreasonable. There are many things in the Bible where no commandment is given, and yet we practise it, eg women partaking the Lord's Supper (Calvin). Were there women at the Last Supper that Maundy Thursday night?

Another rebuttal! Is it wrong to celebrate your father's birthday? There's no such commandment in the Bible. But it is Biblical because it falls in line with the V Commandment.

From the beginning, Life Church has set the pattern for our daughter Churches. We celebrate not only the Birth of Christ, but also Holy Week - Palm Sunday, Good Friday,

Easter Lord's Day. And these annual commemorations have brought in packed houses to hear the Gospel.

In Indonesia, according to Haposan, Christmas (called Natal) is the time to bring in the crowds - also to hear the Gospel. Children are specially blessed to be introduced to the Coming of the Saviour. Because of Christmas, Haposan has found entry to Radio Medan.

Leaving the so-called Puritanical arguments, we have to check up with ourselves who celebrate. We may go wrong too, because we are celebrating for our own sakes, not for the Saviour. We lavish toys on our children, pamper ourselves with delicacies and luxuries, spend unwisely at Christmas shops, etc, in the spirit of the world. As for the Saviour, what do we do? If Christmas is a time of giving, as God has given that priceless gift, His Son, and while it is our custom to remember the poor, "the worthy needy members, missionaries, missions," what is our response to the call of Christ? Our Lord put us to this test, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt 25:40). There are those who, when advised to give to missions, to building projects like Hilltop, to helping our Burmese brethren who are hermetically sealed in a hermit country, will retort: "How about our Beulah Debt?"

As conscientious Christians, let us realise, we are doubly indebted. While there is a Church debt, there is a Gospel Debt too. Paul says, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14). Now there are younger BP churches, when they buy a property, have to take a bank loan. The interest they pay on the capital for 15 years is more than the capital itself!

How miserable! As for Lifers, we were spared from taking, at first, \$2 million; then \$1 million. But faith and love won the day, because you all rallied and gave and loaned to your uttermost. So, instead of paying that heavy interest, we have channelled it to missions. This is the Great Commission, the 1st Commandment to the Church: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". If you love Him keep His Commandment.

We should actively practise austerity with our Christmas celebration so that a meaningful gift can be offered to bless the Lord's "brethren", yea, even Himself. By so doing the Cause of Christ is expedited! By so doing your family will be brought closer to the Lord.

- T.T.

PETER THE PASTOR

Before our Lord ascended to heaven He specially commissioned Peter to be pastor of His flock. By the Sea of Galilee He said to him, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep, feed my sheep." This pastoral charge Peter passed on to his successors in I Pet 5:1-6, "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder (not pope) ... Feed the flock of God ... Neither being lords ... but ensamples to the flock ... Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea all of you be subject one to another and be clothed with humility..." This exposition on the pastoral ministry applies also to elders, deacons, the S.S. Superintendent, the heads of all our Fellowships. Everyone of you has a pastoral duty to the group you lead. Your pastor is deeply indebted to each one of you for your assistance.

Some congregational type of Church government makes the pastor merely an employee, not the head of the Church. Hence the many disharmonies and the short term ministers. Some restrict their pastor's movement, forbidding him to travel abroad beyond his

"annual leave" of how many days! But the pastor is the 1st Missionary of the Church. Peter travelled no less than Paul. Nor did he build a Church with half million congregation vying with today's Church growth contenders. He preached in Jerusalem, all Judea and went with John to Samaria (sent by other apostles, Acts 8:9-14) and thence to the uttermost part of the earth (Read I Peter 1:1, 5:13). Tradition tells of his death, crucified upside down in Rome. One reason why God has blessed our Church is your giving the pastor free movement to preach wherever he is called, eg. our appointments in Adelaide and Melbourne this time.

The pastor is also Evangelist. Did not Peter win 3000 souls in one day? Every message the pastor gives must have the evangelistic emphasis. Are you saved? Born again? The pastor delights to see younger men arise, preaching at Fellowship Gospel Meetings.

The pastor is also Baptiser. Peter had the 3000 baptised. When Cornelius and his house believed, he baptised them before leaving. By baptism a local church is formed. Without baptism no visible Church can be found! This key given the pastor has added power to his ministry. Para-church organisations are limited in the Lord's ministry.

Finally, the pastor is Theologian. Though Peter wrote only two Epistles totalling 8 chapters, his theology covers plenty of ground. The Inspiration of Scripture, Soteriology, Eschatology, etc. etc. The Sunday School of our Church is where every member should attend, old or young. The Mon. and Thurs. evening classes of FEBC have been on the last 30 years without a break. Last but not least, the College proper, giving courses leading to BTh and MDiv. has been abundantly blessed of God, under the pastor's leadership. The pastor should produce pastors.

These are the four great emphases of the Great Commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever

HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP

*I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
'You'll have to cut it down.'*

*I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear Him say,
'You've left your best Friend out.'*

*And so I scanned my list again
And said, 'Oh, that's not true!'
But Daddy said, 'His name's not there,
That Friend who died for you.'*

*And then I clearly understood
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!*

*I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take long
To change the list about.*

*And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most - because
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!*

I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt 28:19,20). Peter faithfully carried out his pastoral commission under these four injunctions, and we should do the same. So will we receive power and be attended with His presence in the work of the Lord. Amen.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK December 28, '92 - January 3, '93	
MON 7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Dr Tan)
8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Pastor Lau)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Chia K C)
THU 7.00 pm	YF/YAF Combined Anniv. Thanksgiving
8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Watchnight Ser.
10.45 pm	Watchnight Service (Rev Stephen Khoo, Lord's Supper)
FRI 2.00 pm	Tan Kwong Leen & Chiew Chan Ping Wedding (Dr P Tan)
SAT 2.00 pm	Sunday School Seminar, FEBC Hall
2.30 pm	1st Ev. Reformed Church Wedding (Pastor Lau C K)
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
SUN 8.00 am	Why Are You a BP? (Mr Quek Suan Yew)
9.30 am	Sunday School
10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper
10.30 am	Chinese Service
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
12.30 pm	F-Band Outreach
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah; Fri Bt Batok; Joo Chiat	
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
(1) "I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining everyday." For Hilltop. (\$50)	
(2) An unworthy child of God who has taken things for granted. (\$100)	
(3) This is a thanksgiving gift for the Lord has been good to me and my family. Blessed be His Name. (\$2156)	
(4) I thank the Lord for sending His precious Son to us so many years ago so that we may have life and be in fellowship with our Heavenly Father. I praise the Lord who takes a personal	

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

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EXTN BLDG FUND II 1596)*\$3743.88;
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 1608)\$600. **TOTAL: \$2,748,640.27**
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OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$150, \$50, \$150,
 \$100(Box), \$50; *Rev Colin Wong* \$50; *Missions*
 \$100, \$50; *Rev John Ling* \$50; *Dn Yiew Pong*
Sen \$100; *Mr Liu US Theo. education* \$1000;
China \$100; *S Takashima* \$200.

interest in each of our lives. In His perfect wisdom and love, He works in our lives to draw us even closer to Him and that's what we must do - for He is sufficient! For His provision and love, even when I sometimes do not understand His ways, here's my humble \$50 for Beulah Land. Thy awesome Name be praised Lord!
 (5) I would like to thank the Lord for His blessings upon me - for seeing me through my exams and guiding me when I am studying abroad. Praise Him for being merciful and protective and kind. The \$100 is a small token of my appreciation and I hope that it will help to reach out to those who do not know the Lord.

- (6) Through Pastor's hand:
 1. My Christmas offering: \$2,000.
 2. My Christmas offering: \$1,111 cheque.
 3. From Melbourne \$50 for Hilltop.
 4. My Thanksgiving Offering \$100, by a sister.
 5. \$1,000 (as designated)
 6. A \$100 for Adelaide (Tues. Prayer Mtg).
 7. \$200 (as designated, Tues Prayer Mtg)
 8. My Christmas offering: \$500; \$100 for China

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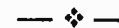


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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

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PARENTS' ROLE IN THE UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN

By Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

Today many parents are at their wits' end as regards the art of child upbringing. Many children are not brought up at all but are left to do as they please. The result is that they have become rude, insolent, disobedient and sadistic little vandals. However, with right upbringing they need not be so. With proper care and training they can be the nicest youngsters in the world.



Child-upbringing is no job for weaklings for it demands the utmost and best of parents. They have been entrusted with the most vital task ever, yet many are at a loss when it comes to the how of bringing their

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 children up. In the innermost recesses of their hearts, they long to bring them up aright. But how to get down to it is beyond them. They stand by helpless as their children get out of hand and join the rebellious group of cynical youth, as child delinquents.

The young of animals stay with their mothers but for a while. Only the young of human beings remain with their parents for years. Was it by accident or by design? Certainly by design, for God planned it so. He intended that this very precious time be used by parents to bring them to Christ; to lead our little ones in the way God wants them to go.

According to the blueprint for the upbringing of children found in the Bible, Christian parents are to train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). What Solomon was saying is that God has a

way He wants a child to go and parents are to find out that way. They are not to bring up a child in the way they think he should go, but in the way God wants him to go, for our children are given to us as a trust and we are answerable to God for their training. Therefore it is to God we look for guidance and direction. Before we can give instruction, we ourselves must be equipped with God's Word. We need to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18).

The all-important years are undoubtedly the first few months and years of a child's life, for they offer the best opportunities for imparting faith in God. The earlier the training, the easier the work, and the more encouraging the results. Don't wait until the maturity of reason or the age of accountability. Work upon him while he is still pliable and mouldable.

It has been said that before seven years of age, the mind is like clay and can be easily moulded. By 12 it is still partly plastic but it is already shaped in patterns that will endure to the grave. At 21 opinions, convictions, and ideals set like cement and are extremely difficult to modify. Hence it is vital that we as parents help our children in building up their faith as early as possible. It is a continuous process. It means being on the job day and night - from childhood to youth, from youth to manhood and womanhood. The role of parents is to train. And training is not just telling a child what to do, but showing him how to do it, and seeing that it is done. We as parents must see to it that the advice or command given in the Word of God is put into practice and adopted as

a habit.

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way; and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Of Abraham it was said, For I know him that he shall command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment: that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him (Genesis 18:19). (See also Ps 78:1-8).

We teach primarily through living out our faith. Someone has rightly said that the influence of the home upon the child is at least 30 times as strong as that of the church and school. Without the home, the church is helpless because the family is primary in God's economy. A child must witness the love of God in his parents. If parents are undependable, unreliable and unloving, then the child cannot develop an assurance that God is dependable and loving. But love without discipline is not true love, not God's love. Prayer, the family altar, counsel, pleading, moral axioms, all of it and none of it will substitute for the God-appointed means of discipline, that is, spanking, using the cane the board of education on the seat of learning - the buttocks for wilful disobedience in attitude or action.

The main role of parents in the upbringing of children is discipline based on the Word of God. Faithful discipline in the way of the rod will spare the child heart-breaking experiences later in life. In Proverbs 13:24, we read He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes (promptly). Yes, discipline is required in the life of a child if he is to be

God-fearing and God-loving, spiritually, emotionally, socially well-balanced. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby (Hebrews 12:11). It has been said that the secret is to establish authority in the dawn of life; to bend the tender twig before it is a mighty oak and beyond our power. Self-will must be broken in the very beginning. The child must be made to obey. The child's self-will must not be yielded to either to appease his anger or his crying. In either case, if the child gets the idea that he can get his way by being disagreeable, it then becomes practically impossible to break self-will. Insurmountable indeed is the difficulty when the child has been allowed to become the early master (N.V. William). The rod of correction is distinctly named, and repeatedly inculcated, as God's own means for this important end (Proverbs 19:18; 23:13,14; 29:17). Indeed the purpose and plan of chastening is three-fold: for their profit (Hebrews 12:10), for the production of godly traits (Hebrews 12:11) and for their promotion in holiness (Hebrews 12:10).

One of the greatest blessings that can come to any child is to live with parents who love the Lord, love each other and love the children; not because they are paragons of virtue but because the Lord has been gracious to them. So let us bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Let us begin as Hannah did with the dedication of the child to God (1

Samuel 1:28) and ask guidance from day to day, How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him? (Judges 13:12).

May God guide you in your role as parents in the upbringing of your children that when they are old they will not depart from His way. Amen.

THE GOLDEN RULE OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION

"When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, **SEEK NO OTHER SENSE.**

Therefore, take **EVERY WORD** at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning, **UNLESS** the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages, and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate **CLEARLY** otherwise.

God, in revealing His Word, neither intends nor permits the reader to be confused. He wants His children to understand." - Dr D.A. Waite

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE (JAN - MAY 1993)

1. *The Institutes (Foundations) of the Christian Religion* by John Calvin,
Lecturer: Rev Timothy Tow
Monday, 11 Jan, 7.30-8.30 pm
2. *Forty Years on the Road to Church Growth*
Lecturer: Rev Timothy Tow
Monday, 11 Jan, 8.30-9.30 pm
3. *The Gospel of John*
Lecturer: Rev Bob Phee
Thursday, 7 Jan, 7.30-9.30 pm