

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (January 4 - 10, '93)

MON	8.30 am	FEBC New Semester Opens Day of Prayer, Beulah Hse
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	<i>The Gospel of John</i> (Rev Phee)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
	7.45 pm	Men's Fship, FEBC Hall
	7.45 pm	Women's Fship, Beulah Hse
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Tan Weng Suan & Irene Tan (Dr P. Tan)
	3.00 pm	YAF/LBC/AF
	4.00 pm	YF (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	<i>What is Reformed?</i> (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Eld Khoo Peng Kiat
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
	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
	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* Bt Batok, Joo Chiat

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank you Father for your graceful provision through the year. O Lord, please guide me the rest of the way Father. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus for us.
- (2) In gratitude of many blessings through the year. Please delegate \$1000 to Hilltop project in Philippines and \$1000 for EBF.
- (3) No amount of money can repay the love that was given to us by the birth of our Saviour. May this small token be used for Hilltop and other needy areas. (\$100)

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS: \$31,157.00
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1610)\$1000;
1611)\$500. TOTAL: \$2,750,140.27
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,163,117.29
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop Project* \$320, \$100,
\$1000; *College Extn Fd* \$300; *Missions* \$200,
\$500; *Msnr Charles Seet* \$300; *Dn Yiew Pong*
Sen \$300; *Dn Jack Sin* \$500.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,898.00 (8.00 am); *\$14,219.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1612)*\$5898; 1613)
\$100; 1614)*\$14219; 1615)\$500; 1616)\$78.15
(Box); 1617)\$20; 1618)\$160; 1619)\$50; 1620)
\$100; 1621)\$70; 1622)\$400; 1623)\$1500; 1624)
\$400; 1625)\$162(US\$100).
TOTAL:\$2,773,797.42
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,186,774.42
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$200, \$100, \$500,
\$100, \$75; *FEBC* \$50, \$116.70 (MF); *Saipan*
\$50; *Chinese Bible* \$75; *Msnr Charles Seet* \$50;
Medan Orphanage \$10; *Rev Colin Wong* \$100;
Missions to China \$100; *Tahi Mission* \$400;
FEBC S'ship \$600; *Haposan* \$875; *Dohar* \$875.
The donor who designated a gift to Roska, pl.
see Dn Charlie Chia).

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE OFFERINGS: \$9,453.20
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1626)\$877.80 (YF/YAF
Anniv); 1627)\$500; 1628) \$50.
TOTAL: \$2,775,225.22
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,188,202.22

OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$500; *Rev Tow*
\$300.

Sunday School Teachers' Dedication Service
during 10.30 am Service.
CATECHISM CLASS FOR EASTER
1993 BAPTISM will commence next Lord's
Day at Beulah House, 9.30 am.
Teachers's Training Course for Sunday School
Teachers (Jan to May 1993). Registration forms
at front of church. Please meet at upper floor of
Beulah House at 10.40 am today.

AT YOUR SERVICE Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
Office 256-9256
Sunday School Offering: \$721.65



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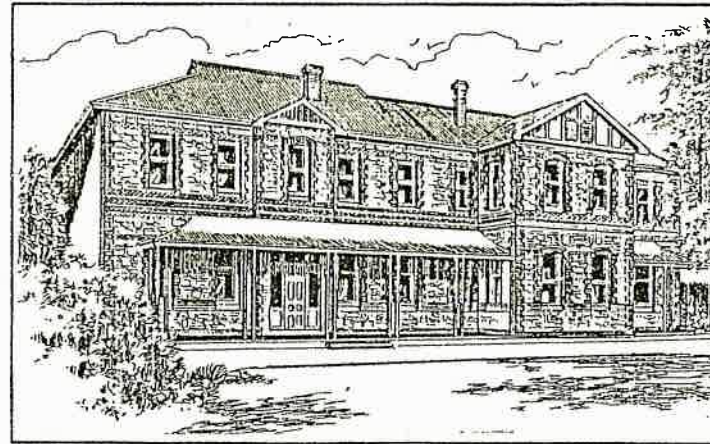
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3 January 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 75	<i>The Lord Our God</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	II Cor 6:1-18	Ps 103
Hymn	No. 432	<i>Time & Tide</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 425	No. 434
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 4:1-6	Eph 5:1-21
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Why are You a BP?</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)	<i>"An inch of time an inch of gold"</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 435	No. 420
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		



REPORT ON COMBINED ADELAIDE-S'PORE BIBLE CAMP DEC 24-28, '92

This was a small camp. Eleven from S'pore and 30 from Adelaide. Yet, the results were great. Dr Michael Lee was Camp Master, full of zeal to advance God's Kingdom. Dr Gong, his business partner and treasurer of Hope Church is a strong supporter. Then there is Dr Alan

Teo, dental-surgeon, active behind the scene. Nathanael Lim, a computer expert from Philippines, is guitarist and choir master. A goodly number of university students add vigour to the Church which has been brought up painstakingly the last 6 1/2 years by the Paauwes. With such dynamic leadership, the future of Hope Church is bright. Three Australian families joining the congregation give the Church a good composition.

At this camp we came in contact with the parents of Kiang, a Cambodian-Teochew Uni student. From their lips I heard the gruesome account of how the million citizens of Pnomh Pemp were flushed out of their homes and exterminated en masse. They were driven like dumb cattle to the countryside, to the forests, and clubbed to death, including children. Kiang's parents, being spared, were separated from their five children, the youngest only 5, ie. Kiang himself. It took the parents 26 months to

reunite with their lost children. With the invasion of the Vietnamese, they found a way of escape to Thailand. They heard of our B-P Christian Relief at Cao I Dang Camp. God mercifully led them to Australia. Praise God, Kiang is a zealous Christian concerned for their salvation. Pray for his parents to whom we witnessed in Teochew.

Another unexpected contact was a lady from Port Lincoln, who came from 400 miles away to worship at Hope. As she has a bookroom and is witnessing by literature (and has a number of my books), she asked for 6 copies of *Prophecy on Israel*. These she would mail to believers in Russia!

In order that you might catch the spirit of this Camp, here is a reproduction of the Pastoral Chat I had with the Hopefuls in "Lively Hope," Dec 27, '92.

My dear Hopefuls,

This is the fourth time we're visiting you. The first time was in 1986 when you were a handful worshipping at the Scout Den. The second and third were 1989 and '90. Praise the Lord, I see that you have grown!

This time your country is in a deep recession. The theme of the town talk is "Struggling to get a few more dollars for survival," and for Christmas, "Get out and spend to help resurrect the ailing economy." Things have worsened with the recent flood, but we who are under God's special care are not materially affected. You all have your jobs. You are concerned rather for the spiritual, for the well-being of your family and Church, for the advancement of God's Kingdom to the uttermost part of the earth. Hence this unique Bible Camp held during the Christmas vacation.

"Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel" expresses your desire to go on with the Lord. Now, the "Faith" of the Gospel is the "Doctrine" of the Gospel. What the Gospel really is! But most Churches today are preaching another Gospel (Gal 1:6). "Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" (Gal 1:7). Instead of the Gospel they preach socialism, politics, unionism, charismaticism, cultism, etc. Can these measure up to the Gospel preached by St Paul whose definition is in I Cor 15:1-4. The Gospel that is Christ who died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried and rose again for our justification must be preached at all times to save dying souls. Dear reader, have you trusted in Jesus the Crucified for your sins who gives you life everlasting by His resurrection from the dead? If not, receive Him this Christmas, or else your celebrating of His birth is empty and vanity.

For those of us who have received the Saviour into our heart, we cannot sit still, like babes, taking milk, helpless in the mother's bosom. We must take strong meat and be up and going for the Lord. Under the

general theme of our Bible Camp, we must learn to pray, to train labourers for God's Vineyard, to evangelise, to contend for the Faith, waiting for the Return of our Saviour.

Now let me conclude this letter with this exciting news. On Christmas Day, 4 pm, we had an appointment with the realtor representing the former St Joseph's Centre to inspect their stone mansion sitting on 4353 square metres. This property has been offered for sale the last three months. Built like a castle in 1900 it is one of the "Heritage" buildings of Adelaide. It has 27 principal rooms. Two rooms, upstairs and downstairs have seating accommodation of at least 120. We who inspected this mansion are fully convinced it is an ideal home for Hope B-P Church and the Fundamental Bible College of Australia, a parsonage for the Paauwes, a hostel and a conference centre. The price is A\$900,000. But we can counter offer. Singapore pledged to bring up your Building Fund to A\$100,000. This is responded by a sum of A\$10,000 from one of your own. Further a free loan seems certain to come from Singapore amounting to A\$150,000. "The silver is mine, and the gold is Mine" says the prophet Haggai. Dear Reader, what is your response? We assure you a greater response will come from Singapore.

Leaving Adelaide the same afternoon the Camp closed on Dec 28 we flew to Melbourne to preach at the Watchnight Service. Mr & Mrs Paul Koh received us into their home. We had fellowship with Rev Harper and all the Bethelites. We returned to Singapore Jan 1, 10 pm. Good to be back and to minister at Life Church again.

- Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO MARCH 1992				
8.00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE				
DATE		TOPIC	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
JAN	3	Why are you a BP?	Mr Quek Suan Yew	Dn Ong Eng Lam
	10	What is Reformed?*	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	17	What is Calvinism?	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Wee Chin Kam
	24	What is Premillennialism?	Elder Chia Kim Chwee	Dn Jack Sin
	31	Which "Trib."?	Mr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
FEB	7	Be Prepared for the "Grim" Finale	Mr Quek Suan Yew	Dn Tan Nee Keng
	14	"Evangelism 2000"*	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	21	Have Tongues Ceased?	Elder Chia Kim Chwee	Dn Geoffrey Tan
	28	Why Baptise Your Baby?	Rev Bob Phee	Eld Eric Mahadevan
MAR	7	Four Views on the Lord's Supper	Mr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Jack Sin
	14	Why Presbyterianism?*	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Wee Chin Kam
	21	Qualifications of a Session Member	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	28	How to Elect	Elder Edmund Tay	Dn Ong Eng Lam
*Lord's Supper		"Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim 4:2)		

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (January 11 - 17, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 7.30 pm Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow) 8.30 pm Church Growth (Rev Tow) TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg THU 7.30 pm The Gospel of John (Rev Phee) FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fship SAT 1.00 pm LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF 3.00 pm YAF/LBC SUN 8.00 am What is Calvinism? (Rev Bob Phee) 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 Service 12.30 pm E-Band Outreach 12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship 1.30 pm AF 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.		*\$5,337.00 (8.00 am); *\$16,382.50.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 1629)*\$5337; 1630) \$500; 1631)\$300; 1632)\$50; 1633)*\$16382.50; 1634)\$1300; 1635)\$191; 1636)\$100; 1637)\$620; 1638)\$100; 1639)\$1076 (Chinese Ser.); 1640) \$100; 1641)\$300. TOTAL:\$2,801,581.72 GRAND TOTAL: \$3,214,558.72 OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop \$50, US\$200 (\$330); \$150, \$100; <i>Missions</i> \$550, \$400, \$1000, \$100; RPG \$550; <i>Msnr Charles Seet</i> \$200, \$150; <i>FEBC</i> \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500; <i>Fundamental Ev</i> <i>Assn</i> \$200; <i>Adelaide Church & College</i> \$10, \$1000; <i>China Mission</i> \$150, \$100, \$100, \$2500; <i>Burma</i> \$100; <i>Roska</i> \$50 (last week).
FAITH AND HOPE ... If adversity is faced with faith and hope The problems we suffer become smaller in scope. If illness attacks we must pray for a cure Or the strength and the power to quietly endure. When the going gets rough and our troubles abound We must remember our Savior is always around. So whatever the trials or misfortune we bear They always seem lighter when our Lord is there... Sylvia Wong		A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR Lord, I would ask for a holy year, Spent in Thy perfect Will: Help me to walk in Thy very steps; Help me to please Thee still. Lord, I would ask for a busy year, Filled up with service true; Doing with all Thy Spirit's might; All that I find to do. Lord, I would ask for a dying world: Stretch forth Thy mighty Hand, Scatter Thy Word -- Thy power display This year in every land. Lord, I would ask for a year of hope, Looking for Thee to come, And hastening on that year of years That brings us Christ and Home. A.B. Simpson
Sunday School Attendance: 361; Offering: \$328.10		The Church would like to thank the following senior dept. boys of the Sunday School for helping Dn Yiew Pong Sen in decorating the church: Steve Lee, Hsiao Han, Adrian, Siang Tye. AT YOUR SERVICE Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256



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10 January 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	No. 1	106
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Rom 8:18-39	Ps 51
Hymn	No. 318	311
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 260	No. 247
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 8:28-31	Ps 32
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What is Reformed?	The Blessedness of Forgiveness
Closing Hymn	No. 87	No. 289
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Readers,

Last Lord's Day at the 10.30 am Service, I spoke on "An inch of time, an inch of gold." This is a Chinese proverb I learned from Mother. To the Gentiles, without hope and without God in the world (Eph 2:12) and with no purpose in life, they squander their time in carnal pleasures, which are listed in Eph 5:1- 7. So, "enjoy yourself today, eat and drink for tomorrow we die" This epicureanism Paul 15:32 is not mentions in I Cor Greece. It came earlier from the Jews (Isa 22:13). Whether Greek or Jew it is the same in every age. And whether they be Chinese sin like Mahjong and 4 Digit gambling, or S'pore sin of mounting divorces (1:9) to trail after the West (1:2), these are projections from the corrupt human heart. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication (sex, sex, sex), murders, thefts, covetousness (gambling and speculation), wickedness, deceit (cheating), lasciviousness (lustful emotions), an evil eye, blasphemy, pride (which God resists), foolishness. All these evil things come from

within and defile the man" (Mk 7:21-23).

Christians are delivered from these dark and shameful things. They not only have the new life in Christ, they have a new purpose in everyday living. Our chief purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. After I was saved in the John Sung Revival in 1935, I started to read the Bible as never before. Two verses that struck me are "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord: and whether we die we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's" (Rom 14:7,8). I had given myself to full-time service. I burned with this holy desire for 3 years, but slowly I was drawn to the world by its glitters of fame and power. There is tension in the carnal Christian. This distracts him from giving Christ the preeminence. This leads him to the way of the flesh which results in shame and sorrow. No wonder he also

begins to criticise the Church, the pastor, the missionary outreaches, etc. The selfish Chinese Church quotes not the Bible but the Chinese proverb, "Rich waters (containing manure for the plants), let them not flow to other fields." What the Lord has prospered with is selfishly held from dispensing to the needs of Christ's expanding Kingdom. Let not Life Church fall into this trap.

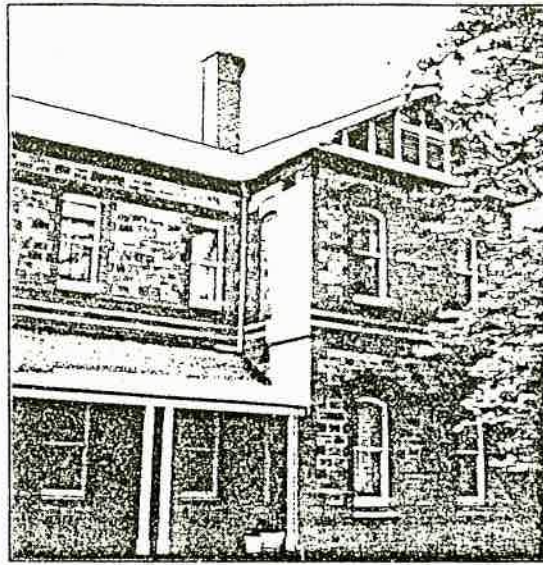
What is the theme of Life Church for 1993? As the Lord has opened more doors, China and Australia, we pray all who love the Lord will rally to Him. With



the recent conversion of that Chinese brother who now has a vision to serve the Lord, and invites us to

see his coming plan of witness, we are minded to visit the land of our fathers for His sake. This brother I had mentioned earlier has made up his mind to return on Jan 12 "to face the music." He needs very much your prayerful support.

The other door is Australia, particularly Adelaide. You read about the unanimous decision of Hope BPC to acquire that 27-room stone mansion sitting on 4353 sq m., situated 100 yds. from the main road, 10 minutes from centre of town, like our Beulah House. With a new roof and in perfect running condition, it is selling for only A\$900,000 under the present depression. We believe we can get it considerably less. For a start, those of you who have toured Australia and have idling Australian dollars can chip in to



help. Before we left for Australia, Christmas '92, a young lady at Tues. night prayer meeting handed me A\$100 to transmit to Hope BPC. What an unexpected sweet-savour sacrifice to the Lord!

Far Eastern Bible College re-opened last Monday Jan 4, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at Beulah House. Our new students are from Singapore 3, Malaysia 3, Thailand 1, Indonesia 1, Kenya 1, all of matured age. These need your prayers, that they will achieve well in their training.

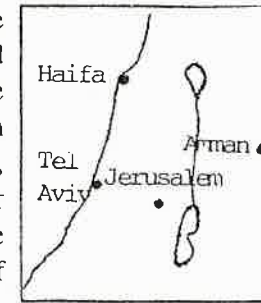


Our two evening classes are held as usual, Mons & Thurs. 7.30-9.30 pm. Mon. evening, Calvin I and Church Growth will be under my charge. Thurs. evening, the Gospel of John will be taught by Rev Bob Phee. Hurry! Why lose another opportunity of learning God's Word? These evening classes are valuable for Sunday School teachers.

"For lo ... the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of

the singing of the birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land ... Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away (Song of Sol 2:11-13).

May these words from the Sacred Text arouse the hearts of Pilgrims on our 4th Trip to the Holy Land. There were 50 of you who registered. As time is short, you are requested to join the Tuesday Nite Prayer Meeting, Jan 12, 8 pm and thereafter to "reconfirm." Come for an important briefing. We fly Mar 10 midnight for Rome! After 3 nights in Italy, we fly back to Amman for a night. The rest of the days will be spent in the Holy Land. We return by Mar. 24 in the afternoon. Don't become a foolish virgin in missing out the oil when setting out! Don't be left out! "Reconfirm."



Yours obediently, T.T.

PS. Beulah Debt latest: \$974,000!

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Dear Father, may you guide me through this next year. I ask for Your special blessing Lord and the strength to do only Thy Holy and perfect will in my life. Here is my humble offering of \$50 for Beulah House.
- (2) A little something to thank the Lord for His Grace in 1992. \$50.
- (3) Glorify our Lord, Jesus Christ (\$500).
- (4) New Year offering: In gratitude of many blessings through 1992. (I was not able to attend the Watchnight Service.) \$100.
- (5) I offer my tithe to our gracious God with thanks and praise. Please use this for the furtherance of His Kingdom, especially the

Hilltop project. (\$100)

(6) For the new church in Adelaide that God, through Pastor Tow is setting up. (\$10)

(7) My first offering for Adelaide Church and College \$1000.

(8) This is the little gift that I give to the Lord for the Extension of thy Kingdom. Thank you Lord for saving my life and blessing me daily. (\$200)

(9) I would like to thank the Lord for His blessings and guidance for the past years. (\$800)

(10) This is to thank God for His bountiful grace, mercy and love throughout this whole year. Praise be to God! - Hilltop \$150; Charles Seet \$150; EBF \$100; Other mission works \$100.

(11) We'd like to give thanks to God for answering our prayers and leading our daughter out of a _ Pr. school (where she was beginning to be confused by __ doctrines) by His providence of a newly introduced scholarship scheme. We knew that if we just trusted Him, surely He'll direct her path and provide a way. Indeed, He did, in a way that we didn't even dared expect or would have guessed! By His grace, our daughter did very well in the recent PSLE. Her results enabled her to study in an independent secondary school of her choice (under the new scholarship grant). Indeed, our God is good, He is gracious and faithful. All the glory be His!

PS: \$400 to missions, so that more people might experience His goodness and His love.

(12) Beulah Thai guests. Thank you for your warm welcome. (\$100)

(13) Beulah Indonesian guests. \$200 for FEBC.

(14) By post a cheque for FEBC students Medical Tests. (\$500)

(15) \$2,500 for China Mission from the Chinese Service.

(16) Love-gift for Life Church. Thankful is how I feel. God bless. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Box \$20)

Prayer Request from Calvary Jaya, KL:
Pray that the Govt. meeting on Jan 18 approve change of use of property for religious use!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (January 18 - 24, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	*\$4,159.00 (8.00 am); *\$12,050.75 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1642)*\$4159; 1643)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$42; 1644)*\$12050.75; 1645)\$150; 1646)\$100;	
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg	1647)\$164.30(US\$100); 1648)\$16.43(US\$10);	
THU 7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)	1649)\$400(Keb. Indonesia); 1650)\$100.	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship	TOTAL:\$2,818,764.20	
SAT 8.00 am	Combined Chinese New Year Service (Eld George Lim)	GRAND TOTAL: \$3,231,741.20	
SUN 8.00 am	What is Premillennialism? (Eld Chia Kim Chwee)	OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop \$1000(CLBC),	
9.30 am	Sunday School	\$150; Adelaide Ch/College \$900, \$50, \$50,	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	\$1000, \$200; The Tamees \$50; Missionaries \$50,	
10.30 am	Rev Tow	\$150; African missions \$300; Bibles for China	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$200; Dn Jack Sin \$500; Joseph Kendagor	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	\$150; Batam \$470(WF); Medan(Dohar) \$50;	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Photostat machine \$1200 (Missionary Fship);	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Heng Jee Seng \$400; FEBC \$100.	
12.15 pm	Korean Service	Corrigendum: Gift to FEBC by MF should	
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	read \$1,116.70 instead of \$116.70.	
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr		
NBC This Week: Fri Joo Chiat.			
Bright and Happy Lunar New Year! <i>As you awake this morning Let your eyes behold the sight Of warmth and brilliant sunshine Streaming beams of radiant light.</i> <i>Let your heart beat with pleasure Of the lovely day you see And your soul embrace the sense Of God's presence here with thee</i> <i>Let peace and joy and happiness Be yours this new happy day As God shows a guiding hand To lead you e'er on your way. - Sylvea Wong</i>		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) Heavenly Father, Thou knowest that I depend solely upon You for everything in my life. May You guide me the rest of the way Lord, fulfilling only Thy perfect will. Help me accept whatever that is. Make it clear in my heart. Lord, for Thy faithfulness, here's \$50 for the church You'll be setting up in Adelaide. Thy Name be Praised. (2) Thru Pastor's hand: Thanksgiving for safe return from China Trip (\$200). (3) Thru Pastor's hand: My contribution to Adelaide Church & College (\$150). (4) This \$42 was collected at the Life Church YF & Mt Carmel YF Combined Mtg held on 9/1/92. It is for EBF II. (5) Thank God for the vision to extend the gospel to Adelaide, Australia. May this be used for the establishment of a beacon and lighthouse in a needy land for the salvation of souls. (\$900) - A grateful Lifer & YAFer	
Special request for Baptism: Chang Mon Seng, father-in-law of Bro. Roland Tay Chye Kwee.		Sunday School Attendance: 353; Offering: \$368.70	
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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 318	No. 72
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 121	Ps 121,122
Hymn	No. 87	No. 352
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 307	No. 293
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 1:3-14	Lk 8:19-21
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What is Calvinism? (Rev Bob Phee)	Who is my mother, who are my brothers?
Closing Hymn	No. 466	No. 456
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

In S.T. Sat. Jan 9, Mr Lee Kuan Yew said, "S'pore must create a better entrepreneurial culture and throw up enough people who can take S'pore Inc. abroad. Otherwise it would not grow as rapidly as Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong which had overseas investments that would contribute 20 to 30 percent more of their economy... We can enthuse a younger generation with the thrill and the rewards of building an external dimension to S'pore. We can and we will spread our wings into the region and then into the wide world."

Now, Korea is mentioned as one that has ventured abroad contributing 20 to 30 percent more of their economy. What Koreans have done in the economic field they have achieved also in the religious field. I understand Korea is today fielding over 1,000 missionaries. Wherever we've gone into the world, we've found a Korean Church. Supporting missions abroad has not impoverished the Korean Church. Nay, it has rather enriched it.

If our Church in S'pore is to be similarly blessed is it not high time for us to redouble our missionary efforts?

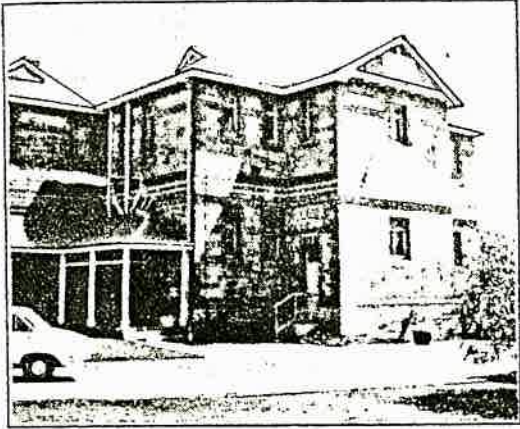
Insofar as Life Church is concerned, we have our sons and daughters sent to Philippines and N.Thailand. Now that the door of China is opened, whoso readeth let him understand, we should enter quickly lest it be shut.

This China door is opened primarily to our Chinese Service whose financial strength is greatly increased. It is a logical development from Uban Station on Bintan Island. I am delighted to hear some young people of our Chinese Service are praying and preparing for the day of their venturing out.

In this connection we must commend Rev Y___ for his indefatigable zeal all these years to evangelise China. He needs our prayers and our support. Two teams of young people, one from LBC, I understand, are going with him in the near future. And how wonderful to enter that newly opened door.

Bro. L who found Christ after reading the Bible 40 days at Beulah House and was baptised is now safely returned to his homeland. He phoned in the same day he left us. He praised the Lord for speedy customs clearance and for his girl friend also receiving Jesus as her Saviour. He has asked us to pray for his parents' salvation that all may be one.

Another door opened by Him who has the key of David is Adelaide. For 6



1/2 years the Paauwes have laboured on rocky soil. As stones in this mission field are being removed and thorns and thistles weeded out, the mustard seed of their planting is sprouting and shooting up robustly. But they need our help. Some FEBC student or students should consider giving their lives to pagan Australia. We who sit cosily at home and have the means to help acquire a prime property for a song must wisely invest for God's Kingdom. Lay up your treasure in heaven!

Latest news from Adelaide is that the stone mansion you see on this page is being checked by an engineer and valuer. Pray that the vendor will agree to a lower price than A\$900,000. A substantial

reduction, we pray!

Then there is Africa also calling. FEBC has contributed a Korean couple, Rev & Mrs Mark Kim to head the Bible College of East Africa in Nairobi. Miss Jenny Ong is there teaching various important subjects. Here's a need for more qualified teachers. Moreover, we have been invited to speak to the national Churches on how to attain spiritual and economic independence. In this connection, the receiving of another student from Kenya this semester, who holds a high position in his church, must add to their upbuilding.

The missions race into all the world is on. This is the fulfilling of our Lord's prophecy in the Olivet Discourse, "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). Every Lifer who prays for missions, who supports missions, cannot but be in the centre of God's will. Will not the Lord of the Talents commend him or her in that day, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matt 25:21). Conversely, the one who did nothing with what God had given him is reprimanded, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knowest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I had not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have recovered my own usury. Take therefore the talent from him and give it unto him that hath ten talents ... And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt 25:26-30).

Mr Lee Kuan Yew the patriot seeks the welfare of his compatriots by urging them to go into all the world. And we? Indeed, "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Lk 16:8). Amen?

- T.T.

CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

By Rev Tan Choon Seng in Shalom Weekly

In one week's time, we shall be ushering in the Lunar New Year. As Christians, is it all right for us to join in the celebration, especially as this is considered one of the most auspicious occasions by the Chinese? Certainly. This is part of our cultural heritage. Becoming a Christian does not mean that we should cut off all our cultural roots, neither should we be ashamed of who we are. The Apostle Paul was proud of his cultural roots. He declared, "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews" (Phil 3:5).

I'd like to encourage you to observe some of the practices especially those which strengthen our Christian testimony. One of these is observing the family reunion dinner. This traditional gathering is symbolic of family togetherness. It is meaningful to our parents, especially those whose children have left the family nest, to see their brood coming together. Let us take this opportunity to strengthen our family ties.

Another good tradition to observe is visiting our relatives. Besides showing our respect to them, it is also an opportune time to renew our ties with them too. Most of us are first generation Christians and therefore many of our relatives are non-Christians. This is a good occasion for us to visit and share

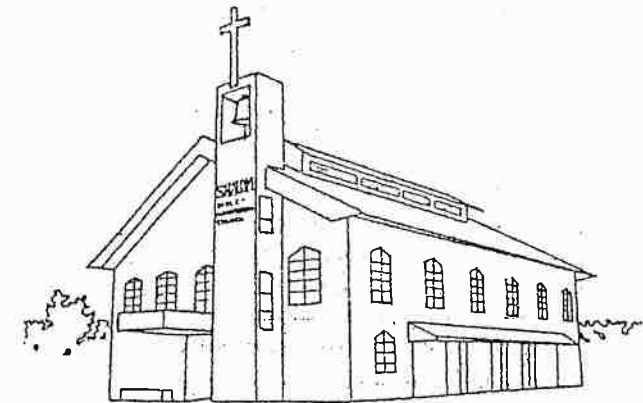
God's love with them.

Instead of the customary greetings of luck and good fortune, when we visit our relatives, wish them God's peace, "Xin Nian Ping An" (新年平安). This is also a good starter for sharing with them God's peace.

Let me also sound a word of caution. Brethren, avoid such practices that will mar your Christian testimony, for example, gambling (no matter how small the stake is) and drinking of alcoholic beverages. Beware also of yielding to superstitious practices and beliefs.

Beloved brethren, as you celebrate the Lunar New Year, be mindful to glorify the Lord in all that you do and say. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven... Whether, therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31).

Ed. Note: Life Church is perhaps the only English-Chinese speaking BPC that holds a Lunar New Year Service, 8 to 9 am. It falls on Sat. Jan 23 this year. Draw nigh to God even at Lunar New Year. God will bless you with His Presence, and a Hong Bao special! Elder George Lim of Calvary BPC will be the Lord's messenger. He will speak in Mandarin, interpreted into English by the pastor.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (January 25 - 31, '93)	
MON 7.30 pm	No evening lectures
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU 7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
	2.30 pm Roland Chung & Lee Lai Heng Wedding (Rev Tow)
	3.00 pm YAF/LBC
	6.00 pm Rev Tow at AF 12th Anniv. FEBC Hall
SUN 8.00 am	Which "Trib."? (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
	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 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 Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok. Joo Chiat.	
MY LUNAR DAY PRAYER <i>In the quiet of God's presence I welcome this New Lunar Day I humbly pray for guidance Keep me from my selfish way.</i> <i>Help me do things for others Greet them with a smiling face Help me always think of Thee Here's an hungbao by Thy grace.</i> <i>Then when the day is ended All my cares now laid aside I give God all the glory Thou my Master and my Guide.</i> - Sylvea Wong	

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
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FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
(1) Enclosed is the amount of \$152 from my last cheque as a temporary clerk. Please forward it to where it is most needed. Now, I pray that God will help me manage my new permanent job. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" II Cor 9:15. (\$160) (2) A thanksgiving gift to God for his grace and mercies towards us. Please channel this to the work in Medan. Thanks. (\$1000) (3) I was very provoked by your letter this morning. Rom 10:13-15. I hope you will write a book on church & missions growth BP style after the completion of your lectures at BT for Everyone, as I am not able to attend it. This offering is for Adelaide (\$100, thru pastor's hand). Simple equation in life: Gain for me = Loss for Christ (4) Handed to pastor \$1000 to Adelaide Church & College. I will support this project further! (5) Gift of encouragement to Adelaide Church & College A\$10,000 from Life Church. (Stone mansion under consideration by City Council.)	
Sunday School Attendance: 289; Offering: \$328.10	
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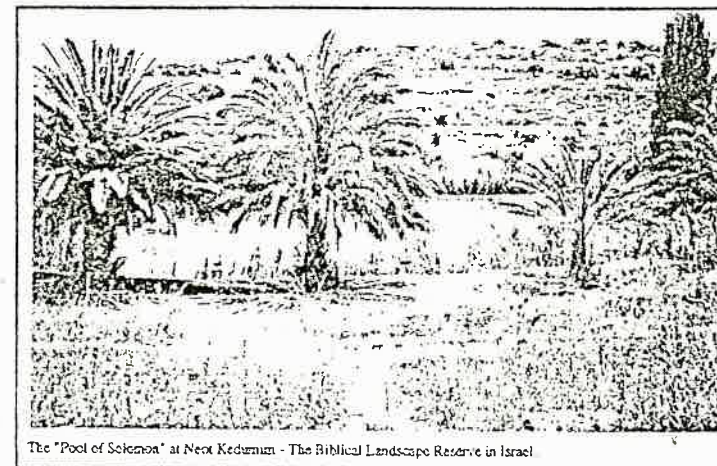
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Jack Sin	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 34	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	I Tim 4:1-18	Ps 84
Hymn	No. 225	No. 409
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 104	No. 350
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Cor 15:20-24; I Tim 4:13-18; Rev 20:1-10; 22:1-6	Luke 8:22-25
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What is Premillennialism? (Eld Chia Kim Chwee)	With Christ thru every storm of Life
Closing Hymn	No. 540	No. 319
Benediction		



The "Pool of Solomon" at Neot Kedumim - The Biblical Landscape Reserve in Israel

A MODERN-DAY "GARDEN OF EDEN"

Located on a rocky hillside between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Neot Kedumim is Hebrew for "oasis of ancient and future times." The landscape reserve affords the visitor an opportunity to grasp the literal and figurative roots of Israel, while enjoying the beauty of nature and the authentic Biblical countryside.

The very names of each corner of Neot Kedumim resound with Biblical allusions. The Vineyard of Isaiah, the Oaks of

Abraham and Sarah, the Valley of Jericho - City of Date Palms, and the Jordan River Thickets.

The Fields of the Seven Varieties hark back to Deut 8:7,8 referring to the seven holy fruits that flourished in Israel in Moses' days, yea, even to this day.

"For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey."

Isaiah's prophecy on a revival of tree planting is fulfilled also here:

"I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it" (Isaiah 41:19-20).

It was in this kind of setting, on semi-arid terraced hillsides, that King David might have herded his flock.

This preview of the Holy Land should stir the hearts of both Lifers and

FEBCers of the 4th Pilgrimage. With three days in Rome, Naples, Pompey, one day in Jordan, this tour promises to enrich our Biblical and Church History knowledge as never before.

A Study Tour specially tailored for FEBC students, those who write a Comprehensive Report earn 2 academic credits besides. (Reading through "Prophescope on Israel" is a prerequisite.)

Reflection: These are momentous days. Time magazine calls Bush's New World Order rather a New World Disorder. In the light of prophecy we are not surprised. "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.." (Luke 21:10-11).

Our visit to the Holy Land should be an opportunity to do good, especially to God's children with whom we'll join in worship. "Do something good for Jesus everyday. Do something good wherever we go!" Amen.

HOW TO PREPARE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE PREACHER

Synopsis of message by Dr S H Tow to FEBC Students at the early Chapel Hour, Jan 15, '93

Text: Isaiah 6. One very important subject you're learning at FEBC is how to preach. I have seven points for you.

I. Do you know your Lord? Isaiah saw Him, the triune God in a vision with the seraphims praising Him, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts..." We serve a thrice holy God (v3).

II. When we see God in His triple holiness, then we see our own wretchedness, our sinfulness. This sinfulness is increased when we live among a people of foul-speaking. We cry out, "Woe is me!" (v5). We are a bundle of filthy rags. How can we be God's mouthpiece?

We need cleansing each day from this sinfulness. Let the fire from God's altar burn away all the filth and dross in our hearts. Without holiness we cannot see God, much less serve Him.

III. We are in a Bible College, but are we called of God to come for training? Isaiah heard the call and he responded. We must not only hear His call, but also receive His commission. Unless you are also sent, how shall you speak? What is your message? And without the message going through His fire, no wonder we preach cold, lifeless sermons. Let each sermon be fully charged with the power from on high.

IV. Your message is the unadulterated message of the Cross (1 Cor 2:2). But the message that is preached today in the name of Christ is far

from the truth. There is this message pervading the Church called AD 2000 Ecumenical Evangelism. It is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ but another Gospel. It is promoted by the Ecumenical Movement. It will engulf innocent fundamental Churches as it sweeps toward AD 2000. We find its evil power coming upon us and around us, so that the Gospel cannot be freely proclaimed. I have with me a pamphlet published by Dr M H Reynolds Jr of the Fundamental Evangelistic Association, USA. Read it carefully and you will know the dangers that surround the true Church. But we must stand firm. We must continue to preach the unadulterated Gospel.

V. We must also know our audience. God told Isaiah, "Go and tell this people. Hear ye indeed, but understand not: and see ye indeed, but perceive not." As the people in Isaiah's days were dull of hearing and blind to reality, so are our audiences today. They like to hear not the hard, harsh truths that condemn them, but the sweet, soothing sounds of professional preachers. So instead of being blessed, they are condemned by what is truthfully preached.

VI. We must know our adversary. The Devil is the one who is scheming behind all these modern preachings. We must rise to the occasion to contend for the faith against them.

Luther said that if we proclaim loudly all the truths of the doctrines of God but refrain from defending that one point which Satan is attacking, we have failed

our charge! To avoid the issue is desertion from duty.

Spurgeon, speaking on the importance of Separation from Ecclesiastical evil, declared, "A new religion has been initiated, which is no more Christianity than chalk is cheese, and this religion, being destitute of moral honesty, palms itself off as the old faith with slight improvements, and on this plea usurps pulpits that were erected for Gospel preaching. The Atonement is rejected, the inspiration of Scripture is derided, the Holy Ghost is degraded to an influence, the punishment of sin is turned into fiction, and the resurrection into a myth, and yet these enemies of our faith expect us to call them brethren."

A third warning is sounded by Bishop J C Ryle, "There is a quantity of half-truths taught by modern false teachers: They are incessantly using Scriptural terms and phrases in an unscriptural sense. There is a morbid craving in the public mind for a more sensuous, ceremonial, sensational, showy worship: men are impatient of inward invisible heart-work. There is a silly readiness in every direction to believe everybody who talks cleverly, lovingly, and earnestly, and a determination to forget Satan is often "transformed into an angel of light" (II Cor 2:14).

"The greatest heresies have crept into the Church of Christ by means of ordained men. Neither Episcopal ordination, nor Presbyterian ordination nor any other ordination, confers any immunity from error and false doctrine."

VII. You should know your stand. In the midst of great upheavals, as in Isaiah's day (v11-13) there shall be a remnant. This College that was founded 30 years ago have stood to this day, but there has been a falling away of a good number of us. Will we stand firm in the tribulation days ahead until Jesus comes? Stand firm to the last!

The seven points on how to be an effective preacher are, by way of recapitulation: 1. Know your Lord. 2. Know yourself. 3. Know your calling and mission. 4. Know your message. 5. Know your audience. 6. Know your adversary. 7. Know your stand. Amen.

OLD AGE COMES

Life is confusing sometimes,
Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead,
That I'm getting more forgetful;
And mixed up in my head.

I've got used to my arthritis,
To my dentures, I'm resigned,
I can manage my bifocals,
But oh God, I miss my mind.

Sometimes I can't remember,
When I'm standing by the stairs;
If I should be going up for something,
Or if I've just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often,
My mind is filled with doubt;
Now did I put some food away,
Or came to take it out.

Sometimes when it is night-time,
With my nightcap on my head;
I don't know if I'm retiring,
Or just getting out of bed.

If it's not my turn to write,
I hope you won't get sore,
I think I may have written;
And I don't want to be a bore.

So I remember I do love you,
And wish that you were here,
But now it's time to mail this,
And say goodbye, my dear.

At last I stand before the mailbox,
My face, I'm sure is red.
Instead of mailing this to you,
I open it instead.

From, Octogenarian Sylvea

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (February 1 - 7, '93)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at AF 12th Anniv. FEBC Hall
SUN	8.00 am	Be Prepared for the "Grim" Finale (Mr Quek Suan Yew)
	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	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	Korean Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service (Rev Tow at 11th Anniv.)
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	7.30 pm	Korean Service

NBC This Week: **Fri** Bishan.

GRAY THREADS AND GOSSAMER

Sylvea Wong

When gray threads mar life's pattern
And they seem so out of line
Just trust the Master Weaver
Who o'ersees the whole design.

Today is my Day of Hope
I shall shed my heavy gown
Of dark discontent and choose
A lighter gossamer one.

Sunday School Attendance: 282; Offering: \$1,037.81

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

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Kutty* \$50, \$50, \$50; *Joseph Weswa* \$50;
Missionaries \$50; *Indonesia* \$10; *The Seets* \$50,
\$300; *The Nirands* \$50; *YF* \$50; *Ptr W Bona*,
P'ppines \$150 ; *FEBC* \$200, \$24.39(US\$15).
Stop Press! \$1000 by post for neediest mission.
CHINESE NEW YEAR OFFERING
(designated to China Mission): \$3,403 + \$60.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Handed to pastor after Prayer Mtg, \$1000
cheque for Hilltop.
- (2) For the Hilltop Project...Praise the Lord,
Glory to His Name. (\$200)
- (3) I thank the Lord for his grace and care
upon my family. Please use this sum of money
for China Missions. (\$30)
- (4) Thank you Lord for answering my prayers.
Please channel this offering to Hilltop - from a
young Lifer. (\$100)
- (5) An 'Ang Bao' for the Lord. Enclosed is
\$100 for the Hilltop project.
- (6) Only a sinner saved by grace. \$100 to
Adelaide Church.
- (7) This is my 3rd instalment for Adelaide
(\$1,000). - fr an old Lifer

Verse for the Week (to memorise)

*There is no man that hath power over the
spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he
power in the day of death (Eccles 8:8).*
(Verse that saved a towkay from the clutch
of the medium who predicted his death and
had extorted \$100,000.)

If you have discovered one verse pertinent
to some situation in life, ring me. - T.T.



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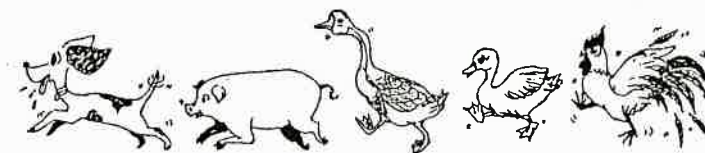
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31 January 1993

"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. 25	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Matt 24:1-31	Ps 42
Hymn	No. 546	No. 306
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 230	Jesus Breaks....
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	II Kings 2:1-11	Lk 8:26-39
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Which "Trib."? (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	Jesus Breaks Every Fetter
Closing Hymn	No. 544	No. 402
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,



I remember when we were in Pr. II we read the story of the farm animals going to build a house. There were the dog, the pig, the goose, the duck and the rooster. One said he could carry the bricks. The other could carry water, sand and cement. Another could lay the bricks. Yet another could make the roof. The rooster said he would stand watch and crow. Every animal did something to build the house.

In the House of God, every Lifer has a part to play for the extension of God's Kingdom. Octogenarian Sylvea Wong has lately resumed her poetry writing. "Old Age Comes" was a delight to older Lifers, but those over 50 should also take note! 50 is retirement age for priests under Moses! (Num 8:25).

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing" (Ps 92:13,14).

Sylvea is one planted in God's House. Though over 80 she is still productive. A Christian, a lover of God, though in his or her evening years, can serve God too. What is your part in extending His Kingdom? What will the Lord say to you when you soon see Him face to face? "Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... Enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matt 25:21)?

There are many things we can do for the Lord. Each one has some talent. I call it a genius, especially when it is something originating from you! We have an elder who sees to the constant repair of our rattan pews. We have a deacon whose joy is to tidy up things lying around here and there in the Church. That extends to the whole compound. Another Lifer serves the Lord by seeing the rubbish bins overflowing at weekends emptied in good time. We have FEBC students who take the initiative to tend the flowers, to patch up pot-holes in the car park, etc, etc. What thing can you do for God's Kingdom? And if you can't preach, you can

contribute to the training of those who are called, to the building of God's House in the mission field.

Of late attention is focused also on Adelaide. It is an open door from Him who holds the Key of David. Those who take part are surely blessed. How good to have this Deacon's assurance: I will support this work. How wonderful to hear a sister say, I will do my part also. Are we not honoured to be called by the Apostle "labourers together with God" (I Cor 3:9)?

Pilgrims to the Holy Land have learnt from the two inland seas. There's the Dead Sea. Because by receiving only and never giving out, it is dead. There's the Sea of Galilee that Jesus blesses. Because it distributes its water received from the Lebanese mountains to the land below through the River Jordan, to irrigate many a barren field. Her sparkling blue waters teem with fish - a picture of the fruitful Christian life. To bring our Pilgrims greater blessing, we've taught them the joy of giving some unused surplus household goods to needy brethren we worship with in the Holy Land. Ask those who've done so in the 3rd Pilgrimage, and see if they have not been blessed? Read Acts 20:35, for our Lord's benediction. Dear Reader, if you have a bright idea, a genius, won't you share it with us?

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

JESUS BREAKS EVERY FETTER

I am all on the altar (3x),
Which was made for me.

*Chorus: Jesus breaks ev'ry fetter (3x),
Jesus sets me free.*

I will never more doubt Him (3x),
For He cleanses me.

I will rest on His promise (3x),
Which was made for me.



THE WAY TO BLESSING

*By Eld George Lim at the
Life Church New Year Service*

During Chinese New Year we wish one another, "Happy New Year" or "Blessed New Year." We all wish sincerely to have happiness and blessing in our daily life in the New Year. Our God also would have us enjoy this happiness because He is a God who blesses.

Of the blessings we wish for, what are the most important? The first is peace, as it is said, "Peacefully and happily we live from year to year." This is the common New Year greeting. Peace is most important as we all wish. It is the peace of heart that gives happiness and meaning to life. But how can we get the true peace? Who can give us peace? In Prov 3:1-2 God exhorts us, "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days and long life, and peace, shall they add unto thee." To attain to long life and peaceful days, we must keep God's law and statutes in our heart and follow with diligence His ways. God says if we do this we will have long life and peace. This is every Christian's experience. The more you keep His ways the more your heart will be at peace, and vice versa the less. When we have peace and happiness our life will be lengthened. Happiness and peace are good medicine, but sorrow dries up the bones.

The past year, did you lose peace and happiness? May we in the New Year resolve to follow His way so we will taste the preciousness of His promises. This is peace and longevity.

Secondly, it is blessing in everything - Promotion. When we find favour with God and men, we have wisdom in our actions and success. We begin to find promotion. We hope we will rise further each year. Thus we will find joy and satisfaction. In Prov 3:3,4, God says that in order to find this blessing, we must bind mercy and truth about our neck and write them on the table of our heart. In our

transactions let us have grace and mercy. We must not get angry easily, nor be hard on others. Be forgiving! Be gracious, never revenge. Return good for evil. By love, we sacrifice, we endure. Be sincere and honest, be not hypocritical. Never defraud. Keep the faith and treat others in earnest. God blesses such. He will give us favour before God and men. We will be welcomed wherever we go. People will cooperate with us. With wisdom and understanding we will be promoted.

Thirdly, success, smooth-sailing. We hope in whatever we do we'll succeed. We'll not make mistake, going the way of regret. Prov 3:5-8 says that to have success we must have God's guidance, and whole-hearted trust in Him. We must not lean on our own understanding or judgment. We must commit everything to God in prayer. Look to His guidance. Believe in Him the Omniscient and Omnipotent, who makes no mistakes, the ever present help. He is willing always to help. He wants us to trust Him. But we must depart from all sin if we will have His guidance. Isn't God's way most good and beautiful? With God's help, we find pleasure in what we do. Our bones are relaxed. During this New Year, may you seek His grace in all things, in obedience to His guidance. So shall your future be smooth and bright.

Fourthly, it is surplus year after year. When God grants us peace, health, all grace and promotion, we have increased income. Business people hope for better intake, surplus from year to year. Workers hope for salary-increase, more bonuses. When God blesses us, increasing our wealth, Prov 3:9,10 says, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." When God has so blessed us, let us not become proud and conceited, but rather let us return thanks. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." Let us glorify God with our substance. Let us render thanksgiving. This will give the Church money for the work of the Gospel, that more will come to be saved, to the glory of His

Name. We must always practise charity, remembering the poor, especially our relatives. Through our charity they will glorify God.

The New Year is here. According to Chinese reckoning, we are one year older on New Year's Day. May our spiritual life grow also in maturity, that we may be wiser, knowing how to walk in the path of blessing. To know that God is the Source of all blessing, real blessing and happiness, we must trust Him fully, believing He is the rewarder of all who seek Him. Amen.

Bible-Presbyterian Movement Extends to Ivory Coast

*Joshua Wonsia, FEBC B.Th., formerly of Liberia,
writes the Principal:*

We praise the Lord for His continuous blessings. The Lord is good to us. We were enabled by Him to begin a work here in Danane. The Grace Bible Presbyterian Mission comprises a church, a training center for lay leaders, and a primary school. We are renting a house for these ministries.

We praise the Lord that a French school is also available here in Danane. I am still studying French while reaching out to the Liberians here. I am training two of the faithful young men who have joined us, to teach Sunday School. One of them is taking Sunday School in French. They are Thomas Williams and Peter Fanah. Please pray for others who will be willing, to teach along with Helen and me without salary. We are praying that the Lord provides small compensation for at least three others. The Liberian community here is large though not very stable. We found out that many are leaving for Ghana because their children cannot go to the unaccredited Refugee School here. We hope our primary school can be a good bait. The attendance on Sundays are encouraging.

Please send us Life Church Weekly and any other publications if possible to Grace BP Mission, BP112, Danane, Cote-D'Ivoire. Thanks!

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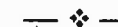


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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 228	No. 216
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	I Thess 5:1-11	Ps 38
Hymn	No. 220	No. 366
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 242	No. 337
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 8:6 - 9:11	Lk 8:40-56
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Be Prepared for the Grim Finale (Mr Quek Suan Yew)	Ye have not because ye ask not No. 281
Closing Hymn	No. 227	
Lord's Supper		
Benediction		



Rev Djunaidi with the newly Baptised, Christmas '92

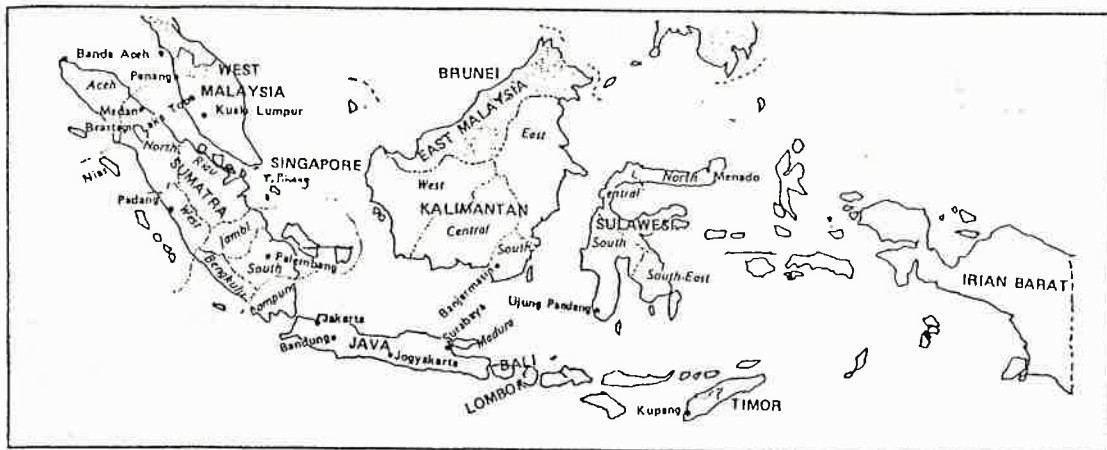
My dear Lifers,

Did you know that today is the 11th Anniversary of the founding of Kebaktian Indonesia? Our Indonesia Service was born on Feb. 7, 1982 when 6 FEBC students, (4 Indonesians, 1 Malaysian, 1 Australian) and the Principal came together and prayed? It was inaugurated very humbly

at the "Jerusalem Court," the semi open FEK Classroom next to "Christian Life Media Ministries." Now it is promoted to the FEBC Hall.

Today, all the founding students are graduated and returned to their respective countries, eg. Haposan and Augus back to Medan, peter Clements to Australia. Only the principal is left. But God sent us Deacon and Mrs Charlie Chia to be the mainstay of the Kebaktian - Deacon Chia the Treasurer and Mrs Chia the hostess. And He raised up without fail other Indonesian students to fill the pulpit - Roska, Kiantoro, Arianto, and at present Tram and Irene. For the administration of the Lord's Supper we have had a number of B-P pastors, even Kendagor from Kenya.

Attendance, for a good number of years, was small, around a dozen. But God has given increase the last couple of years, so that we have now two dozen to 30 or more. One reason why we've not the numbers is most are



domestic servants and students who return to Indonesia as they come to work and study. Nevertheless, there is a core membership which is steadily building up.

Indonesia is considered our Samaria. Two decades after Life Church's founding, the Lord began to launch us out - 1971 to West Kalimantan, 1972 to North Sumatra, 1973 to Riau Islands. Today we have Djunaidi in West Kalimantan with a Church-school-orphanage complex built on 2.5 acres adjacent to a Refugee settlement. He has branched out to establish 3 other churches on the Kapuas River. As for North Sumatra there are also 3 churches established with a flourishing Kindergarten and Primary school, and an orphanage. On Bintan Island are three churches closely associated with us, the 3rd, Tg Uban, directly supported by our Chinese-Service. On Batam Island there is Roska the "pioneer," closely working with Calvary BPC's outreach (Kiantoro). Kimiko, now studying at Biblical, USA, we welcome you to Indonesia to co-labour with us again!

Last November, 5 BP pastors with 5 other B-Pers attended the Special Service with representatives from the Ministry of Religion to hear the announcement of Government recognition of the B-P Church

for all of Indonesia. This was after we had laboured ceaselessly for 20 years - "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not" (Gal 6:9). Haposan, Dohar and Kiantoro are now due for ordination.

Today there is much discussion on "Church Growth." The first step in Church growth is Missions! Of young Lifers, Jess has gone to N. Thailand, Charles Seet and Frieda to Philippines. Who'll go to Indonesia? Especially, when the Indonesian Government is welcoming us? God bless Indonesia for her open door policy.

We invite lovers of God, missions-minded Lifers to attend Kebaktian Indonesia TODAY, this afternoon 4 pm at FEBC Hall. Come and also enjoy a time of fellowship over a cup of tea!

Rev George Kutty, Missionary to Indo-Chinese, Rhode Island, USA

Kutty came from India some 18 years ago. Graduating from FEBC he made his way to USA. He married Kamala our office clerk. Today they have 3 lovely children. Without support from anywhere, they launched into a ministry of mercy to the Cambodian and Laotian refugees on Rhodes Island. Today they are incorporated as the Grace Bible Church. Several dozen have been baptised. We commend him specially to our Missionary Fellowship.

2000AD Ecumenical Evangelism

- A Warning

In his pamphlet "AD2000 Ecumenical Evangelism" Dr M H Reynolds of the Fundamental Evangelistic Association in California, USA, warns of the grave deception of the current global movement to evangelize the world "at all costs." The fast approaching end of the 20th century, and the imminent dawning of the 3rd millennium AD, have spurred Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, to mount a global evangelistic effort. Everywhere Christians are being alerted and enthused about the "Decade of Evangelism" - the "nineties." In less than 7 years, this decade of momentous happenings will slip into AD2000. "Hurry and win souls!"

Readers may ask, "What grave warning is attached to the current movement? What's wrong with pressing on with the Great Commission?" Currently, the mood of the evangelical world is, "we must evangelize the world by the year 2000. We must forget our differences and join forces to convert the world for Christ." The meaning is: let all "Christians" regardless of doctrinal differences come together in a massive global evangelistic effort. In practical terms, it means that evangelicals combine with liberals, charismatics, Catholics and others, to evangelize the world with the gospel. Question: "What gospel?" What message have the liberals and others to offer a dying world?"

Therein is the trap and deception. Galatians 1:8,9 warns: "Not even an angel, not even an apostle, preaching a false gospel will be approved, but will be accursed." A false gospel saves nobody, only sends men to hell. So our Lord warns against those who preach "another gospel." We must have nothing to do with anyone who promotes AD2000 Evangelism." To do so is to be a partaker of his evil deeds (2 Jn 1:11). For that reason we have nothing to do with the Lausanne evangelicals led by Dr Billy Graham, Dr John Stott, and others. We ought to please God rather than men. Brethren, let's pray one for another. - Dr S H Tow

PEACE THAT GOD ALONE CAN GIVE



The thoughts that rose to trouble me
God took them all away
I walked alone Chancery Lane
With Him to guide my way.

He led me gently to my Church
He whispered peace within
He quelled the qualms of my sad heart
He cleansed me from my sin.

I greet the breezing palms and pines
That make me melody
My heart echoes to their sweet tune
I sit by Galilee.

I reach my hand to touch the pond
The fishes dart away
I look upward and say a prayer
The birds sing to His praise.


Thank you Jesus for the blessings
Unworthy though I be
I am only just a creature
Of grace and of mercy.

Sylvea Wong



Verse for the Week (to memorise)
What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. (Ps 56:3)

(Contributed by young lady at Prayer Mtg.)
If you have discovered one verse pertinent to some situation in life, ring me: - T.T.

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		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
		(1) Through Pastor's hand, \$1,265 from Af s 12th Anniversary Thanksgiving for needy FEBC students joining the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. (2) Thank God for His blessings which come in the form of pleasant surprises. Please channel the US\$50 to the Hilltop project and the S\$100 to an area where the need is most urgent. (3) Thank God for His grace and mercy.	
		WE LEAVE HIS MARK	
		<i>Sylvea Wong</i> We leave His mark On each kind deed That we bestow On those in need. We leave His mark When we show care For a lost soul Who's in despair. We leave His mark On each bright day That sees us rise To lead the way. We sing the praise Of Heaven above As we spread joy Of hope and love.	
Another household idol removed from the apartment of Madam Yong Chee Lai, 55, Blk 97 #02-36 Commonwealth Crescent (0314), Mon. Feb 8, '93. "They have hands but they handle not: feet have they but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is everyone that trusteth in them" (Ps 115:7,8). (She is introduced to Chinese Service.)			
Sunday School Attendance: 329; Offering: \$404.45		Finishing the Mission Centre Corridor at Hilltop	
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Opening Hymn	No. 2	No. 87
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 119:81-104	Jn 15:12-27
Hymn	No. 255	No. 243
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 426	No. 386
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Gal 1:1-10	Lk 9:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Evangelism 2000</i>	<i>Stewards of the Lord</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>Go Into The World</i> Lord's Supper	No. 445
Benediction		



My dear Lifers,

In my write-up on Indonesia last week I asked, "Who'll go to Indonesia? Especially when the Indonesian Govt. is welcoming us?" Praise the Lord, we've found one who is none other than Rev Djunaidi of Pontianak!

Rev Djunaidi preached at the 11th Anniversary Thanksgiving of the Kebaktian last week. Meantime he has brought me up to date on his work. I said he had established 3 churches. Now I'm told he has added two more, viz Kumpai Kechil and Bintan Mas.

Though Djunaidi is an educator, his heart is in evangelism and missions. He is willing to be sent to East Kalimantan, to the territories evangelised two generations ago by Jason Linn of *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo* fame. As we discussed on the BPC being given a wide open door to all-Indonesia we felt the logical step is to visit Balikpapan, Samarinda and

Banjermasin, fields cultivated by Jason 1929-1947. And the most cost-effective way is for Djunaidi, son of the soil who speaks the language of the people to go. For him to fly to Balikpapan, closer to East Borneo, would cost much less than our venturing from Singapore.

Revisiting the old fields in 1973, Jason Linn wrote:

Samarinda is my old field of service. It was here that I hung up the first "Gospel Hall" signboard when I arrived in Indonesia in 1929. Three years after, when I decided to enter the interior to open up work with the Dyaks, the Church here was suddenly left without care. For a time she went into hibernation. After the War when I left the interior I shifted back to Samarinda. At that time communications between the islands were not yet restored. Since I could not contact with the headquarters, I joined the Chinese School as a teacher. This gave me the opportunity to restart the Church. When Rev James Chen later on came officially to take over the pastorate, it began to revive. Although the believers there today number less than a hundred the Sunday School has over two hundred with not a few young people, one of whom has dedicated himself to the preaching ministry. While there is only one Chinese Church in Samarinda, there are four or five of the natives. Thus, when I spoke at the evangelistic meetings, we had three to four hundred filling up the hall.

I spent only a few days at Samarinda. What made our hearts glad was this: The Chinese families who were our neighbours in the interior have believed in Jesus. One brother who had believed on the Lord many years ago is now the chairman of the deacons of a Church in Surabaya. After the War when I became a teacher at the Chinese School I taught a class, several of whom also have believed the Lord. Their sons and daughters

are members of the youth fellowship and choir, while some are serving as Sunday School teachers. They came to embrace me, and tears flowed for joy. Thanks be to God that we have had this opportunity, after twenty-six years, to see the fruits of our labours.

The interior of Borneo is a gargantuan jungle. In recent years, ten nations, such as England, USA, Japan, West Germany, Taiwan and Malaysia have established business here to harvest the timber. Samarinda is the timber port, though their offices are located at Balikpapan. There's an international airport at Balikpapan with daily flights. So both Balikpapan and Samarinda are prosperous and booming! Balikpapan is a short distance from Samarinda. They are separated by two hours of motoring up to the estuary of the Mahakam River, from where one needs only an hour more of travel by speed boat.

Balikpapan is an oil-refinery centre from which petroleum is exported. In the past we had established a Church here. When the times became bad later on and the believers were dispersed and we gone into the interior, this Church was obliged to close. Today the Samarinda Church has a desire to open a gospel station here, but owing to the lack of hands the matter is shelved for the time being. The fact is that a brother here has a piece of land and is willing to build a house for the gospel work. We spent two nights in a hotel run by this brother. We were not only well entertained but also presented with air tickets to fly us back to Surabaya in Java. From Surabaya we flew to Bali in half an hour.

Another field that needs help is Kuching now under the care of Sharon BPC. As Djunaidi can bus-ride 200 miles from across the border at little expense, he would be glad to be called upon to help. (Sharonites, please take note.)

By making these new moves, missionary endeavours from S'pore will bear fruit again.

"She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river" (Ps 80:11).

Beyond Indonesia to Papua New Guinea

As we began to talk about extending the Gospel line across the great Island of Borneo, was it by chance that two Western missionary doctors should visit us at the 10.30 am service last week. They stated in the information given in the Visitor's Card they were introduced to Gilstead Rd by the desk clerk of Garden Hotel. The doctors are Steve Lutz, P.O. Box 363, Wabag, Enga, Papua New Guinea and James D. Radcliffe, Nazarene Hospital, Box 456, Mt Hagen, W.H.P., Papua New Guinea. Dr Radcliffe comments, "Enjoyed the worship service. I am a missionary doctor in New Guinea on my way to a Christian Medical Society meeting in Malaysia. May the Lord continue to bless your active ministry here. I am very impressed with the vitality and diversity of what the Lord is doing through your church. Praise His Name."

With this information received of their coming from a distant land, we are constrained to mail them all our books. *John Sung My Teacher* and *Asian Awakening* should be used of the Lord to revive some Papuan Christians. This is a new door opened by our Lord to beyond Indonesia's uttermost part. "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). We have also an Evangelism AD2000. It is one unlike that propagated by the Ecumenical Movement, which is not motivated by the imminent Return of our Lord. But we are so motivated in the light of Matt 24:14. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen. - T.T.

THE GREAT COMMISSION (First Commandment to the Church)



Go into the world, into all the wide world,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing soul,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing soul.

For you I have sent into all the wide world,
And you shall be my witnesses from Jerusalem,
And you shall be my witnesses from Jerusalem.

But first receive power, the Spirit of God,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all the earth,
And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all the earth.

Go ye into all, into all nations,
And make them My disciples, and baptise them for Me,
And teach them all My Word, for I'm with you to the end.

Verse for the Week (to memorise)

***My soul fainteth for thy salvation:
but I hope in thy word. Ps 119:81***

(If you are suffering from Depression, read the whole Book of Psalms, 1-150, again and again. Bernard Ng a member of Sharon BPC was healed by this spiritual tonic.)

If you have discovered one verse pertinent to some situation in life, ring me. - T.T.

Member's Particulars Form. Those of you who have not turned in the form, please obtain one at the Reception Counter and drop the completed form into the box.

The preparation for VBS has started and we would like to invite interested persons to serve in this ministry. Please sign up as staff as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (February 22 - 28, '93)

MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
SUN 8.00 am	"Why Baptise Your Baby?" (Rev Bob Phee)
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 Service
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach

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

Verse for the Week (to memorise)

Our motivation for Evangelism 2000:
*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)*

Infant Baptism today: Chua Sue Mei d/o Mr &
Mrs Chua Teow Tzing.

Pray for speedy recovery of Madam Ko of the
Chinese Service; for Mrs Ruth Tan at NUH; for
Benedict a new catechumen and Camilia Tang.

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form into the box. (Gen. Elections: April 25)

Nomination for General Elections 1993 opens
today. The closing date for nomination is 28
Mar '93.

Sunday School Attendance: 311; Offering: \$382.30

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$7,594.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,486.00 (10.30 am)
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1685)\$137.40; 1686)\$500; 1687)\$300; 1688)\$2000;
1689)\$1200.
TOTAL:\$2,915,816.98; GRAND TOTAL:\$3,328,793.98.
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$50; \$200;
Adelaide Ch/College \$20; *Saipan* \$500; *Rhode
Island* \$151; \$100; *Rev George Kutty* \$60; \$50;
\$40; \$500; *Sunday School (Pri. Dept.)* \$100;
Missions \$200; *S. Takashima* \$500; *Philippines*
\$2000; *Jess & family* \$400; *Msnr Charles Seet*
\$400; *Rev Colin Wong* \$400; *FEBC-Holyland
trip* \$300; *China Mission* \$1000.
Beulah Debt now stands at \$.869 million.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) The first fruit of my annual increment which
I offer unto the Lord as a Thanksgiving. Praise
be to His Name. (Designated for Bro Dohar's
Church in Medan, \$400).

(2) Thank you Father so far for leading me step
by step. I trust that In Your time, You will make
all things beautiful (Ecc 2:11). My trust is in You
alone. Give me and my family strength and good
health Lord during this time. We are resting on
Your Everlasting Arms.

For the Adelaide project, here's my humble
\$20, Lord.

(3) Thank you very much for sending the 30th
anniversary book for FEBC. I've gotten behind
in my reading and just finished it yesterday. I
praise God for the way He has used FEBC to
touch the lives of people around the world. I
pray God will continue to use the school to train
men and women for His service. I pray also that
the faculty will remain true to the Word...

I pray God will continue to bless Life BP and
each of the outreaches as well as you, your
family, and each one on the staff of the church
and Bible College. (US\$45), - USA

(4) This is in Thanksgiving to the Lord for the
gift of a baby girl and for His sustaining grace
upon my wife during and after delivery. (\$1000,
China Mission)



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21 February 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	On Geoffrey Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 88	No. 11
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 90	Psalm 23
Hymn	No. 355	No. 341
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 120	No. 409
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Cor 13:1-3, 8-12; 14:1-6, 12-22	1 Pet 1:1-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Have Tongues Ceased? (Elder Chia K C)	Hallmarks for Holiness (Rev Albert Ong)
Closing Hymn	No. 243	No. 340
Benediction		

THE GOD OF HUDSON TAYLOR

It's a pity that such an epic film as *Hudson Taylor*,
which was shown in Church Saturday week last, was seen
by so few. A close comrade of
William Burns who brought the
Gospel to our ancestors in
Swatow and Amoy (Santou and
Xiamen) South China, he
became founder of the China
Inland Mission (1865). Trusting
in the Lord who supplied his
needs without any Church backing, he was instrumental in
spreading the Gospel all over Interior China. Today the
CIM is renamed OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship)
because all the China missionaries were expelled when Mao
came to power (1949).

But there is one old China hand I had met in Nanking,
1947, who is still actively serving today. He is Rev Dr.
Paul Contento, 86. He is now residing at OMF Lammermuir
House, 605 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, Pa 17601, Phone



(717)293-0744. I spoke to
him 3 weeks ago, and
wasn't I delighted to hear
him answering his nephew
(He is Paul, I am Timothy)
with such a rich, sonorous
voice, as of yore! In the
spirit of Hudson Taylor,
Paul Contento is busily
preaching to Chinese and
Vietnamese churches in
New York, Philadelphia
and Baltimore.

Those of you who
saw the film, what was
your reaction? Young
man, young woman,
whoever you are, did it
touch your heart? Was
God calling you like
calling Hudson Taylor, to
give your life to China?
He said these famous
words, "If I had a thousand
lives I would gladly give
them to China."

Session members,
whoever was there, is your
heart moved for the
millions of seeking souls
in a China now being
transformed by *perestroika*
and *glasnost*? By
reformation and openness?
Do you step in line with
the Lord who has opened

us a door to China?

Proof: 1. Last Easter, a middle-aged lady, Madam Shi visiting her relatives in Woodlands requested baptism. I gladly baptised her. After she returned, she wrote how she got her husband, two daughters and their husbands (5 persons in all) saved by bringing them to church. These were also baptised. She wrote me three more times. Each time in reply our church sent her a box of Bibles, Testaments and Christian books, Christian music tapes, etc. All these boxes got through! She's invited me to visit her family!

2. Mr Liu who confessed Christ last December returned in January. He reports joyfully how he brought his fiancée and younger brother to the Lord. His close friends, having discovered he is a Christian, are also inquiring. He has given them the Bibles and books he brought back to China, and more are being despatched.

3. Three other China "students" the Lord has brought to our Church are also wonderfully blessed. One, a lady and a University assistant from Peking, was saved through the daughter of her landlord. She yielded herself to the Lord on Chinese New Year's Eve. She came to our Chinese New Year Service with an FEBC student. She was greatly touched by the Lunar New Year Message preached by Eld George Lim. She has seen me a couple of times inquiring how she might take Bible lessons.

The other came through Elder Ang Kheng Leng. He is an architect also from Peking, and has found a job locally. He is worshipping regularly at the Chinese Service. A third one, from Guangzhou, came with Liu and is also inquiring.

As we talk of God's Kingdom and pray for the open China door, with Rev Yap also in fellowship, we have felt the hand of God of Hudson Taylor upon us! A new door to China is opened to Life Church! Several in the Chinese Service and in LBC are now burdened for China. Your pastor's heart is also touched. Is our Church ready to go also? Can we hear Him speaking through the Church in Philadelphia, "I know thy works, behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength and hast kept my word, and thou hast not denied my name" (Rev 3:8). What will our Church do with China, and the God of Hudson Taylor? - T.T.

CHINA DOOR

(Testimony of Mrs Jolly Tan at Tues. Night Prayer Meeting)

When I joined a conducted tour to China a couple years ago, I brought with me a suitcase of Gospel tracts, portions, New Testaments and Bibles. I prayed to the Lord to see me through the Customs. He heard my prayer, and I went through without having my suitcases opened.

Last year I took another trip to China (Guangzhou). Drawing courage from my previous smooth entry, I carried another bag of the same Gospel ammunition. As I was last in our party, the customs officer did not even look at me. He just let me in as he walked away from his job. He appeared rather tired. My prayers for protection from the eagle eyes of the customs officer was answered again.

As soon as we arrived in the City, I began to distribute the tracts I'd brought. Everyone was glad to receive them. I felt no restraint. When we came into the

hotel, I continued to distribute the tracts to the attendants. These also took them readily.

But as I was retiring for the night, the phone rang, "Are you the lady who gave out tracts this afternoon?" Taking fright at the thought that I was being shadowed, I put down the phone. Was the Police after me? No, I must tell the truth. Did not Paul and Silas go to jail for preaching the Gospel? I should not be afraid.

The phone rang again, "Are you the lady giving out tracts this afternoon?" "Yes!" I replied. "Then we want to see you. We are hotel attendants who received from your hand. We have some questions to ask concerning Christianity."

Delighted that these were harmless inquirers, I invited them to my room. Four or five of them came and I opened my Bible to explain to them. Satisfied with my answers, these hotel employees asked for the Gospel portions and Testaments. As I had a good stock of Bibles, and knowing there was a Church a few doors from the hotel, I inquired if I might not present them to the pastor for their church use. This was a good idea readily accepted, so I gave all that I was still carrying to the resident pastor.

When I returned to Singapore from this China tour, I found a letter from the pastor who received my Bibles and Gospel portions thanking me. Praise the Lord for His safe-keeping and the smooth distribution of His Word this second time.

"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 send it" (Isa 55:11).

Editor: "Do something good for Jesus everyday. Do something good for Jesus wherever you go." Amen. Pray for Jolly's brother Tan Bak Guan who is sick at an old folks home.

GROWING OLDER MY BONUS DAY

How sad it is in golden age
Grown old and all alone
We never thought we'd turned that page
Life's book was all unknown.

All threat to future still unmet
Like calm before the storm?
One day the veil before my eyes
By Christ shall be withdrawn.

Some folks I know are actually
Afraid of growing old
They look upon the future years
As lonely, bleak and cold.

My heart is now the happiest
Each day is bonus day
New strength I find by serving Him
"The Life, the Truth, the Way."

Old age has a certain wisdom
That is denied the young
It is a time of dim sweetness
That has been undersung.

It is a time of no more doubts
When one knows who one is
Enlightened years when one has found
Salvation's joy and bliss.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (March 1 - 7, '93)

MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
SUN 8.00 am	"Four Views on the Lord's Supper" (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
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	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wot.
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
12.15 pm	Korean 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
8.00 pm	Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan.

GOD'S LOVE by Sylvia Wong

God's love is like a fortress
And we seek protection there
When the waves of hatefulness
Seem to drown us in despair
God's love is like a harbour
Where our souls can find sweet rest
From the struggle and tension
Of life's fast and futile quest

Member's Particulars Form. Those of you who have not turned in the form, please obtain one at the Reception Counter and drop the completed form into the box. (Gen. Elections: April 25)

Nomination for General Elections 1993 The closing date for nomination is 28 Mar '93.

Sunday School Attendance: 330; Offering: \$397.35

AT YOUR SERVICE Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,605.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,442.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1690)*\$5605; 1691)\$150; 1692)*\$10442; 1693)\$500; 1694)\$478.30; 1695)\$100. **TOTAL:**\$2,933,092.28.
LOAN: \$700 (Men's Fship).
GRAND TOTAL:\$3,346,769.28.
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$100, \$1000; *Hope Ch/College* \$400, \$73.17; *Msnr Charles Seet* \$130; *Dn Jack Sin* \$130; *Rev George Kutty* \$100; *China* \$100; *Missions* \$50, \$1000; *S. Takashima* \$100; *Beulah Hse Mtce* \$5000 (Children's Ministry); *Rev Colin Wong's Family* \$200.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thanking God for all His grace and mercy: Beulah Debt \$150, Hilltop project \$100, Rev Kutty's Church \$100, China \$100.
- (2) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights..." James 1:17. Please designate as follows: EBF II \$500, Hope BP Church Adelaide \$400, S Takashima \$100.
- (3) I learned of the wonderful work God has done in Saipan during the Tuesday prayer mtg. I would like to contribute \$500 to the funds for Saipan.
- A cheerful giver
- (4) Enclosed are my love offering for God. Sunday School Pri. Dept. - Thank God for guiding me in this ministry (\$100). Church - Thank God for sustaining my faith in trusting Him with my burden (\$137.40). Mission offering for Hilltop Project - Thank God for His grace in my job (\$200).
- (5) Please designate this offering to Rev George Kutty for the work in Rhode Island. I pray that this will encourage his heart in some way (\$250).
- a much blessed Lifer
- (6) For the extension of God's house and the saving of souls. Please channel \$100 for Rev George Kutty.
- (7) For Rev G Kutty's ministry. All thanks to God for his mercy and grace over my health (\$50).



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28 February 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Paul Wong	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 28	No. 15
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 139	Ps 19
Hymn	No. 386	No. 381
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 121	<i>Come and Dine</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Col 2	Lk 9:10-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Why Baptise Your Baby</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<i>Life Richer by One Thousand Fold</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 471	No. 419
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

NIV STUDY BIBLE RE-EXAMINED

"For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth" (II Cor 13:8)

In the FEBC 30th Anniversary Magazine 1962-92, this is what we wrote, "Throughout these 30 years I have



discovered how the enemy of souls is trying by every means to infiltrate our classroom with every subtle attack on His Word. Satan may be disguised in the garb of lip service to "belief in God's infallible and inerrant Word" but by a cunning twist of hermeneutics (man-made principles of interpreting Scripture), he shakes the young learner's confidence.

One example of "tongue-twisting" is the NIV's interpretation of Isaiah 7:14. While it translates the sign as

"the virgin," the footnote whispers this "may refer to a young woman betrothed to Isaiah (8:3) who was to become his second wife..." Now Isa 7:14 declares it is a virginal conception. To conceive after marriage, is it a miracle?

As if this is not enough Walter C. Kaiser Jr. now suggests Hezekiah is the one who fulfils Isa 7:14. Which is right? NIV or Kaiser? We have confidence rather in Matthew writing by inspiration of God, "... for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS" (Matt 1:20,21).

Commenting on what I have written above, my good friend Rev Carl T. Martin, pastor of Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, Pa kindly wrote me, "I am not sure if in the special treatment on the 30th Anniversary of the College (FEBC) if you intended to say the NIV text has the footnote on Isa

7:14 I have checked a number of notes of copies that I have and only find that footnote in the NIV Study Bible which is distinct from the NIV text."

What Rev Martin has pointed out, seeing more clearly from a distance, is right. I must apologise for the slip in not stating it is the NIV Study Bible and not the NIV itself.

Nevertheless the NIV is like the headquarters and the NIV Study Bible its branch, or else why should it be called NIV? So I was not totally wrong to refer the footnote as coming from the NIV. Now, in the Introduction about the Study Bible, this is what it acknowledges:

"The New International Version of the Bible is unsurpassed in accuracy, clarity and literary grace. The commitments that led to the completion of this version later guided several of its translators to spearhead publication of *The NIV Study Bible*..."

Inasmuch as the NIV Study Bible is an extended work from the NIV does it not give the impression to the common reader that the NIV Study Bible footnotes belong to the NIV and not, say, the Revised Standard Version (RSV) or New American Standard Version (NASB)? What "mistake" I've made is merely a point of technicality.

Now let me reproduce the full text of the NIV Study Bible footnote on Isa 7:14: sign. *A sign was normally fulfilled within a few years (see 20:3; 37:30; cf. 8:18).* virgin. *May refer to a young woman betrothed to Isaiah (8:3), who was to become his second wife (his first wife presumably having died after*

Shear-Jashub was born). In Ge 24:43 the same Hebrew word ('almah) refers to a woman about to be married (see also Pr 30:19). Mt 1:23 apparently understood the woman mentioned here to be a type (a foreshadowing) of the Virgin Mary.

The reasoning given by the NIV Study Bible scholars at this point is that since "a sign was normally fulfilled within a few years," therefore virgin may refer to a young woman betrothed to Isaiah. According to this possibility one way or other, there are other signs that take much more than a few years to fulfil: eg. Micah's prophecy on Bethlehem being the birthplace of Jesus. Micah's prophecy took 700 years to fulfil. Now this is how Matthew under Holy Spirit guidance takes Isaiah's prophecy to refer directly to Mary, and not through a labyrinth of serpentine suggestions, through "type" and "foreshadowing." The learned scholars use the subjunctive "may" to guard themselves, but the poison of introducing one other than Jesus in fulfilment of Isa 7:14 is already implanted in the undiscerning mind of the ordinary lay reader. Beware the side winding attack of the snake!

When a lie is used, it is easily detected through another lie. If the NIV Study Bible footnote on the sign of the virgin is true, how then is there another view, viz. Junior Walter C. Kaiser's who says Isa 7:14 is fulfilled (not in Isaiah's son by the second wife) but in Hezekiah? Which is right? Kaiser's Hezekiah or the NIV Study Bible's "son by Isaiah's second wife"?

By His grace we have rather taken Matthew's interpretation that the sign of the virgin birth of our Lord was immediately

(directly) fulfilled by the Son of God, not mediately through a type. Another thought: If what the NIV Study Bible gives is the right interpretation, then all the devout commentators of past ages were wrong. And Matthew himself was also wrong.

There are other points of NIV Study Bible interpretation that are questionable, and indeed, the NIV text itself is questionable. One of them is their translating Eretz Sinim = Land of Sinim as "region of Aswan." We shall discuss this blatant variation from the Hebrew text in a coming issue of this paper. But watch for my article on "The Chinese in the Bible" first!

- T.T.

Verse for the Week (to memorise)

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
(Prov 3:27)

(Do something good for Jesus everyday; Do something good for Jesus wherever you go.)

Come and Dine

C. B. W.

C. B. Widmeyer
Arr. by S. H. Dolton

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (March 8 - 14, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	*\$4,394.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,711.00 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II - 1696)*\$4394;	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (for Pilgrims also)	1697)\$50; 1698)\$200; 1699)\$180; 1700) *\$9711;	
WED 11.35 pm	Pilgrims leave for Holy Land, RJ 183	1701) \$100 (Coinafon); 1702) \$50; 1703) \$260	
THU 7.30 pm	FEBC Vocation Begins. No evening lecture	(Thanksgiving); 1704)\$1100 (Thanksgiving).	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship	TOTAL:\$2,949,137.28; GRAND TOTAL:\$3,362,814.28.	
7.45 pm	Men's Fship (FEBC Hall)	OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop \$50, \$200 (Sunday School), \$100 (Sunday School), \$250, \$150,	
7.45 pm	Women's Fship (Beulah Hse)	\$100, \$70; Thailand \$50, \$170; Rev George Kutty \$50, \$350, \$10; Msnr Charles Seet \$150;	
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF	Medan(Dohar) \$50; Jess/Nirand \$80; Holy Land \$220, \$100; China Mission \$100.	
3.00 pm	YAF (Forum on Contemporary Issues)		
3.00 pm	LBC	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
SUN 8.00 am	"Why Presbyterianism?" (Rev Bob Phee, Lord's Supper)	(1) Praise the Lord for answering my prayers. Enclosed please find \$180 as my contribution to the Extension Building Fund.	
9.30 am	Sunday School	(2) To the Lord in gratitude for blessing me in my 'O' level exams. I hope this money may be put into a mission fund, for the furtherance of His Kingdom.	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	(3) I thank God for seeing me through the 'O' levels, and even giving me such good results. I've learnt to trust in the Lord for strength through the period. May all those who are taking their exams in the university also taste and see that the Lord is good.	
10.30 am	Rev Yap Beng Shin	BLESSED HOUR OF PRAYER	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	If we come to Him in faith, His protection to share What a balm for the weary, O how sweet to be there.	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	- Fanny Crosby	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	This is one special characteristic of our Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting. While it's the practice normally to have a season of Bible study, we include an half hour of testimonies of prayers answered. Such testimonies, like the weekly thanksgivings received in the offering bags, are mutual "balm for the weary." O how sweet to be there!	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	A more sensible development of our Prayer Meeting is the return of thanks in substance. A young lady offered through the pastor's hand \$260 for prayers answered upon her parents. A couple last Tues. night brought a cheque \$1,100 to thank the Lord for a new house and career promotion. Two young ladies brought each a gift for the Holy Land Church, with another for our new China Mission. All these in cheerful spontaneity. Did not Jesus say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? (Acts 20:35). "Blessed hour of prayer!"	
12.15 pm	Korean 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		
8.00 pm	Korean Service		
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok.			
Verse for the Week (to memorise) <i>And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.</i> <i>(Ezek 34:23)</i>			
Sunday School Attendance: 313; Offering: \$418.30			
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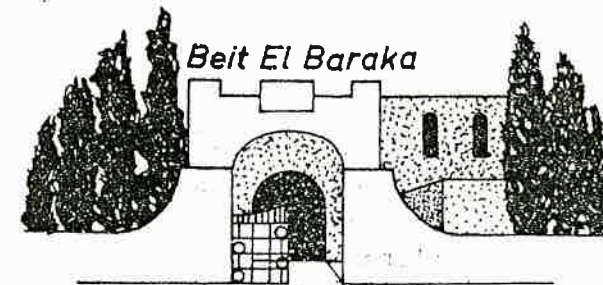
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7 March 1993

"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. 85	No. 263
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 55	Lk 24:13-32
Hymn	No. 324	I want to walk
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 426	Pilgrims' Home Sweet Home
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Cor 11:17-29	Heb 11:7-10; 13-16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Four Views on the Lord's Supper (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	Pilgrims All
Closing Hymn	No. 201	When Daylight's Fading Lord's Supper (No.314)
Benediction		



My dear Lifers,

LIFE-FEBC 4TH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

After one year of preparation, with much prayer and supplication to the Father Almighty, this 4th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take wing Mar. 10, 2335 by Royal Jordanian 183 from Changi, Terminal I. There are 50 of us. Please uphold us with your extended prayers until we return, D.V., Mar 24, 1440.

This Pilgrimage is designed also for FEBC faculty and

students. Three-dimensional Bible knowledge will be greatly enhanced by these visits. Students who present a paper on this Study Tour get two academic credits. One fifth of our party are FEBCers. We want to thank the AF, certain Lifers and the Kebaktian Indonesia for contributing to needy FEBC students. God bless!

What makes our Bible Lands Study Tour different from others is that it is also a Pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is defined as a journey to a shrine or other sacred place. Ours is not only visiting the Land of our Saviour's Birth with a religious emphasis, but also His people. To worship and fellowship at Baraka B-P Church, Bethlehem and to stay at the Sanatorium founded by Dr Thomas Lambie now turned into a Pilgrims' home. A sister now zealously serving the Lord was saved during our 1987 visit.

Another aspect of our

religious emphasis is the bringing of a gift to the needy among God's people. Every pilgrim is encouraged to collect some surplus goods in his or her house which is lying fallow, like a hidden talent. When it is activated to supply the need of the needy, it becomes alive! This is one principle that makes Lifers lively! If you, pilgrim, have warm clothing folded away which you'll not use again, why not give to warm those shivering in a cold country? "Do something good for Jesus everyday." By using Beit El Baraka as our base in the Holy Land, we make even the cold stone walls to echo fervently to our singing and testimonies!

Last year our Pilgrimage included Egypt and the Sinai Desert. This year we fly onwards rather to Rome and to Naples to see the ruins of Pompey. Plenty of Church history (the footprints of St Paul) will also be learnt. Jordan being our point of entry, we will spend a night there before going into the Promised Land, and a day before returning to Singapore.

As to Israel this time we will vary the places of interest in our programme. We will climb Masada and swim on the Dead Sea.

One clear message we receive from every Holy Land visit is that a fast restored Israel is a constant reminder to the Bible student that the Return of our Lord draweth nigh. In 1914 at the outbreak of WWI Palestine was at its lowest ebb. There were not 90,000 Jews in all the Land under Turkish rule. Today the total population of Israel exceeds 5 million. A million Jews are expected to flow into Israel from the former Soviet lands in the next few years. This is in fulfilment of at least 25

prophecies in the OT on Israel's regathering before the Second Coming of Christ.

"Prophescope on Israel" is the crystallisation of years of teaching the Old Testament and two extended stays in Israel plus half a dozen visits. Pilgrims who would gain more in this Pilgrimage should read this book. (Do it now.) It's a gift many Lifers who receive this book freely from the Church have not done better than look at the coloured photos. But those who know, read it from cover to cover. Here is a word from Australia to start you on the book: Rev James L. Reid, a good friend of Rev Brian Harper, says, "The reading of it brought much joy and challenge. As a matter of fact it is without doubt the most penetrating and thrilling book that I have come across for some time. I hope that you are going to promote it through Australian bookshops and so reach the general Christian public here. It would introduce you to our people as well as give quite an impetus to your work in our land."

Next year (1994) Calvary BPC will visit the Holy Land, so we will take a rest. We cannot plan beyond one year at a time. We cannot speak for 1995. But Life Church has a wonderful Bible Camp coming at Genting View Resort, September 6-10, 1993. Dr Arthur Steele who is the Camp speaker is in constant touch with me. He is in the best of health and spirits. You should start planning for September 6-10, 1993, now!

With these thoughts, we bid you good-bye for the time being. Once again, we say, pray for our safety all the way. Amen.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

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I Want To Walk Where Jesus Walks

(Tune: "I walk today where Jesus walked")

I want to walk where Jesus walks

Along life's narrow way.

He comes to our Emmaus road

And talks with us today!

He hears our sighs and all our woes,

He kneels with us to pray.

I want to walk where Jesus walks:

He wipes my tears away.

My path leads from the Empty Tomb

Where He rose from the dead!

It brings me to the Upper Room

Where all my friends are met.

With Thomas I shall worship Him,

And I'll call Him my Lord.

O won't you give your heart to Him?

Jesus the Son of God!

And from the lone Emmaus Road

Christ leads His followers on:

He meets with us in Galilee,

And gives our hearts a song.

Returning to Mount Olivet,

We hear His last command:

Go ye, go into all the world,

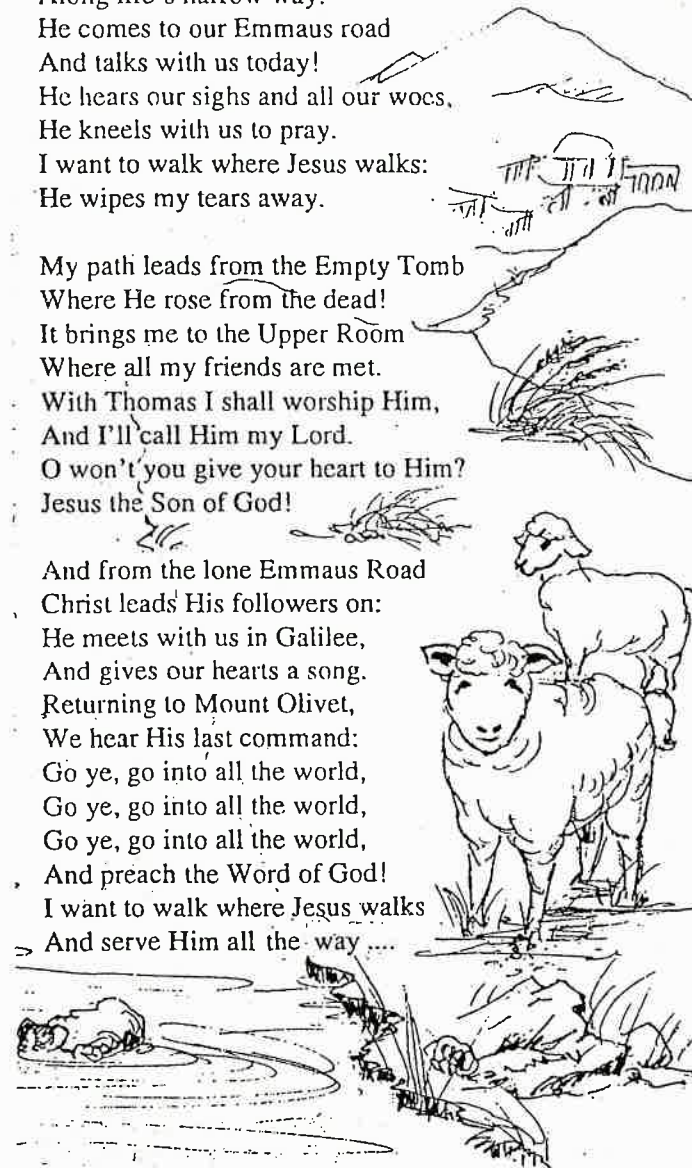
Go ye, go into all the world,

Go ye, go into all the world,

And preach the Word of God!

I want to walk where Jesus walks

And serve Him all the way



A TRAVELLER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou hast them at home, for thou hast left thy home to find things different.
2. Thou shalt not take anything too seriously, for a carefree mind is the beginning of a vacation.
3. Thou shalt not let the other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou art paying out good money to have a good time.
4. Remember thy passport so that thou knowest where it is at all times, for a man without a passport is a man without a country.
5. Blessed is the person who can make change in any language, for lo, he shall not be cheated.
6. Blessed is the person who can say "thank you" in any language - and it shall be worth more to him than tips.
7. Thou shalt not worry. He that worrieth hath no pleasure - and few things are ever fatal.
8. Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by one person with whom thou hast had trouble.
9. Thou shalt when in Rome do somewhat as the Romans do; if in difficulty, thou shalt use thy Singaporean common sense and friendliness.
10. Remember thou art a guest in every land - and he that treateth his host with respect shall be treated as an honoured guest.

Ezekiel 34:12,13 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (March 15 - 21, '93)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Mahadevan)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Chan Kay Heem & Tan Sok Sin (Life BPC, Rev Tan Eng Boo)
	3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
SUN	8.00 am	"Qualifications of a Session Member" (Rev Ronny Khoo)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye
	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 Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	1.30 pm	AF
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

This Week no Bishan NBC

Verse for the Week (to memorise)

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9

FEK Registration for children born between 2/1/88 and 2/1/90 from 29 to 31 March, 9 am to 2 pm. Registration fee: \$30. Bring along: birth cert., baptism cert.

Welcome to Rev Edward Paauwe who is now speaking at Grace Church Bible Camp in Cameron Highlands.

Sunday School Attendance: 263 Offering: \$360.20

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,888.00 (8.00 am); *\$13,683.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1705)*\$4888; 1706)\$200; 1707)*\$13,683; 1708)\$250; 1709)\$1300; 1710)\$100; 1711)\$100; 1712)\$100; 1713)\$1134(ChineseService); 1714)\$400(Kebaktian Indonesia).
TOTAL:\$2,971,292.28; GRAND TOTAL:\$3,384,969.28.
OFFERINGS FOR: Hilltop \$100, \$200, \$1000, \$580(Women's Fship); Mission \$100; China Mission \$1100; Holy Land Church \$300; Msnr Charles Seet \$1000; FEBC Fridge \$1000.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Dear LORD and Heavenly Father, here is my humble \$50 for Beulah house. - Father, I pray that you'll guide my family in making the right decision at this time for Your glory only. Thy will be done LORD.
- (2) For the furtherance of God's kingdom. Thank God for Life Church and God's many blessings (\$50).

- A young Lifer

- (3) Hallelujah! To God be the glory! Chinese Bibles (\$60), Hilltop (\$40).
- (4) Thank God for His providence in granting me admission into I.E. in a miraculous way. Indeed it is His hand of mercy and love guiding and leading me, despite my unworthiness. May this small gift be used for the extension of His kingdom, to the glory of His Holy Name (\$200).

- Saved By Grace

- (5) This is my thanksgiving offering to God for His Graciousness to me during my recent post-graduate medical examination. Kindly direct it to the ministry of Charles Seet (\$1000).
 - (6) Thanksgiving Gift to Our Lord Jesus Christ (\$300).
 - (7) To The Glory Of His Kingdom. Amen (\$500).
- From Sydney, Australia:** This is to thank you for your superb and fantastic book Deacon Lim sent me from Bethel, "Propheoscope on Israel." It has changed everything in the Bible for me - all so full of interest. And thank you too for the splendid and readable print. Again thank you.

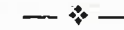


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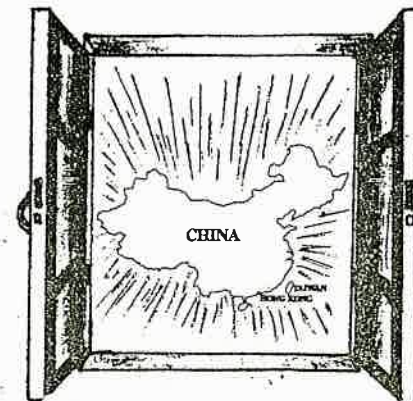
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Dn Geoffrey Tan
Opening Hymn	No. 216	No. 34
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 28	Ps 91
Hymn	No. 262	No. 418
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 408	From China's Towering Mountains
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Acts 20:17-32	Matt 28:18-20
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Why Presbyterianism? (Rev Bob Phee)	God reigns in Missions (Rev Yap Beng Shin)
Closing Hymn	No. 293	No. 459
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

CHINA - THE DOOR IS OPEN

By a Chinese lover

China is the biggest nation in the world with a population of 1.2 billion people. It became a communist country in 1949, under the leadership of Mao Tze Tong. At that time, the Protestant population was said to be around 1 million. What



followed was the unleashing of fierce persecution upon the Church and other religions. 15 million died under persecution during Mao's reign. Can the Church withstand this fiery trial?

Mysteriously and wonderfully, the Church not only stood firm but grew. Today

there are 63 million Protestants (official figure). This number does not include secret believers.

God first prepared His Church ahead through men of God He had raised (Dr John Sung, Pastor Wang Ming Dao, Watchman Nee, David Yang and others). By the time the communists took over, Christians were firmly grounded in the faith. Persecution further sanctified them.

Pastors and church leaders were arrested and sent into the deep interior Labour Camps. This resulted in the Gospel spreading into interior China (Tibet, Heilongjiang, Manchuria, Xinjiang, etc). The greatest obstacle to Christianity, Ancestral Worship, was severely dealt with by the communists. Language barriers were removed. There is no difficulty getting interpreters. Most people could read and write Mandarin. Christians became bold and spread the Gospel widely. One group of Christians in interior China would hide in the mountains during the day,

but sneak into villages and cities to preach the Gospel in the night. Today, this group has 3000 missionaries in various parts of China. Most of them are in their twenties. Many are under the wanted list of itinerant preachers. Every missionary lives by faith. They are like the disciples in Matthew 10, carrying with them nothing except money for transport. Everyone is a great prayer warrior, rising early at 4.00 am praying till 6.30 am, followed by prayer at noon and night. I have never met better young people in my whole life who are so prayerful, bold and self-sacrificing. The only great set-back is that they lack *Theological and Discipleship Training*.

Due to lack of pastors and matured Christians to shepherd the huge flock, extremism and cultism abound. Pastors are old, most of them are weak in health and many have now entered into glory.

Not long ago, a false teacher claimed he met Christ. He was prepared to bring Christians to meet with Christ provided they paid him a sum of money. He brought them to a river bank and told them to wait there for Christ while he left. They waited till dark but Christ did not appear. Some Christians began crossing the river in search for Christ. They were later found to have drowned. It is sad to see our brothers-in-Christ deceived and lose their lives through lack of teaching.

Christians in Singapore, what can we do for China?

Firstly, we must realise God has prepared Singapore for China. Through the Speak Mandarin Campaign our nation has raised a generation of young people who are conversant in Mandarin.

Secondly, Singaporeans are well-liked and trusted by the Chinese government (not so with Hong Kong and Taiwan). No other country (even the communist countries) enjoys better political ties with China than Singapore.

Thirdly, many businessmen are eager to launch into China. This will result in many professionals sent to China.

Fourthly, in our tertiary institutions there is a very high percentage of Christians. Due to the economic situation in Singapore, they will have more work overseas.

What must we do now? Get equipped in the art of Discipleship Making and in Doctrine. I foresee a great professional missionary movement from Singapore. You might just be one that God has chosen.

*Millions of Christians in China
are waiting to be
trained and taught in the Word of God.
Billions of souls are waiting to be saved*

PRAY FOR CHINA

● A church leader in southern China met a foreigner in a hotel to collect 8 bags of Bibles and Christian literature. He brought them back to his home but had his house searched and all the materials were confiscated. He is under surveillance now. Please pray for his steadfastness in the Lord in this time of trial. PRAY for the Lord's wisdom to be doubly added in his ministry.

● In Guangdong province, a well-loved and good brother is being harassed by the authorities for his involvement in Christian work. The authorities had traced his involvement due to some books he sent by mail to a church leader in another province. They are harassing him daily hoping to find out more information about his work for the Lord. PRAY for wisdom and courage to stand firm in this difficult time. PRAY for the Holy Spirit to fill him and lead him to know what to say and do.

● In Hainan Dao, during the 2 evangelistic meetings in recent months, over 90 young people came to know the Lord. The church there is now facing the challenge to follow-up and nurture these young babes in the Lord. PRAY for wisdom and strength for these leaders as they teach and follow them up. PRAY for more leaders to rise up and take up this call to lead these new Christians.

(Pray for China, Bimonthly)

FROM CHINA'S TOWERING MOUNTAINS (Adapted)

From China's towering mountains,
From Taiwan's coral strand
Where Yunnan's lofty fountains
Roll down the Southern sand
From mighty Yangtse River,
From Shanghai on the plain
They call us to deliver,
Their sons from error's chain.

What though the balmy breezes
Blow soft o'er Hainan Isle
Though ev'ry prospect pleases
And only man is vile
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown
The Chinese in their blindness
Bow down to wood and stone.

Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high
Shall we to men benighted
The Lamp of Life deny?
Salvation O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim
Till Earth's most ancient nation
Has learned Jesus' sweet Name.

Waft, waft ye winds, His story,
And you, ye waters roll
Till like a sea of glory
It spreads from pole to pole
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

(Tune: From Greenland's Icy Mountain)

THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE

Newly Rich Parade Wealth on a Leash
Shanghai's smart set has found a new way to parade its wealth, spending anywhere up to HK\$15,500 on a pet dog. Movie stars, businessmen - even rich scientists and officials - are a common sight walking the streets of China's largest city with an expensive pedigree dog at the end of a leash, the *People's Day* reported yesterday.

Pet shops and veterinary clinics are sprouting everywhere as the pet-owning craze spreads. There were now some 200,000 dogs in metropolitan Shanghai, which had a population of six million, the newspaper said. The communists previously regarded pet-owning as a form of capitalist degeneracy that was wasteful. To this day, so-called dog-beating squads prowl the alleys of Chinese cities rounding up unlicensed family pets and bludgeoning them to death on the spot.

Parasite Survey

More than half of China's 1.15 billion people have had roundworms and other parasitic infections, according to a five-year national survey reported by new China News Agency.

Paper Warns of 70 million

Bachelor Army

China has warned its people that unless families start having more girl babies, an "army" of 70 million bachelors will be roaming the countryside looking for wives by the end of the century. The newspaper said 51.45 per cent of China's 1.1 billion people were men, with the percentage of males increasing in younger age groups. The ratio of male births to female births is now 114 to 100.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (March 22 - 28, '93)

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Eld Edmund Tay)
 WED 12.40 pm Pilgrims return
 FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
 SAT 1.00 pm LJBC
 2.30 pm LTF/YF
 3.00 pm YAF/LBC
 SUN 8.00 am "How to Elect"
 (Eld Edmund Tay)
 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 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
 8.00 pm Korean Service

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

Verse for the Week (to memorise)

Behold, these shall come from far: and,
 lo, these from the north and from the
 west; and these from the land of Sinim.
 Isaiah 49:12

Nomination for General elections 1993
 The closing date for nomination is 28
 March.

FEK Registration for children born
 between 2/1/88 and 2/1/90 from 29 to 31
 March, 9 am to 2 pm. Registration fee:
 \$30. Bring along: birth cert., baptism cert.

Sunday School Attendance: 241 Offering: \$309.00

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,902.00 (8.00 am); *\$6,565.00 (10.30 am)
 EXTN BLDG FUND II 1714) *\$4902; 1715)
 *\$6565. TOTAL: \$2,982,759.28.
 LOAN: \$250 (Men's F'ship).
 GRAND TOTAL: \$3,396,686.28.
 OFFERINGS FOR: Thankip Vel Zahau \$75;
 Rev George Kuty \$10; Missions \$50; Kenya
 Mission Trip For J S Heng \$200.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) A special birthday offering to God. I truly
 thank Him for saving me and sustaining me all
 these years of my life. Praise the Lord! (\$120)
 - A Thankful Lifer
 (2) Thank God for His love, grace and mercy
 (\$170).

WORTH THE PRAISE OF GOD

It is easy to be pleasant
 When life flows by like a song.
 But with Christ in us we can sing
 When everything goes dead wrong.
 The test of the mind is trouble
 And it comes more with the years.
 The smile that is worth the praise of God
 Is the smile that shines through tears.

It is easy to be prudent
 When nothing tempts you to stray.
 Whether out or in no voice of sin
 Is luring your soul away.
 'Tis but a negative virtue
 Until it's tested by fire.
 The heart that's worth the praise of God
 O'ercomes each carnal desire.

Be grateful when you're not freezing
 And hunger's not gnawing you.
 Your backbone has not been broken
 And your legs carry you through.
 Your arms are strong and still swinging
 Your eyes can see and ears hear.
 The life that's worth the praise of God
 Is one that our Saviour holds dear.
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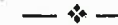


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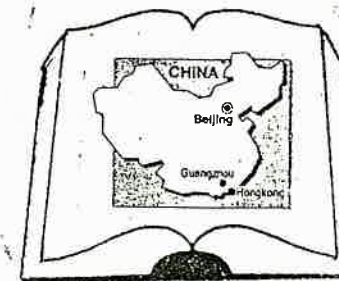
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Dn Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 24	Prov 2:1-6
Hymn	No. 260	No. 532
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 262	No. 246
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Tim 3:1-13	Matt 13:1-23
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Qualifications of a Session Member (Rev Ronny Khoo)	Take Heed How Ye Hear (Dr Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 382	No. 116
Benediction		

THE CHINESE IN THE BIBLE

According to the latest statistics, the Chinese race
 numbers 1.17 billion, or nearly a quarter of the whole world.



It is inevitable that the
 Almighty Father's love for the
 world that sent His only
 begotten Son must
 comprehend a goodly number
 of the sons of China. It is not
 unreasonable therefore to
 expect God's Word to contain
 some reference to China.

India, being nearer to the Bible Lands, is mentioned twice
 in the Book of Esther. As for China, that Far Eastern
 Kingdom beyond India's horizon, she is nevertheless seen
 by the eagle-eye of the prophet Isaiah.

Talking of the wide outreach of the Lord's Servant,
 whereby the salvation He provides is not limited to a small
 group, both Chapter 42 and the beginning verses of Chapter
 49 of Isaiah look beyond the boundaries of the Israelite
 nation. God's appointed Saviour is "for a light to the

Gentiles" (Isa 42:6), "That
 thou mayest be my
 salvation unto the end of
 the earth" (Isa 49:6). Isa
 49:12 pictures a saved
 people coming "from the
 north and from the west,"
 but who are "these from
 the land of Sinim"?

Both the NIV Study
 Bible and the Ryrie Study
 Bible are tainted by
 modernistic so-called
 scholarship to take "Sinim"
 for Syene (modern Aswan in
 Egypt). Dr Allan A. MacRae
 my teacher, in his book "The
 Gospel of Isaiah," is quite
 convinced with other Bible-
 believing scholars to take
 "Sinim" to refer to China.
 The Zondervan Pictorial
 Bible Dictionary says, "The
 most widely held view is that
 China is meant..." Hastings'
 Dictionary of the Bible says,
 "The Septuagint favours the
 view that a country in the
 East was intended..." The
 translators of the Chinese
 Bible equate Sinim with the
 Kingdom of Ch'in (秦國).
 When I was a resident in
 Israel in 1969-70, I was
 known to all in Bethlehem
 as the "Sini" (pron. seenee).
 Did I then become an

Egyptian hailing from Syene?

The Hebrew word for "Syene" is סִינִיָּה which is not pronounced Syene but Sveneh. But in Isa 49:12 it is סִינִים = Sinim. Now the Modern Hebrew Dictionary gives the same word סִינִי for Chinese. The NIV Study Bible scholars should have studied Modern Hebrew, so they would not make the glaring mistake. Now Isa 49:12 also has אֶרֶץ סִינִים = Eretz Sinim. Eretz is Land (or country) or earth (the world). But the NIV translators tone down Eretz to "region," a biased translation indeed.

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

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

The earliest evidence of Christianity

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

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

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

the Chinese Bible by William Milne who was based in Malacca.

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

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

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

In the thirties, however, there was a nationwide awakening under the revival ministry of Dr John Sung. A nominal Christianity was suddenly roused to life like the dry bones of Ezekiel 37 becoming "an

exceeding great army" (Ezek 37:10). According to Dr Sung's own testimony, several hundred thousands were born again in a decade under his itinerant ministry throughout China and all over Southeast Asia. Oh, may evangelists arise who are willing to go forth for His name's sake (III Jn 7).

After about four decades of Communist rule, Christianity has multiplied rather by leaps and bounds, so that it is estimated there are 50 million turned to Christ. Latest statistics: 63 million! No doubt this is the work of the Holy Spirit. But it must not be forgotten there was the good seed sown before Mao came, the children of the kingdom, viz., the hundreds of thousands born again under John Sung's ministry (Matt 13:38). Rev Roy J. Birkey, missionary to China for 50 years, says of the lasting results of that Asian Awakening under John Sung, "His fruits still glow like the sun of a cloudless bright morning." ("I remember John Sung", Schubert)

In Southeast Asia today there is a hardcore of remnants of the John Sung Pentecost, of whom are the Bible-Presbyterians. Incidentally, there is a Fourth Pilgrimage of Lifers & FEBCers now on in the Holy land! And next year, 1994, another B-P group, the Calvarians will follow. "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim" (Isa 49:12). May we be faithful heralds of a countless multitude from the Far East who "shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zech 14:16). The Millennial Rule of Christ on earth! Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen. - T.T.

stopping at Nazareth and Cana and also the Diaspora Museum. Here we saw prophecy of God in action, of how the once scattered nation has returned and is still continuing to return (Isaiah 11:11) "and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

After the Diaspora Museum we headed for Baraka sweet Baraka. It was the first time that we could be together in a place of God to worship.

The next morning we travelled to Bethlehem the place of Jesus' birth. So many buildings, icons and murals, complex system of pagan and Christian beliefs intertwined, "having a form of religion nevertheless but denying the power thereof." All this man-made contribution to the Christian faith was like the foolish Galatians returning to the slavery systems and bondage of religions.

What a refreshing change it was in the Garden Tomb area! No icons, no complex system just uncomplicated faith. It was the most moving place so far. In the army when we want to identify a place on the map we need 3 reference points to confirm our location. The Damascus gate, the main trunk road of Jerusalem and Golgotha confirmed the location of Jesus' crucifixion. At the cross where He shed his blood for me, Alas, and did my Saviour bleed for such a worm as I? And just next to it was Joseph Arimathea's vineyard where Jesus was buried in the tomb. The tombstone sealing the entrance must have been indeed huge as evidenced by its track as well as groove left behind. Behold the tomb was empty! Everything in it fitted with what the Bible says. In Luke 24:11 it says Peter stooped to enter the tomb, indeed the entrance was low and one had to stoop to enter. Also in Mark 16:5 it says the "angel sat on the right side of the tomb, indeed this was where the opening for the body was in the cave! But most importantly an empty tomb was there to testify that my Saviour lives.

Over the next 2 days we toured around Jerusalem city itself. The temple area was one of the best. Huge 400-ton slabs of rock made up the outer walls of the temple Herod built. Within it was the temple area which was completely destroyed. In the area of the Holy of the Holies now stands a mosque - the Mosque of Omar. How true the prophetic words of Jesus about the destruction of the temple. Not a stone would remain on another. The Mount of Olives facing the still unopened Golden Gate spoke of the hope of Christ's return. A portion of the wall which once encompassed the temple - the Western wall is still being used by Jews to pray at. Hundreds of Orthodox Jews with heads bobbing up and down, even crying and wailing at the wall praying for the

Messiah's return!

We also had the opportunity to have a panoramic view of the whole city when we visited the model of Jerusalem. Also we had the opportunity to see for ourselves the Dead Sea Scrolls. Blessed are those who have not seen but believed, and yet we who believe, when we see confirmation of our faith feel so uplifted.

On Sunday was worship service at Baraka Church. What a wonderful time we had praising God in Arabic, English, Mandarin, Korean and even Indonesian. Our Arab brethren were indeed encouraged. We also had opportunity to visit the property bought for the church building which was in Shepherds Field. It was indeed a joy except to learn that a nearby Greek Orthodox Church was trying to stop them from using the land to build a church where there is light. But darkness will always try to cast a shadow. Pray for our Christian brothers!

After visiting the field we went to Yad Vashem: the holocaust museum. If a picture could tell a thousand words, the suffering and annihilation of six million Jews was told out in pictures and exhibits. On one hand was the ferocity of Satan causing the Nazis to hate and torture the Jews, on the other hand, a God of Covenant and Providence who in His sovereign will allowed the punishment, always singing to the beloved, begging and pleading for her return. O Israel why do you wait? Salvation is of the Lord Jesus Christ! Even through all the sufferings, God is faithful and merciful always. Through the ashes and tears of six million a nation was born which today even with all the strife is prospering. My eyes were really open to God's graciousness toward His children. When we are faithful God is faithful. When we are faithless, God is still faithful.

Our final day in Israel was indeed a sad one for me. I really loved the Holy Land, so many precious lessons learnt. We went up to Massada, a high fortress built by Herod the Great and used by the Jewish zealots to hold out against the Romans. We had to ascend by cable car. Atop we had a commanding view of the desert and the Dead Sea. Later we went down for a swim in the Dead Sea. What an experience. The saltiness of the sea is incredible. No life exists in it. Under it probably the remains of Sodom and Gomorrah. The whole sea spoke of how if a vessel is only receiving and not giving, its water is no longer fresh and alive but salty and dead. This was such a reminder to me to walk in the Spirit and let Jesus Christ reign in my life.

Indeed God is great and spoke to me innumerable times during this trip. May Jesus be praised! Amen.



REPORT ON LIFE-FEBC 4TH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND,

MARCH 10-24, 1993.

by Irene Tan



"His mercies are new every morning." (Lam 3:23)

We thank the Lord Jesus for giving our pastor the vision and with his wife's support, to lead this 4th pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is not an easy task for them to look into minute details of a big group of 50 young and old children - all from a varied spectrum of personalities and backgrounds. In spite of the discomfort of the pastor's flu and cough, he cheerfully plodded on in faith and love for all of us. The Lord oversees all things! Rev Tow was restored to health in good time, the moment he crossed the Allenby Bridge and set foot on the Promised Land.

The pilgrims were therefore not deprived of the nightly spiritual food, which is the unique feature of every pilgrimage.

Rev Stephen Khoo's enthusiasm and friendliness was contagious and the group quickly became cohesive and enjoyable. We were able to tap his brain and Elder Khoo Peng Kiat's knowledge of biblical matters too. Had we joined any other sight-seeing tour, Rome would have been just another great city of the world, with its earthly attractions! We would probably awe at its magnificent ruins of which a good part still stands to brave the wear and tear of time. The many museums which portray her past glories would also overwhelm us beyond doubt and for the rest of the time, we would have spent our money in shopping and more shopping...

This was certainly not meant to be an ordinary sight-seeing tour. It was and has always been a pilgrimage - even in Rome!

The 2 1/2 days of touring Rome and Naples certainly left us an impression for a lifetime!

The visit to Vatican City to view the splendour of the world's largest St Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel with its inspiring paintings by Michelangelo, along with the other paintings of Raphael was a feast for the eyes! At Tivoli, we visited the once upon a time home of an immensely wealthy Cardinal, overflowing with myriads of cascading fountains of different shapes and sizes. The 'organ' fountain with its perpetual rainbow so natural, was a rare sight!

Notwithstanding, we had our little shopping treat too! We were able to buy branded clothes and leather goods as well! The following day we had a 3 1/2 hour drive to Naples to walk through the ruined City of Pompei. We were surprised to see the ingenious creativity of man in

spite of his fallen nature. How much more can man achieve had Adam and Eve been obedient to God?

What man made for use thousands of years ago, some are still relevant today, like the sliding door system, the drainage system and the fast food method just to name a few. The guide even showed us a brothel of that time. The most spectacular sight was the still-encased bodies in different postures of the thousands that had perished in the calamity, when Versuvius blew up in AD 79.

What then is greatness and success to man? - when God in His holiness condemns his wickedness!

Sunday was a very special one to all of us when we visited the Catacombs - the early Christians' underground cemetery under Roman rule. Ordinarily, one hardly imagines ever walking into a dug-out grave. Here we found graves by the hundred thousands, tier upon tier, four storeys deep. You definitely have to experience it yourself!

However, it was far from being eerie! In fact, it humbled us to see the greatness of God in fulfilling His promises of provision to His children during times of intense need. Whenever the going got tough, God's children could use whatever resources were available, however spartan, to keep their religion alive!

Thus, worshipping for the living and burying for the dead, all done within the catacombs during the time of severe persecution!

We should be glad to be born in this age of free worship. Whereas our brethren of old had to suffer tremendously to hold on to their faith what then is our own heart condition in this age of ease? Worshipping God that Sunday at the Catacombs caused us to treasure the house of worship back home even more.

When we arrived at Baraka Conference Centre, it was like home-coming for us. The dormitory-style living, the meal times, the nightly service and sharing led by Rev Tow and the hospitality given us by the missionaries and staff all added up to many wonderful memories.

In the words of pastor, Baraka was our Singapore home in the Holy land as we were the only persons staying there, and we could sing as loudly as we wanted.

The weather was cold and we took joy in simple things like a good heater, hot running water, and a nice hot bowl of soup.

Most of the days were taken up by visits to the holy sites in and around Jerusalem.

We also went as far north as the Sea of Galilee, the beginning of Jordan River and the Golan Heights.

Southwards were the attractions of the Masada Fortress and an unforgettable swim at the cold and salty Dead Sea. Although we had been to these places before, the return visits brought us new insights and knowledge. We visited some areas not covered previously.


Much of the interest generated was due to the very capable and knowledgeable guide assigned to us. He was vivid and clear in his explanations of the history and significance of each location. It therefore is a great privilege to be able to join this 4th pilgrimage - 3rd time out of four.

This time it is even more precious because we experienced it as a family of four. The decision to take our boys aged 13 years and 11 years out of their school curriculum and to have them miss their continual assessment test (especially PSLE) was not an easy one. However, when we weighed the spiritual gain versus the academic loss, it could well last through

eternity.

After all, what better way is there for us to know the Lord in depth, except when we are willing to search for Him in close proximity like seeing the Bible come alive in the historical sites which still stand today!

Our Sunday worship at the Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem, with our fellow Arab Christians was especially meaningful, as it was in the 1987 pilgrimage that began the mission to purchase a plot of land at the Shepherds Field for construction of a place of worship. Despite obstacles put up by a nearby religious group the Baraka BP Church is working towards overcoming this through faith and prayer. It is therefore important for us to encourage the Pastor and congregation of this outreach both morally and financially so that God's work can be carried on in this turbulent but unique part of the world. Baraka Conference Centre, situated at the Valley of Berachah (II Chron 20:26), our Pilgrim House must not be forgotten, especially by all who have found a home away from home.

We do hope that we will be able to take our three younger children to future Holy Land pilgrimages when they too are ready. 

4TH HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE EYES OF A FIRST-TIMER

by Malcolm Mahadevan



Even before I embarked on my pilgrimage to the Holy Land I searched my heart and realised that the main reason for joining was to seek the Lord anew. It was my prayer that away from the hustle and bustle of life, I would hear the Saviour speak to me.

Going on this trip would mean that I had to sacrifice my leave which was very precious as I have to sit for post graduate exams in July, and I needed all the time I could get to prepare for these exams. But I realized that in life, there have always been certain priorities and I think seeking God was more important. So I applied for leave well in advance and boldly stood by my request trusting God.

Finally the day of journeying came. Before we could board the plane a spiritual lesson was to be learnt. There was a long delay at the airport for our flight and I began to fret. The pastor's words about Providence rang in my ears and pierced my heart. How quickly I had forgotten that God is in control over all the affairs of men. The reality of this fact brought peace to my mind.

After a long wait we finally boarded our plane. After transit in Amman we landed in Rome. Here my mother and I and a few others discovered that our bags had been tampered with. Someone tried to break into them. By God's grace everything was intact. I thanked God remembering that God promised "the sun will not smite thee by day nor the moon by night."

Our accommodation in Rome was at Hotel Palatino, a very nice hotel. The next morning we went to tour the Vatican city. There, commanded by various Popes, beautiful works of art were painted and sculptured during the period of Renaissance. But the best wisdom of men is foolishness to God. The complicated paintings added more to the myths which distract a believer from the true and living way. We also saw the Sistine Chapel and how Michelangelo painted the ceiling. It was indeed astounding. We also saw a Pope who was embalmed in silver and gold, a door that was opened only once in 25 years and a giant statue of the Roman soldier who pierced our Saviour's side.

The Catholic Church is very grandly decorated with statues, Basilicas, candles and greatest of all the tomb of St

Peter. After the Vatican city we had the opportunity to visit Pompei the next day. A city completely destroyed by volcanic ash and lava. Many of the buildings, streets and even people have been preserved through the ages. Oh the wrath of God revealed against sinful mankind! The next day being Sabbath we had our worship service at the catacombs of Rome. The secret burying place of the early Christians who were persecuted by the Romans. The empty tombs of these believers spoke strongly to me, reminding me that they were with the Lord in glory. The pastor's message was so encouraging on Heb 11: Heroes of Faith. Faithful believers who were forced underground or fed to the lions (as occurred in the Colosseum which we also visited) knew the true and living way and comprehended the brevity of this life as compared with a glorious eternity. Victory over death indeed. The catacombs were also an evidence of faithful believers in time past. O Lord, help me be a faithful believer was my prayer.

After the service and lunch we departed Rome for Amman.

Here began our march onto the Promised Land. I can never forget the journey to the mountain top - Mount Nebo. From the top as I gazed across into the Holy Land a deep sense of awe and sadness filled my heart. I imagined how the great Patriarch Moses felt as he stood on Pisgah's height. Though 120 years old God had preserved his sight and strength. O what sadness must have filled his heart as he looked N,S,E&W. The view was truly magnificent, but the Lord, in His divine wisdom ordained that Moses would not enter the Promised Land.

However our pilgrim band did. We were greeted by the ruins of Jericho. It was so apt. Only by faith to enter the Promised Land, and it was by faith that the mighty walls of Jericho tumbled. Our God is a faithful God who promised the nation of Israel that when they entered the land that He would "drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than Thou art" (Deut 4:38).

Then our journey carried us northward to Galilee. It was a step from the Old Testament into the time of Jesus. O Faithful God our Lord who has kept covenant and mercy with us that love him and keep his commandments to a THOUSAND GENERATIONS. As we meandered northwards with the Jordan River we were taught how when Joshua brought the children of Israel over to the Promised Land the waters of

Jordan shall be cut off and shall stand upon a heap. He who controls the elements, what is it to Him? Do we have any River Jordan in our life? God is more than able to help.

We then travelled upwards to where the Jordan River left Galilee and around which area Jesus was baptised. After this we spent a night beside the Sea of Galilee. Oh what a sight! The still waters almost forming a glassy sea. Even as we waded upon the waters the next day we were reminded how sometimes because of the wind rushing through the surrounding hills which can cause the waters to be very choppy, that transforms it into a raging sea. Yet once again, our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of the universe with an utterance of "peace be still" can calm the tempest.

Our little boat carried us across the lake to Capernaum where much of Jesus' ministry centred. There we saw the ruins of a synagogue and Peter's house which were only a stone's throw apart. Our journey then took us to the Hillcrest where the Sermon on the Mount was preached. From the small hillock one could see down the plain and even across the lake. Being springtime the flowers were in full bloom. Oh! consider the lilies, even Solomon was not arrayed like one of these. The many birds and their chirpings made me realise why Jesus used the analogies of the birds and flowers. The acoustics at this place was astounding. Jesus the Christ, totally in touch with His creation knew the amphitheatre like shape of the area would carry his voice sufficient for the 5 thousand. As Rev Stephen Khoo recited the beatitudes, I could hear him crystal clear on the plain some 100 metres away.

From here Jesus took a boat across the lake to the other side - Decapolis where the Greeks were. The all too familiar story of the tormented man - Legion and his deliverance and how the people there rejected Jesus reminded me of how Jesus went from the light on the mount to the Darkness of Decapolis. From the glory of His baptism in Jordan's River to be tested in the wilderness by Satan.

After some time in the Galilee area we travelled northwards to the region of Mount Hermon. The beautiful snow-capped mountain top must have added all the more splendour to the transfiguration of Jesus. We also stopped by to see the Beginnings of the Jordan River from the melting snow of Mt Hermon at a place called Caesarea Philippi surrounding Golan Heights which reminded me of the struggle of modern Israel with its Arab neighbour. That evening we spent the night at a Christian Kibbutz (commune of farmers).

The next morning we set out to Baraka. On the way

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK
 (March 29 - April 4, '93)

MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
7.30 pm	Filmshow "Sandcastle"
SUN 8.00 am	Palm Sunday (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	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.

NBC This Week: **Fri** Bishan.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Attached is a small token of \$300 for our church's use. I am grateful to Him for answering my prayer and finding me a suitable working environment which I was even reluctant to accept at first. The above \$300 is my salary increment during six months' service in the new company. Thank you Lord for I know that Your thoughts are not my thoughts and Lord, I know you are always with me. Thank you.

Verse for the Week
 (to memorise)
Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. (Psalm 103:2)

Infant Baptism. Parents who wish their infants to be baptised at the Easter Sunrise Service, please inform the church office by Wed 7 Apr giving child's name and date of birth.

Nomination for General Elections 1993 closes today.

FEK Registration for children born between 2/1/88 and 31/12/90 from 29 to 31 March, 9 am to 2 pm. Registration fee: \$30. Bring along: birth cert., baptism cert.

Sunday School Attendance: 233; Offering: \$307.10

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,020.00 (8.00 am); *\$13,032.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1717) *\$4020; 1718) \$120; 1719)*\$13032; 1720)\$20; 1721)\$400; 1722) \$300; 1723)\$611; 1724) \$200.

TOTAL:\$3,001,462.28;**GRAND TOTAL:** \$3,415,389.28

OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$10; *P'pines Mission* \$100(YAF); *Kenya Mission trip for J S Heng* \$50; *FEBC Scholarship* \$600; \$200 Thanksgiving for safe return from the Holy Land; \$100 from guest for staying at FEBC Guest House: "As usual, the accommodation was most pleasant - and so was the fellowship with Lifers and FEBC students."

OTHER SHEEP

- Other sheep there are to gather,
Wand'ring far o'er hill and plain;
Who will guide them back to shelter?
Hark! I hear Him call my name.

Chorus:
*Hark! my name I hear Him calling,
 Not to fortune or to fame;
 But to gather in the lost ones:
 Hark! I hear Him call my name.*

- Other sheep know only anguish,
Sorrow, suffering, and shame;
But the Saviour's love awaits them:
Hark! I hear Him call my name.
- Other sheep so long have wandered,
Seeking, struggling all in vain;
None to shepherd, none to guide them:
Hark! I hear Him call my name.
- Jesus leads the way before me,
He will keep thro' toil and pain;
Other sheep are calling, pleading:
Hark! I hear Him call my name.

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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	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 30	No. 532
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 91	Jn 10:1-29
Hymn	No. 348	Other Sheep
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 251.	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Cor 14:40; Acts 6:1-7	Jn 10:16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	How to Elect (Elder Edmund Tay)	"Sheep, Sheep, Sheep"
Closing Hymn	No. 400	Other Sheep No. 465
Benediction		

TWO SEAS AND TWO PHILOSOPHIES
 (Message delivered by Pastor Tow at Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem, March 15, 1992)

Text: Proverbs 11:24,25 "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

This Land is a land of sharp contrasts. While it is shivering cold in Upper Galilee, it is balmy spring at the Red Sea port of Eilat. And what a contrast between Jerusalem at 2600 ft and Jericho, 1300 ft below sea level. The greatest contrast, however, is between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea.

Speaking of these two seas in the Holy Land, I perceive they are a fitting representation of two philosophies. Galilee represents the philosophy of a brimming Christian life but the Dead Sea the philosophy of a worldly, grasping, selfish kind.

Let us examine what makes Galilee so lively and Dead Sea so dead. In a word, while the Sea of Galilee gives freely what it receives, and therefore is a fresh waterlake teeming with life, the Dead Sea only receives and conserves, and

therefore becomes a Sea of Death through the centuries? With 30% of its water content being salts of all sorts, the Dead Sea's mineral wealth is worth \$1270 billion. Its tremendous reserve is estimated at 22,000 million tons of magnesium chloride, 12,000 million tons of common salt, 6,000 million tons of calcium chloride and 1,000 million tons of magnesium bromide. (Encyclopedia of 7,700 illustrations by Paul Lee Tan)

But all this staggering wealth belongs only to the State which is mining it for its own enrichment. The most you can gain of the Dead Sea is to go for a dip or to bathe at one of its spas, and that at a costly price. This hoarding of wealth is reflected in Jesus telling the story of the Rich Fool:

"The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:16-21)

Now Jesus did not say the Rich Fool was a non-Christian. It may well be that the richer a Christian gets, the more miserly he becomes. The more covetous he grabs his wealth, like backsliding Lot growing rich at Sodom. He might be rich, but in God's sight he is very poor. It is not what you keep that makes you rich. Unused talents are dead talents. It is what you spend for a good cause, for the glory of God, that enriches your soul and your standing before God. Or, let me restate in the words on a tombstone in England, "What we gave, we have; what we spent, we had; what we left we lost." How many a miserly Christian millionaire will be shocked when he meets God to hear Him say, "... cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness..." (Matt 25:30).

Though he himself shall be saved, yet it will be as by fire" (I Cor 3:15). The wealth he hoarded for himself on earth becomes burnt wood and hay and stubble (I Cor 3:12) when he appears before the judgment seat of Christ (II Cor 5:10). Someone says the amount a man gives to God is measured not by what goes out of his pocket but by what he keeps in his pocket. Hence the widow's two mites, silent and mute, far outweighed the gold the rich and powerful threw into the Church Treasury, making a loud noise. Are you hoarding

your wealth like the Dead Sea?

The Sea of Galilee, on the other hand, is a fresh water lake. It receives its supply of water from the mountains of Lebanon, prominent in the range being Mount Hermon, 10,000 ft high and clad with snow. As the rains fall on the mountain slopes and snow often abundantly, they become a constant stream of water that flows into Galilee. This fills up the Lake, 14 miles long and 8 miles wide, and what a reservoir for a thirsty nation. Apart from sending her waters into the Jordan, the Lake is tapped by gigantic conduits and aqueducts to irrigate the land. The Sea on one hand teams with fish and on the other brings life to the land. Vegetables, fruits, grain, trees, flowers and palm trees cover what was once a barren land. What a picture of the happy Christian life, whose philosophy is giving in contrast with the world's grabbing.

Now, giving is loving. God sets us the example by giving us His only begotten Son to die for our sins that we might live. Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35) and he laid down His life for us, saying, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

By our Christian philosophy of life, we will cheerfully give to God and men, from a heart constrained by His love. In so doing we are acting like God! We are on a more positive level of life than what Socrates has observed: "To have need of nothing is divine." This more positive level of life, we repeat after our Lord, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The more we give, the more we receive! Listen to what St Paul says to the Corinthians, "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). When God has found us faithful stewards of the talents He has entrusted us, He will increase our capacity to give that more will be blessed. As the text of our sermon says, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (the Dead Sea and the Rich Fool). "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (The Sea of Galilee and the generous Christian).

In our drive along the northern shore of Galilee we crossed the bridge that spans the upper stream of the Jordan River. That was only one channel of water flowing into the Lake. But, we also noticed other streams, though minor, but numerous that supplied the Galilean Sea. What a vivid illustration of God's promise that when we give cheerfully, He will make all grace to abound toward us, so that we will have abundance to give further, and always able to do it.

What a contrast between the two Seas. What a contrast between the two philosophies. Which of the two do you belong?

PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL TO JUNE 1993 8.00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
APR 4	Psalm Sunday Message	Elder Chia Kim Chwee	Dn Jack Sin
11	<i>Combined Easter Sunrise Baptismal Service (Rev Tow)</i>		
18	How Do We Know there is a God?	Elder Lim Teck Chye	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
25	Can Natural Knowledge of God Save a Man?	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Wee Chin Kam
MAY 2	Only By God's Special Revelation Can We Find God	Mr Quek Suan Yew	Dn Ong Eng Lam
9	Has the Bible No Error at all?*	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
16	Beware of Subtle Interpreters of the Bible!	Elder Chia Kim Chwee	Dn Tan Nee Keng
23	Has God a Body Like A Man?	Mr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Geoffrey Tan
30	What is the Meaning of the Holy Trinity?	Elder Lim Teck Chye	Dn Jack Sin
JUNE 6	"My Father Is Greater Than I"	Mr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Ong Eng Lam
13	The Son Is Equal to the Father*	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
20	Cannot God Forgive Sin Without Christ's Death?	Elder Chia Kim Chwee	Dn Wee Chin Kam
27	Is John 3:16 only for the Elect?	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Yiew Pong Sen

*Lord's Supper "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim 4:2).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (April 5 - 11, '93)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
THU		No evening lecture
	8.00 pm	Sharon Maundy Thur. Service
FRI	8.00 pm	COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	YAF
SUN	7.00 am	COMBINED EASTER SUNRISE BAPTISMAL SERVICE (Rev Tow)
	9.00 am	Easter Breakfast
	9.30 am	No Sunday School
	12.15 pm	Korean Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit Anniv.
	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, Joo Chiat.

Verse for the Week

(to memorise)

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble;
the name of the God of Jacob defend
thee. (Psalm 20:1)

Infant Baptism. Parents who wish their infants to be baptised at the Easter Sunrise Service, please inform the church office by Wed 7 Apr giving child's name and date of birth.

Birth. To Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Khoo, a daughter, 7 lbs 4 oz, Mar 31, '93.

Sunday School Attendance: 264; Offering: \$445.75

AT YOUR SERVICE Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,034.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,449.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1725) *\$4034; 1726) \$300; 1727)*\$10449; 1728)\$200; 1729) \$200.20 (Coinafon); 1730)\$100; 1731)\$160 (Thanks-giving); 1732)\$1000 (Thanksgiving); 1733) \$100 (Thanksgiving).
TOTAL:\$3,018,005.48;**GRAND TOTAL:** \$3,431,932.48
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$150; *China* \$300; *Rev G Kutty* \$300, \$500, \$100; *Hope BPC* \$300; *RPG* \$50; *College Extn Fund* \$300; *Rev J Kendagor* \$10.
4th Pilgrimage A/Cs. Each pilgrim is entitled to a rebate of S\$50. Most have relinquished this claim, which amounts to S\$2,011.20. This sum is to be remitted to Baraka Conference Centre, our "alma mater", for the blessings we have received.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank God for giving me good results in the 'O' levels, which I didn't deserve. Enclosed is my "reward" which belongs to the One who gave me everything.
Sinner-saved-by-grace
- (2) Thank you Lord for a new job! The Lord is my rock and my fortress and deliverer, the God of my strength in whom I will trust (II Sam 22:2-3). (\$1700 for EBFII)
- (3) Please designate to the following: *George Kutty* \$500; *Hope BPC Adelaide* \$200; *EBF II* \$200.
- (4) My thanksgiving offering to God for His blessings: \$300 for China; \$300 where the church deems is in great need.

Please be reminded of our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) and Elections to be held on April 25, 9.30 am.

Easter Breakfast. Be it *yucharkuay* or *chaitowkuay*, members who wish to contribute a dish or pot are welcome. Bring yours to the FEBC kitchen early!
NB. Our expert ladies!



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"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. 33	No. 176, 33
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Mk 11:1-11	Ps 150
Hymn	No. 25	Hallelujah I & II
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 237	No. 176
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 12:12-33	Matt 21:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Behold Thy King Cometh! (Elder Chia Kim Chwee)	Come Thou Prince of Peace!
Closing Hymn	No. 176	No. 562
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

Times flies! Before we realise it, the Holy Week of Easter, these greatest Events of the Church's calendar, is upon us!

Now, there are those who celebrate the anniversaries of their churches, but reject the special annual celebration of our Lord's Birth, Death and Resurrection. They are missing a great blessing like children absent from their family reunion with their parents. But we have, since 43 years ago, made the commemoration of our Lord's Birth, Death and Resurrection a very special celebration. We have been richly blessed by His glorious presence. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you" (Jas 4:8). We rejoice anew in our salvation and hope of life everlasting, and we resolve with a redoubled determination to carry out His Great Commission till He comes.

This is to re-emphasize what I have written in my annual Easter letter. May you who have come today to celebrate Palm Sunday keep it up with Good Friday and Easter Sunrise Service. Good Friday 8 pm in Church with the Lord's Supper to commemorate His Death.



Easter Sunrise Service 7 am in Church and under the palm trees to rejoice in His Resurrection. Praise the Lord for a record number of Baptisms. Thank the Lord for a time of fellowship over the Easter Breakfast Tables.

Now Easter is not just for rejoicing in our salvation. After meeting with the Lord, the disciples went out to announce the good news. So I suggested last year that Lifers should go out to evangelise (E-Band), but if not, to attend services at branch churches like Maranatha (10.30 am), Berean (4.00 pm), Rehoboth (6 pm) to encourage the struggling brethren.

This Easter Lord's Day,

3 pm, there is Kelapa Sawit, 41st Anniversary. I shall be the Lord's messenger. If you're coming, why not contact Elder Sng Teck Leong? Let us see how our Malaysian Church is faring. Kelapa Sawit is Life Church's first "Judean branch," which we, with help from the John Sung Evangelistic League, took over from Dr Andrew Gih, 1954. Founded in 1952, it is 41 years old. Kelapa Sawit has a branch at Air Bemban that Eld Sng visits once a month, a Tamil Service visited by Eld Tay. Kelapa Sawit owns a 25,000 sq ft land bought by Life Church at M\$1 per sq ft, but the time to build is not yet.

Talking about struggling younger churches, there is Gethsemane BPC recently shifted from Harvey Ave to 13 Aida Street, Opera Estate, Siglap. Thurs. Mar 25, one day

"The Silver is Mine, and the Gold is Mine"

As you know, Calvary BPC is taking the lead to help the completion of the Hilltop Project, Phase II. Altogether 6 "long houses" will be built on the 5-acre property. When finished the Bible School will be able to take in 100 resident students for a start. This bold undertaking, boosted by robust faith, with God's blessing, is a second take-off from the ground. When a sister-in-Christ told me she was contributing US\$20,000 to Phase II of the Hilltop Project, I praised the Lord that there is no lack of lovers of God. Giving is loving.

There is a Chinese saying about money, "Don't mention the tiger, the mention of it changes the colour of your countenance." But in Life Church, there are countless offerings of praise together with money, week after week, on the back page by lovers of God. If there is a change of colour it will be the radiance of a cheerful giver.

after we arrived back from the Holy Land, I was asked to fellowship with them in an inaugural buffet dinner and to give a word of exhortation. Mr Mah Chin Kwang is the Elder and Bro Das Koshy the preacher. If any Lifer is living nearby, here is a warm fellowship you can join, yea, even a new Bible Class that is being formed. If the Men's Fellowship would pay the young church a visit some Lord's Day, that will give them a real boost.

Another happy news about Church growth is Sembawang's purchase of a 17,000 sq ft property with a huge bungalow sitting on a hill at 13 Bright Hill Crescent (Rev Bob Phee pastor). Acquired at the price of 2.7 million, its value has already gone up. Sembawang's property at Nemesu Ave is sold to help pay for Bright Hill. The prospects on Bright Hill are even brighter!

Neither is St Paul abashed when he appeals for money, or is a messenger to carry it from a rich church to a poor church. In his letter to the Romans, he mentions the work of charity in which he is involved, "But now I go to Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal (material) things."


A church that is spiritually fed, whose members rejoice in the abundance of heavenly blessings, is naturally fruitful, willing to give of her wealth to promote the Gospel, to help the weaker churches, such as in giving to the Hilltop project in the Philippines. And having done all, the glory is given to God Almighty alone. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts (Haggai 2:8). Amen. - T.T.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1878



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! In His
 2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise Je - ho - vah For His
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tem - ple God be praised; In the high and heaven - ly
 might - y acts of fame; Ex - cel - lent His might and
 trum - pet's joy - ful sound; Praise with harp and praise with

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

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

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

HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!

1. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 Earth and heaven in sweet accord
 Join to sound Jehovah's praises,
 Tell the glory of the Lord.
2. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 Magnify Jehovah's Name;
 Praise the living God, your Maker,
 All that breathe, His praise proclaim.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (April 12 - 18, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	*\$7,422.00 (8.00 am); *\$19,105.00 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1734) *\$7422; 1735)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	*\$19105; 1736)\$340; 1737)\$100; 1738)\$50;	
THU 7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)	1739)\$250; 1740)\$1037(Chinese Ser.); 1741)	
FRI 7.30 pm	Dinner & FEBC Board Mtg (Parsonage)	\$100; 1742)\$150; 1743)\$400 (Kebaktian Indonesia).	
7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	TOTAL: \$3,046,959.48; GRAND TOTAL: \$3,460,886.48	
7.45 pm	Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Hilltop</i> \$400, \$1000	
SAT 1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF	(CLBC), \$300, \$50; <i>P'pines Mission</i> \$100; <i>Rev</i>	
3.00 pm	LBC; YAF/AF Combined Mtg	<i>G Kutty</i> \$200, \$100 (YAF); <i>RTD</i> \$50; <i>China</i>	
SUN 8.00 am	How Do We Know there is a God? (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	\$170, \$50, \$500; <i>Adelaide Church & College</i>	
9.30 am	Sunday School	\$100, \$2000; <i>Thailand</i> \$50; <i>Men's F'ship</i>	
10.30 am	Rev Tow	\$60; <i>J S Heng</i> \$100; <i>FEBC</i> \$100; <i>Beulah</i>	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>Hse</i> \$800.	
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 Service		
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach		
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		
12.30 pm	SBC		
3.00 pm	Thai Service		
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
8.00 pm	Korean Service		
NBC This Week: <i>Wed</i> Henderson, Bt Timah; <i>Fri</i> Bishan.			
Verse for the Week Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor 15:58			
Please be reminded of our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) and Elections to be held on April 25, 9.30 am.			
Sunday School Attendance: 278; Offering: \$324.60			
AT YOUR SERVICE	Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256		
		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) These are my widow's mites for Beulah House (\$800). (2) This windfall of blessing must I return to Thee. \$126 to Adelaide Church & College. "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). (3) In thanksgiving for double blessing. (\$2000) (4) Baptised before their Christian children at Mt Elizabeth Hospital Wed. Apr 7, '93 were Mr Eddy Sutanto, 56 and wife le Tjwan Song, 57 of Re Martadinata 93, Solo, Indonesia. "Gift to God" (\$50). (5) To God be the glory, both now and ever! For Thailand (\$50). (6) For China (\$50). (7) In lieu of Easter flowers in memory of Mrs Nancy Tow, Easter Monday April 19, 1965, an offering from her daughter Leah in Adelaide. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Ps 116:15). God bless Pastel-Fleur for the weekly floral offerings for the years through.	

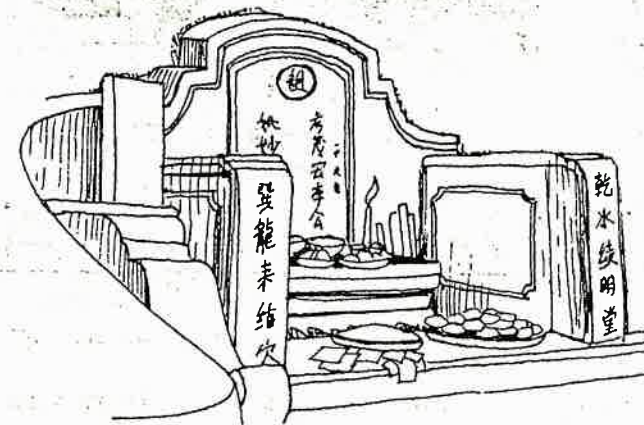


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IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN? (Job 13:14)

To this question of questions, the overwhelming masses of the world, east or west, north or south, have a fatalistic no.

In Job 14:10-12 he says of the destiny of the common herd, "But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep." This is a roundabout poetic way of simply saying, "There is no hope in man. When he dies, that is the end of it."

The Chinese way of comforting the bereaved family is a blunt no. "When a man dies, he cannot live again (so why cry over spilt milk)." The materialistic, and the atheistic among the Chinese takes comfort in this that death ends all. But the more devout, those who are affected by Buddhism or Taoism are worried of suffering in the after life. Or if they have a sharper conscience, to perceive that "indignation and wrath" awaits them in the underworld. Such intuitive knowledge simply reflects the stark truth that no one can escape God in the next life. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27).

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Job now answers for himself, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait,

till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands" (Job 14:14,15). There is hope after death! In Job 19:25-27 he brightens up, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

Job who lived thousands of years ago had this hope, this enlightenment of life eternal in the heavens, yea, even the resurrection of his body. He was wiser than the First Emperor of China, Shi-Hwang-Ti, who could conquer all his enemies but not death. He died prematurely while seeking the way to everlasting life.

In this so-called age of scientific advancement, when man can go to the moon and measure the distances of outer space, can he give an answer to what will become of him after death? Can the rich man, the millionaire and multi-millionaire take with him the wealth he has accumulated when he leaves this world? "For what shall it profit a man,

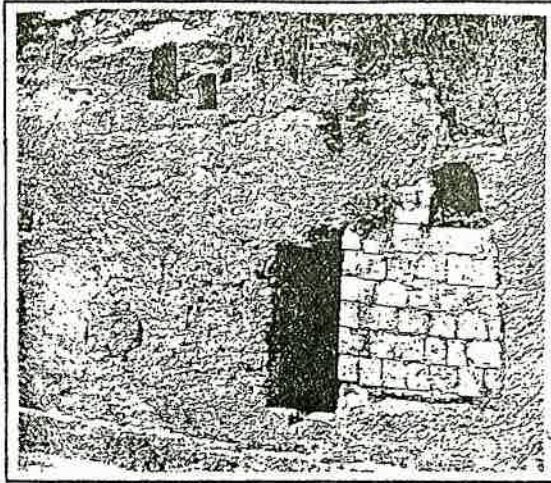
if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Praise the Lord, there is a way out of death. There is a way out of the appointed judgment after death. There is a way to escape the hell that the Rich Man fell into and turn us upwards to Paradise, to the home of the saints. To live forever with God in Heaven, and more wonderful, to be resurrected with a new glorified body with Christ, that triumphs over all the powers of darkness, over Satan and the Lake of Fire.

The Easter Message is that all this great expectation is achieved not by the will of man but by the power of God. I Cor 15 tells us all the secrets of the new life to come.

Christ who died on Calvary's cross to pay for the penalty of our sins, was buried, but arose the third day according to the Scriptures. This is the Gospel, the good news, which when we believe we are saved (I Cor 15:1-4). And as Christ has risen from the dead, Paul can challenge death in the face, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor 15:55-57).

Whereas the badge of a Chinese pagan is an horrible looking coffin, ours is an empty tomb. For Jesus our Saviour is risen from the dead and we shall rise also from the dead. Of all holy sites the Pilgrims have visited, the Garden Tomb near Golgotha is that which



brings us the greatest joy. But we have the greater assurance reading the Easter story from the Bible.

Now, Paul says exulting in our victory over death and the grave is not complete without pursuing the work God has given us to do before we go to see him. It is I Cor 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." The unfinished task is the Great Commission to tell the good news of everlasting life in Christ to the darkened masses of the lost, who are without hope and without God in the world. When confronted with death, all they can say is the doom word "When a man dies, he cannot live again." But we can tell them, "He will surely live again if he believes in Jesus Christ." Hallelujah, Amen.

婴儿受洗

1. 樊恩杰 (男) Jonathan Fan Enjie
s/o Mrs Fan Kwai Poh

复活节受洗者

1. 汪爱珍 Ang Ai Teen
2. 吴丽婷 Lina
3. Lena

4. 林玉贞 Lim Geok Cheng

5. 陈水玉 Tan Siwee Yok

6. 陈玉敏

7. 陈豆枝 Tan Tow Kee

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1. 陈德文 Tan Teck Boon

2. 章群

8. 周晓红 Zhou Xiao Hong

9. 陈焕转 Chan Voon Chin

10. 张加平 Chang Chia Ping

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Au Rui Lin, Elizabeth
d/o Mr & Mrs Au Kin Cheong
02. Choong Si Ying, Sara
d/o Mr & Mrs Choong Chan Yong
03. Ho Wei, Mark
s/o Mr & Mrs Ho Soo Hyim, Michael
04. Khoo May Ann, Esther
d/o Mr & Mrs Khoo Eng Teck, Jeffrey
05. Kok Jian Xiong, James
s/o Mr & Mrs Kok Jaan Loong
06. Leong Yi Hui, Joanna
d/o Mr & Mrs Leong Peng Kai, Francis
07. Liem Priscilla Ruth
d/o Mr & Mrs Liem Siang Lin
08. Tan Binghong, Calvin
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Jeck Tong
09. Tan Hsiao En, Caleb
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Liang Ping
10. Tan Jun Zhong, Joel
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Ming Song
11. Tan Shu Hui, Janice
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Kheng Yong, Eric
12. Tan Zhi Hao, Joash
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Boon Keong, David
13. Tern Jun Wen, Mark
s/o Mr & Mrs Tern Yuh Sheng, Joseph
14. Wong Hui Tin, Natalie
d/o Mr & Mrs Wong Kai Yew, Roger
15. Wong Wei Jie, Gordon
s/o Mr & Mrs Wong Kai Mann, David

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01. Chan Zhen-Li, Daphne Student
02. Eio Zi Ting, Vivienne Student
03. Foo Jason Student
04. Koh Ping Ping, Rebecca Student
05. Liu Li-Zhi, Ian Student
06. Poh Li Lian, Juliana Student
07. Tang Shou-Ai, Sara Student

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

08. Cheong Boo Wee, Jeffrey Managing Dir.
09. Heng Siew Ngen, Peggy Clerk
10. Phua Sok Khim, Alice Student
11. Tan Beng Kwee, Doris Manager
12. Tay Ah Peng, Benedict Civil Servant

BAPTISM

13. Binas Teresa Domestic Helper
14. Felisario Maria Liezl Domestic Helper
15. Fong Chee Wai Undergraduate
16. Hu Koon Phei Undergraduate
17. Koh Lip Hoe, Jonathan Student
18. Lee Chia Liang NSF
19. Lee Lai Har, Judy Teacher
20. Lim Siew Cheng, Lena Secretary
21. Loo Hui Theng, Christine Secretary
22. Ng Lay Cheng, Priscilla Secretary
23. Ong Bee Lay Housewife
24. Ong Cheng Sng Manager
25. Peh Siew Kuan Software Engr
26. Quek Ser Hwee, Peter Systems Analyst
27. Tan Hsien Liang, Terence Student
28. Tan Sheen Sheen, Sheena Student
29. Tan Soo Eng Student
30. Tan Yoke Lan Underwriting Asst
31. Teo Siew Lee, Christine Accts. Clerk
32. Tham Kok Cheong, Gerald Student
33. Wong Kah Hing, Dennis Retail Exe.
34. Wong Mei Kuen, Jenny Bills Clerk
35. Woon Sin Wei Engineer
36. Yap Yee Kin, Micah Apprentice
37. Zheng Beifang, Jodie Student

KEBAKTIAN INDONESIA

01. Julianto Student
02. Leysi Student
03. Senen, James Student

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (April 19 - 25, '93)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	Church Growth (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	The Gospel of John (Rev Phee)
FRI	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC; YAF/AF Combined Mtg
	6.30 pm	Rev Tow at Men's F'ship 3rd Thanksgiving Anniv.
SUN	8.00 am	Can Natural Knowledge of God Save Man? (Rev Bob Phee)
	9.30 am	Annual Congregational Mtg. & Elections
	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 Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	12.30 pm	SBC
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.

Verse for the Week

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. Eccles. 9:10

Transfer of Membership Last Lord's Day:
Kung Chan Hong Cecilia and Lim Tiew Fong Genevieve, from Galilee BPC.

LAST REMINDER! It is your duty to be present at the Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) and Elections next Lord's Day, 9.30 am.

AT YOUR SERVICE Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
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GOOD FRIDAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$10,276.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1744)*\$10276; 1745) \$200; 1746)\$60.
TOTAL:\$3,057,495.48; GRAND TOTAL: \$3,471,422.48
OFFERINGS FOR: Rev J Kendagor \$200; The Tamees \$100; Rev C Wong \$100; The Seets \$100; Men's F'ship \$20.

EASTER SUNRISE GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$28,736.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1747)\$100; 1748) \$800; 1749)\$150(Coinafon); 1750)\$300; 1751)\$300.
Total:\$3,059,145.48; GRAND TOTAL:\$3,473,072.48
OFFERINGS FOR: Missions *\$28736, \$100, \$10; Adelaide Church & College \$200, 126; Baraka Conf Centre \$162; Hilltop \$100; The Views \$150.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank God for helping me to pass my driving test (\$100).
- (2) Thank God for His wonderful gift - His only Begotten son Jesus Christ! With gratitude & thanks. (\$100) - A Lifer
- (3) Truly, great is the Lord and His Name is greatly to be praised! We want to thank God for His ever faithful presence, providence and sustenance in seeing the two of us through our education. May this short testimony exhort all to put in our best for our Lord, to trust in Him and to cling on to Him, and in all our ways to acknowledge Him. His grace is sufficient for all!
"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy: at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Ps 16:11. Amen. (\$800) - 2 Lifers
- (4) This is my thanksgiving for recent promotion. (\$100).
- (5) Designated for Hope BP Bldg Fund (Adelaide). (\$200)
- (6) Thank God for a good maidservant who looks after my baby so well that I can go to work in peace. This is one thing money cannot buy. It's the Lord's grace. (From a Chinese Service candidate for Baptism.) \$76.10



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"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. 31	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 19	Ps 4
Hymn	No. 49	My Righteous God..
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	O Lord of Heaven!
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:18-23; Acts 17:16-34	Acts 6:1-7
Pastoral Prayer		Why Elections Next Week?
Sermon	How Do We Know there is a God? (Elder Lim Teck Chye)	
Closing Hymn	No. 40	No. 418
Benediction		



INDONESIAN WATERS TEEM WITH FISH FOR THE CATCH

That an Indonesian Service was launched on Feb 7, 1982 with the help of Indonesian students studying at FEBC is proven right after all these years. There were times those involved in this ministry felt like giving up.

Long years of sowing in tears could wear us down. By God's gentle mercies the perseverance of the Kebaktian is now paying rich dividends. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaths with him." At the Easter Sunrise and Baptismal Service last week, three more Indonesian young people were baptised.

But, this is not all. Last Wednesday week, that is, in the middle of the Holy Week, I received a phone call from the sister of a Lifer requesting me to baptise an Indonesian (Chinese) merchant ward at Mt Elizabeth. An immediate appointment was made so by the afternoon we were able to make contact with the patient. Mr Eddy Sutanto, 56, a cancer patient had decided to leave Mt Elizabeth Friday, hopefully to get a better deal in Shanghai. Before leaving Singapore he heard of Life Church through that sister, and it was he who desired baptism.

I told him the saving of his soul was much more important than his body, for "it is appointed unto men once to

die, but after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27). "If a man die, where will he dwell, In heaven or in hell?" Of course his purpose was to get well somehow through baptism. Explaining to Eddy Sutanto there was no guarantee baptism would cure him, nor should he bargain with God, I read the X Commandments to him and his wife. They would have to renounce their Chinese gods if they would become Christians. The sure salvation of their souls was the principal thing. The rest was up to God.

"Yes," I believe Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified for my sins. He died to pay the penalty of my sins, was buried and rose again on the third day. I believe He is coming to judge the world and the dead in Christ will rise with a new body to meet Him in the air." These are the facts of His salvation plan clearly explained to his understanding.

Both husband and wife promised to take away their idols, the chief being Kuan Yin, the goddess of mercy. Whereupon the wife, Ie Tjwan Song, 57, knelt by the sickbed, and I baptised the couple together in the presence of their Christian children and son-in-law. An Indonesian merchant friend, a deacon of a Jakarta Church and Treasurer of the Church completed the holy ceremony with a long prayer in Indonesian. We further prayed for their safety and the Lord's care as they went their way, new believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is not the first case. A similar case of an Indonesian couple being baptised in a Singapore Hospital (TTSH) years ago bore immediate fruit! In this respect it was the wife who was sick. She was partly paralysed, but her radiant faith saved her! Her husband knelt beside her to receive Christ, which gave her good support. After a fortnight the wife was discharged.

One Sunday morning, both husband and wife came to the English Service (before there

was an 8 am service). The wife, leaning on a walking-stick came up to the Communion Table and testified how the Lord had restored her 90%. She could now walk! Both husband and wife joined the Kebaktian Indonesia for some weeks before they were due to return to Indonesia - Surabaya. Every year, they sent us a Christmas card.

Our Kebaktian, according to Deacon Charlie Chia, has two congregations. One, a visible, the other invisible. The invisible Indonesian congregation of Life Church are those who leave Singapore after conversion for the obvious reason they are visitors.

Indonesian waters teem with fish for the catch. And we need not go far. While these two baptised-in-hospital couples are fish swimming into our Singapore "kelong", we have fishing grounds in Batam and at Tanjung Pinang, Tanjung Uban and Kijang on Bintan Island. Not only is the Chinese Service regularly taking care of Uban, we have here Kiantoro's account of a Bible Camp they recently organised with Haposan as the speaker. Here is a report on fishing for Christ at Kijang.

- T.T.

Early this year we decided to hold a Bible Camp. Initially we thought of going to Tg Uban as it is just across the sea, about 10 minutes' journey by speed-boat. We were then thinking of borrowing the premises of Tg Uban Presbyterian Church. But, after further consideration we decided that Kijang would be a better choice.

This poor church still does not have a resident preacher. Up to this time, the work is being maintained by joint-effort from Batam and Tg Pinang. By holding the camp at Kijang, we could invite the local members and young people to join in. Besides that we could also make use of the empty parsonage. Praise the Lord, as it turned out, we could even borrow another spacious empty house next door to the church from a deacon. We had no difficulty at

all with accommodation.

We started out on Wednesday morning. The journey was quite tedious, Nagoya-Kabil-Tg Uban-Kijang. Altogether it took 2 hours by road and sea. On the first meeting, we had Haposan Siregar speak to us from Joshua 1:8. He stressed the importance of Quiet Time. Another two messages were taken from Psalm 23 and Romans 8:31-39 on Plenteous Blessings and Victorious Living. We also had a special night for evangelism and dedication. Haposan spoke from the story of Lazarus and the rich man. When he made the altar call, there were four young people indicating their desire to receive the Lord Jesus. Another seven decided to re-dedicate their lives for the Lord's service. We were touched and rejoiced over the Spirit's movement in the people's heart. Amen.

- Kiantoro Lie



Rev Djunaide baptizing at Kijang

ANOTHER PILGRIM REPORTS

It has been some weeks since we came back from Israel and everyday I think about the wonderful time we had there.

I don't know how much the trip has changed me, but the fact would be that it did. I have grown closer to God, I pray more and I read the Bible with an interest and an eagerness that I've never experienced before. It's fun picturing the real images as one reads of the places.

I would also like to thank God for the friendships made and also for the wonderful fellowship experienced. It was one of the things that God answered.

Though the trip was not free of some trials, I would also like to thank God for them, as it increased my faith. Truly, one could see God working eg. the passport and visa incidents.

God certainly taught me many things during the trip especially through the insights of more matured members of the pilgrimage. Thank God for them and their testimonies.

Most of all, I want to thank God for having given me the opportunity to have visited the Holy Land. Truly, all arrangements made were carried out without any hitches.

By the way, I also thank God for a leader who walks so closely to the Lord. It is an encouragement, inspiration and a goal which I will try my best to work towards. - A Lifer

To Baraka Conference Centre US\$100 from Irene Tan and Malcolm Mahadevan, joint winners of the Essay Writing Prize.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (April 26 - May 2, '93)

MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	Church Growth (Dr S H Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU	FEBC Exams Begin
FRI 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 9.30 am	Combined F'ships Day of Prayer, FEBC Hall
10.00 am	Shalom Baptist Chapel Wedding
2.30 pm	Sembawang BPC Wedding
SUN 8.00 am	Only by God's Special Revelation Can we Find God (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
12.15 pm	Korean Service
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12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
12.30 pm	SBC
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
8.00 pm	Korean Service

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson

Verse for the Week

But whosoever hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. (Proverbs 1:33)

(9) A thanksgiving offering (\$100) to God for His blessings and protection over us during the 4th pilgrimage.

- A Grateful Pilgrim

Sunday School Attendance: 292; Offering: \$329.95

AT YOUR SERVICE Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,925.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,147.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1752)*\$4925; 1753) \$900; 1754)*\$8147; 1755)\$50; 1756)\$50; 1757)\$103.

TOTAL:\$3,073,320.48;GRAND TOTAL: \$3,487,247.48

OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Church & College* \$125(Box), \$100, \$90(Casket), \$150, A\$200 (Tue. Pr. Mtg), \$200; *Hilltop* \$100, \$90(Casket), \$500; *RPG* \$60; *Missions* \$50; *DVBS* \$620; *Batam* \$420.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) This is in thanksgiving to the God of truth and of justice for answering our prayers and guiding our paths. (\$158.03)

(2) As there will be a children's vacation camp in June 1993, I would like to give my offering for this camp. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov 22:6). \$620

(3) \$100 + \$50 (Easter flowers) from Australia are channelled back to Adelaide Church & College (Ps 138:8, a Bible verse of encouragement).

(4) Through Pastor's hand after Tuesday Night Prayer Mtg (from a sister) - A\$200 for Adelaide Church & College.

(5) "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). (\$200 to Adelaide Church & College)

(6) \$90 for Hilltop ("She being dead yet speaketh.")

(7) Please channel this cheque (\$500) to an area of greatest need at the moment (Hilltop, Philippines), thru Pastor's hand after Tues. Night Prayer Mtg.

(8) Please use the money where it is most needed (US\$45 from US Reader) - Hilltop, Philippines.



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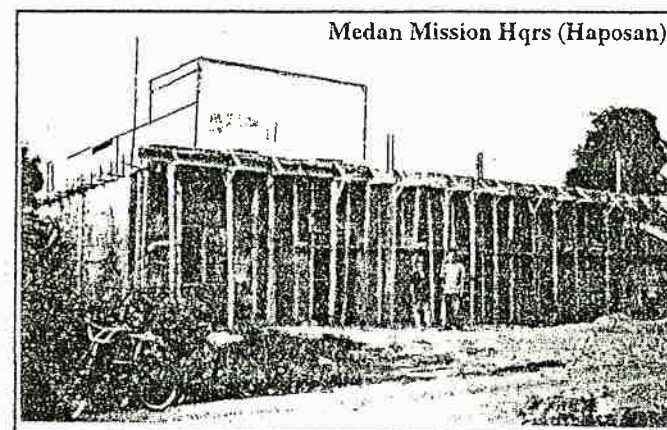
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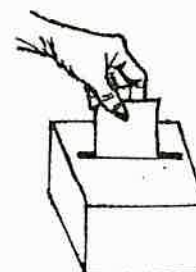
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 49	No. 262
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 19:1-14	Ps 8
Hymn	No. 293	Singing of Ps 8
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 399	<i>The Saviour With Me</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:16-32	Mt 25:14-30
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Can Natural Knowledge of God Save a Man?</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<i>Annual Balance Sheet Examined</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 336	No. 461
Benediction		



Medan Mission Hqrs (Haposan)



My dear Readers,

HOW TO ELECT

Today is our much notified "General Elections" Day. This takes place every three years. Every baptised member is required, before God, to come to this solemn assembly in order that the Church

might function without faltering in the work of the Lord. A growing Church needs more elders and deacons to attend to His business.

Being a Bible-Presbyterian Church, let us check up with Calvin, the progenitor of the Reformed Church and Presbyterians. Philip Schaff, Church historian, records how Calvin himself was elected.

Calvin was regularly elected pastor and teacher of theology at Geneva in 1536 by the presbyters and the council, with the consent of the people. This popular election was a revival of the primitive custom. The greatest bishops of the early Church - such as Cyprian, Ambrose, and Augustine - were elected by the voice of the people, which they obeyed as the voice of God (vox populi, vox Dei). - History of the Christian Church Vol VIII p.315.

Now let us compare Calvin's election with the Apostolic pattern. The Twelve (Apostles) called the people together and said:

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them...

The procedure in the early church, and the procedure in Calvin's case, is what Life Church is following. There is first a nomination from the Session, followed by a nomination from the people. Having collected the names of those who are now willing to stand for election or re-election we now place them before you today for your vote. Remembering the axiom, "The voice of the people the voice of God," you realise what an onerous duty you are now to discharge. You are to pray, individually before God, and sincerely cast your vote as you consider whether each candidate is eligible to hold office in our Church. You cannot take it lightly, such as merely voting for one you like and not voting for the other you dislike. Even if you dislike a certain candidate but

WELL OVER 100 AT LAST TWO TUESDAY PRAYER MEETINGS



In line with a surge of new life welling-up through the coming Elections, our Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting has been picking up. Well over 100 came the last two meetings and we pray more will join up.

As for the Half-hour Bible study, we're now concentrating on the Psalms. As Psalm-

are convinced he is qualified for the office to which he is nominated, you must vote for him.

These are momentous days before the Lord's soon coming. We cannot be bogged down by carnal considerations, putting our comforts before the commands of God. The Church is not a mutual admiration society, but the Lord's Army against sin, against heathen darkness, against the apostasy of the end-times. Pressing on with the Gospel on every frontier of darkness is the clarion call of Christ.

Missions is No. 1 on the agenda inasmuch as "Go" is the first word of the Great Commission. This has to be accelerated in the light of Jesus' Return, "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" (Matthew 24:14).

The B-P Church Movement has today 130 churches and para-church units around the world after 43 years, and Life Church has 45 branches of the 130. In my latest book, "Forty Years on the Road to Church Growth," to be published with a Foreword from Rev Paul Contento, who knew us from China, we were re-enlightened to the blessings God has showered on the BPs because church planting and separation from unbelief have been our foremost considerations. Alas! Some BPs are separatist in name but not in truth.

We need a revitalised Session that will march forward in step with the Lord. Those who are otherwise indeed may never join His Army. Amen.

singing is No.1 in Church music (Eph 5:19), every Psalm taught is swelled with singing. Only those with singable tunes are chosen. We've received a good feedback on this new development. What can be better than singing the Word of God?

Another reason why members are coming to Prayer Meeting is the answer each one has obtained from the Lord. To get an answer without ever asking or by merely wishing it to

happen is like boiling an egg in cold or lukewarm water! James says, "Ye have not because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (Jas 4:2,3). Positively put is our Lord's exhortation in the Sermon on the Mount, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for everyone that worketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matt 7:7,8). In other words, unless we make an effort to pray, how will we receive an answer?

Sending in a prayer request blue card is not enough. Let him or her who has a need come to Church and pray with fellow members. Your presence is a help to others too, as burning charcoal gets brighter, the more the merrier.

A seeker must seek in earnest, like knocking on a door until the inmate comes to open. The word is "importunity" which means "pressing urgently" or "urging with troublesome application." To state it more vividly, Jesus tells the story of a man knocking on the door of his friend at midnight to ask for three loaves of bread. But from within comes the answer, "Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee." Though he would not get up, because he is his friend and because of his importunity (in knocking) he will arise and give him what he wants.

If you have a request to the Lord, you will get it if you come to prayer meeting, to Church, to Sunday School, to the Lord's Supper, to your fellowship meeting. By coming regularly, consistently, as well as praying at home and reading His Word, He will sure answer you. You must have the persistence of "the importunate friend." But if He does not answer, that is also for our good, because He knows better. "Thy will be done."

See you at the next Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting! Amen. - T.T.

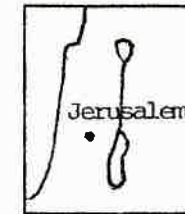
HOLY LAND ECHOES

Thanks so much for organising this trip immediately after last year's, whereas before there was a long break of a few years. I have always wanted to visit the Holy Land. God knows how hard I had prayed and what anxieties I went through. I wanted so much to go to the extent of resigning from my job if my leave was not approved. All the wonderful places visited now seem quite unbelievable that I have actually been there. Surely you can understand why we are always very excited when exchanging photographs of the trip, as they remind us of the memorable times.

The reason why I wanted so badly to go to the Holy Land was to see those Biblical places which I know would help me spiritually. To be able to go is a chance of a lifetime. I hope more of our church members would have the opportunity to go too, especially FEBC students.

Without any disappointment through this trip I have learned a mighty lot. Now I like to read the Old Testament as it is so exciting and the four gospels with more understanding.

I am very impressed by the Holy Land. The people's intelligence, the rich land, their agriculture and standard of living is remarkable. Before the trip, I always thought that Israel is a war torn place, their living conditions are somewhat like those of Muslim countries with lots of desert and small stone houses. It's awesome to know of the existence of an Arab Christian church, that there are actually Arabs who are Christians in such a troubled land. We should continue to give all the support they need. I admire Dr Lambie. I think a man like him is a rare gem. And I remember being unable to hold back my tears when Mrs Ben-Asher came on our bus to meet us in tears. - A Lifer



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (April 3 - 9, '93)

MON	7.00 pm	Calvin's Institutes Exam
	8.30 pm	Church Growth Exam
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU	7.30 pm	Gospel of John Exam
FRI	6.00 pm	End of Semester Thanksgiving (Welcome Thai Friends)
	7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
	2.30 pm	Sharon BPC Wedding (Rev Peter Chua)
	3.00 pm	YAF (AGM)
	7.30 pm	LBC Parents' Night, FEBC Hall
SUN	8.00 am	Has the Bible No Error at all? (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Dedication of New Session)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Bob Phee)
	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 Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bt Batok, Bishan.

Verse for the Week

Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set (Prov 22:28).
Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. (Deut 27:16)

We extend a warm welcome to Jess and party of 17 Thai Friends, camping at Beulah House, May 2-10, '93

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

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TOTAL:\$3,093,258.48;GRAND TOTAL: \$3,507,185.48
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$150, \$30, \$100, \$100, \$70, \$165, \$71.86, \$400, \$100, \$120(Box); *Shepherd's Field* \$206; *Philippines* \$50, \$100 (Sunday School); *Thailand* \$50; *The Seets* \$100, \$150 (Maranatha BPC).

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Please apportion this \$200 as follows - \$100 P' ppines Hilltop Project, \$100 Rev Colin Wong in USA.
- (2) In thanksgiving to the Lord for timely providence for the 4th Holyland Pilgrimage and protecting me from injuries during an accident last week. Praise the Lord! (US\$127).
- (3) \$100 from an Indonesian patient staying at Beulah House.
- (4) An offering for God from the humble wages of the Filipinas (for Hilltp Project) (\$150)
- (5) Thank you for helping to pass my driving test! I really thank God from my heart because I knew that it is God, it is God that had helped or I won't be able to do it! From this experience I knew how important it is to trust fully in the Lord! Praise God! (\$300)
- (6) Dear Lord, please help me in my current job situation. I know You will. For Hilltop (\$30).

Grateful contractor repairing Beulah House: Since the day I was saved from broken crashing glass (missed my head by inches), I have believed in Jesus your God I have removed all my household gods.



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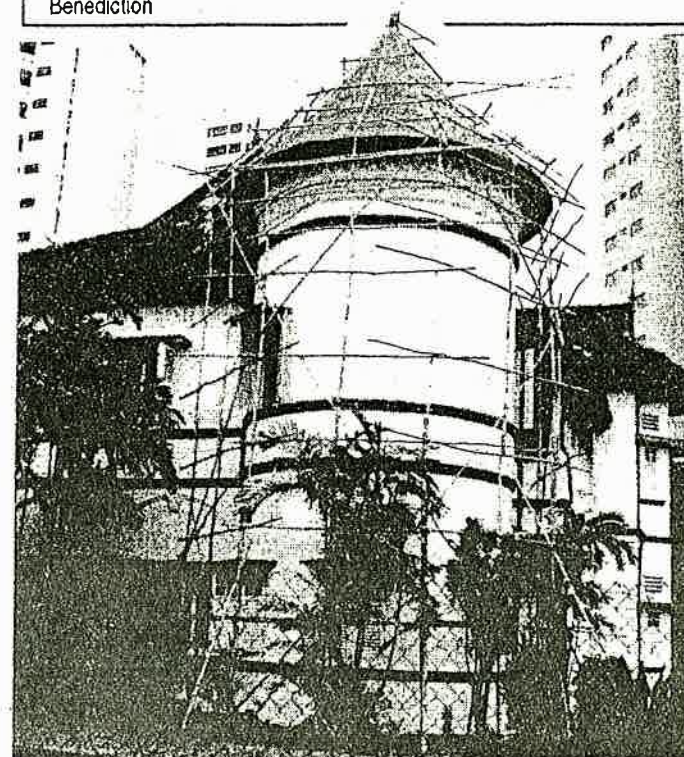
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 263	No. 532
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 25	Ps 10
Hymn	No. 359	Singing of Ps 10
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 246	No. 91
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Ps 19	Rev 2:1-7
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Only by God's Special Revelation can we find God (Mr Quek Suan Yew)	What is like a leaking roof?
Closing Hymn	No. 324	Sins as Scarlet
Benediction		Lord's Supper

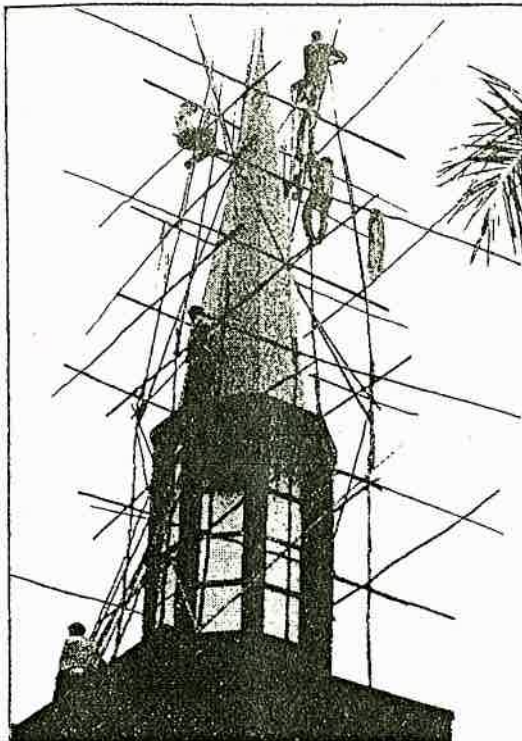


TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

Look at the round tower of Beulah House and the scaffolding. For months we were waiting for our contractor to repair and repaint the roof. Suddenly he appeared the Saturday before last Lord's Day, Day of General Elections. How timely, for we also needed to have the Church steeple rescued from leaking. God had so ordered it that His houses be restored together - to save expenses. The cost of Beulah's total roof repairs (10 leaks) plus painting the round top (now beginning to rust) touching up walls, is \$2,500. The steeple? Why did we have to wait so long for Mr Goh our contractor? He is our leak-proof roof specialist!

Although Session had decided not to renovate both houses until the Beulah Debt is all paid (now reduced to \$0.809 million) there are always exceptions to the rule. The rust on the roundtop, the leaks in the steeple, can no longer wait. "A stitch in time saves nine."

In the long history of Solomon's temple, the sacred record tells of repairs that were carried out under three kings - in the reigns of Joash, Hezekiah and Josiah. In the long history of the Christian Church, when the faith of the Gospel is eroded by the



Between this snapshot and what you will see this Lord's Day - won't you praise the Lord for the transformation that has come through our contractor?

acid of human presumptions, there is need of reformation! To everything there is a season. God timed it at the opening pages of the 16th Century. He raised up Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox and a host of lesser luminaries.

Alas, the work of the Reformers had badly decayed by the dawn of the 20th Century. As the tabernacle of David that was fallen had to be rebuilt (Acts 15:16) there arose a second need for reformation. The scene of a 20th Century Reformation now shifted to the United States. The state of a fallen Christianity was reflected in a landslide apostasy in the USA Presbyterian Church. In 1923, 1294 of her ministers declared in what is known as the Auburn Affirmation (Defamation) that it was not necessary for

them to believe in the infallibility and inerrancy of Holy Scripture, the Virgin Birth, the substitutionary atonement, the miracles and the resurrection of Christ, which indeed are five fundamentals of faith. Now, God had prepared a man of the hour in the person of J Gresham Machen. He was professor at Princeton Seminary. He denounced the Auburn Affirmation and separated from Princetown, now also fallen, to raise Westminster Seminary 1929. A brilliant student of his, Carl McIntire, also left Princeton to study under him in the new Seminary.

Alas! Machen passed away in 1937! But the mantle had visibly fallen on McIntire. In the same year McIntire founded Faith Seminary, "for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ," a new school of sons of the prophets. Dr Allan MacRae was principal.

When the Lord led me to Faith in 1947 it was appointed that I should learn firsthand from Dr McIntire, President of the Board of the Seminary. One wintry morning in January 1948 a tall, handsome man of outstanding dignity spoke at the long chapel hour. There was an air of fervency in the Seminary since I came, but this was the day of another crucial decision in my life. Dr McIntire, comparing our times with the days of Luther, called for a 20th Century Reformation. As I heard him my heart was strangely warmed. I decided to join the International Council of Christian Churches which he was crusading to be formed in Amsterdam Aug. 1948 to challenge the apostasy. My decision was confirmed by a letter I soon received from Dr Chia Yu Ming my teacher in Nanking, who was joining Dr McIntire in Amsterdam. (Incidentally it was my enrolling in Nanking that I was led to Faith, from China to America).

Since I returned to Singapore in 1950, by God's grace and with the enthusiastic support of Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, I have left no stone unturned to fight for the cause of a 20th Century Reformation. As a result of our separatist stand from the Ecumenical Movement of the World

Council of Churches, the Lord has blessed us with a speedy rebuilding of His Kingdom, so that there are today, after 43 years, 130 B-P churches and para-church organisations around the world. Alas! the B-P Synod had to be disbanded in 1988 because there are B-Ps who veer to an "evangelical, conservative position" from our strong fundamentalism, and there are those who are ICCC members in name but not in spirit and in truth.

I served closely with Dr McIntire for the 20th Century Reformation cause for 40 years, from 1948 to 1988. Though, for various reasons I did not attend ICCC and FECCC congresses thereafter, I was at heart with Dr McIntire. Nothing can break that spiritual affinity that bound me to him that wintry morning of 1948. For this reason I am answering an impassioned call from Dr McIntire to attend the 14th World Congress of the ICCC at Cape May, New Jersey, June 9-19, 93. This unavoidable decision to stand by him in his evening years is unanimously supported by Session members and by Dr S H Tow who is sending a gift through my hand.

In fact I had earlier replied Dr McIntire I could not go in view of an appointment to speak at Sharon Bible Camp up Gentings, June 14-18. This did not secure my release as Dr McIntire's request was my presence for the earlier part of the Congress. And so, he has also assigned me to deliver two messages, one on the life and work of John Sung and the other on John Calvin. I am still part and parcel of the 20th Century Reformation movement begun by McIntire.

To everything there is a season. Though we had decided not to renovate until the Beulah Debt is paid, the rust on the Beulah round top, the leaks in the steeple, demand immediate action. I have no doubt that the Lord is my Activator to answer Dr McIntire's call for "such a time as this." Amen. (Travel note: Mrs Tow and I, accompanied by Eld Mahadevan are flying SQ26 June 5, 2355, arriving N.York

RESULTS OF GENERAL ELECTIONS

ON 25 APR 93

Total number of ballots: 492

The following were elected:

Pastor

Rev Timothy Tow 481

Assistant Pastor

Rev Colin Wong Tuck Chuen 428

(on study leave)

Elders

Dn Charlie Chia Chin Sim 445

Elder Khoo Peng Kiat 480

Elder Koh Kim Song 415

Elder Eric Mahadevan 457

Elder Seow Chong Pin 444

Elder Sng Teck Leong 468

Elder George Tan Chin Peng 421

Deacons

Alan Chia Boon Siong 373

Han Soon Juan 383

Victor Loo Lum Hua 424

Ng Beng Kiong 419

Ong Eng Lam 466

Pang Leong Siang 353

Seow Cheong Kiong 356

Jack Sin Yeow Keong 476

Francis Sng Jin Seng 413

Geoffrey Tan Hock Jin 421

Henry Tan Kiat Siong 424

George Tan Kok Eng 394

Tan Nee Keng 404

Wee Chin Kam 392

Paul Wong Wah Suang 402

Roland Wong Kway Hing 420

Yiew Pong Sen 395

June 6, 1045. We return (not Eld Mahadevan) SQ 25 June 13, 2145 arriving back June 15, 650. We fly same afternoon to K.L. to speak at Sharon Bible Camp June 14-18. Genting View Resort Hotel.)
- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (April 10 - 16, '93)

MON 8.30 am	FEBC Spring cleaning
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
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 LTF/YF
3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Beware of Subtle Interpreters of the Bible!</i> (Eld Chia Kim Chwee)
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
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8.00 pm	Korean Service

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

Verse for the Week

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

Thank God for speedy recovery of Dn Roland Wong for his recent ankle injury.
Pray for Hendro of Tg Pinang to recover speedily from his fractured leg.

Baptised May 4, '93 was Mr Koh Lian Seng, 77, father of Lucy Koh at Blk 324 Serangoon Ave 3 #12-278, in the presence of daughter and wife and Mr Jeffrey Khoo, assisting.

Sunday School Attendance: 277; Offering: \$357.85

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,109.50 (8.00 am); *\$12,376.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1763)*\$5109.50; 1764)*\$12376; 1765)\$300; 1766)\$30; 1767)\$1300; 1768)\$100; 1769)\$982 (Chinese Ser.); 1770)\$400 (Keb. Indonesia).
TOTAL:\$3,113,855.98;**GRAND TOTAL:** \$3,527,782.98
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$100, \$150, \$200, \$200, \$150, \$120(Box), \$100, \$80; *Adelaide Ch/College* \$50; *The Seets* \$200; *Chinese Bibles* \$100; *Sunday Sch (Jr pri.)* \$100; *Men's F'ship* \$40; *Medan (Dohar)* \$50; *Medan Mission* \$606 (Combined F'ships); *Beulah roof repairs* \$2500; *Thanksgiving* \$100, \$275.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) This offering to the Hilltop Project is to thank God for His grace and mercy shown toward me during period from Jan to March (\$150).
- (2) Offering for Junior 1 Primary Dept of Sunday School ministry (\$100).
- (3) For Thy faithfulness in helping me with work, here's a humble sum of \$50. I pray that you will continue to guide me all the way for Thy own glory Lord. You are faithful.
- (4) To God be the glory! \$100 gift for prayers answered. For Chinese Bibles.
- (5) This is my first fruit of recent promotion. Thanksgiving (\$100).
- (6) 40 Egyptian pounds to be directed to ICC.
- (7) This is my thanksgiving (\$275).
- (8) For Beulah roof repairs, leaks, painting etc. (\$2,500).

Pray for Rev C T Hsu who was sick last year. He was hospitalised recently for several weeks, recovering 1 1/2 months ago. He has written to welcome us when we arrive N.York June 6, 1045 by SQ26 (S' pore Airlines). Rev Hsu is a founder of Life BPC.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 85	No. 83
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 10	Ps 19 - Thai Item
Hymn	Song of Ps 10	Speak to my Heart
Announcements		Ordinations
Offering & Hymn	No. 258	No. 260
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mt 5:17-20	Mt 28:18-20
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Has the Bible No Error at all?	The Unfinished Fourfold Commission
Closing Hymn	Sins as Scarlet	No. 297
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Lifers,

FROM SINGAPORE TO CHIANGMAI



Hitherto you have heard and read not a little of our Indonesian Service.

On this happy occasion of Jess and her 17 Thai friends camping at Beulah House whereby the Word is preached to them every morning with testimonies from Thai believers, it is timely to bring to remembrance the early beginnings of Life Church Thai Service. Just as the Indo Service

was started with help of FEBC Indonesian students, the Thai Service was the fruit of the labours of Thai students.

Let me retell the story of how the Thai Service was inaugurated according to this report in Vision, Life Church Magazine 1986-87 as follows:

This group of Thai Fellowship worshippers was

brought to the premises of Far Eastern Bible College by Mr Prachan Rodruan on 23rd October. There were about ten members who became regular worshippers on Sundays.

By December 1983, the first batch of new believers was baptised by Mr Prachan at the East Coast Park. There were four Thai workers, including one man and three girls. This was a happy occasion for the group.

December 1983 saw the group celebrating Christmas Day with a large group of friends and well wishers. It was an occasion to spread the Message of God to them.

Mr Prasit Kamneung became the leader of the group on 2nd November 1985. Mr David Pickard became a regular helper on Sundays.

Eight more new believers were baptised by Mr Prasit soon after he took over the group. There were 3 men and 5 girls. All are Thai workers in Singapore.

Since the arrival of Mr Sayan Kusawadee in July 1986 many new members came to our Sunday meetings.

Eight new believers were baptised by Mr Sayan on the 17th August 1986, at the Sembawang Park seafront. Three were men and 5 were girls. All are Thai workers in

Singapore.

The total number of worshippers on Sundays is now forty-five.

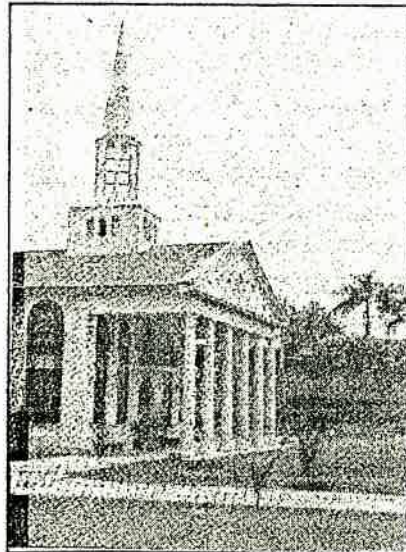
The leaders of this Thai Service are:

- 1) Mr Prachan Rodruan 1983-84
- 2) Mr Prasit 1984-85
- 3) Mr Sayan July 1986

God loves the Thai people. He uses various means to bring them into the Fold. In Singapore He is still using the Thai Service insofar as Lifers are concerned. As for Thailand He has sent Jess, a blue-blooded Lifer, to establish a Mission station in Chiangmai. There she uses one of her talents, viz. English, to teach the Thais. The Word of God is their text book. In making friends through her English Bible Class, she has now brought 17 of them, mostly intellectuals - nurses, lecturers, dental doctor, Christian workers to the Bible Camp at Beulah House. (In the afternoon they go sightseeing, etc.)

On Friday evening they were invited to the FEBC end of term dinner whereby they were drawn to the Lord through participation in the Thanksgiving Service.

This Lord's Day morning at the 10.30 am service at which the newly-elected deacons and elder are ordained they will present a special item. At the service we will also do something for them - the presentation of KJV Bibles. It is our prayer that through this friendly contact some will be led to a saving knowledge of the Lord



Jesus Christ. From Singapore to Chiangmai, there is now established a Gospel airway.

In this regard, mention must be made of a second Gospel airway being maintained by Sembawang BPC. Under the direction of Rev Bob Phee, a Shiloh BPC is established only a stone's throw from where the Life BPC Mission is. This second work, however, is concentrated rather on the Chinese-speaking, for their pastor is Chinese educated.

One particular outreach from Life BP Mission is the translation of RPG into Thai, and sending them out to Thai Christians. This work is supported by a BP Elder who has a special love for the Thai people.

N. Thailand is a back-door to Burma. At the request of a prominent Baptist Burmese pastor we are sending a box of Chinese Study Bibles, commentaries, music tapes, etc, to a Chinese pastor in Burma via a reliable contact at Maesai. In a sense this is also a China back-door.

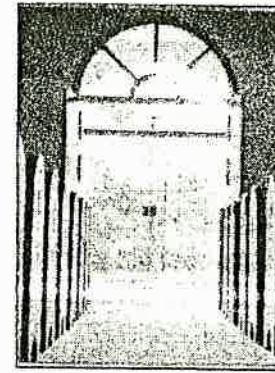
The Red Hues of our six pillar sandstone Church are glowing again! This is a by product of repairing the Steeple. With the help of the scaffoldings our contractor could kill two birds by giving the bell tower a thorough purging with the water-jet-gun. All that is left to complete the job is the 'shooting' of the facade. To do this a new scaffolding is erected at the front of the Church.

A brother reading about the Beulah House leaks and repainting of the roundtop handed in a \$2,500 cheque, a sweet savour offering to the Lord. Who'll give a similar

sum for the main Church, handsome for her pillars, belltower and steeple? - T.T.

HOW MANY DOORS HAS LIFE CHURCH?

Five on the ground floor and one on the Upper Floor. And they are always



open, never shut. Is that not symbolic of the missions door Jesus has opened to us as we persevere to evangelise in these end-times before the Lord returns? Today's reception of the Thai "delegation"

of 17 from Chiangmai is a reminder to us of B-P Missions through this Church to other countries far and near, viz: Philippines, Burma, London, Holy Land, China, Australia, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Indonesia, Malaysia, and not to forget Singapore our own City-state. Pray for those at the frontlines respectively, viz: Jess & Nirand, Thawm Luai, Eric Kwan, George Awad, Liu, Elder & Mrs Khoo, Jee Seng, Joshua Wonsia, Djunaidi, Bapa Siregar, Haposan, Dohar, Agus, Kiantoro, Roska, Sang Chiew, John Ling, Liew Hon Seng (Kim Kah Teck, short-term) and VBS our immediate annual outreach to children. This is our Evangelism AD 2000, Maranatha! "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev 3:8).

Ed. note: Eld & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat are called to Melbourne again to minister to the Bethel congregation. Members of Life Missionary Fellowship are visiting Medan in June. Pray for many souls awaiting the Gospel Message. Dn Jack Sin is team leader.

Praying Mothers

As we think of many a blessing,
God hath given from above,
Every earthly tie possessing,
Are but symbols of His love;
How the blessed name of mother
Speaks to us of love divine,
For on earth there is none other
Can so closely hearts entwine.

Long ago there stood one mother,
By a rough and cruel cross
Watching there the dying Saviour,
Bearing all earth's pain and loss,
And his tender words, then spoken
To that Mother weeping there,
Are to us a sacred token
Of our Saviour's love and care.

Mother love, O who can fathom
Height or depth of earth and skies,
For it reaches to God's heaven -
In its depth His mercy lies.
O, these patient "praying mothers"
Let us give to them today
Loving words and fragrant flowers,
Let us bless them while we may.

Some today have crossed the portal
And are waiting in God's home,
Waiting with a love immortal
For their loved ones on earth to come;
Though we cannot bring them flowers,
We can walk the path they trod,
O, those precious "praying mothers"
We can love and serve their God.

by Jessie Bell Thabes



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 17 - 23, '93)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT	1.00 pm	LJBC; 2.30 pm LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	YAF/LBC
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Has God a Body like a Man?</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
	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
	12.00 pm	Session meet Catechumens Fellowship Lunch
	12.15 pm	Korean Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	8.00 pm	Korean Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan, Bt Batok.

Verse for the Week

The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.

Pray for: *Benedict* at NUH W55, Bed 35,

Hendro of Tg Pinang having his leg amputated,

Wo Hoon of Chinese Service now situated at Ward 80A Woodbridge Hospital (Blk 8),

Tan Bak Guan of Chinese Service at TTSH W21.

Welcome Pastor & Mrs Sit Bell of Melbourne to FEBC Guesthouse.

Sunday School Attendance: 275; Offering: \$366.15

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LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,237.00 (8.00 am); *\$13,363.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1771)*\$4237;
1772)\$100; 1773)\$150; 1774)\$50; 1775)
*\$13363; 1776)\$103; 1777)\$200 (Korean
Church); 1778)\$100; 1779)\$40.
TOTAL:\$3,132,198.98; GRAND TOTAL: \$3,546,125.98
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$500, \$1000
(Life Bk Centre); *FEBC* \$700; *Hendro of
Tg Pinang* \$484; *Pastor Wilardo Bona*
\$163; *Medan Church* \$500; *RPG* \$200;
Chinese Bibles \$300; *Church Steeple & Bell
Tower* \$2000 (Life Camp, Chiangmai);
Beulah Roof/Tower Repair \$520 (WF), \$400
(Surplus from Thai Camp Transportation
A/C), \$1000 (Hospitality); *Dn Jack Sin*
\$130; *The Seets* \$130; *Adelaide Ch/College*
\$60; *Church Repairs* \$500, US\$50;
Thanksgiving \$400; *Steeple Repairs* \$2500.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Attached hereto is my thankoffering to the Lord for blessing 2 of my grandsons who passed their final exams recently at the NUS & NTU. - By Post. (\$400)
- (2) Thank you Lord for answering my prayers and for making my son's wishes come true. Praise the Lord. (\$50 for Extn Bldg Fund).
- (3) Enclosed please find \$100 for the extn Bldg Fund II. Praise the Lord for answering my prayers.
- (4) "I will lay thy stones with fair colours" (Isa 54:11). For the steeple repairs, and polishing of the Church sandstone surface. \$2,500.
- (5) Thanks for extending hospitality to my friend, \$1,000.
- (6) Thru pastor's hand after prayer meeting and house blessing. (\$500)
- (7) Thank God for His blessings in helping us to pass our first year exams! (\$300)



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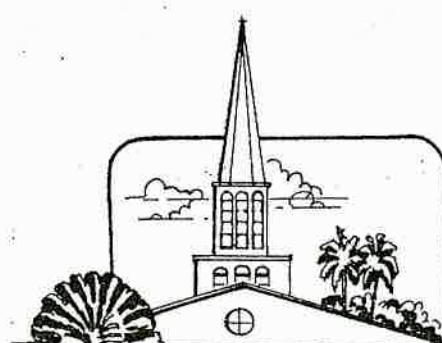
16 May 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 32	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	2 Tim 3:13 - 4:4	Ps 15
Hymn	No. 72	Singing of Ps 15
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 255	No. 565
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	2 Pet 1:19 - 2:3	Lk 9:18-26
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Beware of Subtle Interpreters of the Bible!</i>	<i>Dare to die, Sure to live</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 256	No. 565
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

At the ordination of Elder Charlie Chia and Deacons Alan Chia Boon Siong, Victor Loo Lum Hua, Ng Beng



Kiong, Henry Tan Kiat Siong, George Tan Kok Eng, I was constrained to exhort them from Matt 28:18-20 on the Unfinished Fourfold Commission.

Drawing an analogy from Father of the Chinese Republic Dr Sun Yat Sen's injunction to his followers, "The Revolution is not finished, let comrades struggle on," I reminded them and the whole Church that we are still at war with the Evil One. With new blood added to the Session we should buckle up and with new spirit flowing from His mighty power, we are to advance against all' frontiers of darkness with the light of the

Gospel. We are to re-examine our role in the Church and the purpose of the Church. If we don't we will regress into some social gathering or country club. One church in Australia we've known even play football on Sunday afternoons, the pastor donating the challenge cup. Another church locally had this announcement on the notice board. "Next Wednesday Night, Ladies Mahjong Drive for Missions." Garage sales and baking cakes to boost the B.F., but not stressing the tithe according to God's Word.

We are the Lord's Army by a fourfold commission.

1) "Go." The Church itself is the Missionary Society. Missionaries are to be sent from her midst, supported by members of the Church. This is most economical. We have Jess to Thailand and the Charles Seets to Philippines. Who will be next? This is a word addressed to young men and young women of Life Church especially. Why not join the Lord's Army instead? And this army is to advance to all nations. Ivory Coast is not too far!

2) **The Church is an Evangelistic Association.** We are to "teach" or "make disciples," to bring men and women to salvation in Jesus Christ. The LBC's Parents' Salvation Nite on eve of Mother's Day drew three hands to receive the Lord, which is commendable. Everyone can witness Christ eg. pass out the Gospel tracts we place at the Church Door. Instead of fervent evangelism, we can cool down to socials and outings.

3) **The Church is an Ecclesiastical Fellowship.** This is by being baptised into the body of Christ whereby we function as a big Church family. Our fellowship is in Him. We are quite different from a secular society. We are a separated people. We have the true community or rather communion of saints. We must cast out worldliness that invades the Church. While we decentralise in the work of the Lord, we must come together in the Church Camp in September at Genting Resort.

4) **The Church is a Theological Institution,** whereby we are to teach members to observe all things "whatsoever I have commanded you." On the lower level we have the Sunday School. We urge all Sunday School teachers to study seriously the Bible. You are urged to attend the evening classes of the FEBC.

On the higher level we have the Bible College. Life Church is blessed above all other BP Churches in having the FEBC labouring side by side. There are about 50 ordained ministers in the BP Churches and the great majority are FEBC graduates. FEBC is the powerhouse behind the BPC movement. How privileged to be honoured with the mandate to train

labourers for the Lord's vineyard. Says Rev Paul Contento "Without the Bible College, the Church would die."

The Session is given this fourfold mandate, and as it is commanded us to accelerate before He comes, this trust upon us is all the more urgent. The congregation's support of this fourfold commission must necessarily step up. So let us use every means we can to advance with the Lord's Army until Jesus comes. If we don't support missions now, the time will come when we no longer can. "Make hay while the sun shines."

Talking about FEBC, we've four who have completed their studies and are on their way back to their respective countries - to Africa, Thailand and Korea. Faculty members on the move are Rev Stephen Khoo who is leaving end of month to further study in USA at Pensa-Cola Christian College.



Jeffrey Khoo, whose dissertation on "The Four Gospels in Unison" is approved by Trinity Theological Seminary, will get his doctorate in August. Rev Goh Seng Fong, who is soon completing his, will be back in S'pore June-Aug. to gather materials for his thesis. He will teach one subject when he returns. Mr Das Koshy, BSc, BTh. who is completing his MDiv. soon, is assigned to teach Elementary Hebrew, a compulsory subject for the Masters.

The College puts out a Students' periodical called *The Burning Bush*. If you have not read it, may I ask you to enrich yourself by perusing the 3 main articles - Life of Calvin, the KJV and the John passage on the Woman taken in adultery. These articles express the uncompromising stand we take in the theological world.

What is scholarship? Here's some encouragement to my students from a reflection of Confucius' observation on filial piety, "If a man withdraws his mind from lust for beauty, and applies it as sincerely to the love of the virtuous, if in serving his parents he can exert his utmost strength, if in serving his prince he can devote his life, if in the intercourse with his friends, his words are sincere - although men say that he has not learned, I will certainly say that he has." So, pardon my saying, "If a student is industrious and not lazy and loves his God with a fervent heart, and respects his teachers and can live peaceably with his room-mates and discharge his duties meticulously, though men say he not having earned a degree is not learned, I will certainly say that he is."

In FEBC's 30th Anniversary Magazine the principal had earlier observed, "Not every degree or diploma holder, however, is qualified, but some who studied less in point of time are become more profitable servants." Sad to say, I can see before my mental eyes two degree holders who have petered out by learning from a haughty master. Good that they came not on Graduation Day to receive their degrees. Another who also absented himself from the Convocation is now sunk in oblivion. Learning without inculcation of moral values is monstrous failure. God puts them in a corner.

The FEBC has elected the following to the Board of Directors: Elder Siow Chai Sheng of New Life, Elder Sng Teck Leong and Deacon Han Soon Juan of Life Church and Rev Bob Phee of Sembawang.

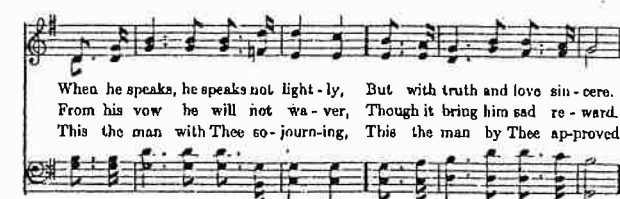
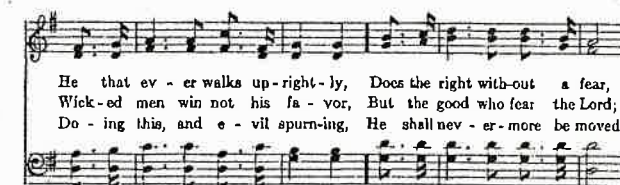
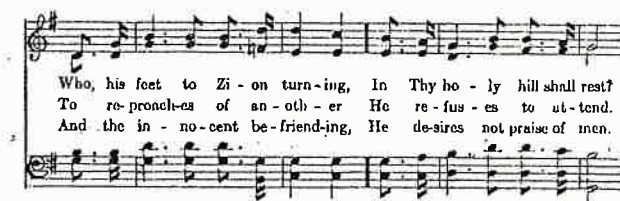
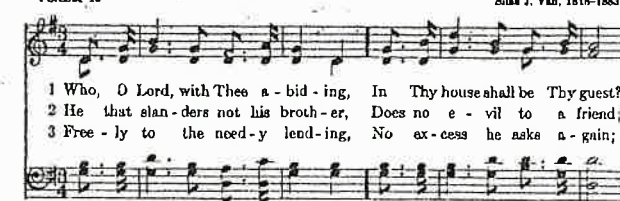
There are now 61 students. Four are graduating and 10 prospective ones are on the horizon. Pray that only the right ones, whom the Lord has called, may come in. Amen.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

Who, O Lord, with Thee Abiding

PSALM 15

Silas J. Van, 1818-1883



JESUS GIVES YOU REST

*Rest for bodies that are weary
Rest for souls in deep despair
Sweet assurance of His presence
O'er a boisterous world of care
Perfect calm in times of trouble
Peaceful harbour from the storm
In the midst of dark depression
He will keep you from all harm.*

*Place your head upon His pillow
He will give you sleep and rest
When life's sun is quickly setting
And night's rising in the west
His all-saving grace will take you
To the glorious land above.*

Octogenarian Sylvea Wong

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 24 - 30, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fship SAT 2.30 pm LTF/YF 3.00 pm LBC Workers' Seminar, FEBC Hall 3.00 pm YAF SUN 8.00 am <i>What is the Meaning of the Holy Trinity</i> (Eld Lim Teck Chye) 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 Service 12.30 pm E-Band Outreach 12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship/SBC 3.00 pm Thai Service 4.00 pm Indonesian Service 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service 8.00 pm Korean Service NBC This Week: <i>Wed</i> Bt Timah, Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Joo Chiat.		*\$5,454.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,091.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 1780)*\$5454; 1781)\$160; 1782)\$100; 1783)*\$8091; 1784) \$300; 1785)\$20; 1786)\$200; 1787)\$400; 1788)\$100; 1789)\$400. TOTAL:\$3,147,423.98; GRAND TOTAL: \$3,561,350.98 OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Hilltop</i> \$100, \$50; <i>Adelaide Ch/College</i> \$60; VBS \$150; <i>Rev</i> <i>G Kutty</i> \$100, \$50, \$500 (Missionary F'ship); <i>RTD</i> \$50; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$50; <i>Missionary</i> <i>Fund</i> \$50; <i>Children's Library</i> \$10; <i>Jess</i> <i>Tamee</i> \$500.
Verse for the Week Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13)		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
Awana Family Camp: All campers to be present at a meeting on 30 May at 4.30 pm in Calvary-Pandan BPC Sanctuary. Camp booklets, train tickets, etc. will be given out. Continue to pray for Mrs A. Steele's quick recovery and for Dr Steele. Pastor Tow will answer "10 Reasons Why Christ Could Not Have Died for All Men" (Watch Magazine) in next week's sermon, May 30, 10.30 am. Sunday School Attendance: 269; Offering: \$232.45		(1) Thank God for the privilege to spread the Word of God through tracts. Enclosed is my support for Reformed Tract Distributors. (\$50) (2) Thank God for the good grades given to all the subjects I have passed in my final exam. He showed His grace especially in one of the papers which I thought I did badly but managed to get a decent grade. Unfortunately, I have to RE a paper. It is just my fault that I didn't try to work on the "unlikable" subject (operating system & software engineering). Please help me pray for strength to work hard and clear this paper. Thank you. (\$100 - Mission in Rhode Island; \$100 - wherever most needed.) (3) From Poh Bee Renovation Contractor upon completing job on the Steeple and Beulah House: "This \$200 is offered back to God." (4) To Medan (Haposan) a gift of \$5,000 for The ♥ of JESUS CHRIST The ♥ of HIS GOSPEL. "All praise to THEE, for Thou, O KING DIVINE." Amen. (5) First offering for adjacent Burma Land \$200.
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23 May 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Geoffrey Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 318	No. 237
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 103	Psalms 23
Hymn	No. 47	<i>Singing of Ps 23</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 246	No. 235
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Phil 2:5-11	Titus 2
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Has God a Body Like</i> <i>A Man?</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>"Things that become</i> <i>Sound Doctrine"</i> (Pastor Sid Bell)
Closing Hymn	No. 49	
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

SEASON OF SPIRITUAL REFRESHING

As the mid-year school holidays draw nearer many are looking forward to a time of vacationing - some up the hills, others by the sea, and the richer ones flying here, there, everywhere.

But we have a better deal for you! It begins this Lord's Day with Pastor Sid Bell of Melbourne, a close friend of Bethel B-P Church, speaking at the 10.30 service. He is a man of God who is looking for the Redemption of Israel. I heard him at Calvary's Sunset Gospel Hour and I was touched by his Spirit-filled message. Stay for the 10.30 service today!

Sat. May 29, 7.30 pm the YAF will show a new feature length movie of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. Every Christian will enjoy this film (guaranteed) for he will see himself in Pilgrim on his journey to the Celestial City above. This film will draw us closer to God.

It is above all an evangelistic film. Here's a chance to bring someone to Christ. Bring the younger ones in! Are you not concerned for the spiritual welfare of your



children? "Do something good for Jesus everyday" should start with your own family. How about your shut-in parents? This is a chance to bring spiritual refreshing to their souls.

May 31 - June 4 is the running of a Daily Vacation Bible College at Calvary Pandan with Dr John C Whitcomb "specially flown in" from USA. FEBC students (35 of them) taking this 15-hour course and passing it will receive one credit after taking an exam.

Here are two paragraphs from Calvary B-P Weekly:

"1. DVBC Good News!

As the date of Dr Whitcomb's meetings draws near the number of registrants has passed the 100 mark. Some good news: a) closing date for concession rates is extended six days to May 23; b) Students with financial difficulty need only request our Registrars at the General Office, and they will pay only \$10. But please register NOW. c) Morning lectures will end before 9 am say 5-10 minutes earlier, to allow some to leave for work.

2. Students, please pass the word!

I request all our students to go and canvass for other students to come to these WORLD CLASS LECTURES. We are investing over \$20,000 just to fly Dr & Mrs Whitcomb here (and Australia), and to give them the needful hospitality. In fact, can we not all make the extra effort to invite others, and pay for them? Do something good for the Lord. Who knows some souls may also be saved by the Word of God."

DR WHITCOMB

Dr John C Whitcomb was professor of Old Testament and Director of Postgraduate Studies at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana. He completed his BA at Princeton University. His BD, Th. M, and Th. D degrees were all earned at Grace Theological Seminary.



Among the many books Dr Whitcomb has authored are *A History of Israel* (co-authored), *The Early Earth*, *The World That Perished* which was made into a fast moving thirty-five minute documentary film dramatically

portraying how the Genesis Flood took place, *The Moon: Its Creation, Form and Significance* (co-authored), *Darius the Mede* which was selected by Christianity Today as one of the 25 outstanding evangelical books of 1959 and *The Genesis Flood* (co-authored), now in its sixth printing and similarly recognized by Christianity Today in 1961.

He has contributed articles to numerous theological journals and major Bible dictionaries. He has created numerous cassette courses on the books of Daniel, Nehemiah, Esther, Ezra, etc. and published four Bible charts.

Since 1962 Dr Whitcomb has been President of Board of Spanish-World Gospel Mission, Inc.; and since 1965 has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. Dr Whitcomb has travelled through much of Western Europe and the Bible lands (1944-1952). He lived in China three years (1927-1930), visited mission stations in Peru (1950), helped in the establishment of a church in Puerto Rico under the auspices of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church (1958-1959) and has lectured in Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Western Europe and in many parts of the United States.

ONLY LOVE CAN MAKE US KIND

Great is the power of might and mind
But only love can make us kind
And all we are or hope to be
Is empty pride and vanity
If love is not a part of all
The greatest man is very small

The one who never had a scar
How can he ever understand
The compulsion of compassion
And the level of love's demand
Great is the power of might and mind
But only love can make us kind.

Sylvia Wong

PROGRAMME

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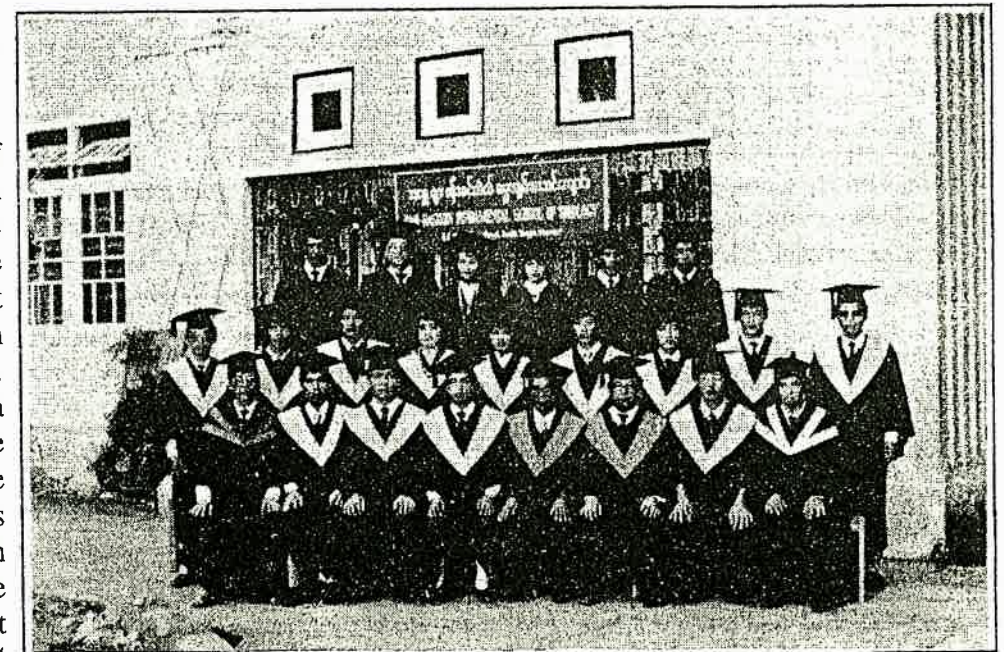
GOD'S KINGDOM IN BURMA MARCHES ON (LATEST REPORT)

This is Bethel House acquired at 5.3 million kyats for Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, principal Rev Robert Thawm Luai. Photo shows first class of 15 graduates consisting of 9 BTh and 6 Diplomas and Certificates, dated Sept. 26, 1992. These are now dispersed into the wide harvest fields of Burma itself.

Rev Thawm Luai writes of further buying over an adjacent property 175' x 75'

(or ¼ acre) at 2.5 million kyats. Deposit of 1 million kyats is made, the rest payable in 6 months. This is a wise move when it is land with marriage value, at only S\$4

a sq ft. With yearly rent increments demanded on the two other houses serving FEFST the solution is to build their own. This is all the more urgent as the student body has climbed to 80. Burma is poorer than the Philippines. As the Hilltop Project Phase I is now completed and Phase II well on the way, let us focus on this Hermit country, almost forgotten. Amen. T.T.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 31 - June 5, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON - FRI	Whitcomb Lectures	*\$4,806.00 (8.00 am); *\$6,196.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 4.00 pm	Missionary F'ship 3rd Anniv., FEBC Hall	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1790)*\$4806; 1791) \$6196; 1792) \$300; 1793) \$200; 1794) \$250 (Coinafon); 1795) \$611. TOTAL: \$3,159,786.98
8.00 pm	No Prayer Mtg (Whitcomb Lectures)	LOAN: 47)\$572 (Men's F'ship).
WED-SAT am	Vacation Bible School	TOTAL LOANS: \$414,499.00.
7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	GRAND TOTAL: \$3,574,285.98
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Hilltop</i> \$50, <i>Burma Land</i> \$150, \$200, \$50, \$100(Miscellaneous);
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF	<i>RPG</i> \$50; <i>VBS</i> \$100, \$110, \$500; <i>China</i> \$50;
2.30 pm	Ng Wee Hock & Ong Siew Cheng Wedding (Rev Tow)	<i>Dn Jack Sin</i> \$500; <i>Msnr Charles Seet</i> \$500;
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	<i>Medan (Haposan)</i> \$5000; <i>Hendro (Tj Pinang)</i> \$50.
11.55 pm	Pastor & Mrs Tow & Eld Mahadevan depart for USA, SQ26	
SUN 8.00 am	Dr John Whitcomb	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
9.30 am	Sunday School	(1) Enclosed please find a small token of our appreciation to God and His servants. Please use it as you deem fit for the extension of the Lord's kingdom.
10.30 am	Dr John Whitcomb, Lord's Supper	(2) Please find enclosed my offerings of \$1,000. I would like to contribute half to Dn Jack Sin and the other half to Mr Charles Seet.
10.30 am	Chinese Service	(3) I want to praise and thank God for His grace and mercy over 2 matters last week. I passed my graduate diploma course with good results. I was also able to resolve a conflict with my colleagues very amiably. Indeed, I am most thankful for the blessings. Offering of \$300 for God's work.
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	(4) "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 103:2) (\$50 for Hilltop; \$50 for China).
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	
12.15 pm	Korean Service	
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Bishan.		
Verse for the Week Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? (Ezek 18:23)		
Candidates (from Chinese Service) to be baptised today: 1. Jenny Lee Siok Hoon 2. Kusnadi/Kie Mong) from 3. Hendro) Tg Pinang		
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Sunday School Attendance: 278; Offering: \$537.90		
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		VBS organised by Life BPC Sunday School starts on Wednesday, 2 June till 5 June 93. 9.00 am to 12.30 pm. About 200 children have responded. The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God by the pastor will explain more fully the various aspects of His actions. Know His Will for your life as a clock-maker knows his clock. Get yours from CLBC.



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"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. 8	No. 318
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 14:6-27	Ps 25
Hymn	No. 320	Singing of Ps 25
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 368	No. 319
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 16:15-32	II Pet 3:8,9
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>What Is The Meaning of The Holy Trinity</i> (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	<i>10 Reasons Why Christ Could Not Have Died for All Men</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 28	No. 285
Benediction		

WE AGREE AND DISAGREE

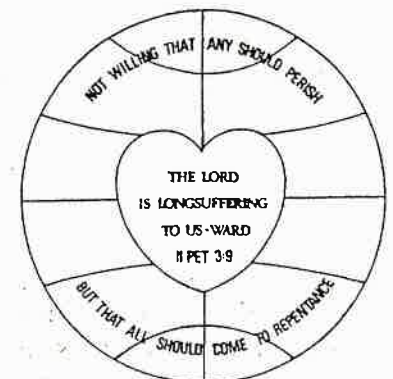
In Watch Magazine Mar '93, there is an article by Christopher Ness on "10 Reasons Why Christ Could Not Have Died for all Men." This is comprehended in the third point of the Five Points of Calvinism TULIP, L for Limited Atonement. (Buswell calls it Particular Atonement.) That is to say, Christ came primarily to save the elect, by God's decretive will. God has in His predestined plan of salvation so elected those whom He would save, and no others. This we totally agree.

But what we disagree with sons of Calvin who out-Calvin Calvin is their exegeting Scripture like riding a bicycle on a tight rope. They reason, "Since Christ's salvation is applied only to the elect, "therefore any Scripture passage that offers salvation must refer only to the elect. John 3:16 is only for the elect. When Paul writes Timothy, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim 2:3,4), this "all men to be saved" is also the elect.

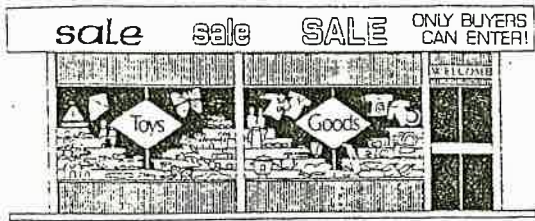
And, II Pet 3:9 which says the Lord is longsuffering to us-ward they claim to be for the elect (which we agree), but when Peter continues "that all should come to repentance" we see God's common grace (as He gives rain and sun to both good and bad) offered to the lost.

This common grace comes under His attribute of being good (Shorter Catechism 4). It is of God's character not to exult like Nero in the torture and death of his Christian subjects, nor like Hitler exterminating six million Jews with a stone-dead heart, but the

"Sufficient For All, Efficient For The Elect"



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



If John 3:16's offer of salvation to anyone who would believe is a restricted offer only to the Elect, then it is like holding a SALE with the stipulation, "ONLY BUYERS CAN ENTER!"

very opposite. God is good, God is love. So it is in Himself to see sinners turn to Him in repentance. "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways and live?" (Ezek 18:23).

Analyzing this goodness of God in not having pleasure in the destruction of bad sinners we see it coming under what we have observed to be the *desiderative will* of God. While He saves particularly the elect He does not desire gleefully the loss of the wicked. Hence the Gospel is offered fair and square to one and all, both elect and non-elect, that the non-elect who go to hell of their own wickedness have no argument in the Day of Judgment (Mk 14:21). Now, John 3:16, II Pet 3:9, I Tim 2:3,4 are all Gospel offers to the whole world, to all mankind, and not exclusively to the elect. This is Calvin's interpretation as well as ours. In his commentary on Jn 3:16, Calvin says that "whosoever" is a general term both to invite indiscriminately all to share in life and to cut off every excuse from unbelievers. Such is also the significance of the word 'world' which he had used before. "For although there is nothing in the world deserving God's favour, He nevertheless

shows He is favourable to the whole world when He calls all without exception to the faith of Christ which is indeed an entry into life."

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

For Hypercalvinists to say Jn 3:16 is not a universal offer of the Gospel but a limited one is like holding a sale for a department store with a restrictive sign under the word SALE - "Only buyers can enter"! (*Absurd, isn't it?*)

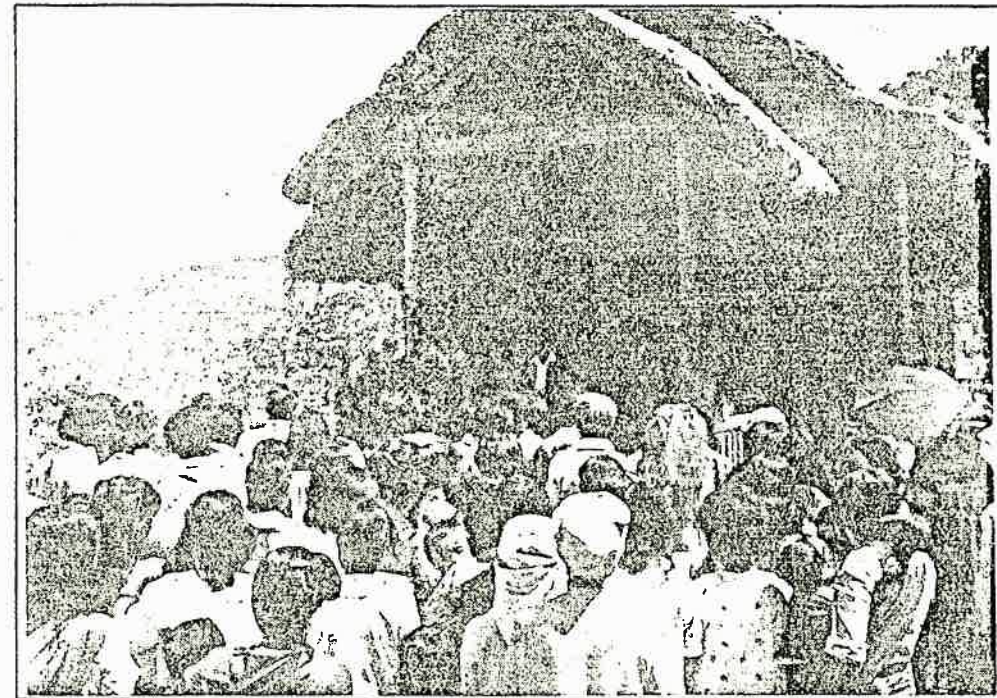
Another way to show that John 3:16 is a universal offer of salvation to the lost [both elect (before they were saved and non-elect (who'll never be saved)] is the parable of the sower (Matt 13:3-8). According to Hypercalvinists the sower would be seen rather digging a hole in the good ground and pouring all the seeds into it! (*How absurd, you say again!*) According to our Lord, the seeds are scattered to the uttermost part of the field. Hence there are those that fell by the wayside, on stony ground and among thorns and thistles. The last three places where the good seeds landed yielded nothing. That cannot stop the good ground bringing forth thirty, sixty and a hundredfold. Nor do we dispute the supralapsarian emphasis of Christ dying in fact for the elect, but to restrict John 3:16 to the elect is like a restricted sale and pouring all

the seeds into that one hole.

Now, if these Hypercalvinists knew there is an aspect of God's will known as *desiderative* (from his characteristic goodness, not having pleasure in the death of the wicked) their blind spot on God's abounding grace would be removed. "I counsel thee to buy of Me ... anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" (Rev 3:18).

We agree with the author of "10

reasons why Christ could not have died for all men" by His decretive will, but we wish he would agree with Christ our Lord that His Gospel offer is not only to the elect but also the non-elect as comprehended in the word 'world' (Greek *cosmos*) to the widest possible extent to all mankind. This widest offer is by His desiderative will. Hence He also says in Mark, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to *every* creature" (Mark 16:15). Amen?



Rev Thawm Luai dedicating a tribal Church (Ev. Presbyterian) at Kiang-rawn, Burma. (Matt 24:14)

DAILY VACATION BIBLE COLLEGE, CALVARY-PANDAN BPC

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 7 - 13, '93)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Tay)
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	2.30 pm	LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
SUN	8.00 am	<i>The Son Is Equal to the Father</i> (Rev Bob Phee, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Mr Quek Suan Yew
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
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NBC This Week: *Wed* Bt Timah, Henderson.
Fri Joo Chiat.

Verse for the Week

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sins of the whole world. 1 Jn 2:2

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Sunday School Attendance: 231; Offering: \$349.95

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*\$3,140.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,533.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1796)*\$3140; 1797)*\$9533; 1798)\$300; 1799)\$400; 1800) \$39.92; 1801)\$74.85; 1802)\$20; 1803)\$6000.
TOTAL:\$3,179,294.75; GRANDTOTAL:\$3,593,793.75
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$500, \$150; *Burma Adjacent Land* \$500, \$500, \$100; *VBS* \$100, \$50, \$50, \$500; *Thanksgiving* \$50; *China Mission* \$200; *The Seets* \$200; *Philippines* \$50; *Thailand* \$50; *Hendro* \$220; *Rev G Kutty* \$200; *S Takashima* \$200; *Hope BPC* \$200; *Missions* \$51; *Chinese Bibles* \$100; *Medan (Dohar)* \$50.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Our thanksgiving offering to the Lord for the gift of a son on May 27th. to be split 50%:50% for Hilltop and Burma. (\$1,000)
- (2) Please designate as follows: George Kutty \$200, S Takashima \$200, Hope BPC \$200, EBF II \$400.
- (3) Thank God for protection, journey's mercy and a fruitful trip. (\$100).
- (4) \$10 for Reformed Tape Library.
- (5) To God be the glory! For Chinese Bibles to China. (\$100)
- (6) For missions given with a humble heart. (\$51)
- (7) I read your book *Prophescope on Israel*. It was the most complete history of Israel I've read... Please use the money where needed most. (US\$30 for Burma Adjacent Land - from USA).
- (8) Thank you for paying for my trip to the Holy Land. It was a wonderful and enriching experience for me and has helped me to understand God's Word better. I greatly appreciate your generous gift. May God bless you all.

Congratulations to Dn & Mrs Wee Chin Kam for the gift of a son on 27th May.



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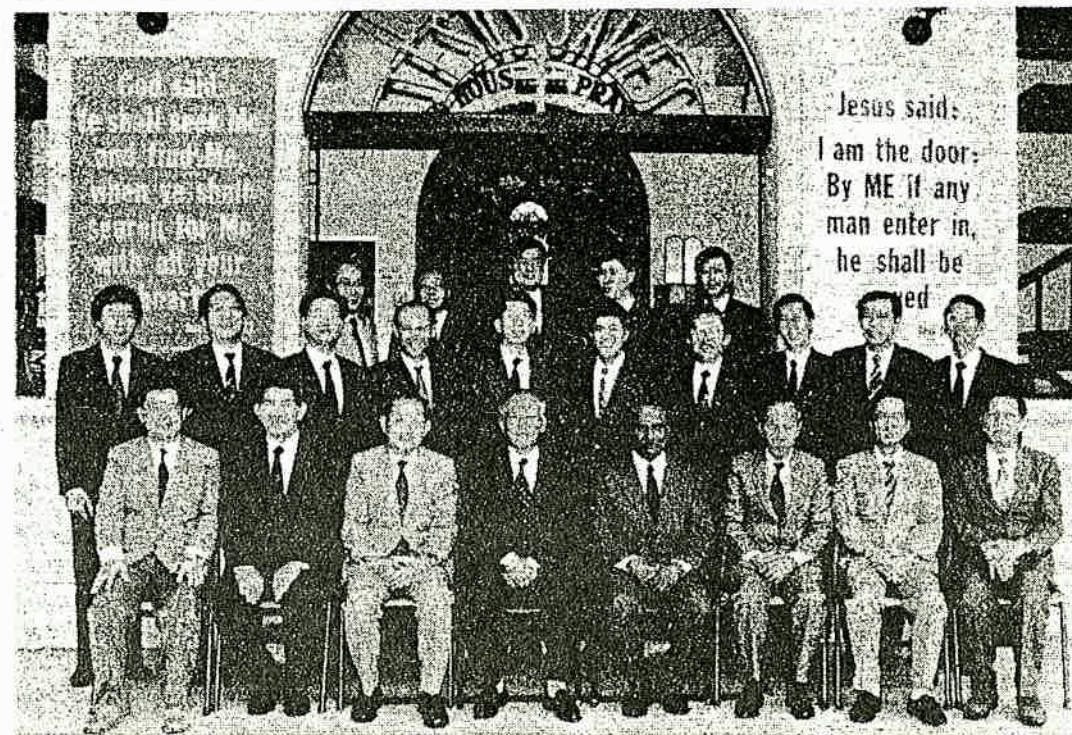
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 73	No. 45
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 95	Isaiah 26:1-12
Hymn	No. 110	No. 242
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 335	No. 407
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Cor 15:1-11	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Modern Science and Biblical Miracles (Dr John Whitcomb)	
Closing Hymn	No. 538	No. 201
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,
Why This U.S. Trip?

By the time you read this pastoral chat, we would be touching down Frankfurt (midway stop) before the second and final hop to New York. We arrive N.Y. 1045 am June 6. Rev & Mrs C T Hsu and John my son will be on hand to receive us. From there we drive south through New Jersey the Garden State to Cape May, where the 14th ICCG Congress will be held June 9-19, '93.



Since 1988, I have not attended any ICCC or Regional Congress. I support Dr McIntire, ICCC President, all the same. My ties with him are deep-rooted. I always tell the story of one wintry morning in Jan. 1948 when I heard him at the Chapel Hour, Faith Seminary. He was speaking passionately on the need of a 20th Century Reformation to offset the Ecumenical Movement, the urgency of founding an International Council of Christian Churches. My heart was strangely warmed. It was knit to his like Jonathan's to David's. I became his disciple for the Separatist Cause.



Rev C T Hsu

When Dr McIntire and comrades were coming out to East Asia and Australia to warn Churches against the WCC, they visited Singapore en route. That was Christmas 1949. One who joined the Reformation Cause then was Rev Quek Kiok Chiang. By God's grace he has stuck with Dr McIntire to this day.

When we returned from the Holy Land Pilgrimage end of March, Dr McIntire had faxed me to attend the 14th ICCC Congress to deliver a lecture on John Sung. As I was scheduled to speak at Sharon Bible Camp up Genting June 14-18 I begged to be excused. I asked Dr McIntire to assign the subject to Rev Quek since he knew John Sung as much as I, if not more. Dr McIntire replied he rather wanted me. He yearned above all to see me and renew that warm fellowship we had all those years. When this matter was discussed before Session it was unanimously decided I must go. Dr S H Tow who heard of this added his support, with a gift for Dr McIntire.

No doubt, a man like McIntire who speaks the Truth without fear or favour has on one hand many staunch supporters, and on the other many opponents. Nor is he without faults,

like any other leader. But every man stands or falls before his Master (Rom 14:4). One thing I can say of him, his persevering faithfulness in fighting the Lord's battles has won His hearty approval. Hence the Lord has given him radiant health up to this 14th Congress. (His wife was taken into glory about a year ago.)

By warning brethren around the world of the dangers of liberalism, Romanism, Charismatism, Ecumenism, New Evangelicalism, Communism, he has led many to come out of these evil systems. By being released from the old establishments, new churches, fundamental and Bible-believing, are formed. B-P Churches in Singapore cannot deny the fact that their growth today is due to the ICCC stand we take. Some have repudiated the founding B-P leadership but are linked to the ICCC for reasons they know best themselves. Loyalty to our Saviour's cause is not wearing a badge outside, but of the inside.

In the interval I received another communication from Dr McIntire. He not only requested me to speak on John Sung but also on John Calvin. This additional assignment I gladly accepted, since our Presbyterian Faith has stemmed from him.

While I began to restudy his life and works, the Lord seemed to impress upon me the double advantage of upgrading the printed message I was required to bring to US into a booklet. With the ready help of Sock Eng the speedy typist and of Deacon and Mrs Paul Wong and Roger Kok in the composition and art-work arrangements the booklet has come off the press. It has 64 pages, of which some 16 pages are illustrations and photos. A picture is worth a thousand words. As our custom is, this product from the pastor's pen is distributed free to members, paid by the Church. May you take time to read it, and not miss a beautiful presentation by William Wileman on the Doctrines of Grace (Five Points of Calvin) in the Appendix.

May this booklet on Calvin whet your appetite to read the truths of God's Word so lucidly expounded by "The Theologian." To make it easy reading I have abridged the first two books of the

Institutes of the Christian Religion. Now, if you will read *Knowledge is Power* and Calvin's Introduction to the Highest Knowledge... in the Appendix, I'm sure you'll be drawn to read the first two Books abridged. You who are Session members and youth leaders must have some basic knowledge of theology.

We are very privileged to have Dr & Mrs Whitcomb visit our Church this Lord's Day. Most eminent professor of Grace Seminary, he is known as Mr Grace. Rev Stephen Khoo, Quek Suan Yew, Jeffrey & Jemima Khoo all learned under him. Dr Whitcomb has a worldwide ministry in the defence and confirmation of the Gospel (Phil 1:7). "He is one of the few remaining stalwarts of the faith of the last generation, holding fast the faithful word (Tit 1:9) - Calvary BP Weekly. I want to thank him for administering the Lord's Supper at the 10.30 am Service this morning. May God bless his ministry wherever he is called.

- Your affectionate pastor T.T.

Season of Deaths but rejoicings in the Lord

The Preacher says, "To everything there is a season ... a time to be born and a time to die" (Eccles 3:1,2). Never in my ministry have I met with 4 deaths in 4 days! Two are from the Chinese Service: Mabel Chan Geok Choo, 58, was taken home Fri May 28. She was interred at CCK Lawn Cemetery on Saturday. Mon. May 31 early morning, the Lord took Tan Bak Guan, 77, of the Chinese Service. Within hours came the news of the passing of Choo Kok Keng, 46. The same day in the afternoon we received news of the homegoing of Deacon Victor Loo's father, 60.

We praise the Lord that all these have died in the Lord. Victor's father was baptised last Nov. at Jubilee Presbyterian. Choo Kok Keng came to the Easter Sunrise and Baptismal Service. After I had baptised all candidates, Eld Khoo rushed up a hurried note, "There's this sick man (cancer) who wants to be baptised!" I replied, "Jesus says, ...him that cometh unto me

I will in no wise cast out." Whereupon I made it plain to Mr Choo that his request for baptism should not be motivated by his last ditch hope to get healed of cancer. I told him that the salvation of his soul was more important than the healing of his body. He nodded strongly to the terms. Now he had not consulted his wife who wasn't in Church. He was resolute in taking on Christ. As a result of this baptism, I was called to speak at two vigil services to his many non-Christian loved ones and relatives.

From the Choo Kok Keng vigil service we drove from Bedok to Tampines to comfort Victor Loo and his mother. But what was most striking in this night of three vigil services is the one for old Tan Bak Guan. All his several sons and grandchildren and daughters were present. Jolly Tan, the deceased's sister, is a zealous soul-winner. She arranged with Mr Simon Neo, head of the Breakthrough Mission located at Labrador, a drug-rehabilitation centre, for five of his 40 inmates to come to the vigil. Neo had studied four years at Chin Lien Bible School and is a trained preacher. He personally led his five boys, now soundly converted, to testify of their salvation and cure from drugs. They sang with zest to the strumming of guitars. They sang in Mandarin and Hokkien, "Come to Jesus, he will give you peace." One of them is a converted medium. He told how Satan showed him the scenes of hell and death. He said, "Old Mr Tan is not dead, but is asleep. So when I die, I will rise up one day with him like after a long sleep." My heart was stirred as never before by their youthful devotion and earnestness.

When I asked Neo about their support, he said, "We get our drug centre buildings free from the Government, but no other official help. We subsist by working with our hands and trusting the Lord to provide through His children. We can make ends meet day by day." There was no tone of covetousness in his speech. He is an honest man. I praise the Lord that there are true servants of His, here and there. I returned home after three vigils ten minutes before midnight - refreshed, and penned these sentiments right away. Praise the Lord for a season of deaths, but rejoicings in the Lord. Amen.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 14 - 20, '93)

TUE - FRI	LTF Camp
TUE 6.50 am	Pastor & Mrs Tow return from USA SQ25
3.00 pm	Depart for Sharon BPC Camp, Genting View
8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Sng)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 2.30 pm	YF
2.30 pm	Baptist Fship Church Wedding
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
SUN 8.00 am	Cannot God Forgive Sin Without Christ's Death? (Eld Chia Kim Chwee)
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 Service
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC
1.30 pm	AF
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
NBC This Week: Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.	

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,520.00 (8.00 am); *\$12,116.00 (10.30 am)
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\$100; 1809)\$876 (Chinese Service); 1810)
\$400 (Keb. Indonesia). TOTAL:\$3,199,606.75
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,614,105.75.
OFFERINGS FOR: *Hilltop* \$550, \$1000
(LBC); *Burma Adjacent Land* \$60, \$60;
Thanksgiving \$200; *Rev G Kutty* \$50 (YAF);
Dr Whitcomb \$110; *Hendro* \$50; *Medan*
(Dohar) \$200; *Hope BPC* \$100; *Blind Korean*
Pastor \$10.

GOD Has A Right

GOD has a right to a definite part of your time
He has the power to take all of it.
GOD has a right to a definite part of your money
He has the power to take all of it.
GOD has a right to be glorified through your tongue
He has the power to take all of it.
GOD has a right to be honoured through your influence
He has the power to take all of it.
GOD has a right to your life
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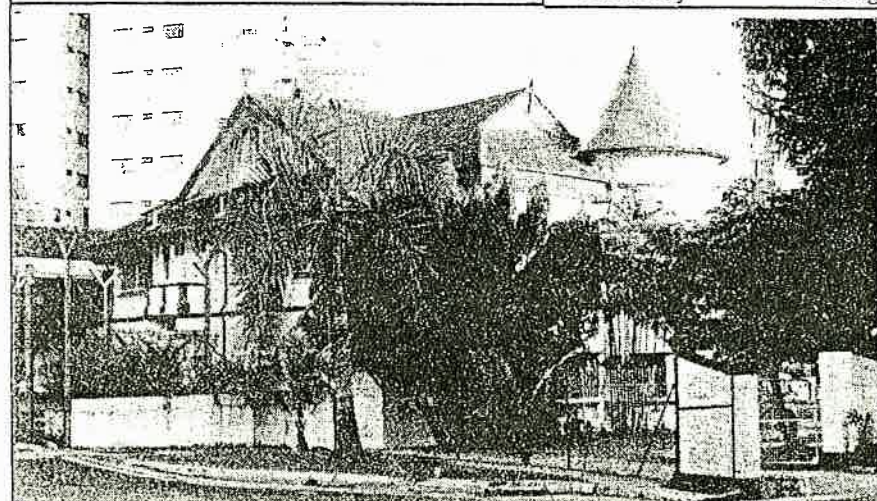
- At least GCE 'O' levels with basic Cert.
- Preferably with music background

Verse for the Week

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. Eph 2:8,9

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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Opening Hymn	No. 66	No. 217
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Phil 2:1-11	Isa 53
Hymn	No. 95	No. 288
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 67	No. 199
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 10:22-39	Jn 1:29-42
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Son Is Equal to the Father</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<i>"Behold the Lamb of God"</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)
Closing Hymn	No. 459	No. 221
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Lifers,

SHARING A's TO Q's ASKED BY YF WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH

Q1. *The Apostles' Creed (Point 4) stated that ...'He (Christ) descended into hell.' But Ps 16:10 gave a seemingly contrasting view in which 'neither wilt thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption' was quoted. Could you kindly explain the clause? What would have been the significance or repercussion if a different or contrasting view is adopted?*

Ans1. From the time of the early Church Fathers to the present there has been a persistent notion that before the time of Christ the saints who died were not ushered into heaven, but were kept in a sort of underground waiting chamber. In Christ's death, he went to this waiting chamber to bring out these O.T. saints to heaven. That's what is meant by "he descended into hell" or "he descended into *hades*" which more accurately expresses the state after death. "Hades" is the Greek meaning "the

unseen world," which they say has the compartment of the blessed (Abraham and Lazarus) and the compartment, separated by a gulf unbridgeable, of the condemned (the rich man). This says Calvin, supported by Buswell, is a *fable*.

Scripture that allegedly teaches Christ descending into hell is I Pet 3:18-20. Buswell, following Charles Hodge, B B Warfield, A T Robertson says Peter does not teach that Christ, during the time his body lay in the grave, went to that underground chamber, but rather the Spirit of Christ in the days of Noah and through Noah was preaching righteousness to those who rejected God and are now lost.

The Larger Catechism, Ans. to Q50, says, "Christ's humiliation after death consisteth in His being buried and continuing in His being buried and in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, "He descended into Hell."

Calvin on the other hand interprets "He descended into hell" in a metaphorical sense,

that all hell was let loose on him not only upon his body but also upon his soul; as if He landed in hell.

Now what is the meaning of Psalm 16:10? David says, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell (rather hades, Sheoul), neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." This is quoted by Peter on Day of Pentecost. Peter interprets it to mean Christ in His resurrection. His soul came back from the place of the blessed dead, and His body arose from the grave before it saw corruption.

When Christ said, "It is finished," He had suffered to the uttermost, so there was no more going to hell when he had already entered into the experience of hell. As He lay peacefully in the tomb, He also went to paradise, to heaven where the good thief had also entered. Praise the Lord that His work of salvation was once for all completed on the Cross, and because He was sinless, death and all its powers could do him no further harm. Scripture does not contradict Scripture.

Q2. *Would it be a biblical view to believe that Christ remained in the grave for three days (as stated in Shorter Catechism Q27, Div. 1, Sect 8 - Roderick Lawson)?*

In Ans. to Q28 rather, Christ's rising from the dead on "the third day" is mentioned. For Roderick Lawson to say that Christ remained in the grave for three days, he should mean three days inclusive. The Hebrews are like the Chinese, who count inclusively. For example, when the disciples met a week after the 1st Day of Resurrection, John calculates it as "after eight days" which by western counting is after seven days. Today in Singapore it is the growing custom to dispose of the dead "after three days,"

but this is also inclusive counting. Actually it can be one full day plus parts of two days. There is no doubt by Jewish counting Christ died on Friday and rose on Sunday. Friday, Saturday, Sunday = 3 days. Hebrew and Chinese counting. No problem! - T.T.



INVEST & OWN

*by Rev Ian Heng in
Hermon Herald, 2 May '93*

"Way-beyond-the-blue" Chips

Singaporeans are one of the greatest savers in the world today. Partly due to the CPF scheme, many of us have grown to have a relatively sizeable amount of savings kept for our old age. However, money kept in savings alone may not prove to be the best way of saving. So the current strategy is shifting to stable investment with a reaping of higher dividends in the long term. As our PM put it, Singaporeans will be given opportunities to own part of Singapore's economy by investing their savings in "blue chip" stocks.

Jesus instructed us to learn from the foresight of the world-wise. "For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings" (Lk 16:8-9).

Ownership by investment is a principle worth considering not only for Singapore Inc, but especially for Eternity in the kingdom of God. As heirs of God's kingdom, we are given the privilege of investing what we have now in "heavenly blue" stocks ("I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun...way beyond the blue!"). When we exercise our stewardship of giving to God's kingdom, we are, in effect affirming the reality of ownership in the kingdom of God. We are doing our part in building up God's kingdom for the glorious age to come!

Jesus described the accountability for the kingdom of God in the parable of the talents (Matt 25:14-30). From this parable, the one who did not do any investment of the money given him by the master was rebuked as a "wicked and lazy servant". The money was returned to the master intact, but unused. Whereas the other two servants invested their money and returned multiplied profits accordingly. Both of them were rewarded as "good and faithful servant".

On the day of accountability, God will not be interested in your accumulation of wealth and earthly assets. What we do with all our money on earth would matter for eternity when it is invested into the kingdom of God.

I'm glad that many of us are already doing this. But let me encourage you and others on to hilarious giving for God's kingdom...

A CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY IN RETAILING

John Wanamaker (1838-1922)

When "Honest John" Wanamaker started his first clothing store in Philadelphia over a century ago, he was determined to show that a retailing business could be run by biblical principles.

Throughout his career, he cherished "the store family" which became the Wanamaker Department Store empire. He was the first to grant vacations with pay, training programs, free medical service, and the Christmas bonus. The company also sponsored summer camps, concerts, and an employee band.

For the benefit of his customers, Wanamaker pioneered the use of price tags which did away with the established practice of haggling. He said that the client had the right to know the true value of an item and even what the store's profit would

be. Wanamaker was the first to offer a money-back guarantee. He instituted the first department store in the United States (to provide everything a family needed under one roof) and "the downstairs store" of bargain-priced items. He held special sales to return some of the profits to the customer.

Early in his life, John Wanamaker established the Bethany Mission which became a lifelong effort to reach slum youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord blessed Bethany with the largest Sunday school in the city, perhaps in the world. When Wanamaker served as postmaster general in Benjamin Harrison's cabinet for four years, he returned to Philadelphia every Sunday to teach his class.

He had an ardent interest in the Philadelphia YMCA. As a young man he served as secretary and later as president of that organization.

On one occasion he loaned a newly purchased building, destined to become his first department store, to Dwight L Moody for revival meetings.

John Wanamaker loved his neighbour as himself. Possessing a servant's heart, he looked back in his later years and described himself as always having had "a broom in my hand."

Bible studies have been held in the Philadelphia Wanamaker Store even to the present time. Mrs Allan A MacRae was the latest teacher. John Wanamaker set the example for many Christian businessmen to this day.

- from Clearwater Christian College Reports.

Prov 11:24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 21 - 27, '93)

MON-SAT	LBC Camp at Galilee BPC
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg
FRI 7.15 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Sharon)
7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Is John 3:16 only for the Elect?</i> (Rev Tow)
9.30 am	Sunday School
10.30 am	Mr Jeffrey Khoo Rev Tow at Tabernacle BPC 6th Anniversary
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 Service
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC
3.00 pm	Thai Service
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat.	
Birth: To Mr & Mrs Andy Lim, a son, Luke, on June 8, 1993.	
FEK invites applications for TRAINED TEACHERS	
• At least GCE 'O' levels with basic Cert.	
• Preferably with music background.	
Interested, please call 2513676.	



LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,088.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,482.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1811)*\$4088; 1812)
*\$9482; 1813) \$100; 1814) \$150; 1815)\$300;
1816)\$1000; 1817)\$103; 1818) \$300.
TOTAL:\$3,215,129.75;
GRANDTOTAL: \$3,629,628.75
OFFERINGS FOR: *Burma Adjacent Land*
\$10, \$47.85(US\$30), \$200 (Thanksgiving for
journeying mercies), \$170(Boxes); *The Seets*
\$100, \$50; *Hendro* \$100; *Dn Jack Sin* \$80;
Missionary Fund \$50, \$400; *Dr John*
Whitcomb \$200; *Rev Patrick Tan* \$200; *New*
Life BPC \$200; *Rev Timothy Tow* \$200; *Ling*
Kwang Home \$1000; *Batam Aircon* \$570
(WF); *Rev G Kutty* \$870 (Men's F'ship).

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Donation to FEBC for "Prophescope". Tech
Sergeant from Andy Plura, 11th Fighter Group,
WGARF, Willow Grove, Pa 19090. (US\$5)
(2) Use of FEBC Hall. We would like to thank
you very much for helping out in our various
activities by giving in to our 'last-minute'
demands. It is very much appreciated by all
of us at the Hospice Care Association, and
we feel very obliged to you all at the church. -
Staff and Volunteers.

Sunday School Attendance: 278; Offering: \$409.40

Verse for the Week

The blessing of
the Lord it
maketh rich,
and he addeth
no sorrow with
it. (Prov 10:22)

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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No.34	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 113	Psalms 122
Hymn	No. 178	<i>There's a Church..</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	<i>There's a Land...</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mark 8:27-32	Luke 9:27-36
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Cannot God Forgive Sin Without Christ's Death</i> (Eld Chia Kim Chwee)	<i>Mystery of the high mountain experience</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 179	<i>There's a Land...</i>
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

Attended With His Multi-goodness & Mercy

First of all we want to thank all of you from Life
and FEBC who sent us off at Terminal II. Our SIA Mega-
top took off Saturday, June 5, 11.55 pm to the dot. After
12 hours she touched down Frankfurt, to give us an hour's
break. Another 7 hours' flight landed us safely on Kennedy
Airport. The temperature was 17°C.

Rev C T Hsu and wife and John were on hand to
receive us. Mrs Hsu looked strong as before, but Pastor
Hsu rather frail. He is retired for some time. They came
by subway and bus. John, having bought a new second-
hand Nissan, had our luggage snugly packed in the hold.
Saying goodbye to the Hsus we drove smartly down the
N.J. expressway - to Collingswood. For our Congress
venue was now changed to Faith Seminary at N.
Philadelphia and Collingswood was en route. Our purpose
was to say hello to Dr McIntire. Since our arriving
Collingswood was at 2.15 pm, everybody was out. We
learnt that Dr McIntire was to speak at a baccalaureate

service of his Church School at
3 pm. So, instead, we adjourned
to a KFC restaurant and
thereafter headed for Faith
Seminary.

F.S. is a logical meeting
place, for the ICCC 3rd
Congress in 1954 was held here.
To our disappointment, the
whole campus was locked. So
we retreated to the Hqrs. of the
Independent Board for
Presbyterian Foreign Missions
located several miles from Faith
at Germantown. When we rang
the doorbell, who do you think
came to our "rescue"? Rev Ed
Paauwe! He had got in half-a-
day before us. We spent our
first night in comfortable
accommodation under Dr &
Mrs Le Roy who now head the
Mission. (Le Roy was 2 years
my junior at F.S.). Eld
Mahadevan stayed with Ed
Paauwe.

Incidentally, missionaries
of the Independent Board were
gathering for their pre-ICCC
Conference. One you'd know
is Rev Mark Kim from Kenya.
Soon it was Sunday evening, so
we joined them in the Sunday
night service.

Monday, after lunch, the
half dozen missionaries under
Rev Le Roy headed for Faith
Seminary to contribute 3 hours

work towards preparation for the opening of the ICCC 14th Congress. Eld Mahadevan and we naturally joined in. The Castle-palace that houses the Seminary now was a hive of activity. Rev K C Quek and Edwin Ormeo welcomed us while busily engaged in "operation clean-up." After the 3-hour stint we returned to the Mission Hqrs. Ivy and I were now "promoted" to the flat previously occupied by Rev & Mrs Lynn Gray Gordon. Soon after settling in, L² and wife Lee Lin came to visit us.

Congress began, Wed June 9 with a Reception. Dr McIntire was delighted to see us. He looked hail and hearty, though a little bent under the global burden he is carrying. We looked for Dr & Mrs J C Maris, Gen-Sec and his wife from Holland and had a wonderful re-union. Colin Wong and Phoebe and two children came early to see us. They looked well-groomed and happy in the Lord. We met Miss Trato, Dr McIntire's secretary, now retired with her friend Miss Fife... (Rev Carl Martin came to see us the next day.)

The Reception ended, Chow-time began. 460 diners were counted. Menu: Pakistani chicken rice. We thanked God for every good provision. After dinner we all gathered at the Seminary Chapel which had a seating capacity for 400. The Collingswood Choir lifted our hearts with a medley of sacred songs. This was followed with a testimony by Attorney Alfred Pierce who presented us a valuable book he had written. Then Dr McIntire gave his opening address which he briefly read from the printed page.

Despite the 14th Congress being the least in number and accommodation, we started with a bang! It is the quality of the messages that counts. The Word preached by Rev Sam Tulloch of Canada, the Report by Dr Maris, Gen-Sec. and the Message on Luther by Dr Herman Otten, pastor and editor

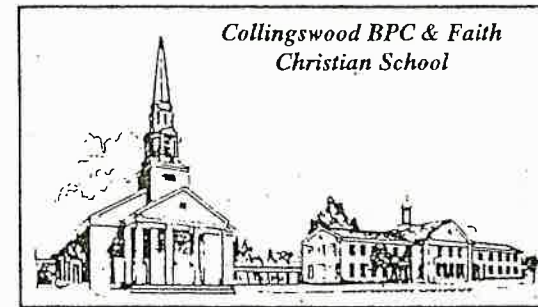
of "Christian News" were not only scholarly but inspirational. Every ICCC Congress is a DVBC = Daily Vacation Bible College.

My turn to speak on John Sung and Calvin came the next day. 450 copies of various titles of our books shipped here beforehand and 400 copies of the chocolate colour booklet on Calvin which we brought along were distributed. This is Life Church's special ministry to Christian leaders from every continent. Two asked permission to translate our newest booklet.

For the night session, instead of the usual message, we had the screening of the Discovery of Noah's Ark. This screening has taken place for some time in USA by CBS nation-wide. Is this another voice alerting Christians of the imminence of our Lord's Return? Jesus repeatedly mentioned a final global judgment (Peter says, by fire) as widespread as Noah's Flood. But it shall overtake many who indulge only in makan, luxurious housing, and sex, so beware!

Saturday, Dr & Mrs Gordon drove me to Collingswood for the Graduation of the Church School after which we had a seafood lunch. Sunday morning I was invited to preach at Elkins Park BPC borrowing the premises of the Independent Board. Using Lk 12:6-9, the parable of the barren fig tree as our text, I spoke on "What's Wrong with Calvinism?" You know what it is - overemphasis on the Doctrine of Election making Jn 3:16 limited to the Elect (but Calvin says with Jesus, it is offered to all mankind); and Under-emphasis on Eschatology, the Return of our Saviour, which is Amillennialism. But we should examine ourselves too. We can learn from other churches. We need zeal, increased giving to expedite missions, more lively singing in church, better prepared sermons, etc. Productivity is not only our Nation's concern. Our Lord expects this from the Church.

It is the custom of Americans to cook a



hearty dinner on Sunday which they eat about 1 pm. That took care of the rest of the day (for me!). After that sumptuous meal at the Le Roys, we began to assemble our baggage downstairs, when John came on the dot of 4 pm to ferry us. Still in his airforce uniform (for he came from nearby Willow Grove Airbase), we gave him time to change. The

Rev Bill Ebert Mauled by Own German Shepherd Guard Dog! This bad news is released by Dr S H Tow in Calvary BPC Weekly, June 13, '93 as follows, "On the phone with Rev Dan IV he reported: *My brother on Fri 4.6.93 was attacked by his guard dog, a German shepherd. He sustained several deep bites, and head wound, with much loss of blood. He has received medical attention. Hopefully he will not contract rabies. The dog will have to be destroyed. Pray for us. It was a wild weekend.*"

Bill Ebert was our Camp speaker at Mersing last September, at which over 100 from Life and FEBC attended and were mightily blessed. A true missionary, speaking on Missions, he at once endeared himself to us. Let us pray that he will completely recover from this frightening ordeal. And encourage his heart and hand not only by prayer but also by payment. Surely the hospital bill will be a heavy one. O Lord, spare our brother, we pray!

That Bill Ebert should be overtaken by

journey to JFK took exactly 3 hrs with a tea-break at Roy Rogers. As we said goodbye to John, I was deeply touched when he asked me to pray for him. Of course he received my parental blessing, as I had received mine from my father when I sought his. V Commandment!

When many passengers deplaned at Frankfurt, and we found extra seats to stretch our bodies, the verse, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov 10:22) came to mind. We praise the Lord for such an unexpected Trip to US, so attended with His multi-goodness and mercy that we are resolved as never before to serve Him, "our uttermost for His highest."

- T.T.

such evil on the eve of their Bible School shifting to the Hilltop can shake the faith of some. We who trust a sovereign God while feeling the pain deeply nevertheless can say with Paul, "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). This comes under His Permissive Will. Since it comes from His all-seeing eye who allows it to happen for His own purpose and glory, we believe good will come out of bad. Satan might have done his worst to retard the Hilltop project, but is vanquished by Christ who lifts our brother up! Amen.

At Genting Sharon Camp (June 14-18) we have discussed not only Bill Ebert and God's Permissive will, but also other aspects of God's Will: Directive, Cooperative, Punitive (also "Chastitive", newly added under Punitive), Preceptive, Desiderative, Decretive from the book, "Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God." Sharon had 77 Campers registered. As for Life Church, we are holding ours Sept 6-10, '93. It's delightful to spend time up the mountain with the Lord at Genting.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 28 - July 4, '93)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF
	2.30 pm	Sharon BPC Wedding
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	7.30 pm	Leadership Course, FEBC Hall
SUN	8.00 am	Christ the Passover Lamb (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
	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 Service
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC
	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

NBC This Week: Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.

Welcome to Rev Goh Seng Fong to stay at the Guest House while making research for his doctoral dissertation the next two months. He'll be teaching a course at FEBC in the new semester.

Sunday School Attendance: 248; Offering: \$482.15



LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,099.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,623.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1819)*\$3099; 1820)
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TOTAL:\$3,227,201.75;
GRANDTOTAL: \$3,641,700.75
OFFERINGS FOR: Burma Adjacent Land
 \$10; \$500; \$50; **Hilltop** \$100; **Dn Yiew Pong**
Sen \$100; **W.Malaysia** \$50; **Rev Bill Ebert**
 \$150; **Hope BPC** \$100; **The Seets** \$304; **Rev J**
Kendagor \$400(Ms Fship); **Heng Jee Seng**
 \$400 (Ms Fship); **Baraka Conf. Centre** \$500;
Rev Ebert III & grandson \$1000.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Many thanks for the apartment to stay in these last few days. We have appreciated it very much. May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of the college, for His glory, and the increase of His church. (\$150)
- (2) Thru Pastor's hand after Prayer Meeting \$500: This gift is only a little of the much blessings, grace, mercy, goodness and love He has bestow richly upon me.
- (3) In remembrance of God's faithful servants at Baraka Conference Centre (\$500).
- (4) A thanksgiving gift from a grateful mother for multiple blessings. (\$1,897).
- (5) Windfall of blessing for Burma (\$50).

Leadership Course commences 3 July (Sat) at 7.30 pm at FEBC Hall.

Verse for the Week

Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

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27 June 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
Opening Hymn	No. 285	No. 18
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 5	Psalms 139
Hymn	No. 362	No. 282
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	<i>Gospel Bells</i>	No. 457
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 3:14-21	Luke 16:19-31
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Is John 3:16 only for the Elect?</i>	<i>Is Hell for Real?</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 302	No. 269
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

Corrigendum

First of all I must correct what was wrongly reported from Calvary Weekly about Rev Bill Ebert in last week's Bulletin. The victim of the German shepherd was Rev Bill's son, Billy, instead of the father. There was some bungling in the telephonic message from Manila.

In Calvary Weekly, June 20, '93, Dr S H Tow restates, "Last week I called Rev Bill Ebert to check if he had recovered from the dog bites. *'It was not me, but my son Billy who was bitten. Anyhow, thanks for praying for me, I need it.'* Yes, thank God, Billy is well on the way of complete recovery. Your prayers are answered, according to God's promise. 'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much' (James 5:16). Please continue to pray for the Ebert family, Charles and Frieda Seet, and their Filipino co-workers in their move up to Hilltop."

We worshipped at the Sunset Gospel Hour last Lord's Day. A devout Lifer handed me a cheque for \$1,000 designated for Billy and his grandfather Rev Ebert III. This is effectual fervent prayer sweetly substantiated! "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it

is in the power of thine hand to do it" (Prov 3:27).

What a Lovely Resort is This Genting!

The day we arrived back from US the same afternoon we flew to KL. Lee Kim Shong, Calvary Jaya's staff worker and FEBCer was on hand to drive us up. We got to Genting View Resort Hotel just in time for makan. Our three days spent up there in its coolness helped to take away travel-fatigue. The Lord blessed the messages and about 8 to 10 young people answered the altar call by Rev Peter Chua to surrender their lives to the Lord. Now, it is the spiritual, more than the physical, blessings that count. Incidentally, we were surprised to see 30 Lifers of Bukit Batok NBC up there who dined side by side with us! Dr Patrick Tan was their speaker.



If 30 Lifers were up there already, doesn't this augur well for the rest of us? This is a delightful place with clean spacious accommodation in the bosom of nature bathed by cool mountain airs. Please pray for the speakers, Mr Quek Suan Yew and myself and Miss Ng Sang Chiew (Chinese Section). Besides all this, the price is right. You can't get it cheaper anywhere else. Remember, Sept 6-10, '93 during that one week of school vacation.

BPC Advance in Indonesia

Since Indonesia's recognition of our church was given last November, both Calvary and Life are advancing. Calvary has started building a proper church on Batam Island which will be completed end of this year. As for Life, we've just received Rev Djunaidi's report of flying to East Kalimantan, to Balikpapan and Samarinda and interior formerly evangelised by Jason Linn of Dyak Borneo fame. Djunaidi will visit S'pore, early September. Take note: Chinese Service and Kebaktian Indonesia to line him up for the Sunday pulpit!

Last Lord's Day I spoke at Kebaktian Indonesia and administered the Lord's Supper. This coincided with the photo of the Indonesian group published the same day. I was glad to see Conrad and Mariana both FEBCers taking an active part, chairing the service and leading singspiration. Tell your Indonesian friends about our 4 pm Kebaktian. Let your Indonesian domestic help attend this service for your own good. Perhaps the Indonesian Service can start to give towards the Gospel advance to East Kalimantan?!

God's Kingdom Transcends Man's Kingdom in Myanmar (Burma)

As all outside Christian missions are shut out, Myanmar remains hermetically sealed to the Gospel. But God's way is always greater than man's. He has his own in Rev Robert Thawm Luai, Gen-Sec of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and principal of the Far

Eastern Fundamental School of Theology. A first batch of 15 have graduated from the Bible College and are now sent to the far flung fields of Burma.



Now, the student body has increased to 80, more than FEBC's! This is not unusual, since FEFST is one of very few Bible-believing Colleges. So, those who want sound teaching gravitate to our School.

In order to alleviate the congestion, our Burmese leaders have agreed the only solution is to build. Though they have bought one house at S\$100,000, which is barely able to accommodate a third of the 80 students, they took the wise decision to buy over an adjacent piece of land, 175x75 ft (¼ acre) so that a proper college with dormitories might rise to relieve the situation. Such a landed property with "marriage value" is like our Beulah House situated opposite Life Church. This valuable land that will see the construction of a 4-storey building is acquired (swiftly, or else it would be gone) for only 2.5 million kyats. Rev Thawm Luai managed to amass 1 million for down payment. The balance of 1.5 million is to be paid within 6 months, ie end of November '93. God's people reading of this new advance of the Gospel in Burma are beginning to channel their love offerings, as you have read in "From the offering bags" column.

The question of paying the rest of the land price is easily answered. It is the building of the College and dormitories that will need much support. Now we have seen what great things God has done at the Hilltop, Philippines. Will not God do the same for Burma, which by comparison, has a greater need - for they are sealed up in a hermit country. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). Here's an interesting saying by our Lord, "And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of

PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1993 8.00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Theme: Christ In The Old Testament

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
JUL 4	Christ the Passover Lamb	Rev Goh Seng Fong	Dn Han Soon Juan
	Christ in David*	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	Christ in Melchizedek	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Ong Eng Lam
	Christ in Moses	Mr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
AUG 1	Christ in Isaac	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Geoffrey Tan
	Christ in the Tabernacle*	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	Christ in the Manna	Mr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Tan Nee Keng
	Christ the Rock	Elder Lim Teck Chye	Dn Jack Sin
	Christ the Kinsman-Redeemer	Mr Quek Suan Yew	Dn Ong Eng Lam
SEP 5	Christ the Immanuel	Mr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	Christ the Man of Sorrows*	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	Christ the Angel of the Lord	Rev Ronny Khoo	Dn Jack Sin
	Christ the Scapegoat	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Wee Chin Kam

*Lord's Supper

"Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim 4:2)

unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations" (Lk 16:9). It means this: We who have big banking accounts should use them more profitably for the Lord's work now, so that when we leave this world the sums we spent for Him are stored up in heaven for our credit." We must remember, though we are saved by grace, there is also a judgment of works in heaven before the throne of Christ. As the 3 servants of the talents have to render an account of what they did with the money entrusted them, so must we answer for what we have done to the talents given us. While the first two are highly commended, the third one, the one talent man who did nothing to trade for the Lord, is cast into outer darkness. St Paul says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (II Cor 5:10,11).

FEBC Reopening in 3 Weeks' Time

By God's grace, the trend of enrolment is steadily up. The Monday and Thursday evening classes in the new semester will be taught by the Principal and Mr Jeffrey Khoo. Mon. evenings, I shall teach 1 hour on Calvin's Institutes Bk II and 1 hour on Counselling Recipes through 43 years' pastoring. Thurs. evenings, Mr Khoo will teach 2 hours on Fundamentals of the Christian Faith. Specially beamed on SS teachers, Bible study leaders, lay leaders of the Church. The Class on Counselling by the principal are observations of results through 43 years counselling as a pastor. Not from textbooks and mere theories but from action-results in the fields. To be discussed will be demons and Chinese and Indonesian "Kong Tau," how to keep young, the power of Baptism against heathenism, etc, etc. Several Sharonites have indicated to join this class! Our target: 100. - Yours affectionately, T.T.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 5 - 11, '93)

TUE	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF
	2.30 pm	Maranatha Baptist Church Wedding
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
	7.30 pm	Leadership Course, FEBC Hall
SUN	8.00 am	Christ in David (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Goh Seng Fong
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice

NBC This Week: *Fri* Joo Chiat.

Verse for the Week

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord;
but they that deal truly are his delight.
(Proverbs 12:22)

The Pastor will speak on "Recipes for Living
a Happy Life" at the Life Church Family
Camp, Genting View Resort, Sept 6-10.

STOP PRESS! Pray for Dr McIntire
who is reported to have met with a
serious motor accident.

Sunday School Attendance: 284; Offering: \$332.10



Rev & Mrs C T Hsu meeting the Tows at New York Airport

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,254.30 (8.00 am); *\$8,136.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1823)*\$5254.30;
1824)*\$8136; 1825)\$50; 1826) \$50.
TOTAL:\$3,240,692.05. LOAN: 48)\$532
(Men's F'ship). TOTAL LOAN: \$415,031.
GRANDTOTAL: \$3,655,723.05

OFFERINGS FOR: Burma Adjacent Land
\$200, \$50, \$500, \$16000; *P'ppines Hilltop*
\$100, \$238.70, \$150; *Thanksgiving* \$500; *Pstr*
Wilardo Bona \$200; *Hendro* \$55, \$110;
Missions \$500; *Chinese/English Bibles* \$500;
Burma Mission \$200; *Baraka BPC* \$500;
Medan \$50; *Baraka Conf Centre* \$500;
Philippines Mission \$200.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Enclosed please find \$1000 as our
Thanksgiving. \$500 is for Mission Fund and
\$500 is for buying Chinese/English Bibles.

(2) I want to thank the Lord for the many
blessings to my family and myself --- good
health, happiness and also taking good care
of my two daughters studying in Melbourne,
Australia.

Without taking any Medical Leave for a
year, I was awarded \$500 through The Health
Incentive Scheme formed by the Company.

It immediately came to my mind this award
should be for the Lord, because He has kept
me in good health, and not through myself.

The Lord has been so gracious
to my family and myself all these
years.

Praise the Lord. All glory be
to the Lord.

(3) Donor of POSB cheq no.
151697 (Centre Point Branch) for
\$303 given on 20/6/93 Worship
Service please see Church
Treasurer.

(4) This offering of \$16,000 is
to help Burma Adjacent Land
Fund. Praise the Lord!

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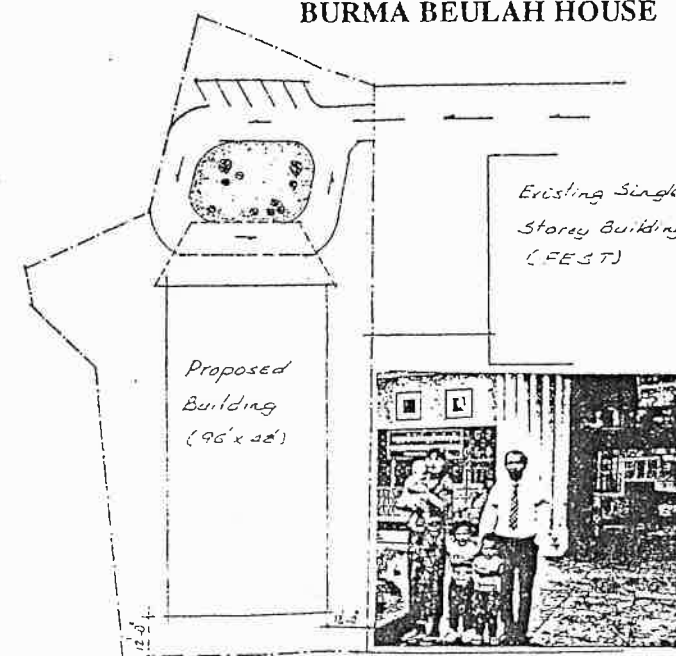
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Han Soon Juan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 291	No. 11
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 46	Matt 11:1-11; 25-30
Hymn	No. 288	If you want joy...
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 137	No. 235
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Exodus 12:1-14	Matt 17:14-21
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Christ the Passover Lamb (Rev Goh Seng Fong)	O save BPs from Spiritual Paralysis!
Closing Hymn	No. 302	No. 264 Lord's Supper
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

BURMA BEULAH HOUSE



Beulah means
"married." Beulah Land
means "land of marital bliss."
Property dealers consider land
adjacent to one's property land
with "marriage value." A
Chinese proverb says, "A
thousand gold can hardly buy
your immediate neighbour's
field." With God's help, our
Burmese leaders have bought
it, a ¼ acre at S\$3.80 per sq ft.
Won't believe it? Here's the
'proof.' See Rev Robert
Thawm Luai and his wife and
3 children standing on the old
property with adjacent land on
the left!

Since the announcement
of the procurement of this
valuable adjacent land was
announced some weeks ago,
various sums have come in.
Now follows this love-offering
of US\$10,000 as a seal from
the Lord on the Burma
Mission. "The silver is mine
and the gold is mine," saith the
Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).
Hallelujah, praise His Holy
Name!

"Music is next to theology"

-- Martin Luther

A doctor from a
Charismatic Church who loves
our church and publications

J.S. Heng Completes 3 Months in Kenya (14/6/93)

From Kenya I send greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank God I am in good health and strength.

The highways in Kenya are in bad shape. Thank God my life is spared on 3 occasions while travelling on a long journey. Our Almighty God is in control of all situations. He does not forsake me.

Up in the mountain, the Rift Valley Province, I am kept very busy with preaching for almost every day of the week. As usual I have to trek up and

down the hilly places. I truly thank God for giving me this tough ministry.

God has a purpose to send me to Kenya. He has given me a burden to set up a Bible School in the Rift Valley Province. The first phase is to erect a new church which will be used as a lecture hall. There will be an office and a library attached to the church. This whole building together with benches will cost US\$10,000....



impressed me with this remark, "There is a need to look into Church singing. We can upgrade our singing to meet the needs of the times." I totally agree with him. That is why we have introduced psalm singing, but only the singable psalms. We have often tailored hymns and songs not found in the Hymn Book to echo the sermon. Now, we are going to re-introduce the good old favourites we sang in the fifties and sixties, John Sung choruses published by Dr S H Tow, but now out of print. If you have found one that is singable from anywhere, please let us have it. Let us promote revival through "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph 5:19). A revived Church is a singing Church, guitars strumming, strumming the **right** tunes are most welcome! In this respect I was personally blessed by the young guitarists of Sharon Bible Camp up Genting Resort --- when they strummed the right songs with the right tunes.

*If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy ---
Let Jesus come into your heart; (2x)
Your sins He'll wash away,
Your night He'll turn to day,
Your life He'll make it over anew ---*

*Come unto me with your heavy load.
I will give you rest, Come and learnt of me.
For I'm meek and lowly,
Take my yoke on you.
For my yoke is easy, And my burden is light.*

Why the Chocolate Booklet on Calvin was published in haste

When Dr McIntire asked me to lecture on Calvin at the 14th World Congress of the ICC, it suddenly dawned on me this was no dry academic function, but an opportunity to broadcast the Gospel through the life of one of the greatest of men. Moreover Calvin is the BP's spiritual ancestor and of others who profess the Reformed Faith. On the Continent (of Europe) they are called Reformed, but in the Br. Isles, they are called Presbyterians. We trace our origin in Calvin through William Chalmers Burns of Scotland (1815-1868) who was first missionary of the English Presbyterian Mission to South China, 1847.

Calvin had an academic record which is second to none. After one year's study of Law, he was so keen in perception of legal principles that he was asked to lecture in the university, though a student. When he turned from Law to Theology, his eminence as a theologian rose even

higher. Spurgeon, the Prince of Preachers, and follower of Calvin, eulogises: "No age before him ever produced his equal, and no age afterwards has seen his rival. In theology he stands alone, shining like a bright fixed star, while other leaders and teachers can only circle round him, and at a great distance... Calvin's fame is eternal because of the truth proclaimed..."

The question before us is why did he give up a lucrative legal profession to become a pastor? And a theologian par excellence? The answer, as in the case of Luther, is he had found the true meaning of life. He found Christ. And Christ became so precious to him that he gave his life back to the Saviour. His search for the light of salvation, however, was a most tedious one. Being blindly led through labyrinth after labyrinth of the human systems of the old church, he groped and stumbled until the Gospel light shone into his soul --- by a sudden conversion "in groans and tears," he says. Dear Reader, if you are still wandering in the mirkiness of your religion of doing good works and penance to earn your way to heaven, Calvin's testimony in my "chocolate booklet" p.31-33 will help bring you out of your gloom into His marvellous light.

By taking a glimpse of the Life and works of John Calvin, who knows, God might not only save your soul but also call you into His glorious service? In this service, you will not be wandering as in your empty past. There will be God's appointed servants to guide you. Right before you is Far Eastern Bible College where you can spend total time to study His Word to equip you for the great task ahead! Coming to FEBC July 19th when the College reopens, there is a young lady from Calvary BPC who is a lecturer in NUS. Why does she give up a prestigious position with good pay to become a student again? With no prospect but the Cross? I'm sure she has enjoyed the "Chocolate booklet." How about you, Lifer, to whom a copy is given? - T.T.

No Time

*I knelt to pray, but not for long,
I had too much to do,
Must hurry off and get to work,
For bills would soon be due.*

*And so I said a hurried prayer,
Jumped up from off my knees,
My Christian duty now was done,
My soul would be at ease.*

*All through the day I had no time
To speak a word of cheer,
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I feared.*

*No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to those in need -
My soul believed the lie.*

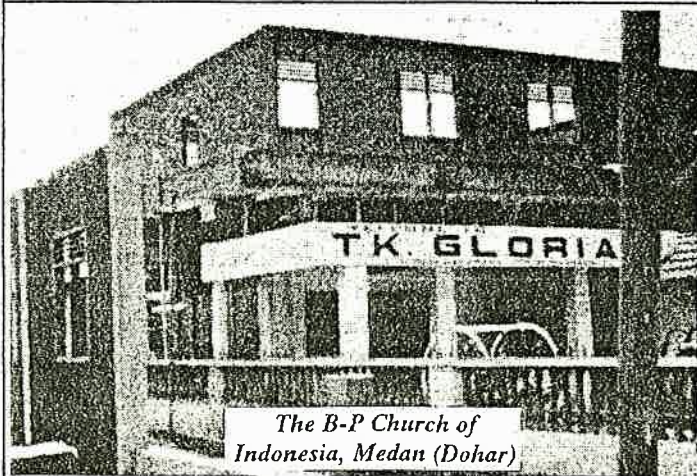
*But then I had a fearful dream
Which I can ne'er forget,
I saw myself approach God's throne,
That was in judgment set.*

*And when before the Lord I came,
I stood with downcast eyes,
For in His hands He held a book,
It was the Book of Life.*

*God looked into His Book and said:
"Your name I cannot find,
I once was going to write it down,
But never found the time."*

Author Unknown

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 11 - 18, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	*\$6,327.00 (8.00 am); *\$11,062.00 (10.30 am)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1827)*\$6327;
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF	1828)*\$11062; 1829)\$1300; 1830)\$100;
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	1831)\$200; 1832)\$1000 (Chinese Ser.);
7.30 pm	Leadership Course, FEBC Hall	1833)\$200 (LTF); 1834)\$200 (Pepsi);
SUN 8.00 am	Christ in Melchizedek (Rev Bob Phee)	1835)\$400 (Keb. Indonesia).
9.30 am	Sunday School	TOTAL:\$3,261,481.05. LOAN: 49)\$2000.
10.30 am	Rev Tow	TOTAL LOAN: \$417,031.
10.30 am	Chinese Service	GRANDTOTAL: \$3,678,512.05
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma Adjacent Land</i>
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	\$20, \$20, \$500, \$120, \$400; <i>Hilltop</i> \$200,
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	\$780.20(Men's Fship); <i>Rev George Kutty</i> \$200;
12.15 pm	Korean Service	<i>Hendro</i> \$50; <i>Thai Mission</i> \$100; <i>Missions</i>
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	\$1000; <i>RPG</i> \$200; <i>The Seets</i> \$100; <i>China</i>
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	\$170; <i>Dn Yiew Pong Sen</i> \$300; <i>Burma</i> \$302;
1.30 pm	AF	<i>FEBC Scholarship</i> \$1200; <i>Rev Bill Ebert</i>
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr	\$200, \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$100(LTF).
NBC This Week: <i>Wed</i> Bt Timah, Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Bt Batok, Bishan.		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
Birth, a son, Jonathan to Bro. & Mrs Lim Jyh Jang on 28 June 93.		(1) Please use the small gift enclosed as you deem fit for whatever the need is. I cannot express my grateful thanks to God and Life Church enough especially for the good results of my daughter's 2nd year exams. (\$500 for Burma Adjacent Land)
FEBC reopens Mon. July 19, 8.30 am at Beulah House with Day of Prayer.		"For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Matt 25:29). \$10,000 more will help Indonesia finish their jobs! Pray for launching of their Bible Institute! Rev Tow will visit Medan at earliest convenience.
Pray for Dr McIntire who is still under intensive care due to multiple injuries sustained in the motor accident.		Verse for the Week And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. John 10:16
Sunday School Attendance: 297; Offering: \$510.92		AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256



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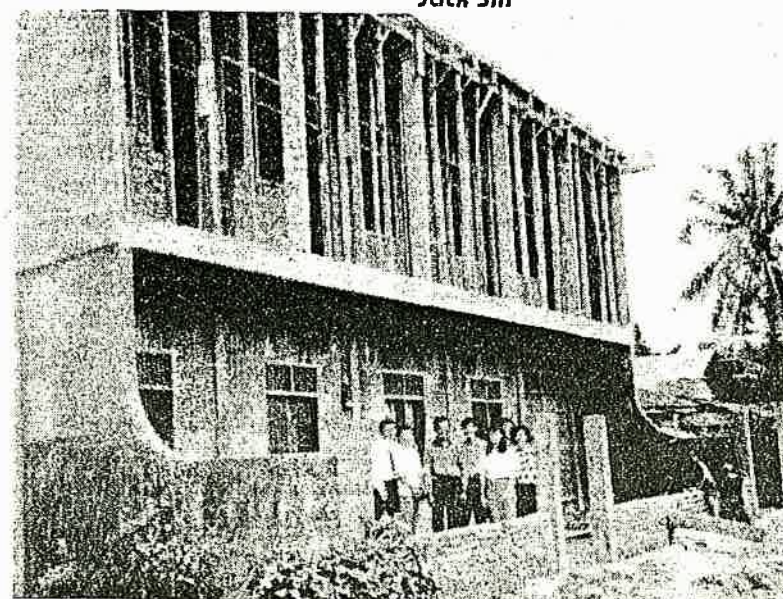
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 151	No. 45
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 14:1-6,12-18, 26,27	Rom 10:1-17
Hymn	No. 479	No. 276
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	1000 Golden Years	No. 273
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Isa 9:6,7	Rom 5:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Christ in David	Love of God (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
Closing Hymn	No. 564	No. 267
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

MEDAN MISSION TRIP FROM 19 TO 30 JUN 93

Jack Sin



Medan Mission Hqs, Parsonage and future Bible Institute

Thank God for a very fruitful mission trip to Medan in the great land of Indonesia where 200 million people reside. There were 10 of us who went on this trip which include Dn Henry Tan (the leader) and his wife, Auth, Tow Hong, Arthur, Raymond, Esther, Mern Yee, Frankie and Angie. We are overwhelmed with gratitude and praise to the Lord. Firstly, we thank God for seeing us through the customs. As you would have known, we carried 13 big boxes of clothing and I was told that the customs officers might give us some problem. Well, they did and put us aside and let the rest of the passengers go first. My heart was really anxious and we prayed to the Lord. One after another they enquired about the boxes and our going to Medan. We explained that we were Christians and the clothes were for the church. Finally the Lord sent a senior officer who came and when he learnt that we were Christians visiting the churches, he gave the green light! Just when we were elated and rejoicing as we left the customs we were stopped by a police officer who interrogated Dohar and Agus for half an hour concerning our presence in Medan. We

later learnt that there were some problems in the Batak church and the government was quite concerned. Thank God for giving the Siregar brothers the wisdom to answer his queries. He let us go. You can imagine the palpitations of our hearts during those tense moments.

We went a few days earlier so we could go up the mountains of Kota Baru where Bro Angus' church is. I spoke at the Sat. night meeting and the Sunday service to a group of 30 ardent villagers. Sis Ruth shared the life of Helen Cadbury with the children in the Sunday School, and taught them a new song. Now on to the work proper. We had 5 mornings of VBS where 80 children attended. According to Bro Dohar this is the first VBS ever to be conducted in Medan. He did not expect such a good turnout. The children were teachable and zealous to learn. We were amazed by the speed with which they learnt English choruses and the way they memorised Scripture. We thank God also for a good bunch of Yfers who assisted in the VBS to instruct the children. The hard work of Ruth, Angie, Esther and Raymond were met with great joy and expectancy as the children clamoured for their return. Perhaps the zenith of the whole VBS was the final day when they were taught how they could receive Jesus Christ into their heart. It was such a blessed sight to see them closing their eyes and clasping their hands and praying the sinner's prayer. Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me!

The second part of the mission was to teach the young people and build them up in the most holy faith. We spent 5 sessions studying with them the whole epistle to the Ephesians. Dr Henry Tan and myself delivered the first 3 chapters of Ephesians.

The final part of the mission were the 3 nights of gospel rally. I want to confess that it was with a trembling heart that I went on this trip with the burden of

preaching the gospel in a foreign land. But thanks be to God who brought many to come for the rally. On the first night 9 raised their hands to receive Christ, 2 on the second night and 5 on the final night. The Bible says that heaven rejoices over one sinner that repenteth. I cannot describe the joy and heartfelt gladness as we saw a harvest of souls for the glory of God (Mt 9:37).

The final Lord's day was spent at Bro Haposan's church (a few of us stayed with Dohar at his church) where Angie ministered at the Sunday School and I spoke at the main service. About 50 attended. The church is well built with funds from life and could accommodate 200 people. The parsonage is almost ready, with 8 rooms for hospitality ministry. The work at Haposan's church include a kindergarten and primary school with almost 300 children attending. The adjacent piece of land that belong to the church has been targeted for the building of a Bible school in due time.

We went there with a mission to save and we came back with a vision to serve. We were encouraged by the vision of the Siregar brothers to start a Bible Institute to train their own people. What can give wings to the gospel propagation than the direct application of 2 Tim 2:2 to multiply workers through sound indoctrination of the Word? The 3 brothers are doing an excellent work in their respective fields. There are plans to start a sunset gospel hour at Haposan's church and night classes for the lay people. The gospel must go forth with urgency and in truth as we await the Lord's soon return. We must preach the Word in season and out of season (2 Tim 4:2).

Thank God for protecting and sustaining us through these 11 days. We also had a good 2-day retreat at Lake Toba. The Medan field requires our prayers and support. Who will go the next time, God willing? May the Lord help us to set our affections above and serve Him assiduously while there is yet opportunity. Amen.

My dear Readers,

In Earnest Expectation of His Coming

Our AD 2000 Evangelism (Burma, Medan, Thailand, Philippines etc.) is pursued in earnest expectation of meeting our Lord at His Second Coming. We are not setting any date, but not to hasten unto the coming of the day of God is contrary to Peter's exhortation (II Pet 3:12).

Individually speaking, the Lord is coming soon to take us, one by one, to Himself, if He tarries. How old am I? Year after year Time flies! Have you reached the Biblical age of 70? There's a Chinese saying that approximates Ps 90:10 -- From time immemorial there are few that live up to 70. The Bible goes on to say, at most 80.

There is the story of a rich man told by our Lord who at the height of his wealth planned to build bigger warehouses for the increase of his produce. Little did he realise God was coming to take his soul that night. "Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Lk 12:20,21).

Some people will their money and property to their children with not a thought for God's work. If their children love the Lord, that's fine. But I think those who put God first have the greater heritage from the Everlasting Father.

Here's a word of challenge by the Prophet Haggai to the Jews who had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon: "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:4-6).

I was touched by a young Christian's testimony in the Offering Bags Column. When the company in which she is serving awarded

her a bonus for not taking medical leave for a year, "it immediately came to my mind this award should be for the Lord, because He has kept me in good health, and not through myself. The Lord has been so gracious to my family and myself all these years." But not only this bonus, she added an equal sum to make it four figures, this second bonus from her doubly grateful heart goes to "Chinese/English Bibles." Praise God, "So the last shall be first and the first last ..." (Matt 20:16).

Medan Shaping Up for the Founding of a Bible Institute

The idea of an Institut Alkitab Indonesia Barat (Western Indonesia Bible Institute) was mooted several years ago. It has come up for discussion between the Siregar brothers again. The consensus is to come together as soon as possible to start it, for without trained evangelists and pastors, the great work that is before them will little move forward.

Jess Reports

At their 2nd Anniversary recently 6 new converts were baptised by Rev Bob Phee, who happened to be visiting Sembawang's branch church, Shiloh, situated but a stone's throw from Life BP Students Centre.

A new development is that as the present bungalow house is becoming too small for increasing numbers attending services, our infant daughter church is launching her own building fund. Jess' husband (Nirand is his new name) is especially enthusiastic about it. So this 2nd Anniversary collection is set aside as leaven to start the building fund to acquire their own property. "Self help, with God's help, is the best help."

If that is the case, I'd advise them not to buy a piano yet. Moreover, as they have that special sum deposited in the bank, let not this money be touched. Let it be incorporated into their building fund. Let the RPG be supported from another source. We wish them well.

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 19 - 25, '93)

MON 8.30 am FEBC New Semester Opens
Day of Prayer, Beulah Hse

TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg

WED 8.00 pm Session Mtg

THU 7.30 pm *Fundamentals of the Christian Faith* (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)

FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fship

SAT 2.30 pm YF/LTF
3.00 pm LBC/YAF
7.30 pm Leadership Course, FEBC Hall

SUN 8.00 am *Christ in Moses*
(Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
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
6.00 pm Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

NBC This Week: *Fri* Joo Chiat.

Verse for the Week

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. II Cor 2:2

Sunday School Offering: \$532.92

My Testimony

Tan Wen Ming (10 years old)

It was raining heavily on Tues. morning 6th July 1993 at about 7.15 am when my father stopped the car near the school. I had got down and was walking towards the school when a school bus reversed into me at my back. I fell down on my face and had a great shock. My school bag which I carried on my back prevented me from getting a spinal injury. The back wheel of the bus grazed my left leg. My right elbow was also grazed and I had a cut on my right ear. I was under the bus and it was a frightening experience. If I had not curled up away from the wheels my left leg would be badly crushed.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$6,146.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,387.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1836)*\$6146; 1837)*\$8387; 1838)\$400; 1839)\$611; 1840)\$103; 1841)\$100; 1842)\$50; 1843)\$50.

TOTAL:\$3,277,328.05.

GRANDTOTAL: \$3,694,359.05

OFFERINGS FOR: *Burma Adjacent Land* \$100, \$300, \$108, \$540(WF), \$66, \$300; *Hilltop* \$270, \$100, \$1000(Life Bk Centre); *Hendro* \$200, \$238; *Mother Hendro* \$110; *Heng Jee Seng* \$100; *Rev George Kutty* \$200, \$50(YAF), \$1000; *S Takashima* \$200; *Hope BPC* \$200; *Medan Bible Sch* \$50; *Expansion of God's Kingdom* \$1000; *Kenya Church Bldg Fund* \$8; *Kenya Bible Sch* \$500; *Philippines* \$100(YAF); *Thankip Vel Zahu* \$75(YAF); *Thanksgiving* \$50; *FEBC* \$100, \$150.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Thank God for His grace and mercy for answering my prayer and helping me to pass my diploma course exam. Enclosed thanksoffering of \$100 for the extension of God's Kingdom.

(2) My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ. Phil 4:19 (\$600)

The bus driver was reversing into a No-entry road. He stopped the bus only after some boys asked him to stop. He got down from the bus and carried me to the sick bay in the school. Mrs Anne Tan telephoned my mother. I was taken to the hospital in an ambulance and my parents accompanied me there. The doctor dressed my bleeding leg and gave me a tetanus injection. I had an X-ray of my back and leg. Fortunately, the X-ray showed no broken bones.

I must thank Mrs Anne Tan for ringing my mother and I also wish to thank Dr and Mrs Patrick Tan and Mr Quek for visiting me in my home.

I believe God was with me that day and he saved my life. Praise God for His mercy, care, love and grace.



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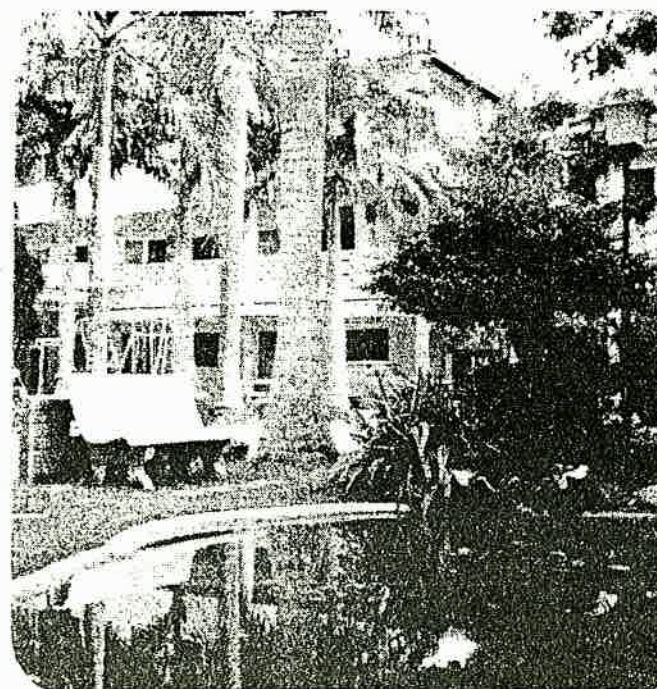
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18 July 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 122	No. 25
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 110	Psalm 27
Hymn	No. 125	<i>Sing the Psalm</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 503	<i>I know the Lord</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Heb 7:1-22	Lk 9:43-56
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Christ in Melchizedek</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<i>Four Paradoxes of Jesus' Teaching</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 109	No. 523
Benediction		



Far Eastern Bible College overlooking "Sea of Galilee"

My dear Lifers,

IN LIFE IS DEATH!

There's a saying heard often at funerals, "In the midst of life we are in death." Thus, when any emergency call comes to the pastor, the first thought is, someone must be dying! Last Monday, I was wanted to pray for a terminally-sick grandma in the last throes of death at TTSH. She actually belonged to another BPC, but I was needed for my Cantonese. In fact I was asked to witness to her some six weeks back, and she had indicated her willingness to receive Christ. The next step was baptism, but, sad to say, this was thwarted by her non-Christian daughter. The only consolation was I got to the deathbed 15 mins. before Grandma died. I prayed a last prayer in Cantonese into her ears.

I remember there was another case of a Foochow grandma, my schoolmate's mother. She was so glad to hear the Gospel and asked for baptism. But this was denied her by her Confucianist daughter-in-law, ie. my schoolmate's wife.

There's one solace. If these two old ladies had received Jesus into their hearts, no one could take away that good part - the salvation of their souls.

In the midst of life, we are in death. Are you prepared to die? Especially, when you have lived to a ripe old age. You are coming to Church, but you are still delaying to say a final YES to Jesus! "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor 6:2).

COUNSELLING RECIPES THRU 40 YEARS PASTORING

This Counselling Course will be taught by me every Mon. Evening 8.30-9.30 when FEBC reopens. Its first session begins Mon. July 26.



Now, counselling has become a hot subject. As modern life becomes more stressful and complex the incidence of breakdowns in business, profession, marriage, health, yea, life itself, is increasing with the days. To solve these problems, some are relying purely on a study of psychology and psychotherapy. Others are trying to integrate psychotherapy with Biblical principles. We rather cast ourselves entirely on the Lord in the light of His Holy Word. Jesus the Great Physician alone is the Absolute Healer.

There's a saying among Christians in Peking (according to Wang Ming Tao), "If you have a small sickness, you see the Taifu (doctor). If you have a big sickness, you see the Yesu (Jesus). Like the Egyptian magicians, secular counsellors might heal up to a point. Beyond that, it is the Lord and none else.

My counselling recipes are derived from 43 years of pastoral work and teaching. They are vibrant testimonies of the Lord's

working, not man's, which should help fellow pastors and church leaders, or anyone willing to learn with me at Jesus' feet. Here are the Chapters in this new book which will first be aired through the evening classes. They are

- I. Why we go only by the Book.
- II. Counselling on Things of Everyday Life.
- III. First save the soul, then save the body.
- IV. Rediscovering the Power of Baptism.
- V. Rediscovering the Power of Prayer.
- VI. Royal Balm for Troubled Souls - The Psalms.
- VII. Counselling Couples intending to marry (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat).
- VIII. The Secret of Youthfulness.
- IX. Why not join the Lord's Army?
- X. Demon Obsession, Mental Derangements, and *Kong Tau* (Charms).
- XI. The Christian Use of Money.
- XII. The Greatest of All is Love.

The Text Books to be used as a basis for this course are Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

The College launched the M.Div. Programme two years ago. From this new Academic Year, we are adding the M.R.E. (Master of Religious Education). Whereas both Greek and Hebrew are prerequisites for the M.Div., the M.R.E. requires only Greek. Holders of the B.Th. desiring to join the M.R.E. are advised to apply to the Principal direct. "The King's business requires haste" (I Sam 2:18).

IAIB (INSTITUT ALKITAB INDONESIA BARAT)

The founding of the long mooted IAIB also requires haste inasmuch as it is the King's Business. But God's work is often slowed down by lack of support from His people. Last week you saw how Dohar's Church and Haposan Mission Hqrs are still sitting



in the cold - for lack of funds. Praise the Lord, the chairman of the Missionary Fellowship was moved by the sight of these unfinished houses. He came to me with every assurance that the need will be met.

In a teleconversation with Haposan he reiterated the urgent need of starting a Bible School. In a letter to me Dohar the elder brother says the same. They feel called to labour together in this epochal undertaking. This is the Spirit's moving. Praise the Lord!

WHAT SCRIPTURE TEACHES CHRIST WILL REIGN ON EARTH THROUGH ISRAEL 1,000 YEARS?

For brevity, read

I. **Isaiah 9:6,7.** "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder... Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, *upon the throne of David*, and upon *his kingdom*, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever..."

II. **Luke 1:32,33.** "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the *throne of his father David*: and he shall *reign over the house of Jacob forever*; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

III. **Zech 14:4.** "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is *before Jerusalem*..."

Zech 14:9-11. "And the Lord shall be *king over all the earth*. In that day shall there be one Lord and his name one. All the land shall be turned as a plain... And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be *no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited*."

Zech 14:16. "And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even *go from year to year to worship the King*, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the

Feast of Tabernacles."

IV. **Isaiah 2:4.** "And *He shall judge among the nations*, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, *neither shall they learn war anymore*."

V. **Rev 20:6.** "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but *they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years*."

VI. **Rev 5:10.** And hast made us unto our God, *kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth*."

WHAT IS THE KEY TO ISRAEL'S RESTORATION AS A NATION DURING THE 1,000 YEARS?

"For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins." Romans 11:21-27)

(For a full exposition on Christ's Premillennial Return read *Propescope on Israel*, obtainable from Life Book Centre.) - T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 26 - Aug 1, '93)

MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
7.30 pm	Film Show <i>Christiana</i> (Sanctuary)
SUN 8.00 am	Christ in Isaac (Rev Bob Phee)
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	E-Band Outreach
NBC This Week: <i>Wed Bt Timah; Fri Bt Batok.</i>	

Verse for the Week

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer 33:3

Sunday School Attendance: 291; Offering: \$261.61

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) This offering is an echo of the much loved hymn, *THANKS TO GOD*.
...Thanks to God for pain and pleasure...
Thanks for storms that I have weathered...
Thanks for all Thou doth supply - especially for the bonus which I'll get tomorrow - the much-awaited 12th of July. - A cheerful giver (\$1000)
(2) How good the Lord is. He answered my prayers and freed me from my impossible situation and gave me the peace that only our Lord is capable of giving. I fully trust in him. Enclosed my gift for the Lord. (\$400).
(3) A little of the much He has bestowed on me, in grateful thanksgiving. Prov 10:22. Please designate to the following: George Kutty \$200, S Takashima \$200, Hope BPC Adelaide \$200, Life EBF II \$400.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,889.00 (8.00 am); *\$11,890.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1844)*\$4889; 1845)*\$11890; 1846)\$300; 1847)\$75.05(US\$50).
TOTAL:\$3,294,482.10
GRANDTOTAL: \$3,711,513.10
OFFERINGS FOR: *Burma Adjacent Land* \$140, \$500, \$300, US\$50, US\$50; *Hilltop* \$50, \$140, \$213.30(Sale of *Prophescope on Israel*)
The Seets \$150, \$500; *Dn Jack Sin* \$100; *Rev George Kutty* \$100, \$53; *Medan Mission* \$100; *China Mission* \$100, \$500; *Inst. Alkitab Ina Barat* \$100(YAF), \$10000(Men's F'ship), \$50(YAF); *Medan Bld Fund* \$300; *Medan* \$50; *Missions* \$2500; *RPG* \$1000; *Eberts* \$1000; *FEBC College students* \$570; *Church Choir* \$200; *Hope BPC Bld Fund* \$200; *Bethel BPC* \$600; *Siregars* \$600; *Indonesia* \$500; *Eld Khoo Peng Kiat* \$280; *Thailand* \$100(YAF); *FEBC* \$150, \$100; *Kenya Bible School* \$1000.

(4) This is according to the Lord's prompting. (\$300 for Burma Adjacent Land).
(5) I wanted to tell you that coming for prayer-meeting has been such a great blessing... Enclosed is also \$300. Please use it however you wish.

(6) A small token of thanks for my increment this year. (Enclosed is \$250).

(7) This is in grateful thanksgiving to our God who answers prayers (despite my sins and lack of faith). Please proportion this little amt. to the Siregar brothers and to Bethel BP Church as you would deem fit. (\$1200)

(8) Praise and thanks to God for his grace and mercies to my family and myself. This token love gift of \$50 is but a small sum of appreciation. Do what you think best to use it for God's glory.

(9) Thank God for keeping me in good health and strength to work for Him. (\$100 - monthly tithes)

(10) Tithes & thanksgiving kindly forward to: Life Church Missions \$2500; RPG Ministry \$1000, The Eberts \$1000, Charles & Frieda \$500, FEBC Bible College students \$570.



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25 July 1993

"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. 73	No. 270
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 32	Psalms 23
Hymn	No. 340	<i>Sing the Psalm</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 381	<i>Where'er His Love...</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 18:15-19	Luke 9:57-62
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Christ in Moses</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Who'll join the Lord's Army Today?</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 184	No. 424
Benediction		

"BLESS THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS"

This sentiment comes from King David, "a man after His own heart" (1 Sam 13:14) when he composed Ps 103. What are the benefits for which we are to give thanks? 1. For the forgiveness of our sins. 2. For the healing of all our sicknesses. 3. For deliverance from destruction (accident and death). 4. For His lovingkindness and tender mercies. 5. For good appetite and youthful energy. 6. For withholding His anger and not punishing us according to our sins. 7. For fatherly pity and keeping His Covenant with those that fear Him.

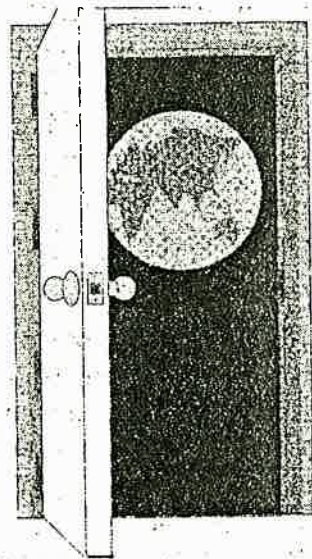
That there is a spontaneous flow of thanksgiving and testimony of God's goodness from Lifers as listed in the "From the Offering Bags" Column is a specially sweet offering well pleasing to the Lord. They are an example to the rest of the congregation. Last Lord's Day there was put into the offering bag \$1,000 with this note: "A thanksgiving offering from a grateful parent to the Lord for His mercy, love and grace for preserving and looking after the lives of all our children which we

far too often take for granted. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Glory to His Name - A Lifer." But not to be left out before the Lord are the countless gifts and tithes, offered of a cheerful heart and just as sweet. Finally, here are two verses for our exhortation. Heb 13:15,16 "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks in His Name. But to do good and to communicate (*to help one another financially*) forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

THE SPIRIT OF MISSION IS BEGINNING TO RISE!

This is manifested by the expeditions undertaken by one spending three months in Kenya, by teams regularly evangelising Medan and Tg Uban, and by two in the offing - to Hilltop, Manila, Nov 22-29 and to Kemaman, Trengganu. This is manifested also by the five-figure sum coming in timely to help complete the Medan construction, and by divers sums earmarked such as for Burma Adjacent Land and for

Hope BPC Adelaide. One came even for Bethel BPC, evidently in support of Eld & Mrs Khoo's departure for Downunder Aug 12. We have also sent \$2,000 thru Sembawang BPC to Joshua Wonsia in the starting of a Grace BP Church in Ivory Coast.



God also has opened a China Door for Life Church by giving us the grace of sheltering a number of students from Mainland China, from Peking and Canton (Guangzhou). This leads them to our Chinese and English

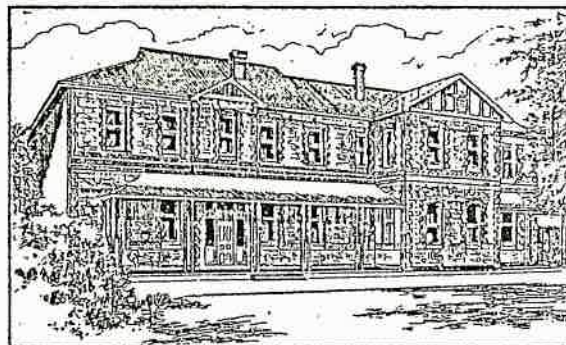
Services. One young lady was baptised last Easter and a young man is preparing for the October baptismal service. The conversion of Bro Liu of Jinan U. is a well-known fact. We pray that he will persevere in his new found faith and be a bright light wherever he goes. In this connection we are thankful for the sums designated for China, Chinese Bibles, etc.

As a result of the opening up of China, great numbers are coming to the Lord. The latest official figure is 63 millions. As more Chinese students come to S'pore, we should make every effort to draw them to Christ. It is our custom to present every China student coming into our contact a set of Bibles and sacred music cassettes. We spend this from your designated "Chinese Bibles"

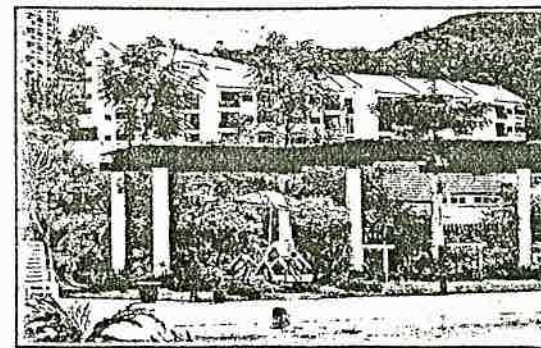
fund.

Talking of Missions, here's a page from *Lively Hope Weekly*, dated July 11, '93.

Building Update: *The R.C.I. (Vendor) has responded at last on Friday, 2nd July 1993, by rejecting our offer of \$700,000. They have now counter offered \$850,000 for this mansion (the former St Joseph's Centre). At a congregational meeting on the 23rd May 1993, the "Building Committee" under Sis Sin Giok was given permission to negotiate a figure between \$700,000 and the figure given by our own valuer (which was \$850,000!). No harm will eventuate if Hope BPC renegotiates for a figure under \$850,000. We have been informed that at that price the Vendor will extend the settlement date by a further two months if so desired. Now that we have come this far we should proceed with the Council application. Hopefully, we will possess the promised land before 30th November 1993! Let us continue to pray earnestly for God's Will to be done.*



"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." - Matthew 7:7,8. Editor and Pastor: Rev E Paauwe, 8 Sandford Street, Kensington Gardens, South Australia, 5068. Ph: (08)3320704 or 2691001. Fax: (08)3643282.



Do you know that in six weeks we will be climbing Genting View Resort for our Family Bible Camp, Sep 6-10, '93? Dn Victor Loo, who is an architect involved in the planning of the Resort, and knows all the ins and outs, is excited with the registrations coming in. Being a family camp all the tiny tots and young children will have their share. Our Chinese-speaking mothers will be well attended by Miss Ng Sang Chiew of Kelapa Sawit. While Mr Quek Suan Yew will study with you the Life of King David, a man after His own heart, I shall be speaking in the evening on *Recipes for living a happy life*. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Hurry! Join up, and be not left out! (Next year we will make it in June.)

FEBC reopened last Monday with Day of Prayer at Beulah House. 7 new students were received. 1) Lau Yeong Shoon of Calvary BPC has an MSc and was a lecturer at NTU. She is taking the Masters programme. 2) J S Heng is returning to upgrade himself, in the BTh, as he feels called to go back to Kenya to start a Bible School.



3) Suresh, who was much attached to Bethel BPC, Melbourne, is joining FEBC to equip himself for future service. 4) Ester Limin,

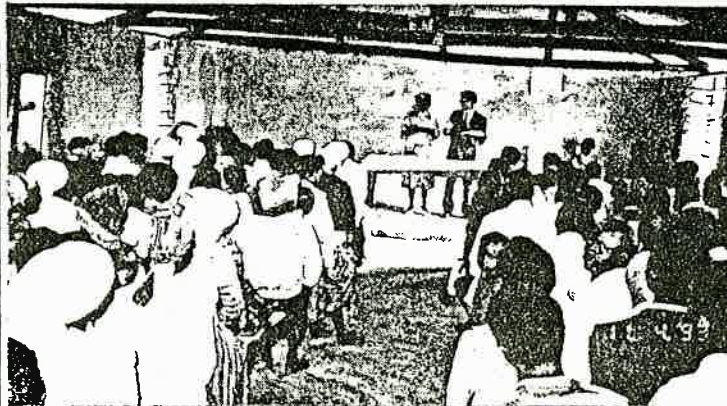
sister of Elia, is from Tg Uban. 5) Ang Liang is a young lady from Batam BPC. 6) Ang Bing Liang has had 2 years of Bible College. He is from Surabaya. 7) Hendro, who is much prayed for, is the young man from Tg Pinang who lost a leg in a motorbike accident. He has felt God's call after reading the life of John Sung. Two others are on their way. One is from India, nephew of George Kutty, with an M.A. The other is a Korean pastor with MDiv. who intends to take a refresher course in English.

We are particularly happy with the four from Indonesia because they will add to the strength of our Kebaktian Indonesia, worshipping every Lord's Day 4pm at FEBC Hall. (Last Lord's Day there were over 30 when I officiated the Lord's Supper.)

We received a telephonic message from Rev Stephen Khoo at the opening of the Day of Prayer. Rev Khoo is taking higher studies at Pensacola Christian College, Florida. (He is in touch with Dr Steele.) His son, Mr Jeffrey Khoo, is leaving in August to receive his doctorate from Trinity Theological Seminary, Indiana. His mother will go along with him.

A new vision God has given to FEBC is to train workers for the foreign fields. The Masters Curriculum MDiv, MRE have come to His Kingdom for such a time as this. As Life Church and FEBC have been used of the Lord to sustain a Bible College movement in the Far East and Africa, is it not time to call a Missionary Conference to further advance world missions in the light of our Lord's coming? "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). Maranatha, Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen. (This is our version of Evangelism AD 2000.)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 2 - 8, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes</i> (Rev Tow)	*\$4,259.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,751.00 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	<i>Counselling Recipes</i> (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1848)*\$4259; 1849)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$160; 1850)*\$7751; 1851)\$500; 1852)\$300.	
THU 7.30 pm	<i>Fundamentals of the Christian Faith</i> (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	TOTAL:\$3,307,452.10	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship	GRAND TOTAL: \$3,724,483.10	
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma Adjacent Land</i>	
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	\$100, \$1250, \$250, \$500, \$300, \$50; <i>Hilltop</i>	
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Christ in the Tabernacle</i> (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	\$213.30; <i>The Seets</i> \$150, \$300; <i>Dn Jack Sin</i>	
9.30 am	Sunday School	\$100, \$300; <i>Rev George Kutty</i> \$100, \$300;	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	<i>Medan Mission</i> \$100; <i>China Mission</i> \$100;	
10.30 am	Dr Tan Teng Kok	<i>Missionary Fund</i> \$50; <i>Dn Yiew Pong Sen</i> \$300;	
10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)	<i>Kenya</i> \$25; <i>Missions</i> \$53; <i>FEBC</i> \$100(Box);	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	<i>Kenya Ch.BF</i> \$20(Box).	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	<i>Corrigendum:</i> \$10,000 towards Inst. Alkitab Ina	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Barat is contributed by the Missionary Fship.	
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach		
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Bishan.		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
Sunday School Attendance: 294; Offering: \$355.05		(1) Thank God for raising me up Sunday morning so I can attend Church (\$100 for Burma Adj. Land).	
FEBC begins this year with an enrolment of 60 students, including 6 part-timers. The Evening Classes register 97 and 79 for Monday and 133 for Thursday. Elder Khoo Peng Kiat is special lecturer on Counselling Couples intending to marry, Mon. Aug 2, 8.30 pm. All Welcome.		(2) Thank the Lord for His blessings. (\$300 for Missions)	
CATECHISM CLASS begins next Lord's Day at Beulah House, 9.30 am.		(3) This gift is to thank God for giving us a lovely and healthy baby boy. (\$100)	
		(4) For Charles Seet & Family - a thanksgiving offering (\$100).	
		(5) "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." (\$500)	
		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	



Philip J S Heng in Africa



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1 August 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Geoffrey Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 237	No. 121
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 19	Psalms 30
Hymn	No. 321	<i>Sing the Psalm</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 414	<i>The Great Commission</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Gal 4:19-31	Luke 10:1-12
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Christ in Isaac</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<i>W/o Bible College</i> <i>Church Will Die</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 460	No. 420
Benediction		Lord's Supper

My dear Lifers,

ONE GOOD TURN LEADS TO ANOTHER!

Do you know that one reason behind the running of an yearly Bible Camp for the Church is to cater to the desires of our mothers, fathers, uncles and aunts worshipping at the Chinese Service? In fulfilment of V Commandment? Do you know how thrilled their hearts are as they look forward to this annual event? (20 have so far registered.)

After last Monday Evening's Lectures, I asked Kok Wah to take some red bean soup with me, when our conversation turned upon Genting View Resort. "Ah," he sparked up, "Why didn't I think of bringing my Mother, she worships at another Chinese Church." "By all means," I encouraged.

One good turn leads to another. There are so many of you coming with your children. How about your dad and mom, uncle and aunt, etc? Here's our last call! If they are shut-ins, all the more you should bring

them up the mountain. And that with such convenience too. My topic on "Recipe for living a Happy Life," to be interpreted in Chinese by Miss Ng Sang Chiew, one of my first students who joined FEBC 1962, will be a double blessing!

THE ACUMEN OF MY DOCTOR FRIEND

This doctor who loves our Church and frequently buys from our Book Centre fell into conversation with me on our Burma Adjacent Land. Being well-versed in things Burmese, he said, "Good that you got your land! Land price is shooting as Burma opens now to the outside world." "Praise the Lord," I said in my heart. Rev Robert Thawm Luai had got that adjacent land, truly for a song! And thank the Lord for Lifers. Your Sing dollar becomes several times more when sent abroad to invest for the Lord. Whereas Singaporeans

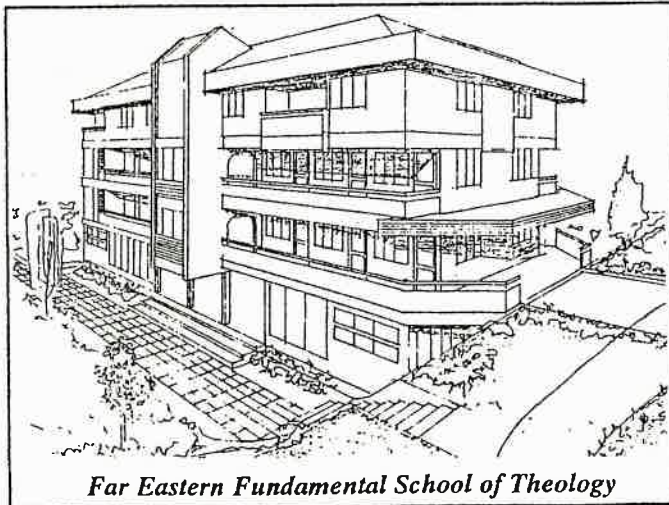


who venture abroad and sink into China or Vietnam millions cannot get their dividends perhaps five years after, whatever we do for God is immediate profit-making! God's business is ever profitable business. (Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. Matt 25:16).

SOMEONE IS DUTY BOUND TO GIVE...

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). God has so blessed you throughout your life. "Someone is duty bound to give --- a substantial sum to Burma. There's no problem paying up the newly acquired land with marriage value. The burden rather is the four-storey (96' x 48') College incorporating dorms and teachers quarters which easily costs S\$2 million. But our estimates are only ¼ of the S'pore price --- ie. now, and not when Burma opens wider and more outsiders come in and raise the price.

Remember how liberally you had offered to the Lord 3 years ago when we were stretched to the limit to acquire Beulah



Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology

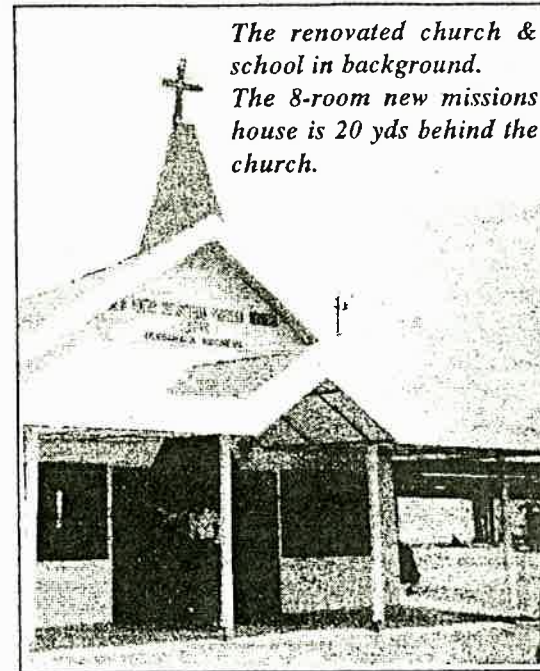
Land --- \$7.2 million in 6½ months! We were borne along swiftly and surely by the \$3.1 million interest free loans (half came from outside friends and churches). Now, our Beulah Debt has subsided to \$.692 million. Who'll be the first to give to build the 4-storey Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology? Incidentally I have a telegram from Robert Thawm Luai reporting 74 students enrolled as they began their new academic year. This number exceeds ours by a dozen at least, so you can feel the squeeze as they are packed into 3 small bungalows. Some might have to sleep under the coconut palms!

O Lord, speak the Word, and out of nothing will come that first sum, to lay the foundation for Thy House in Rangoon --- for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:9).

Now, it is a well-known fact that Burma, through tight control and mismanagement, is become one of the poorest countries in the world. With a population of 40,000,000, and a land area bigger than Thailand, it is a frontier challenging to our Readers. With 15 graduates from our Burmese School now in the fields and a second batch soon passing out, a steady

Gospel light will henceforth begin to shine into the interior. Burma deserves our consideration more than any other country in S.E. Asia.

Statistics: RC's = 1.2%, Protestants 4.7% of population. Baptists, first to be evangelised by Adoniram Judson of USA, 1813, are the strongest, numbering 450,000. Presbyterians are the smallest with 12,000. Rev Robert Thawm Luai's Evangelical Presbyterians number 3,000. It is said there are only 2 foreign missionaries left in Burma! Hence the urgency of building a Bible College and training new workers.



The renovated church & school in background. The 8-room new missions house is 20 yds behind the church.

"THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRED HASTE" (1 SAM 21:8)

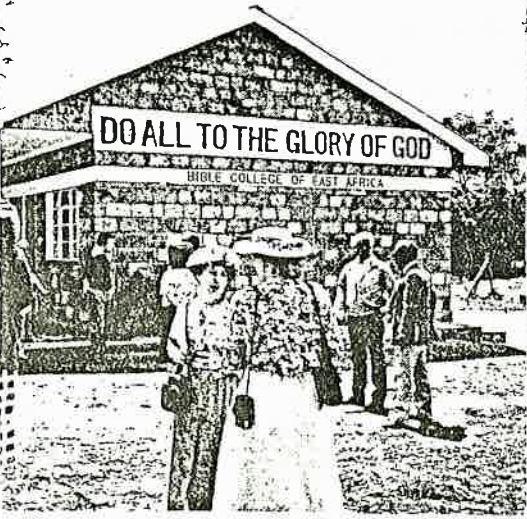
The Lord opened a way for me to Medan by Silkair Fri July 30 and brought me back safely Saturday 31 noon. Immediately I had arrived we sat down to business in the Dohar home with Bapa Siregar and the two brothers, Haposan and Agus. Business concluded, we all got into Haposan's School minibus to make a lightning trip to Kuta Baru, 2 hours zig-zagging up Kuta Baru upon the mountain. Zig-zagging not only because of the terrain, but also because of the incessant confrontation with potholes of an Indonesian country road. For we were not driving to Lake Toba the smooth tourist highway. We were off the beaten track.

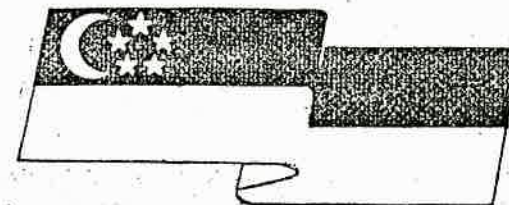
The wonder of wonders was that our old van negotiated the dilapidated country road so wonderfully until the last lap of a 100 yards of unpaved cobble stones before reaching our Mountain Church. When it stopped in front of the Church compound the whole mechanism simply gave up. Haposan spent half an hour to revive the exhausted

horse but in vain. 5 km from the bus junction, what were we to do? Pray! To return to Medan, we were left high and dry. Suddenly two motor cyclists appeared. Being co-villagers they gladly loaned us their iron steeds. I rode pillion with Agus and Dohar with another. When all were arrived at the bus junction, we were told, in the gathering gloom of a quiet Indonesian evening, "There is the last bus soon coming!" No sooner were these words uttered, than a huge colourfully painted "monster" roared to a stop for the four of us --- myself and the Siregar brothers. We beat the bus by three minutes! All, without pre-arrangement! We see once again the marvellous outworking of the "particular providence of God." God counts every hair and is in every minute of our lives. May this experience enlighten you further to the Lord's care over you, to the last sparrow's feather.

Our mission to Medan began in 1972. During the years the three brothers, with Dohar's wife, Gloria, trained at FEBC. Now as we enter the third decade, we see how God has prospered the three brothers. My going to Medan this time is to answer their request for advice in the establishing of a Bible Institute. All are agreed there could be no delay. "Without the Bible College, the Church will die" (Contento). So, we've decided on the name, "Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia." Fundamental because Modernism and Liberalism has permeated the majority of Indonesian Bible Colleges. The Institute will open Jan. 1994. Dohar is president of the Board and Haposan principal. Agus, now married, would consider returning to FEBC to upgrade himself 1994. In principle, Life Church will give financial support. The newly renovated Church and extra missions building are adequate to host the proposed Bible Institute at least for some years. Pray for the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia, Jan. 1994. "The King's Business..."

- Yours faithfully, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 9 - 15, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	No evening lecture	*\$3,641.08 (8.00 am); *\$15,003.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1853)*\$3641.08; 1854)	
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	*\$15003; 1855)\$300; 1856)\$4000; 1857)\$1300;	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship	1858)\$611; 1859)\$200; 1860)\$870(Chinese Ser.).	
7.45 pm	Men's Fship (Rev Tow)	TOTAL:\$3,333,377.18.	
7.45 pm	Women's Fship, Beulah Hse	LOANS 50)\$2000. TOTAL LOANS \$419,031.	
SAT 3.00 pm	Combined Fships Conference (Sanctuary). All Welcome.	GRAND TOTAL: \$3,752,408.18	
SUN 8.00 am	Christ in the Marina (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma Adjacent Land</i>	
9.30 am	Sunday School	\$100, \$200, \$50, \$300, \$4000(for God's glory);	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	<i>P'ppines</i> \$350, \$50, <i>Hilltop</i> \$150; <i>Kenya Church</i>	
10.30 am	Rev Tow	<i>Bld Fd</i> \$190, \$20; <i>Jess & Nirand</i> \$200, \$50;	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>FEBC Students</i> (to Ch Camp) \$1000; <i>Eld Khoo</i>	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	<i>Peng Kiat</i> \$200; <i>Charles Seet</i> \$200, \$200, \$300;	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	<i>Dn Jack Sin</i> \$200; <i>Dn Yiew Pong Sen</i> \$200;	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<i>Pauline Lee</i> \$200; <i>Thanksgiving</i> \$150, \$750,	
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	\$200; <i>Medan</i> \$150, \$533(Sunday Sch),	
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.		\$50(Dohar); <i>Missionary Fund</i> \$120; <i>Hendro</i>	
Sunday School Attendance: 291; Offering: \$347.80.		\$50, \$50; <i>Church Choir</i> \$400; <i>Bibles & Christian Lit.</i> \$300; <i>Heng Jee Seng</i> \$120;	
Final date of payment for those going to camp: 15th August.		<i>Thailand</i> \$50; <i>FEBC</i> \$100.	
Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. 1 Peter 2:17		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
		(1) Please direct this amount to the fund for the acquisition of audio/video eqt. for the church. Praise the Lord for his many blessings.	
		(2) Pl. forward to the following: Church Choir - For the beautiful music and wonderful message in song. Keep on singing! (\$400). For the Seets in Philippines \$300. Purchase of bibles & Christian lit. where needed \$300.	
		(3) In grateful thanksgiving to God for my retirement. Extn Bld Fund II \$4000. Please use it for God's glory as what you think best. (\$4000)	
		(4) Thank God for enabling me to pass my reservist IPPT, with only 2 weeks of training. Was awarded \$200 for attaining silver standard. Would like to offer it to Burma Adj. Land. After all, it was God who blessed me with health & fitness, sustaining me throughout my test. -- A grateful Lifer	
		(5) Thank God for a safe journey to and fro Batam. Here's a little love offering to the church at Batam (\$150).	
		(6) For needy FEBC students going to Life Church Camp (\$1000).	
		(7) With thanksgiving to the Lord for His bounteous grace and mercy upon me a sinner. (\$750)	



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 216	No. 351
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psaln 30	Rom 13:1-7; 1 Pet 2:13-17
Hymn	Singapura	Singapura
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	<i>He Giveth More Grace</i>	No. 406
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Heb 9:1-15	Acts 1:1-8
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Christ in the Tabernacle</i>	<i>Have you said Yes to Him?</i> (Dr Tan Teng Kok)
Closing Hymn	No. 302	No. 465
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

FROM NATIONAL DAY TO
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS DAY

Since August 1991, when we celebrate National Day with the rest of Singapore, we have also incorporated what we declare to be an International Missions Day. For we have a dual citizenship. While we love our country, we love God's Kingdom the more.

God's Kingdom knows no bounds. It extends to all nations. How do we celebrate International Missions Day? By praying for all our missionaries and the new countries where God is leading us. We present today's offerings, as in the past two years, for the Cause of Missions. Pray especially for Jess & Nirand in N.Thailand; Charles & Frieda Seet, Philippines; the Siregar Brothers in N.Sumatra; Robert Thawm Luai in Burma --- our missionaries! "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority: ... For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved... (1 Tim 2:1-4). So while we pray for our Government on National Day we seek the salvation of all peoples through our International Missions.

MY TESTIMONY

Dr Tan Teng Kok

Childhood

I was born into an ancestor-worship family during the war. Towards the end of the war I could remember the prisoners-of-war filing past our attap house not far from the junction of Bukit Timah Road and Stevens Road. Some had artificial legs and some had crutches.

We were taught from a tender age to pay respect to our departed ancestors, who could answer our prayers for prosperity and happiness. Yearly we offered sacrifices to the spirits of our ancestors and prayed for prosperity. My father and his friends would gather nightly to talk of home. We children would sit quietly nearby listening to their stories of the motherland. Now and then they would refer to Christianity as a religion that perpetuated the colonial "rule" in China --- certainly not a good association.

Search and Salvation

Towards the end of primary school, I was given a small book entitled "Tales from the Bible" by Enid Blyton. I was very impressed by this God spoken of in the Bible. A desire was created in me to worship this God of Abraham, Isaac

and Jacob - a God of unlimited power and might and wisdom. My first move was to procure a Bible; which I did. It turned out to be the KJV. I started with Genesis! And I got nowhere. Then I did a Bible Correspondence Course and learnt a bit more about God and Jesus Christ. It was finally in a household church in Bukit Panjang that I realised the need to appropriate Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord. Promptly I handed my life to Him.

Attendance at the school SU group and SS at Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel helped me to grow. The elders introduced me to good sound Christian literature. Reading biographies of missionaries was a very pleasant relaxing experience. Before I knew it, I had to face the question "Do you like to be a missionary?" Before I finished Form Five in RI, I decided to be a missionary. The opportunity came when I got a teaching post in Sabah. After 3½ years as a tent-making missionary, God challenged me to medical missionary work. For six months I struggled against this

assignment. Finally I yielded and returned to Singapore in December 1962.

During the pre-U course with the Adult Education Board after four years of break was no easy task. God's grace was sufficient for these difficult years. The following year (1964) I was accepted for the M.B., B.S., University of S'pore. My time at the U was very enriching especially the interaction with fellow-Christians and non-Christian students in the context of Varsity Christian Fellowship. I started to look at fellow Christians as brothers and sisters in Christ. The denominational label started to fade. We also encouraged one another to enter full-time service --- home or foreign. During our senior years, we prayed much for Trinity College. We prayed that God would use the College to train pastors, etc.

Ready for service but delayed...

In early 1971 after my internship I applied to Sabah to work with the ministry of health there. But the reply was not encouraging. Missionaries of more than 10 years standing were asked to leave. New full-time

missionaries were faced with the uphill task of obtaining a visa. So the opportunity to serve my head-hunter friends ('murut') had to be shelved. We started to look to other countries to serve. We were reminded of medical work in Zambia (Africa) that needed doctors. We applied but the replies were confused.

A visit to OMF - Manorom Hospital, Central Thailand impressed upon us that we needed more training. So we left in 1972 for New Zealand to obtain surgical training. We returned to Singapore in 1976 for a few weeks before going on to United Kingdom to round off my surgical training. In October 1976 I was awarded the F.R.C.S. (Edin.) and the F.R.A.C.S. in Nov. 1977.

Service in Africa...

In October 1977 we entered Zambia as 'tent-maker' missionaries. I served at the University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka for one and half years before the need of the North Western Province was brought to my attention. I volunteered and was transferred with immediate effect. Colleagues thought that I was out of my mind --- to go to a place that no one wanted to go. I told them that I served God and go to places where my service was needed. In the North Western province were many mission hospitals. The fellowship with the medical missionaries in the mission hospitals was greatly valued mutually. Some of the missionaries had been there over twenty-five years!!

After a "rest" of nine months we went to Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, Moshi, Tanzania. The allowance provided by the Ministry of Health was not sufficient but God met the shortfall through our local church and Christian friends in Singapore. In 1985 we were encouraged by co-workers in the field to take a year off --- sabbatical leave. With their help it was arranged to be at Bowman Gray School of Medicine,

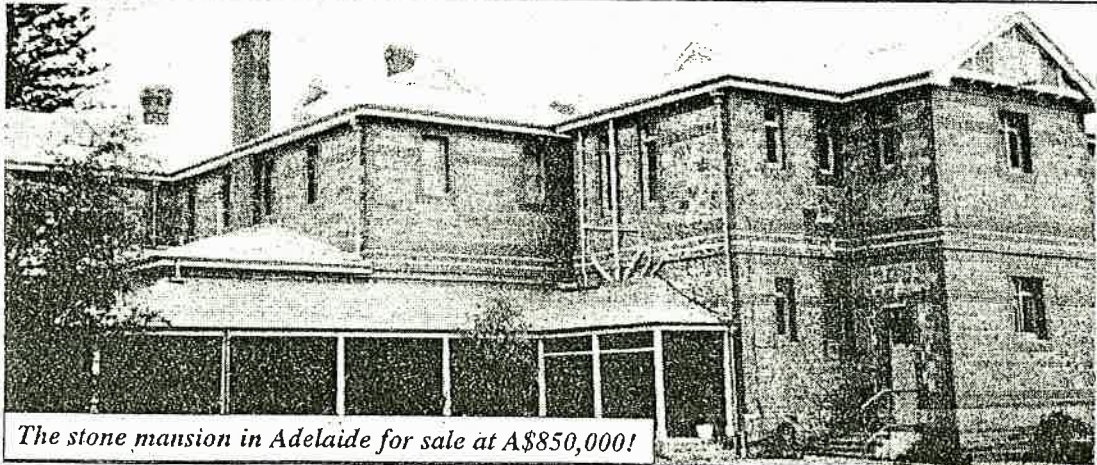
Winston Salem, North Carolina, USA. We arrived in Winston Salem in January 1986 --- during winter! God provided the passage three days before we boarded the plane. Within three weeks of our arrival, He provided a mission house for the family to stay in. The congregation of South Park Baptist Church was most generous to us. Before we left for Singapore in December 1986, they gave us a farewell party and a love gift. They reminded us --- "one in Christ" --- in practical terms. Underlining it all is God's faithfulness to His children. "Jehovah Jireh".

We moved to Kenya in April 1988 serving the Africa Inland Church in the area of medical ministry. After two years in A.I.C. --- Kijabe Medical Centre, we were requested by the bishop of A.I.C. to help another hospital. We agreed. Before starting the second assignment we returned to Singapore for six short weeks to brief our local assembly of our new assignment. The elders agreed. The goals set by A.I.C. - Kapsowar Hospital Board were about fifty percent fulfilled. The national staff in the hospital were given responsibility and they responded well to the challenges. More national doctors are beginning to take an interest in working at the hospital. Many medical students (national) come for their elective. The hospital became self-supporting. God taught me during this period that Christians in Kenya are as responsible as Christians elsewhere. We have developed mutual respect --- a sound basis to continue the medical missionary work in Kapsowar, Kenya.

During these twenty years, God has shown His faithfulness irrespective of our performance and feelings. We placed our needs before Him and He met them all. We do not believe in hinting our needs to men, because He hears and understands and provides. Heb 13:5.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 16 - 22, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	*\$4,676.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,273.00 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1861)\$500(YF);	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	1862)\$149.90(US\$100); 1863)\$103; 1864)\$100;	
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg	1865)\$300. TOTAL:\$3,334,530.08	
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Rev Tow)	GRAND TOTAL: \$3,753,561.08	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship	OFFERINGS FOR: Missions *\$4676, \$100,	
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF	*\$10273; Burma Adjacent Land \$500, \$80,	
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	\$125(Box), \$400, \$1000, \$150, \$60, \$10000,	
SUN 8.00 am	Christ the Angel of the Lord (Rev Ronny Khoo)	\$100(Box); Burma Mission \$300, \$200, \$500;	
9.30 am	Sunday School	African Student Fd \$50; For Kenya, African Ch.	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	BF \$450, \$100; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$500; Rev	
10.30 am	Rev Tow	Tow \$1000, \$100; Medan (Haposan) \$400, \$100;	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	The Seets \$100; Hymn bks for Medan (Dohar)	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	\$600; FEBC students \$100; Philip Heng J S \$250;	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Benson \$200; Hendro \$150; Hilltop \$1000 (Life	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Bk Centre); Thanksgiving \$1000; Fund. Bible Inst.	
NBC This Week: Fri Bishan.		of Indonesia \$700.	
I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Rev 3:8		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Lee Heok Seng for the gift of a baby girl, Tabitha, on 5 Aug.		(1) To Jess in Thailand - continue serving the Lord, Praise God (\$200).	
WANTED. Full-time staff worker needed in Christian Life Media Ministries. Please contact Mr Roger Kok at 6085013(Pgr) or 2506955(Office)		(2) Enclosed \$190 - as our thanksgiving (for Kenya Church Bld Fd).	
		(3) Thank the Lord for His blessings (\$500 for Burma Adj. Land).	
		(4) Please dedicate this small amount of money (\$100) for missionary purpose. Acknowledge that the Lord, He is God! Through Him, then, let us at all times present a praise offering to God, which is the fruit of lips that confess His name. Heb 13:15.	
		Sunday School Attendance: 277; Offering \$205.50	



The stone mansion in Adelaide for sale at A\$850,000!



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 8	Gate Ajar!
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Matt 4:1-4	II Cor 12:1-10
Hymn	No. 407	He Giveth More Grace
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 409	No. 246
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 8:1-3	Luke 10:10-16, 21-24
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Christ in the Manna (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	Take Care How You Hear
Closing Hymn	No. 72	No. 268
Benediction		

My dear Readers

What do you do when your heart is troubled? Sometimes for no special reason? James says, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray" (Jas 5:13). Pray, pray, pray! Prayer is the answer.



"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church: and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed (Calvin says, sickness is the time we must specially examine our lives. What's wrong with me? Perhaps God is using this sickness to tell me something?) The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas 5:14-16). So, come to Tuesday night Prayer Meeting. Over 100 are coming. We're experiencing more blessing when we pray. "Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6,7).

HURRY, JUST A FEW MORE SEATS LEFT!

Another couple of the Chinese Service has signed up for Genting! Will you be the last one? There are a few more seats left! There is a portion of blessing prepared for you! Why miss our aircon coach?



Now, we need every camper, the whole church and you my Reader to pray for us! For safety up the mountain and safety back. For the speakers, Mr Quek Suan Yew and myself and Miss Ng Sang Chiew to the Chinese section. Pray for the Lord's gracious words through His messengers.

MORE AVENUES TO INVEST YOUR CPF SAVINGS

This is the headline in Straits Times Aug 5, '93. But to Lifers we say, "The Best Avenue is loan it to the Church." Better still, invest in every mission enterprise you've read about, in your Church paper." A young couple, blessed with a son gave me an envelope, "We are enclosing a cheque for \$700 as a much belated thanksgiving offering to the Lord for His multiplied blessings upon us --- including the gift of the healthy

baby boy. Please direct the amount to the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia (Medan) unless there's an urgent need elsewhere, in which case we will make another offering to Medan as the Lord provides." This was at a house blessing. And the host enclosed in a Thank You note a \$1,000 cheque for the Bible Institute in Burma. After Church last Lord's Day a sister handed to the pastor a cheque for \$1,000. She wrote, "Enclosed cheque is my thankoffering to the Lord for seeing me through my recent operation and for sparing me much of the side effects of the follow-up treatment I am receiving. I would like to thank you and the Church for praying for me. Please continue to pray for me as the duration of treatment is six months long. At times I do get a little depressed and weary. But the Comforter is ever with me and I am reminded of the Lord's many promises in His Word and in the many inspiring hymns. I'm thankful for the loving care and encouragement of family and friends and the prayer support of the Church. "And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Cor 12:9). Amen!

To these three offerers, may the benediction of Paul be upon you. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work" (II Cor 9:7,8).

ELDER AND MRS KHOO PENG KIAT, OUR ROVING MISSIONARIES

Since 1986 Eld & Mrs Khoo have been shuttling between Singapore and Australia in the service of the Perth and Melbourne Churches founded by Dr S H Tow. Though they were once or twice in Perth, all these years their mission is Melbourne. Elder Khoo has given much of his life and time to Bethel as preacher, helper, counsellor, visitor to homes and to the sick.

Since their return the last time Eld Khoo



has spent not a little time at FEBC, but again Bethel has need of them. So a little "grudgingly" we sent them off last

Thursday, praying God to increase their health and strength for yet another term. They are our Roving Missionaries. They have made themselves available, always ready to go when called.

THIRD TIME OPEN DOOR TO CHINA

This is the third time that Mrs Jolly Tan, a lover of Lifer Church, enters China to tell the good news of Christ. Making Hong Kong her base she took a coaster to Siuheng. After 4 hours she came to land. She brought a suitcase containing a score of Bibles and hundreds of Gospel portions and tracts. The Customs did not open her bag. She went to visit one she had witnessed to the last time. In the process, she found a ready audience with people staying in her hotel. She gave away a good part of her Bibles and tracts and brought



three of her hearers to Church.

She returned to Hong Kong to get more spiritual ammunition. This time the Lord led her to Guangzhou (Canton). Again she found a ready audience, this time, at a pharmaceutical factory. Here she gave out all her tracts. Several gave their names for Bibles which she promised to send from Singapore. Photo shows some of the factory

hands who received her tracts gladly. In appreciation, they shouted O-mi-to-fu, a Buddhist salutation! To which Jolly replied, "Don't say that. Say Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!" (Jolly is No. 2 from the right.)

OUR CHINESE SERVICE IS ALSO AN OPEN DOOR TO CHINA

Last Lord's Day when I spoke at the Chinese Service there was an attendance of 178. Sooner or later we will have to remove two tables occupying the end of the 3rd Classroom. We will have to increase the seating capacity.

I was glad to see several of the students from China staying on our premises come to worship. Easter two years ago I baptised a lady from China. After she returned to her village she got five others converted --- her husband, two daughters and their husbands. They are 6 of the 63 million Christians on the Chinese Continent (official estimate). Here's a word to members of our Chinese Service. Make an effort to befriend our China friends. Make them feel at home. In this respect, our Beulah House has played no little part under the direction of Dn Yiew. Anyway, anyone seeking shelter here will find a warm welcome, especially missionaries and Christian workers from anywhere.

FEBC MONDAY EVENING LECTURES



When Eld Khoo lectured on Counselling Young People Intending to Marry, we saw a good increase to the class attendance, for we offered it to the public. Henceforth the Mon. Evening lectures, Calvin II, 7.30 pm and Counselling Recipes Thru 40 Years Pastoring, 8.30 pm will be open to the public. Lecture notes which are from chapters of my new book on Counselling will be printed on time to meet the needs of the students. Text books for the Counselling course are two books of the O. Testament --- Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. 50 golden verses will be picked from these two books for memorisation. As for Calvin II, it is required of students to study his Life and Works from my "chocolate" book --- available at Life Book Centre.

As to the Thursday Evening lectures (Mr

Jeffrey Khoo), Rev Tow and Mr Quek will take one lecture each during the class lecturer's absence. Both Mr Khoo and Rev Goh Seng Fong are leaving for the States --- Mon. Aug 16, 4.45 pm. - T.T.

Michael Koech, another FEBC African graduate writes:

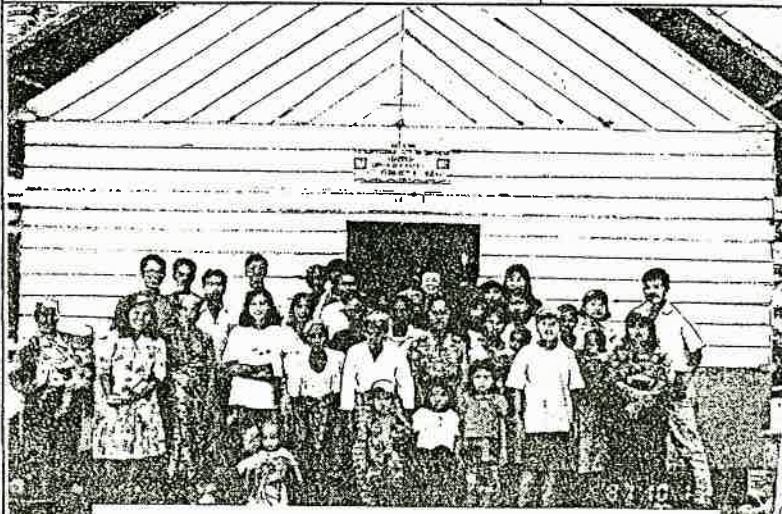
It is nearly a year since I last wrote. However we are fine and labouring in the Lord's vineyard. We are very grateful for the two boxes of books that we received from you early this year. Our students love a gift of these books when they graduate. Some of the inquirers who visit us have also received some copies of your titles. One latest visitor is our District Police Chief, who is also a church elder in the old Presbyterian church. I gave him three of your books and after one week he came and told me he read them all. He was particularly impressed by *John Sung My Teacher*. He still attends one of our churches and we like to help him in many ways as he has little theology. Do pray that he will have a positive response.

It was with great interest that I read *Prophescope on Israel*, when it first came and my wife also liked when she read it. We learned from the Weekly that you have published another title on the life of Calvin. That will be useful for our church history class and we will appreciate a few copies.

You hinted in the Weekly some time ago that you were going to visit our country at the invitation of Rev Solomon Muthukya. I do also extend the same invitation to you. Though your schedule is tight, do try to find time to come. It will be a great encouragement to our churches and pastors here. I understand also that Mr J S Heng is planning to visit here, may be he will be a John the Baptist for you. Do ask him to get in touch with me when he comes.

Besides our regular teaching at the Bible Institute and preaching we are also actively involved in evangelism and church planting. These last few months in cooperation with other local churches that I oversee, we were able to purchase two plots for places for worship. We are now working on legal formalities to register the plots. Here in our rural setting, land is not expensive as in the cities. Do pray for the spiritual growth of these churches and also for building churches.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 30 - Sep 5, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	*\$3,615.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,583.00 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1873)*\$3615; 1874)	
TUE 7.00 pm	Camp Briefing, FEBC Hall	*\$7583; 1875)\$300; 1876)\$611; 1877)\$30.	
8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	TOTAL:\$3,366,619.08	
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	LOANS 54)\$3850. TOTAL LOANS	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	\$425,827.25. GRAND TOTAL: \$3,792,446.33	
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF	OFFERINGS FOR: Burma Fund. Sch. of	
5.00 pm	Rev Tow at Gospel Light	Theology \$1000, \$300, \$1500, \$160, \$1000.	
	BPM Anniversary	Seets \$200; China Mission \$100; Nirands \$100;	
SUN 8.00 am	Christ the Immanuel (Mr Jeffrey Khoo)	Hilltop \$10, \$100; Kenya \$50; FEBC \$240 (from London).	
9.30 am	Sunday School	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	(1) For the "Hilltop" Project. "God bless His workers & His church." (\$100) (Chinese Service)	
10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	(2) In thanksgiving to God for answering my prayers and delivering me from the difficult situation I was in inspite of my unworthiness. May all glory be to God. Please channel this \$1000 to Burma Adj Land.	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	From a Debtor to God (\$1000).	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	Rev Eric Kwan reports from London that the new place of worship is at a room in the American Church situated in Central London, 1-minute walk from the tube station. He is grateful for receiving the chocolate book on the life of Calvin. The home address is 66 The Greenway, Colindale, London, NW9 5AP, UK.	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice		
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok.			
No NBC at Bt Batok on Fri, Sep 3.			
Camp briefing on 31/8/93 (Tues.) at 7.00 pm at FEBC Hall. Bring along passport.			
Elder & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat's address: 1/40 Danien Street, Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150, Australia.			
Sunday School Attendance: 265; Offering \$451.95			



Bible-Presbyterian Church of Kuta Bahru, North Sumatra

Verse for the Week
But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6

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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	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 61	No. 47
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Rev 5:1-14	Psalms 127, 128
Hymn	No. 105	Home That God Blesses
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 112	- ditto -
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Ruth 4:1-12	Lk 10:38-42; Jn 12:1-9
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Christ the Kinsman-Redeemer (Mr Quek Suan Yew)	Married or Single - Happy in Jesus
Closing Hymn	No. 121	No. 538
Benediction		

SPIRITUAL AMBASSADORS TO ASEAN AND BURMA

ASEAN means "Association of South East Asian Nations." They comprise Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei. As a member of ASEAN we ought to promote friendship with our



neighbouring countries. As Singapore is on friendly terms also with Burma, our latest effort in helping Burma build a Fundamental School of Theology runs parallel to the political. We are spiritual ambassadors to Burma, and to ASEAN, yea, even to all the world.

On the spiritual plane our influence is both vertical and horizontal. It goes by geometric progression. As we help Rev Robert Thawm Luai build a Bible College, this will benefit a school of 70-80 students. From this student body a first batch of 15 had graduated a year ago, and now a second is completing their training. And so, every year a new batch of workers will go to the field. In this manner, scores, hundreds and thousands will come under their Gospel sound. The College family will be grateful for our support, and we being Singaporeans, they will show their respect and love for our country. They will tell their neighbours and friends. Spiritual ambassador of Singapore is our church!

Churches are most loyal to their own countries,

inasmuch as the Word of God enjoins them to "love the brotherhood...and honour the King" (I Pet 2:17). Jesus exhorts us to "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt 22:21). Thus, we teach our members to be patriotic citizens (as proven by the yearly singing of SINGAPURA during National Week), and to pay taxes promptly and honestly.

On the other hand, there are those revenues which belong to God that must be rendered to God. Under the Great Commission given to the universal church to go into all nations to evangelise, it is our God-bounden duty to support missions. And more so if missions to other countries are actually branches of our Bible-Presbyterian Church movement! It is a marvel of God's doing that in the last 43 years God has prospered that small beginning at Prinsep Street to multiply so there are 140 churches and para-church organisations spread around the world: Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Burma, India, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Holy Land, USA, Gt. Britain, Australia, Saipan, and now, China in the offing!

Missions, according to our Lord's prophecy and mandate, should accelerate with the times. Jesus says to us of the end-times: "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). With the gospel goes along relief work (Acts 11:29,30). For example, in 1979, when Cambodia collapsed to the Khmer Rouge, and hundreds of thousands poured into Thailand, Singapore responded with a relief work that was promoted by the Straits Times. On our part, the B-Ps went about our member churches to collect for the refugees. Interestingly, we did not go to the rescue of the Cambodians once; we went there thrice! To the glory of

God, the B-P Churches collected as much as was given by secular Singapore. In this respect Rev K C Quek, head of the International Council of Christian Churches Relief Commission in the Far East, is to be remembered and commended. Elder Chia Kim Chwee and I had the privilege of taking a direct part in the Relief Work at Cao I Dang Camp and Chiang Rai. Being spiritual ambassadors we included in each relief parcel a Gospel portion and a letter explaining the Gospel to every recipient. Against such there is no law. In conclusion, here is a word from the wisest king that ever lived, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. The king's favour is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causeth shame" (Prov 14:34,35). Amen.

- T.T.

MY TESTIMONY

Prior to my conversion in December 1990, I was a complacent, arrogant non-believer. I attended Christian Fellowship in school and often asked my Christian friends about their beliefs and their relationship with God but I was never convinced to accept Christ as my personal Saviour.

I thank God that He touched me in a precious way when I was attending a Christian Camp in 1990. I do not know exactly what made me believe but I realised that I was a sinner and that only believing in Jesus would I be saved. Suddenly, I began to understand certain things ... why there are so much evil, strife and suffering in this world, why man is capable of assimilating the possibility of the existence of a divine being-God.

I was thrilled and excited when I first accepted Christ, but faith in Christ did not come immediately. First, I had to face all the ridicule and disapproval of my family

and my close friends. I was then unsure of my salvation too. I remember I could not answer my non-Christian friends when they asked me, "How do you know that you are saved?"

For one year after my conversion, I did not attend a church, I merely did my quiet time every morning. I prayed to God for wisdom that I would be able to go to a church that should help me grow spiritually. After visiting one Anglican and some charismatic churches, I became very much confused. It was at this time that my old classmate from secondary school brought me to Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church (then Bethany Bible-Presbyterian Church). Somehow, I was very attracted to this church because of the love these Bible-believing Christians showed me. However, a few months later, a brother brought me to Life and through YF and Sunday School, I began to learn more about God and the various doctrines.

I truly thank God for His grace and for granting me the truth. Indeed, I thank Him for even saving a wretched soul like me. Through these months, I have learnt to trust God more and am thankful that He has even granted me the faith in Him. I am now sure of my salvation. Some time ago, I came across this question in a book: "If you were to die tonight and stand before God, and He asked you why He should let you into heaven. What would you tell Him?" I pondered over this question and became increasingly disturbed, but Isaiah 64:6 suddenly came to mind and I began to understand that there is nothing good in me. But God had chosen me and that I am saved by grace through faith, not of works. What a

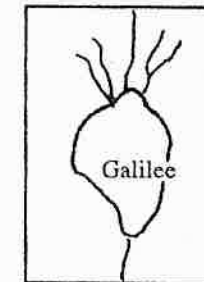
wonderful truth indeed! The desire to be baptized comes naturally then, for I wish to declare my faith openly and publicly and through this seal of baptism, to profess that I am wholly and only the Lord's.

It is now my fervent prayer that I will be able to serve God more in church and to walk closely with Him all the days of my life.

- Lee Sin Mei

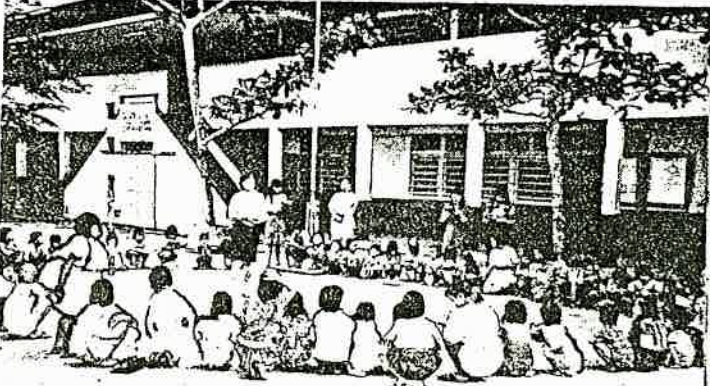
MULTI-CHANNELS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS FLOW TO YOU!

This puts in a nutshell the oft-quoted verse, "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).



This truth is illustrated by the many side streams carrying water from the snows of Mt. Hermon into the Sea of Galilee through numerous tunnels and culverts, apart from the main stream of the Upper Jordan River. But the Sea of Galilee does not keep the rich waters to herself. The Lower Jordan empties her surplus water to the south, sending it into the Dead Sea (which is dead because she receives and does not give out). Moreover the Sea of Galilee is tapped by Israel's thirsty land far beyond the banks of the Jordan by Electro-pumping into conduits and irrigation canals. A picture of the blessings every child of God can generate to the sustenance of the needy. When you have begun to give a little after Galilee's example, then you will experience the multi-channels of God's blessings flowing to you!

This I write from experience. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Prov 11:24).

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 6 - 12, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON-FRI	Life Church Family Camp - Lifers depart at 7.00 am	*\$4,180.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,793.00 (10.30 am)	
7.30 pm	No evening lectures	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1878)*\$4180; 1879)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Edmund Tay)	*\$7793; 1880)\$500. TOTAL:\$3,379,092.08	
THU 7.30 pm	No evening lectures	LOANS 55)\$500 (Men's Fship); 56)\$332 (Men's Fship). TOTAL LOANS \$426,659.25.	
FRI 7.00 pm	Campers return	GRAND TOTAL: \$3,805,751.33.	
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma FST</i> \$100, \$1000, \$100(YAF), \$1000, \$1000, \$160, \$50, \$1000(RTL); <i>Heng Jee Seng</i> \$200; <i>Hendro</i> \$100; <i>Cry Room</i> \$300; <i>Hilltop</i> \$500, \$150; <i>Hope BPC</i> \$50; <i>Medan (Dohar)</i> \$50; <i>Seets</i> \$100(YAF); <i>Medan</i> \$1000; <i>FEBC</i> \$500; <i>WF</i> \$100; <i>Kenya</i> \$20(Box).	
3.00 pm	LBC		
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Christ the Man of Sorrows</i> (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
9.30 am	Sunday School	(1) Thru Pastor's hand FEBC \$500, WF \$100 from a lady after Tues. Night Prayer Mtg.	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	(2) I thank God for His providence and many blessings showered on me and my family. Enclosed is \$200 as love offering for God's ministry. - His grateful child	
10.30 am	Rev Peter Chua	(3) For Mother's Room (Jesus loves all the little children). Had wanted to bring this up together with a little offering to start it, when I saw the need after becoming a new mother a few months back. Breastfeeding was difficult when the child ask for a feed in the middle of a service and wondered how all mothers before me managed.	
10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Djunaidei)		
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.		
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice		
4.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon Anniv.		
NBC This Week: <i>Wed Bt Timah</i> . No NBC at Henderson on Fri, Sep 8.			
Thank God for the Session member who saw this need of the members. Thank God for little ones He put in our care. (\$300). (4) "For Hilltop Project". Thank God for His grace and mercy, and answered prayers. (\$500). Sunday School Attendance: 297; Offering \$205.70			
<p><i>Irene, who was married yesterday to Alvin Tan of New Life Church and FEBC is seen here telling Gospel stories to children of Rev Djunaidei's School in Pontianak, W.Kalimantan. They went on a mission trip June 1993 which covered also Kuching, Sarawak.</i></p> 			
<p>Verse for the Week Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5</p> <p>AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256</p>			



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"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. 24	No. 298
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 118	Psalms 32
Hymn	No. 55	Singing the Psalm
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 54	No. 279
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Isa 7:10-14	Jn 2:23-25; 3:1-21
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Christ the Immanuel</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Are you born again?</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 269	No. 559
Lord's Supper		
Benediction		

ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

(If not you are not saved at all!)

It is not enough for you merely to say I "believe." Or to say, "So long as I have faith..." There were many in Jerusalem who "believed," but Jesus "did not commit Himself unto them... And needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man" (John 2:23-25). So in John Chapter 3, the following chapter, Jesus says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God... Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3,5).

Are you born again? If not you are not saved at all! How can you be born again? Let me show you from my own experience, when as a boy of 15, I heard Dr John Sung at a great Revival Meeting at the Telok Ayer Methodist Church, 1935. The story is told in a newest booklet titled, *BORN AGAIN at the Singapore Penicost*. We rushed this job to be in time to let campers read on Genting Highland! You who stay behind are equally

blessed, for this booklet is distributed free, as usual, being the Church's gift to you. Everyone is entitled to one copy. You get it this Lord's Day!

Let me repeat, it is not enough merely to say I "believe." You must prove your belief by being BORN AGAIN! Unless you are BORN AGAIN you cannot enter the Kingdom of God. If you have any doubt, read this, my newest booklet, through. It's too bad not to be BORN AGAIN and so debarred from entering Heaven when the time for leaving this world comes! "O Lord, help Thou my half-half belief." Amen. (If you have found the answer to being BORN AGAIN and would distribute to your loved ones, relatives and friends, you can get one at \$2 from our Book Centre behind the Church.) Let me end this exhortation with what a missionary friend told me when I was in India. There is a profession of letter writers in India who sit in the precincts of Government offices. These serve the illiterate in filling forms required by the Government and in every matter that requires the pen. To show they are able to do this some hang up their school certificates. One of them went beyond the

School Certificate. He attempted the BA degree. Though he failed, he was quite proud of the fact he "also ran." Are you a failed BA? Not qualified in BORN AGAIN?

163 TO SEEK THE LORD ON GENTING! AND....!

This number is a good number. More could have joined if it were not for the belated season of September. So, next year, it will be in June. As June is the highest season for vacationers, we can easily have 200.

Who are those that will be going in September next year? God willing, we look forward to the 5th Holy Land Pilgrimage that will take in Greece this time. The cities of Athens and Corinth especially where we can identify where the Apostle Paul preached! The market place in Corinth, the location of Mars Hill. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? (Read Ps 15). Ps 24 asks, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?" Ans: "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart..."

What is special about our Holy Land Tour is the spiritual emphasis. Souls of pilgrims have been born again as we seek the Lord together. Souls are furthermore cleansed from sin and drawn nearer to the Throne of God.

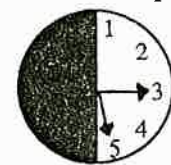
JESUS SAYS, "THE NIGHT COMETH, WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK"

Our Lord while on earth did not waste one single minute. He kept to the Father's Schedule. "My meat," He says, "is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work" (John 4:34). In John 9:4 He reiterates, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Has God a work for you to do now,

while you are strong and healthy? While He gives you long life and more days than the average 70, so you can go on to 80 (Ps 90)? You can do plenty good for Him now, so when you see Him face to face, you'll be rewarded with His "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We have several open doors God has appointed Life Church to enter --- Burma, Medan, Thailand, Africa, China in order of urgency. We are commissioned by the Great Commission into all nations. We still have the opportunity to hasten with the Gospel. The Night will come when no man can work. This happened to the Chinese Church under Mao and there is still restriction on Christians in China. Should the peaceful situation change in Southeast Asia, all missionary work may be stopped. "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations" (Lk 16:9).



Do not say, "I'm in my fifties, or sixties. I can live up to seventy, yea, eighty." The afternoon shadows are on us once we reach 50! For many, it is twilight, and then the dark night. So let us hasten on. Do something good for Jesus everyday. Do something good for Jesus wherever you go. Do something good for Jesus out of the way! One who practises these three is Eld Khoo Peng Kiat, now blessing many in Melbourne!

THE TROUBLE WITH A BIG CHURCH...

...Is that many who come on the Lord's Day from the outside will not come again because they find it so cold here! It is no use for the pastor to say, "We welcome you warmly to our Church in Jesus' Name" when members in the pews show no friendly response to newcomers sitting next to them.

Do you know that by your friendly smile, sharing a Bible or hymn book with a newcomer, you are doing a work of soul-saving at no

expense? You are helping to build up Life Church membership. Hence, some prefer to attend Sharon Church in the afternoon, because it is a small church where everybody knows everybody. They are warmly welcomed. They have found their Church!

Elders and Deacons especially have a duty to seek out visitors and befriend them. The Men's Fellowship is doing a wonderful job visiting from home to home. We must intensify this work of befriending every new comer so they may feel at home in an otherwise cool as cucumber, if not cold as ice, church.

As the Pastor cannot greet everyone in Church, he has made this little sheet of paper his *Pastoral Chat* to every individual. He hopes to share with you what is important for the whole Church family. If you have any opinion, do express it by dropping him a line. Hand it to him as he shakes your hand at the door. Alas, Life Church has 6 doors. So he can shake only 1/6 of the hands, even less, every Sunday! At any rate, you can contact him by phone 250-2138 at home or 256-9256 in office any time day or night. We are always at your service, happily and sincerely. Amen.

- Yours obediently, T.T.

MY TESTIMONY before BAPTISM TODAY

I was born in a Hong Kong non-Christian family, I did not know God and His salvation plan till I was in a Christian secondary school. Although I attended the compulsory weekly service, my heart was hardened and my soul was empty.

In 1975, during the evangelism of Rev Billy Graham at the Hong Kong Stadium, I had gone to hear the preaching and I was touched. My tears came down, and I put my hand up to indicate the acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I prayed for the forgiveness of my sins.

My classmates who were brothers and sisters in Christ encouraged me to go for Sunday

worship, fellowship and Bible study classes. For these, I was facing a lot of opposition from my mother. For my father passed away when I was very young. My family, in fact was in great financial difficulties. I agreed with my mother to help out in a part-time job at home after my studies and on Sundays. I terminated the Sunday services and fellowship meetings. Eventually, I returned to my original sinful life.

I had a hard time getting my Diploma at Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1983. I said to myself that I had to earn a good salary to improve my family condition. I joined a contracting firm and took up construction project assignments in China for five years. It can be said I was a workaholic. I was happy with my promotions and earning power. However, I was not happy with my life. It did not have a right bearing, for I realised I was not doing the will of God.

In 1990, I took up my new assignment in Singapore. During my work, I met a sister-in-Christ. We had a discussion on Christianity. She told me I had a lot of misunderstandings, and invited me to attend Sunday service at Life Bible-Presbyterian Church. Here I realized that, to be saved was not solely by our good works, but by the finished work of Christ who had died for us on the cross. My soul was gradually awakened by my understanding of God's salvation plan.

Upon the completion of my contract in Singapore, I quitted my job to continue my studies in Glasgow in 1992. While in Glasgow, I came to know a Rev McKenzie, the university's church minister. He helped me to study the Bible and there I came to know God better. I also attended the Sunday Services in Glasgow Chinese Christian Church. During this time, I prayed to God constantly to seek His help and guidance.

I thank God and praise Him for giving me a second chance in life to know Him. I am happy to be baptised in this Church before I go abroad again.

Ben Lau Shun Yin
Block 8 #15-12
River Valley Close (0923)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 13 - 19, '93)

MON 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Sharon BPC)
7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)
TUE 7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsals (RevTow)
8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED 8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 11.00 am	Sonny Law & Janet Tan Wedding, Rev Tow
2.00 pm	Sharon BPC Wedding
3.00 pm	WF Anniv., Beulah Hse
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF
5.00 pm	Tay Bee Heng & Chew Yee Fong Wedding, Rev Tow
SUN 8.00 am	Christ the Rock (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
9.30 am	Sunday School
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
10.30 am	Rev Djunaidi
10.30 am	Chinese Service
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
4.00 pm	Rev Djunaidi at Indo. Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan, Bt Batok.

Verse for the Week : And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Micah 4:2

Sunday School Attendance: 290; Offering \$233.70

Hear Rev Djunaidi this morning 10.30 am at the Chinese Service, interpretation into Cantonese.

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (Rev Eric Kwan) now worships at The American Church in London, 79A Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9HB (near British Museum) every Lord's Day 4.30 pm. Rev Kwan's address: 66 The Greenway, Colindale London NW9 5AP. Tel no: 081-2004873

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,739.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,214.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1881)*\$5739; 1882)*\$8214; 1883)\$50; 1884)\$60; 1885)\$1300; 1886)\$120; 1887)\$1000(AF); 1888)\$810 (Chinese Ser).
TOTAL:\$3,396,385.08
GRAND TOTAL: \$3,823,044.33
OFFERINGS FOR: *Burma FST* \$400, \$300, \$1000(AF); *The Seets* \$200, \$200; *Burma* \$100; *RPG* \$100; *Kenya Church Bld Fund* \$20, \$200; *P'ppines* \$100.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank you dearly for allowing us to enjoy your facilities here. It is such a pleasant environment to hear the children sing choruses to our Lord in the mornings. Your facilities and fellow servants have indeed ministered to our needs over this past week. And so, wishing you and your staff God's continued blessing, as you live your lives to the glory of God. Please accept this token gift (US\$100) to be used for the furtherance of the work of FEBC. Thank you once again. Joyfully in His grace.
- (2) I would like to dedicate my offering-thanksgiving to buying bibles for China. (\$471)
- (3) Father in heaven, Thank you for your faithful guidance and assurance during this time of waiting. Lord, I pray, you will continue to lead and strengthen me in Your grace. Thou art faithful Lord, my trust is in Thee alone. Here's \$50 - a humble offering towards Beulah House.
- (4) Thanksgiving for promotion and safe return from overseas assignment. (Thru Pastor's hand \$1000.)

There were 170 campers up Genting. Slides of the work of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions in Africa and of J.S. Heng also were shown. A collection for Africa to be divided between the two yielded S\$1472+M\$569.40. Plus another S\$300, the total is S\$1772+M\$569.40. Praise the Lord.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	No. 25	No. 34
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 19	Mt 5:1-16
Hymn	No. 6	No. 132
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 185	No. 399
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Isa 53	Phil 4:5-9
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Christ the Man of Sorrows	A Christian's Attitude in Life (Rev Peter Chua)
Closing Hymn	No. 189	No. 445
Lord's Supper		
Benediction		

"PIONEERING IN DYAK BORNEO"

- THEN AND NOW

Rev & Mrs Jason Linn of Hong Kong were pioneer Chinese missionaries to interior East Borneo, 1929-1945. The ports of entry were Samarinda and Balikpapan. After WWII Pastor Linn and his wife left their Dyak parish to return to the outside world.



After WWII, as Chinese School Teachers in Samarinda

As they had to earn their livelihood, being cut off from base support, they became Chinese school teachers. But, as tent-makers, they taught an Indonesian Bible class. After working in Samarinda for 1½ years the Lord led Jason to Djakarta and from Djakarta to Singapore (1956), whereby we became close friends. (Rev Linn is now in glory, but his wife is still living in Hong Kong.) I had his hot-selling book, *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo* translated into English (258 pgs). 6,000 copies were printed, but it is now sold to the last copy. An abridged second edition to 150 pages, which excludes narratives beyond his jungle experiences, is being contemplated.

In order to find out what are the fruits of Rev Linn's ministry, Life Church in August commissioned Rev Djunaidi of Pontianak, W.Kalimantan to make an exploratory trip to the East. The report just received from him tells of his meeting with those who are continuing in Jason's work. This visit touches only Samarinda and briefly Balikpapan. To enter the interior would take a day and a night by rivercraft. This must be scheduled for a subsequent date.

As the Indonesian Government has invited the B-P Church to evangelise all-Indonesia, Rev Djunaidi's effort on behalf of Life Church is a first step in the right direction. (Photo shows Rev & Mrs Jason Linn as school teachers in Samarinda 1945-47).
- T.T.



REPORT ON EXPLORATORY VISIT TO EAST KALIMANTAN by Rev Djunaidi

Thank the Lord, by His good guidance, I arrived in Samarinda just in time to take part in the graduation of the first batch students of Gereja Persekutuan Misi Injil Indonesia (Rev Chow Chian Ping). This was officiated by Rev Daudi Rahmat (Rev Chang) of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Bandung, Java. The presiding pastor gave a series of messages on the errors of charismatism. On the last day I was given the opportunity to speak on Spiritual Gifts. I emphasised on the importance of recognizing the different types of spiritual gifts as He bestows on His

children. We are not to ask blindly or prevail on God excessively. By the help of the Holy Spirit, pastors and preachers of the Javanese and tribal races were blessed.

Moreover I had good fellowship with the deacons and members of the Chinese congregation of the GPMII. I learnt from them that after WWII Rev Jason Linn worked among the Chinese of Samarinda until 1947 before he left for Djakarta. This work that Rev Jason Linn established was taken over by Rev Chen Yeng Sin until the latter was called to glory. (Rev Chen is the father-in-law of Rev Chow Chian Ping. Mrs Chen who is over 70 is still active, and has entertained me in her home with all she has.)

After the conference, I made a special trip to the countryside to visit the village churches. This entailed going on foot. Though I was very tired, the Lord gave me strength and a good spirit. When I saw how the believers paid attention to my preaching, hungering after the Lord, I felt doubly compensated and with joy I remembered the words, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom 10:15).

Because of time constraint and other circumstances I could not sail up the Mahakam River to visit Jason Linn's Dyak work begun in 1929. However, I came into contact with one Wenston Ncau, a Dyak preacher and a Javanese preacher Sudarwi Yono. According to them it would take a day and a night by river boat, sailing upstream, to reach Jason's territory. I hope I could make this trip the next time.

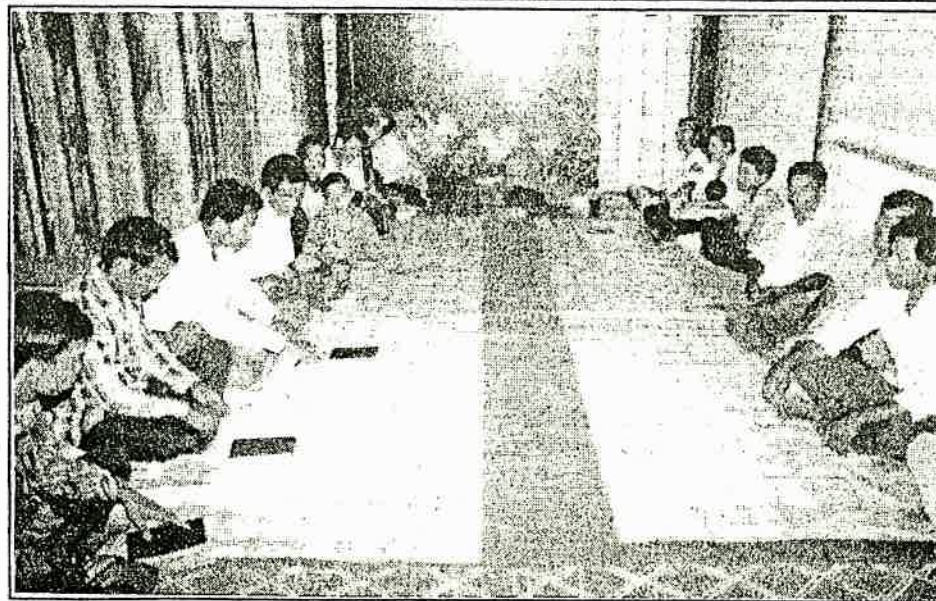
As to the GMSII church at Balikpapan I made contact on my return journey, spending a night there. There is a young lady preacher Miss Wu in charge and with her an intern from

Java, Miss Hsu. This shows that East Kalimantan is also in great need of labourers. Praise the Lord, a Rev Stephen Chang has decided to co-labour with our church at Siantan, Pontianak. Please pray for us.

I have decided to come to Singapore via Kuching (to visit Sharon Rose BPC) after the first week of September.



Top I. With members of the GPMII at Balikpapan.
II. Estuary of the Mahakam River that leads to Jason's Dyak parish.



Bottom: Conducting a family service at Separi, a village of Samarinda.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 20 - 26, '93)

MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
	8.30 pm	Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	7.00 pm	Filmshow <i>Flame in the Wind</i> FEBC Hall
THU	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT	2.30 pm	Baptist Fship Church Wedding
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
	7.30 pm	Filmshow <i>Jesus</i> , Sanctuary
SUN	8.00 am	Christ the Scapegoat (Rev Bob Phee)
	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.
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service

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

Verse for the Week : Pray for the peace of
Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity
within thy palaces. For my brethren and
companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be
within thee. Psalm 122:6-8

Sunday School Attendance: 307; Offering \$309.40

Life Church 43rd Anniversary
Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct
16, '93 at 6.30 pm & 7.30 pm
respectively.

Tickets for the Dinner can be purchased
at the entrance counter from today and
from Dn Yiew Pong Sen 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.

AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,984.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,925.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1889)*\$5984; 1890)
*\$10925; 1891)\$103; 1892)\$300; 1893)\$100;
1894)\$300(Men's Fship). **TOTAL:** \$3,840,756.33
GRAND TOTAL: \$4,267,415.58
OFFERINGS FOR: *Burma FST* \$150, \$950;
Kenya Ch Bld Fund \$50, \$126, \$16; *Transworld*
Radio Broadcasting (Radio to Myanmar) \$350;
Hilltop \$10, \$100, \$950, \$1000 (Life Bk Centre);
Aircon for Kindergarten Rm next to Mother's
Room \$380; *The Seets* \$50; *FEBC* \$100, \$160;
Rev Colin Wong \$100; *Heng Jee Seng* \$50,
\$25; *Indpt Bd for Presby Frn Msn* \$25,
\$150+\$915 (Life Ch Genting Campers); *China*
Mission \$700; *Dn Jack Sin* \$220; *Jesus Saves*
Mission, *P'ppines* \$1000; *Heng Jee Seng Africa*
Mission \$915+\$150 (Life Ch Genting Campers);
P'ppines Mission \$50(YAF); *Thailand Mission*
\$50; *Medan Bible Institute* \$71.70(YAF);
Burma Mission \$1500; *Ivory Coast Ticket* \$150.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) A mother's appeal: Please air-con the kindergarten room next to Mother's Rm. The need is more exigent therel: (\$380)
 - (2) Thank God for His wonderful blessing. Please use this for Hilltop project (\$927).
 - (3) In thanksgiving for God's mercy & love (\$200 for FEBC).
 - (4) A debtor always ... to His infinite grace and mercy and ever-faithfulness. Praise be His name! (\$1500)
 - (5) I enclose a cheque for \$50 (for Hilltop Project) as a small token of appreciation to God for His manifold blessings and protective care.
- Last week, I had a near accident. While crossing the road, I did not see a motorcycle which was travelling at great speed from my right, as it was dark and I was looking out for traffic from my left. I heard a honking sound but continued walking. The motorcycle whizzed past me missing me by inches.
- I thank God and know that He is constantly watching over me.



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"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. 312	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 62	Psalm 34
Hymn	No. 325	<i>Singing of the Psalm</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 182	<i>Pilgrims' Home</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 32:1-18	Heb 11:8-19
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Christ the Rock</i> (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	<i>He that is greatly</i> <i>blessed</i> (Rev Djunaidi)
Closing Hymn	No. 184	
Benediction		

LIFE CHURCH FAMILY CAMP (6-10 SEP 1993)

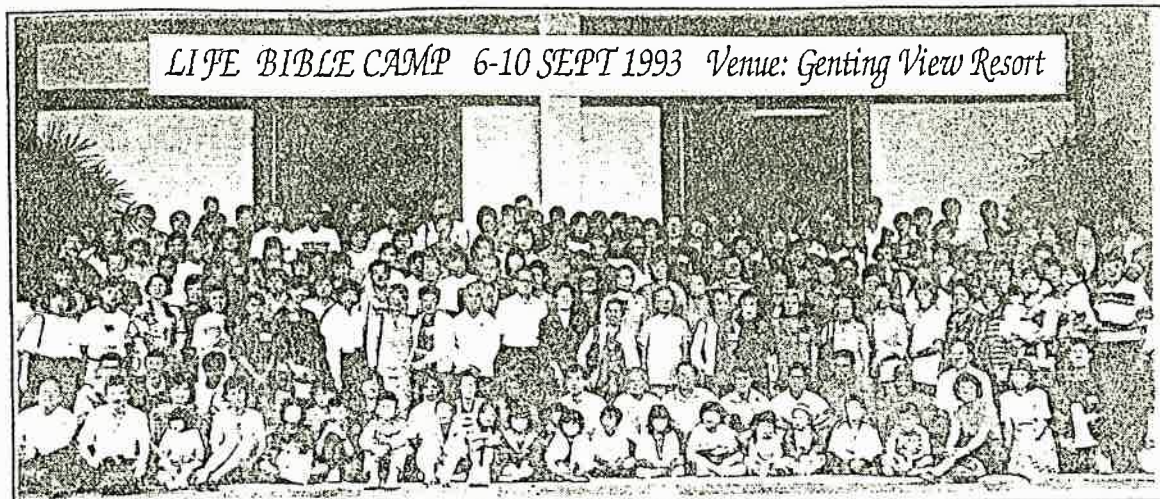
About 170 campers, both young and old, ascended the hills of Genting Highlands for the annual Family Camp at Genting View Resort. Eagerly and with much expectation of spiritual blessings, the campers arrived safely at the Resort after a long 10-hour drive. Thank God for journey mercies!

After a refreshing dinner, the camp began with the first of a series of messages by the Camp Speaker, Mr Quek Suan Yew who dwelled on the life of *David - A Man after God's own heart*. The theme messages covered the life of David, from the day when the Lord through the prophet Samuel anointed him as King, his subsequent promotion, his running years as a fugitive from the murderous attempts of King Saul, his reigning years as King of Israel, and very poignantly, his public sin of adultery and murder, and the consequences of his sins. The campers were especially impressed on how David constantly inquired of the Lord, thus reminding us of the need of putting our trust and confidence in the Lord. David's sin with Bethsheba, with its tragic consequences

was a solemn warning to all of us how we must be careful not to fall into sin and temptation.

In the evenings, Pastor expounded on the theme of *Recipes for Living a Happy Life*, covering the importance of making 100% sure of our salvation, the secret to a blissful married life and the importance of choosing the right career. With simple and often amusing anecdotes, and lively examples, Pastor shared from God's Word and his own life of how we ought to live for the Lord and glorify Him. These recipes are simple truths, yet very vital and often neglected in our lives. In the end, many were challenged to examine their own lives and convicted of the need to seek God first in all things (Mt 6:33).

The campers were also blessed by the morning devotions covering practical topics such as Christian service, missions and handling trials by 3 FEBC students. Indeed it was a time of much learning from the Word of God. The members of the Chinese congregation were also fed God's Word by Miss



Ng Sang Chiew, while Mrs Ivy Tow and the FEBC students took care of the children. It was a joy to see the children providing song items and puppet shows following the evening messages, to the glory of God and the edification of the campers. Two slide presentations also gave the campers a glimpse of the mission work in Africa.

Another highlight of the camp was pastor's booklet, *Born Again in the Singapore Pentecost* which provided a vivid account of the revival of 1935 and how it changed his life. This, together with his personal testimony and the singing of the *John Sung Choruses*, transported the campers to the days of John Sung's revival meetings of 1935. Appropriately, the camp ended with a call of consecration to the Lord and testimonies of God's mercies and goodness.

Much can also be said of the brotherly love that was manifested throughout the camp. It was truly heartening to see the younger members taking care of the elderly members of the Chinese congregation. Warm fellowship also permeated among the campers and it was an excellent opportunity

to make friends and encourage one another in the Lord. If only we would make similar attempts in Church to try to reach out to others, especially to visitors and those who are weak in faith.

All in all, it was a thoroughly profitable and enjoyable camp. Many spiritual lessons have been learned and relearned. Our prayer is that the Lord will grant us His grace and strength to live a victorious life, guided by His Word and prompted by a holy desire to live for Him. To God be the glory!

- Dn & Mrs Ng Beng Kiong

FLAME IN THE WIND.

An educational film no Christian can miss! This film will show what a true Christian had to undergo in the Spanish Inquisition, like "a flame in the wind." This darkest period of Church History must be revealed to Christians today that we may treasure our Protestant heritage. Bring your whole family to Life Church, Wed. 22 Sep, 7.00 pm.



"INTO ALL THE WORLD"

"Into all the world" is Singapore's latest watchword in the business world. Mr Phee Kim Tee, Rev Bob Phee's father, is a veteran import and export merchant. At the Genting Resort Camp he related how he ventured recently to Ethiopia and how God helped him to clinch a good deal. We were delighted to hear of his good success.

At the Family Camp up Genting, we also showed slides of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions in Africa as well as Philip J S Heng's three-month evangelism with Kendagor in the mountains of Kenya. "Into all the World," in fact is our Lord's command to be carried out, and accelerated, in these last days. It was the Western world's burden that sent missionaries to the East, indeed, to the uttermost part of the earth. Today, it is every church's responsibility, West or East, South or North. It has become a reality with B-Ps in Singapore. For example, Calvary has branched out to Australia, to Philippines, to Saipan and to London. Life has assisted not a little the Hilltop Project in Manila. We have fanned out to Malaysia, Indonesia and taken on Burma. We have an interest in the Holy Land, and in Kenya. But the watchword, "Into all the World" is leading Sembawang BPC and Life to enter the French-speaking Ivory Coast, West Africa.

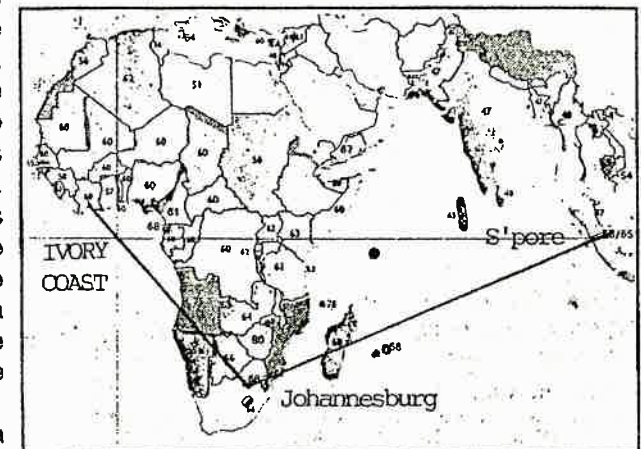
It all began with a Liberian we had met at the ICCO 13th Congress in Cape Canaveral, USA June 1988. He was completing his first year at Shelton College. By the mysterious leading of the Lord of Missions, he found his way to Singapore with wife and two children. They settled down to study at FEBC. Joshua Wonsia, that is his name, graduated with a BTh in 1992. His wife received a Certificate of Religious Knowledge. Leaving Singapore after the graduation service in September 1992, the family landed in Ivory Coast, not Liberia his home country, because it was at the height of civil war. This is another example of God's Higher Hand.

Without wasting time, Joshua Wonsia

launched out with a "Grace Bible-Presbyterian Mission" on Oct 3, 1992. God blesses the Gospel work so that there is a regular Service and Sunday School and a primary school. This work comes under Sembawang BPC's support (Rev Bob Phee). Meanwhile, Life Church sent through Sembawang \$2,000 to help out, which is greatly appreciated. Now comes a fax from Wonsia to the FEBC principal to solve an important theological problem, ie, there is a goodly number of converts requesting baptism at the 1st Anniversary, Oct 3, '93. But no one in Ivory Coast is qualified to baptise except an American (as is supposed by the name) missionary. But he is Baptist and immersion is the mode.

Realising God has sent the BPs into West Africa (Liberia now at peace is considered a second field) Life Church Session sees the need to consolidate this work. As it is the Lord's teaching that baptism is not to be delayed, but consummated, after a soul is saved, we are sending Rev Bob Phee to Ivory Coast on time to baptise at their 1st Anniversary. By a very economical route via South Africa, the ticket, including stopover hotel, is \$3,000. Who would expedite the gospel to West Africa by paying for this cheap ticket? The old way would be via Paris, and the cost would be \$3,800.

You too can have a share in God's work "into all the world." Mark your gift "Ivory Coast Ticket."



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 26 - Oct 3, '93)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fship
SAT 2.30 pm LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
SUN 8.00 am The Vision to St John and to us (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
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 Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
3.00 pm Thai Service
4.00 pm Indonesian Service

NBC This Week: Fri Bishan.

Verse for the Week : For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good. Ps 122:8,9

Sunday School Attendance: 290; Offering \$400.11

Life Church 43rd Anniversary
Thanksgiving Service & Dinner,
Oct 16, '93 at 6.30 pm.
Tickets on sale today!

Rev Bob Phee leaves Sept 30 by S. Africa Airlines for Ivory Coast to baptise and attend 1st Anniversary of Grace BP Mission, Oct 3 (Joshua Wonsia).

Rev Thawm Luai arrives TG401 Sept 30 Thur. 2225 to report on Burma.

Geoffrey Lidodo & family, FEBC student, leaves for Nairobi, Oct 6.

Pray for Hope BPC Adelaide that the Lord's will be done in regard to the Stone Mansion.

WANTED. Full-time staff needed in Christian Life Media Ministries. Please contact Mr Roger Kok at 6085013(Pgr) or 2506955(Off.)

AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138
Office 256-9256

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,957.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,894.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1895)*\$4957; 1896)*\$9894; 1897)\$200; 1898)\$300; 1899)\$300; 1900)\$400; 1901)\$100; 1902)\$30; 1903)\$200(Coinafon); 1904)\$200; 1905)\$101(AS100).
TOTAL:\$3,857,438.33
GRAND TOTAL: \$4,284,097.58
OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FST \$100; Iv Coast Ticket \$322, \$50, \$150, \$80, \$1000(AF), \$200; Bibles for China \$50; Adelaide \$10; Missionaries \$50; Dn Yiew Pong Sen \$80; Rev G Kutty \$200, \$150; Missions \$1349(WF Anniv.); Setsuko Takashima \$200; CLMM \$20; FEBC \$500, \$100(Box); WF \$100; Lidodo Ticket \$1400 (AF); Surish Envelope in Box.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1). My monthly tithe & offering (\$100). To be designated for Beulah House debt.
 - (2) A thanksgiving offering which I would like to give to the most needy cause in the church.
 - (3) Thank God for blessing us abundantly above all that we prayed for. Designate to where the need is. (\$200)
 - (4) In thanksgiving for blessings received at the Genting Camp and safe return. (\$200 for Ivory Coast Ticket)
 - (5) I just want to thank you all for the Willmington Guide given to us students. To God be the glory. Thanks again. - Carol Teh
 - (6) Thank you, Father, for your abundant blessings in all ways. Here's \$50 for the extension of your Kingdom. Amen.
 - (7) In thanksgiving for the bountiful blessings received by sitting "at your feet" through the evening lectures.
 - (8) Thank God that I was able to attend the Church Camp, for the fellowship with other brethren and for the spiritual food (\$100 for FEBC).
 - (9) Thru Pastor's hand after Tues. night prayer mtg cheque for \$2,400.
- Next year's camp will be at Port Dickson, when the SW Monsoon blows!



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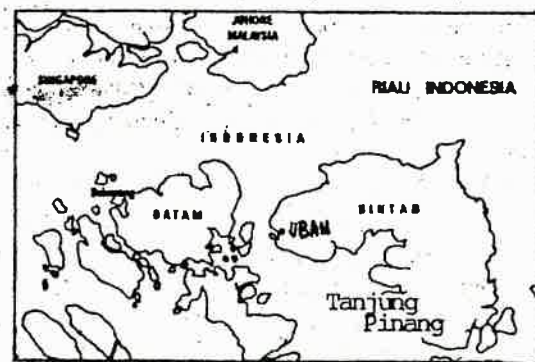
26 September 1993

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 86	B.A. Booklet 44
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 113	Singspiration: 45, 34, 47, 46, 40, 11
Hymn	No. 209	
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 183	Melodies 42
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Lev 16:1-10	Lk 11:1-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Christ the Scapegoat (Rev Bob Phee)	Pray, Pray, Pray
Closing Hymn	No. 117	17
Benediction		

GOOD SAMARITAN INN

On the way down from Jerusalem to Jericho there is a half-way house which is called the Good Samaritan Inn.



Whether this is the original or a type of that mentioned by our Lord in Luke 10:25-37 is of little importance. That this Inn is related to the Parable of the Good Samaritan, that it reminds us of the role it played in the saving of a dying man, is important.

Ever since we came from Prinsep Street in September 1962 to Gilstead Road to this day, Life Church-FEBC has taken on the ministry of hospitality. With the

extension across Gilstead Road since May 1990, so that our capacity to entertain strangers is greatly increased, Beulah has become a half-way house also for a stream of visitors from Indonesia, particularly the Islands of Batam and Bintan, from North Sumatra and West Kalimantan. These are mostly our church members or friends of church members. Frequently the sick, whose stay might take weeks and months. And these involve also their loved ones, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives. These minister to their personal needs. These are received with tender care, at no charge. One and all, they are welcomed in Jesus' Name.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the sequel to the recuperative rest of the dying man now resuscitated is not mentioned. However, if it is appropriate to see Jesus in the role of the Good Samaritan, it is equally appropriate to conclude the restored patient had found also his soul's healing while being ministered to in the Inn. This new light shed on the parable comes from

accumulative experiences.

The ministry of hospitality we extend to countless souls, though it entails a constant menial service, has yielded rich dividends (God bless the hands and feet that serve). The recent case of Hendro recovering from a serious motor accident in which he lost a leg, "but I regain my soul" is well known. It brought not only Hendro, but also his father, to Christ, so that both son and father were baptised together.

Now we have a more heartening report to share with you who have given to the purchase of Beulah House. It is the saving of Mr Su and his whole family. The Sus hail from Tanjung Uban. Their children go to our Sunday School there. Eight months ago Mr Su, in his fifties, suddenly took ill. He was diagnosed for cancer. With his loving wife by his side he came to Singapore for treatment. He stayed somewhere in Spore for months at a stretch, but in noisy and unhealthy surroundings to say the least.

When it was offered to him a spacious room in Beulah House, the couple took to it like duck to pond. They stayed here for over a couple of months. By attending our Chinese Service, Mrs Su soon believed on the Lord. Mr Su's illness, however, wore on. It went from bad to worse. Leaders of the Chinese Service visited him. When the pastor saw him before they left three weeks ago, Mr Su humbly received the Lord with tears. I proposed that he be baptised at the 43rd Anniversary Service, with his wife and children. He agreed.

Thursday night, Sept 16, the phone rang. Mrs Chia, our lady evangelist at Uban, called, "Pastor, can you come over to Uban Sunday Sept 16, 7.30 pm to baptise Mr Su and his whole family? Mr Su cannot make it to Singapore because he is deteriorating." Immediately I said yes. Then I phoned Elder Sng who is a frequent visitor to Uban.

So, we will arrive at Sekupang, Batam Island this afternoon, with a party of 20 from both the Chinese and English Services. From there, we cross the Island by taxi to Kabil. By

speedboat we shoot to Tanjung Uban on opposite Bintan Island in a matter of minutes. Pray for us and for our safety.

There was an unmentioned sequel to the Good Samaritan Inn which the Lord is enacting through the Beulah House Ministry today. Let Beulah House be the real Good Samaritan Inn. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:9).

EVERY PHASE OF GOD'S WORK MUST BE ACCELERATED!

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph 5:14-17).

From this Scripture we see how oftentimes we do our work routinely, without much thought, as in deep sleep. When we conscientiously reconsider our schedule, the Lord will give us light of understanding. Oh! let us take time by the forelock! The Lord's will is that we make use of time profitably, not letting it slip. And it is said, time is money.

Though we had planned a 5th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for Sept 1994, we are reconsidering if that should not be advanced to March, as in the past year. The reason is we've received from both the Baraka missionaries in Bethlehem and Guiding Star our agent in Jerusalem an invitation to Israel in the nearest future. When a thing happens twice, it seems to be God's confirmation (Gen 41:22). That being the case, those who have registered for Sept '94 are given this advance to Mar 9-23, '94. We'd rather go Mar. than Sept. because the days are evil. We cannot guarantee the present peace, signed between Israel and the Palestinians, will last.

So, the gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. How can we do this worldwide if we do not accelerate? We must accelerate because His Coming is nearer than we think. Are we watchful, ready to meet him at a moment's notice? - T.T.

THIRD LETTER FROM ISRAEL

Thank you one and all for your prayers and financial support for a work trip to Israel. The Baraka B-P Church in Bethlehem is a growing church. It is an Arab church. There are many Arab Christians. They are blessed with many children, young people, young married people and older people. Pastor George Habib (Awad) is the Arab pastor. He teaches a young peoples class and preaches also. They have elders and deacons. There are nearly 100 there each Sunday.

Miss Joan Davenport is a very capable missionary under the IBPFM. She has a good Christian work with the Arab women and teaches a SS class as well as helping with the Bible Conference Center. Mr and

Mrs Gary Johnson are now in Israel to take Miss Joan Davenport's place who is on furlough. Yours truly was asked to speak at the Church on Sunday morning and also at the young people's camp and I challenged them with the Word of God. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and your support. We did much work on the church fence and the Bible Conference fence and also on the upper wall. Many thanks to you all for your help.

The Lord gave us a safe and prosperous trip and there were many who were encouraged and some received Christ. To God be the glory. Ps 118:9; Mk 10:29-31.

Floyd B Grinstead,
Building Missionary from USA.

PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1993

8.00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Theme: A Message from God to His Churches on Earth

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
OCT 3	The Vision to St John and to us	Rev 1:1-12	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
10	Which are the Five New Churches and How?*	Rev 1:4-12	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
17	LIFE BPC COMBINED ANNIVERSARY & BAPTISMAL SERVICE (9.30 AM)			
24	The Message to Ephesus and to you	Rev 2:1-7	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Ong Eng Lam
31	The Message to Smyrna and to you	Rev 2:8-11	Mr Quek Suan Yew	Dn Jack Sin
NOV 7	The Message to Pergamus and to you	Rev 2:12-17	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
14	The Message to Thyatira and to you*	Rev 2:18-29	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
21	The Message to Sardis and to you	Rev 3:1-6	Rev Tan Eng Boo	Dn Geoffrey Tan
28	The Message to Philadelphia and to you	Rev 3:7-13	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Wee Chin Kam
DEC 5	The Message to Laodicea and to you	Rev 3:14-22	Mr Quek Suan Yew	Dn Han Soon Juan
12	Paul's Warning to us who live in peace*	I Thes 5:1-23	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
19	The First Coming of the King	Isa 9:6	Eld. Lim Teck Chye	Dn Tan Nee Keng
26	The Second Coming of the King	Isa 9:7	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Yiew Pong Sen

*Lord's Supper

Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season... II Tim 4:2

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 26 - Oct 3, '93)

MON 7.30 pm Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg (Slides on Burma)
THU 7.30 pm Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band Fship
SAT 2.30 pm LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
SUN 8.00 am Which are the Five New Churches & How? (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
9.30 am Sunday School
9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
10.30 am Rev Thawm Luai
10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
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 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 Bt Batok

Sunday School Attendance: 294;
Offering: \$278.86

Life Church 43rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 16, '93 at 6.30 pm. Tickets on sale today!

Verse for the Week : And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. John 10:16

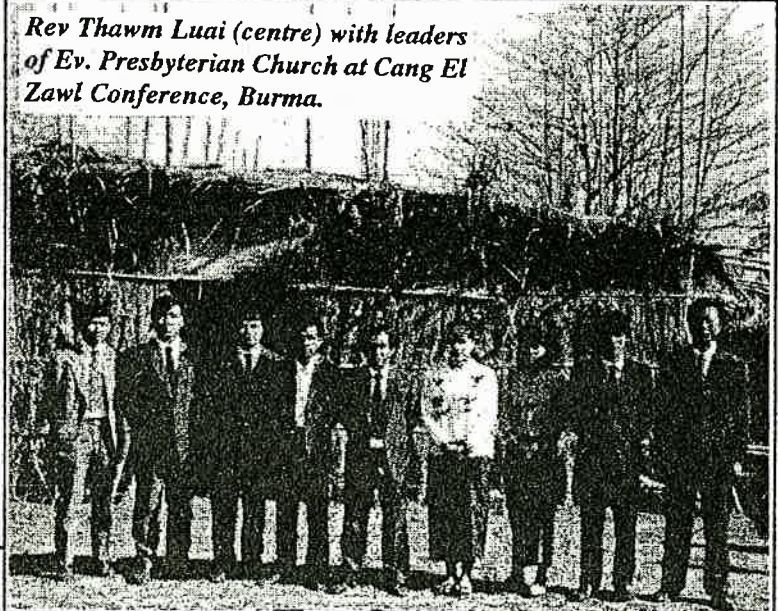
AT YOUR SERVICE:
Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,951.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,710.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1906)*\$4951; 1907) \$500; 1908) *\$7710; 1909) \$611.
TOTAL: \$3,857,438.33. LOANS: 57)\$972 (MF). TOTAL LOANS: \$427,631.25
GRAND TOTAL: \$4,298,841.58.
OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FST \$300, \$60, \$200, \$250(Box), \$350; Iv Coast Ticket \$200; The Seets \$60, \$250, \$135; Heng Jee Seng \$50; Hope BPC \$50, \$100; Burma Mission \$100; RTD \$20; Kenya Ch Bld Fund \$10; FEBC \$480(WF), \$100.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Enclosed is my tithes and offerings of \$200 for Burma. Indeed thank God for His bountiful mercy & grace & love that He has showered upon me, the unworthy & undeserving sinner. Thank God for the gift of spiritual life & for his preserving me thus far in my Christian life. To God be the glory. Love, A Lifer.
(2) Thank God for preserving me & giving me a job. Though the job is stressful, I enjoy it cos its challenging. My humble offering (\$30).



Rev Thawm Luai (centre) with leaders of Ev. Presbyterian Church at Cang El Zawl Conference, Burma.



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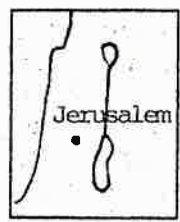
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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"		
	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Han Soon Juan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	Battle Hymn...	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Lk 21:25-36	Psalms 20
Hymn	No. 116	No. 126
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 307	No. 221
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 1:1-12	Lk 11:14-23
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Vision to St John and to us (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	What is an Unpardonable Sin?
Closing Hymn	No. 544	No. 312
Benediction		Lord's Supper

My dear Lifers,

5TH PILGRIMAGE TO MAR 9-23, 94

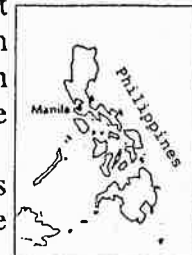
Being persuaded by the four letters we've received from the Holy Land, it is confirmed our 5th Pilgrimage will be advanced to Mar 9-23, '94. Those of you who have booked for September and can accommodate to this new schedule are requested to liaise with Mrs Ivy Tow. If there is an adequate number who will go in September, we will consider.



HILLTOP, MANILA, NOV. 22-29

We have a speaking engagement with the Eberts up the Hilltop, at which I shall lecture on the present situation in Israel. "Prophescope on Israel" will be the textbook.

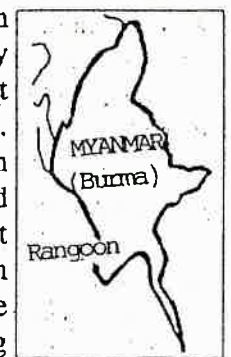
In view of the fact that Hilltop has invited 8 more Lifers to this Conference



(making it 10) we will appreciate your registration as soon as possible. Group tickets for ten will save us over \$100 each. Will the MsF give us the names of those going. To get the group booking, we need to do it now!

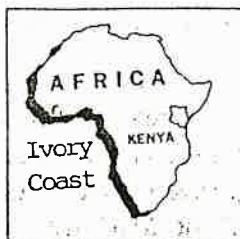
REV THAWM LUAI

Rev Robert Thawm Luai has come in time to report on the Lord's work in Burma with magic lantern -- colour slides of the Fundamental School of Theology, etc, etc. This is a golden opportunity to get acquainted. Sharon Church and Gospel Light Mission which are collecting for his new building will not want to miss him in person! As for Life Church we have voted to give our 43rd Anniversary Thanksgiving to the building of their school complex. We shall save thousands if we help them launch their project now, for Burma, like China and Vietnam is opening up to the



outside-world. Prices have begun to rocket!

UP IN THE KENYAN MOUNTAINS A NEW LIGHTHOUSE



Philip Heng Jee Seng, who is taking refresher courses since his return from Africa is preparing to go next year; this time for six months, in order to help Kendagor build a Church. This will be a new lighthouse in a dark frontier.

That sums, small and big, have come in spontaneously indicate the Lord's approval in the outreach.

African FEBC students who have made good are Stephen Masila, Richard Kivai, Michael Koech, Joseph Kendagor and Joshua Wonsia. And now Geoffrey Lidodo has earned his B.Th. and will return to Kenya with his family Oct 6. We pray that God will preserve them in the Gospel ministry.

Meanwhile Rev Bob Phee has flown to Ivory Coast to baptise 10 new converts won by Wonsia. Pray that he will be used of God to confirm their faith and consolidate the Church. "The King's Business required haste" (I Sam 21:8). - *Obediently, T.T.*

THE TEMPLE HEAD OF UBAN BOWS THE KNEE BEFORE JESUS

We thank God for His grace and mercy in bringing eleven Lifers led by Pastor Tow to Tanjong Uban to witness the baptism of the Su Family in the Church ministered by Preacher and Mrs Chia. The Lifers were Elder and Mrs Seow, Elder and Mrs Sng, Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Sis. Ada, Br Benjamin Sng, Bro Chow Liang and Dn Henry Tan. We thank God also for sending Preacher Joseph and his wife from Tanjong Pinang to Uban. The church is indeed small, as some of the more than sixty congregation had to witness the baptism from

outside the Sanctuary.

Mr Su and his wife and five children (one son and four daughters), received baptism from Pastor Tow, assisted by Elder Seow on the evening of Sabbath Day, 26th September 1993.

Mr Su was drawn closer to the Lord when he was ministered to by Lifers from the Chinese Section while he was in Singapore under treatment for cancer. Life Church's ministry of hospitality enabled Mr Su to stay in Beulah House for two months. Lifers rejoiced when they heard from Preacher Chia that Mr Su and his family would like to receive baptism.

With his severe sickness, Mr Su has great difficulty in bodily movement. The decision was to baptise Mrs Su and her children at the Church and Mr Su in his home. God was indeed gracious to Mr Su when unexpectedly Preacher Joseph came in his van, so we could fetch Mr Su to have his baptism in Church.

We witnessed Mr Su's strong faith that despite the pain and difficulty in bodily movement, he knelt down with members of his family to receive baptism. Pastor Tow was prepared to baptise Mr Su in his seat. No, he fell to his knees to seek God's mercies.

Mrs Su had earlier shown concern that her husband might not be able to sit through the sermon, but Mr Su's faith and God's grace saw him through.

Mr Su was head of a temple. He resisted the appeal from his temple members not to resign to be a Christian. For some of us, including writer, who were once in darkness, indulging in idol worship, we could understand the feelings of Mr Su when he accepted Jesus as his Saviour in baptism - the lifting of a great burden and the resultant relief and great joy.

We thank God for prospering the Uban Church with a second bunch of fruit in the baptism of the Su family. They are the second family to be saved.

Pray that God will continue to show His mercy and grace towards Mr Su and his family and use them mightily to be a witness for many in Tanjong Uban to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Amen. - *Dn Henry Tan*

4TH LETTER FROM THE HOLY LAND

Dear Dr Timothy Tow and Life B-P Church congregation,

Baraka BP Church congregation in Bethlehem greets you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour, praying to God our Father to keep you for his glory.

Dear friends: Just to share with you Baraka Church news for this summer 1993. This summer we had two camps, the Junior camp from 21-25 of June. There were 42 campers, aged 10-14 years old.

The senior camp was from 26-30 of July. There were 34 campers, aged 15-26. We had very good time, studying the Word of God. The subject this year was "The Tabernacle." The lessons were very interesting. We enjoyed singing together, specially the new three songs the campers made. This year we bought 140 yellow T-shirts. Written on them were the words, "Summer Camp of Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem." The campers were very happy to

have these shirts. We used the money which was sent to us by the children's choir of Singapore during your last visit. The campers enjoyed the trip to the swimming pool in Beit Jalla. The church ladies had their camp too for 3 days. We are very thankful to God our Father for his care toward the church activities and we appreciate your love and support for God's work here.

Concerning the church land in Beit Sahour (Shepherd's Field), there is a case in the court at Ramalla. God is able to keep this land for His glory. The church by his grace is doing well. Your prayer is great support to us.

Dear Dr & Mrs Tow, here are some of the pictures taken for both camps, and here are some of the boys and girls giving their testimonies.

Yours in His service, Pastor George H Awad,
BP Church Bethlehem, Box 26 via ISRAEL.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 11 - 17, '93)

MON 7.30 pm *Calvin's Institutes* (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm *Counselling Recipes* (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg
THU 7.30 pm *Fundamentals of the Christian Faith* (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI 7.30 pm E-Band F'ship
SAT 2.30 pm LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
6.30 pm 43rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner
SUN 9.30 am 43rd Anniversary Thanksgiving & Baptismal Service (Rev Tow)
10.30 am Chinese 28th Anniversary (Rev Djunaiddi)
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

NBC This Week: *Wed* Bt Timah,
Henderson; *Fri* Bishan.

Verse for the Week : Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Proverbs 3:27

Sunday School Attendance: 299; Offering: \$281.20

Life Church 43rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 16, 93 at 6.30pm
Today is the 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.

Pilgrims who have registered for Sept 94 and can advance to join us Mar 9-23, 94 are kindly requested to liaise with Mrs Ivy Tow. Limited seats! Hurry!

Register your child for infant baptism by Tue, 12 Oct, with the Church Office.

BAPTISM. Mdm Chan Chok Leng, 75, at SGH, witnessed by pastor and Mrs Agnes Ong, Fri Oct 8, 93. She added, "I want my son baptised also."

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,478.00 (8.00 am); *\$16,459.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1910)*\$5478; 1911) \$60; 1912) *\$16459; 1913) \$130; 1914)\$300; 1915)\$1300; 1916)\$50(YAF); 1917)\$800 (Chinese Ser.). TOTAL: \$3,895,787.33.

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,322,446.58.

OFFERINGS FOR: *Burma FST* \$200 (YAF), \$60, \$600(CLMM), \$250(Box), \$80, \$150; *Iv. Coast Ticket* \$100 (YAF); *Nirands* \$110; *Missions* \$120; *Burma* \$50, \$300; *Seets* \$200, \$150; *Hendro* \$40; *Lidodo* \$20, \$100; *Hilltop* \$100; *Burma Mission* \$3000; *P'ppines Mission* \$100 (YAF), \$150; *Thailand Mission* \$100(YAF); *P'ppines Hilltop* \$150; *Medan (Dohar)* \$50; *Kenya* \$50; *FEBC* \$100 (thru Pastor's hand).

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) To the chairman of the next worship service (10.30 am). Please remind the congregation that they should behave themselves in the right manner during worship service. I've witnessed in a period of one month: (a) someone munching away, although I could not see what was in his mouth; (b) a couple drinking from a can; (c) people idle-talk before service. All these happened inside the sanctuary. What will weak Christians and unbelievers think if they were to see them? Thanks.

(2) Thank God for carrying me through the week. Here's \$180 to be channelled to the area most in need.

(3) Enclosed is \$50. Please channel it to Kenya's mission. Thank you (thru Pastor's hand).

(4) Please give the "envelope" to Medan's Orphans (thru Pastor's hand).

(5) I would like to thank God for seeing me through my studies and for helping me to get a job 1 mth after my graduation. Please use the \$100 for spreading His Word.

(6) We thank members who have deposited your surplus clothings in the Garden Room. After processing by FEBC students they will be shipped to Burma for the needy. (Deep appreciation from Rev Thawm Luai.)



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 83	No. 216
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 23	Is 41:1-17
Hymn	No. 341	No. 328
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 221	No. 368
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 1:9-12,20	Jn 1:19-34
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Which Are the 5 New Churches and How?	Behold the Lamb of God (Rev Thawm Luai)
Closing Hymn	No. 390	No. 267
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

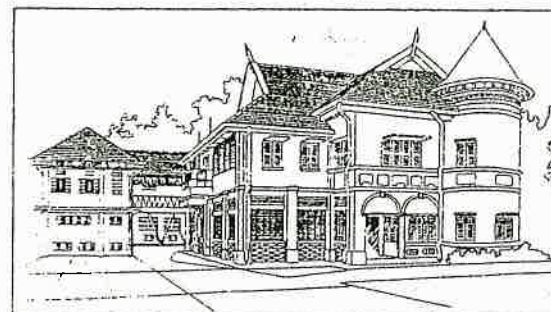
My dear Lifers,

43RD ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING DINNER

It is a universal custom to come together to dinner to celebrate a happy occasion. So we have wedding dinner, birthday dinner, graduation dinner, etc. The Chinese have funeral dinner, whether happy or sad.

Next Saturday, Oct 16, 6.30 pm, the bell will ring for our 43rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner. Have you bought your tickets? It is salutary to our souls to be arrested from our daily chores to come to God's House. To commemorate the 43rd year of the founding of Life Church

(Prinsep St) with a special Thanksgiving (following the American Thanksgiving



that falls on the 4th Thursday of Nov.). Ours is on the 3rd week of Oct.

Why Thanksgiving? David's 103rd Psalm says, lest we forget all His benefits. What are they? His salvation of our souls (sins forgiven), His saving of our bodies: recovery from sickness, from near-death (accident), His rejuvenating our lives by giving us a good appetite, His delivering us from any unjust cause - because He specially loves us. And His saving grace extends to our children if we live a life of obedience.

At the brief worship before gathering on Beulah Lawns for makan, four Session members representing four decades of grace will speak. I will not speak but at the Anniversary Worship the Lord's Day following. As Rev Thawm Luai has come opportunely to the Saturday Dinner, we will rather see a Video on Burma. This will be an eye-opener because Burma is a hermit country little visited by S'poreans.

OMINOUS PEACE

The Peace that Paul is talking about in I Thessalonians V is not the peace that follows some regional war in some period of history. It refers to

that crucial climax of global events immediately before the Second Coming of Christ.

Both I and II Thess. look forward to the Return of our Lord. Notice every chapter of I Thess., from Ch.I to Ch. IV ends with a reference to that Return.

Ch.I : 10 - "And to wait for his Son from heaven ...

Ch.II : 19 - "in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming

Ch.III : 13 - "at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints

Ch.IV : 16 - "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout..." etc.,etc.

Thus, the Peace of I Thess. V is an ominous peace. "Ominous" means "foreboding evil." It is a "phony" peace. It is a false peace. This peace is the lull before the storm. "Sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (I Thess 5:3). This peace refers to the 3½ years of peace in the first part of Daniel's 70th week. The land of Israel is the focal point of that Peace.

Peace is signed between Israel and the Palestinians. There is a euphoria of celebrations. We who are children of light should rather prepare for "sudden destruction."

An illustration of unexpected, sudden destruction is the earthquake that kills 30,000 in India, while they slept. So will great tumults of war overturn the Peace, the signals that usher in our Lord's coming.

Let us redeem the time in these evil days. Let us speed up, accelerate God's work committed to us. Can you present our Lord something you've done for Him, that He'll say to you "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"?

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the

face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

- T.T.

MY BRIEF TESTIMONY

by Rev Robert Thawm Luai

I was born in a Christian family on 19 Dec 1947 at Falam, Chin State, Myanmar. From my childhood I believed there is one God the creator of all, but I had not received Jesus as my personal Saviour.

After high school I entered college. I became a political leader of the students. In 1971 I was arrested by the Government and put into prison. While in custody, by God's arrangement an evangelist by the name of Matthew Joseph came to my room. He was also a political prisoner.

This evangelist witnessed to me and taught me the Word of God many days and nights. From then onward I began to be interested in the Bible. I finished reading the Bible in 38 days. After reading the Bible, I was convicted that I was a sinner, and that I could not save myself by any means. This was as a result of reading Romans, Galatians and Ephesians. I came to know that salvation is by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus (Eph 2:8). I surrendered my whole life to the Lord with many tears of repentance.

After receiving Jesus, I had great joy and peace in my life. I dedicated my life for full-time work in a vow I made to the Lord. The Lord spoke in my heart, calling me to serve Him in Myanmar, Romans 1:14-15.

In 1978 I went to study at the North-East India Baptist Bible College. This fundamental college is conducted by Baptist Mid-Missions, Rev James Garlow was founding Principal. I finished my B.Th. in 1982.

In February 1983 I was elected pastor of the Falam Evangelical Free Church as well as Dist. Supt. by the General Assembly of the Evangelical Free Church of Myanmar.

Unfortunately, not long after I took over the

pastorate, the Evangelical Free Church of Myanmar joined the Ecumenical movement (WCC) to my utter disappointment.

Since I am a fundamentalist and a Calvinist, this act of joining the Ecumenical movement is contrary to my faith and stand. I therefore decided to part with the Evangelical Free Church and founded on Oct 17, 1983 the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Myanmar with headquarters based in Falam, Chin State.

God has blessed my stand for the faith in that we have now 26 local churches with over 3000 members and 37 ministers and workers.

The Ev. Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (EPCM) is divided into 3 presbyteries which again is formed into one assembly. The Ev. Presbyterian Church of Myanmar was officially recognized by the Government and is registered under Home and Religious Ministry's No. 178 of 1985. I am the founder as well as gen. sec. of the Ev. Presbyterian Church of Myanmar up to the present.

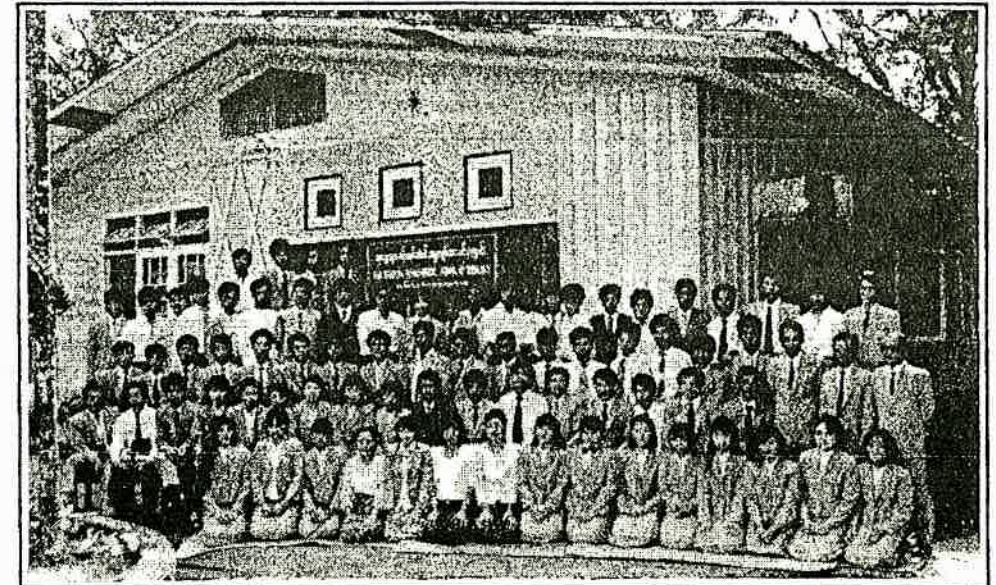
In 1985, Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow of Singapore invited me to attend a pastoral conference to be held in Singapore. However, the Lord opened the door for me in 1986.

Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow urged me to take up a special six-month refresher course at FEBC. I returned to my home country, Myanmar on Nov 22, 1986.

On the Lord's Day of Nov 23, 1986 I organized a new congregation at Insein in Yangon and thus the Immanuel Presbyterian Church was born. The 1986-87 General Assembly of the Ev. Presbyterian Church of Myanmar held at Khlungravn Ev. Presbyterian Church in Feb 1987 elected me to take care of this small church and so I have been and am still the pastor of this church. Before becoming pastor of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church I had been pastoring the Ev. Presbyterian Church in Falam, with a congregation of 500 members.

While in Singapore, I had the opportunity of sharing my vision with Rev Tow. That vision was to establish a fundamental Bible School in Myanmar. The Gen. Assembly of the Ev. Presbyterian Church voted to establish a Bible College in Yangon. Thus, the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology was established on May 21, 1987 of which I am the founding principal-president.

The latest student body, numbering 74, overflow the whole campus. This is Bethel House the main building costing \$8100,000, with 10,000 sq.ft.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 17 - 23, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	*\$5,554.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,177.00 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1918)*\$5554; 1919)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	*\$8177; 1920)\$142 (Coinafon); 1921)\$5,000	
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg	(Sunday School); 1922) \$100.	
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	TOTAL: \$3,914,760.33.	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	GRAND TOTAL: \$4,342,391.58.	
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF;	OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FST \$200(thru	
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF/AF	Deacon's hand); Transworld Radio (Gospel by	
7.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon AF	radio to Myanmar) \$220; Burma Adj. Land \$10;	
SUN 8.00 am	The Message to Ephesus and to you (Rev Bob Phee)	Kenya Bld Fund \$50; Batam \$490 (WF).	
10.30 am	Rev Bob Phee	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	(1) To any church missions fund. Thank God for	
10.30 am	Nurser/Pre-Jr worship/Jr Wor.	all Grace and Mercies. - His child.	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	(2) This is again a small gift for the cause to	
10.45 am	Rev Tow at Maranatha Anniv.	expand God's kingdom, spread the gospel	
12.15 pm	Korean Service	goodwill to all unsaved souls.	
3.00 pm	Thai Service	(3) Extension of God's Kingdom. JS Heng's	
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	project - Kenya Bldg Fund. Thank God for Life	
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	BP Church's involvement. (\$50)	
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr	(4) This is my humble tithes to the Lord for the	
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.		many blessings He had showered on us. (\$150)	
Sunday School Attendance: 308; Offering: \$256.01		(5) Thank God for helping me to pass my driving	
		test and piano exam. Indeed, the Lord is merciful	
		and He has showered His blessings upon me.	
		Enclosed is my offerings of \$100.	
<p align="center">HELL! By Bishop J.C. Ryle</p> <p>Let others hold their peace about Hell if they will -- I dare not do so. I see it plainly in the Scripture, and I must speak of it. I fear that thousands are on the broad road that leads to it, and I would arouse them to a sense of peril before them. What would you say of the man who saw his neighbor's house in danger of being burned down and never raised the cry of "Fire"?</p> <p>Beware of new and strang edoctrines about Hell and the eternity of punishment. Beware of manufacturing a God of your own -- a God who is all love, but not holy -- a god who has a Heaven for everybody, but a Hell for none -- a God who can allow good and bad to be side by side for time, but will make no distinction between good and bad in eternity. Such is not the God of the Bible, and besides the God of the Bible there is no God at all.</p> <p>Ah, reader, there is a Hell! Take heed lest you find it too late. You must take the Bible as it is. You must read it all and believe it all. Dare not to say, "I refuse that for I cannot reconcile it with my views." "Nay, but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?" Surely it were better to say over every chapter in the Word, "Speak, Lord: for thy servant heareth." If men were to do this, they would never throw overboard the doctrine of eternal punishment of the wicked. "All these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."</p> <p align="center">Verse for the Week:</p> <p align="center">And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb 9:27</p>			



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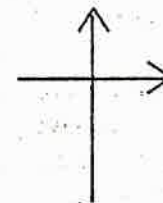
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"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and FORGET NOT all his benefits."

WHAT IS THE HORIZONTAL LINE OF PREPAREDNESS?

To answer this question, we must avoid the vertical line of looking into the sky, "Christ is coming on such and such a date." One misguided Korean pastor said, "Oct 28, 1993," but the Bible says, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mk 13:32).



The horizontal line of preparedness is to "occupy till I come" -- by trading (Lk 19:13-15). In order to gain wealth, a trader will labour day and night, like a smith striking while the iron is hot.

As Life Church enters the 44th year, we can say for sure the nearness of the Lord's Return is shortened by another year. What have we done to earn a "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" from the Lord? Or are we still hoarding our talent which makes it dead and unproductive? Bank it in and at least earn some interest for the Lord!

Evangelism, the winning of souls, is most profitable business, for one man or woman, boy or girl, won for the Lord is greater than the whole world. Let us be renewed in our zeal for the saving of souls. If you cannot preach, you can give a gospel tract to someone. You can bring a lost sheep back to Church. You can support soul-winning enterprises with your tithes.

While we do not know the day or hour of His coming, our God says we can judge what is forthcoming from signs in the sky, whether it will shine or rain (Matt 16:23). There's a Chinese saying, "Repair the (leaking) house before it rains." Monsoon clouds are now gathering on the prophetic horizon, but many are slumbering. We are rather on the horizontal line of unpreparedness! As your pastor I am resolved to put evangelism first in our trading for the Lord. Pray for me. (When a church is not converting as many as before, *N.B. Lifers!* that's the beginning of apostasy). Amen? - T.T.

TESTIMONY OF EDWIN SEET CHUEN PING

What is Christ to me? This question is the most important question every born again believer must have an answer to!

For 17 years of my life, stories of Jesus and His ministry on earth 2000 years ago were myths to me. Being educated in a Mission School, my head-knowledge was there but the heart-knowledge being grossly lacking failed to bring me to the saving grace of our Lord. The words did not convict the soul.



It was about one and a half years ago that things changed. I still remember the Christmas service when a friend of mine invited me to Life BP Church. The message that night was 1 John 2:15. Being extremely "of the world" at that time, the words of the pastor pierced my heart. "Perhaps there is more to this life than fulfilling the fleshly needs and desires," I thought. There began a new chapter in my life. The pagan atheist in me started to believe in the existence of a God and judgment after death.

Following this was a time of seeking and searching for spiritual understanding; I found true wisdom in the reading of RPG, little tracts, and most importantly the Holy Bible. Those words from within never touched my soul, but now they were the very food my soul was living on. As I continued to seek and to find, I realised that the Bible was too perfect and too infallibly coherent to be mere writings of man. Its author must have been of divine origin. Indeed, the holy scripture has made me wise unto salvation (2 Tim 3:15) but only by His infinite grace and mercy do I see. Once I was blind but now I see!

I am certain of my salvation for I know that God has chosen me even before the foundation of the earth. Phil 1:9 has thus been an encouragement to me knowing surely "once saved I'm always saved." But like Paul, we have always to battle against the flesh, and trials and tribulations do stumble me once in a while. Satan still tempts me, and I fall; but reading Rom 8:28, I know that this is to help in my spiritual growth.

I am seeking baptism not because it would make a difference to my salvation, for indeed baptismal regeneration is but a lie. I have within me a baptism far greater than any baptism by man; I have the baptism of the Holy Ghost! Baptism thus is only an outward sign of inward grace. I thank God for choosing me; I realise that I am a lost sinner saved only by faith in Him who has allowed me to see. For indeed there is none righteous, no, not one, and there is none that understandeth (on his own) and there is none that seeketh after God! Rom 3:10.



TESTIMONY OF ANGELINA T. SOBERANO

I come from a Catholic background. Roman Catholicism is a traditional religion among Filipinos and I was brought up in such a religious background. I never knew whom I should really worship not until I came to Singapore, where I was employed by Mr & Mrs Paul Wong. They never forget even a single Sunday to bring me to Life BP Church, where I come to know Jesus Christ and I have grown to love Him and His Word.

When I was in Philippines I refused to attend any Christian service. I just did not bother to listen to God's Word. Looking back I must confess that those were the wasted parts of my life. But now I can say how wonderful it is to know Christ. I am ready to accept Him as my Lord and personal Saviour and be baptised.

I would like to thank God for my employer and his family for their kindness to me. The love and goodness of God was manifested through them. I will serve Him in the way that He wants me to. I would like to thank God also for Life Church Filipina Fellowship which is led by Mr Tai Ji Choong. I am blessed through the Bible studies conducted by him. All glory be to God. Amen. (Welcome to Filipina Fellowship, 12.30 pm every Lord's Day at FEK classroom.)

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Chan Chun Mun, Joseph
s/o Mr & Mrs Chan Wai Meng
02. Choo Zhe Wei, Caleb
s/o Mr & Mrs Choo Boon Siong
03. Goh Jian Kai, Josias
s/o Mr & Mrs Goh Soon Huat
04. Janene Kirithini Dhevarajulu
d/o Mr & Mrs David Dhevarajulu
05. Kew Wang Jie, Ernest
s/o Mr & Mrs Kew Chin Hin
06. Lee Shu Yi
d/o Mr & Mrs Lee Kok Weng
07. Lee Xiao En, Tabitha
d/o Mr & Mrs Lee Heok Seng
08. Leong Tian Ci, Samuel
s/o Mr & Mrs Leong Kwok Whye
09. Lim Jia Ming, Joel
s/o Mr & Mrs Andrew Lim Chee Hwa
10. Lim Jia Song, John
s/o Mr & Mrs Andrew Lim Chee Hwa
11. Lim Jian Hua, Jonathan Calvin
s/o Mr & Mrs Lim Jyh Jang
12. Lun Yew Wah, Clement
s/o Mr & Mrs Lun Chee Leong
13. Sim Wei Meng, Wesley
s/o Mr & Mrs Sim Swee Ho
13. Reuben Sum
s/o Mr & Mrs Sum Peng Wah
14. Tan Lui Yan, Claire
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Tat Seng, Leslie
15. Tan Su Ying, Rachel
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Boon Wah
16. Teo Ee An, Joshua
s/o Mr & Mrs Teo Cheng Seng
17. Wee Zee Pang, Ezra
s/o Dn & Mrs Wee Chin Kam
18. Wu Wei Zhong, Joshua
s/o Mr & Mrs Ronald Moo Mui Huat

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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|----------------------------|---------|
| 01. Cheang Wei-Yuan, Mark | Student |
| 02. Goh E-Pin, Jonathan | Student |
| 03. Jin Chin Shien, Jean | Student |
| 04. Lee Shu Ping, Dawn | Student |
| 05. Tan Sern En, Nathanael | Student |

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| 06. Tan Shienming, Ian | Student |
| 07. Wang Shuling, Deena | Student |
| 08. Wu Wei Chiang, Samuel | Student |

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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| 09. Keng Kwang Choo, Nancy | Housewife |
| 10. Ng Lian Huay, Irean | Housewife |
| 11. Quek Hock Lee, Raymond | Housing Agent |
| 12. Tay Kar Tian, Dorraine | Bank Offr |

BAPTISM

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| 13. Chan, Kathy | Secretary |
| 14. Diong Lee Ping | Bank Offr |
| 15. Law Shing Yee, Sonny | Florist |
| 16. Lee Hwee Ing | Student |
| 17. Lee Lynn | Student |
| 18. Lee Sin Mei, Joanne | Student |
| 19. Lim Hwee Meang, Rachel | Student |
| 20. Loh Ji Meng | Student |
| 21. Low Poh Lyn | Student |
| 22. Ng Kin Siu, Francis | Investigator |
| 23. Ong Chin Ping | Tech Specialist |
| 24. Seet Chuen Ping, Edwin | Student |
| 25. Sek Sau Toh | System Analyst |
| 26. Angelina T. Soberano | Domestic Helper |
| 27. Tan Eu-Jzin | Student |
| 28. Tan Hwee Leng, Janet | Florist |
| 29. Tan Piah Joo | Asst Log. Control Offr |
| 30. Wang Mei Wah | Trust Offr |
| 31. Wong Lee Fong | Student |
| 32. Wong Mei Yee, Angel | Clerk |

TESTIMONY OF CHEANG WEI-YUAN, MARK

Praise the Lord for keeping His mighty hand on me. He was carrying me when I was weary. I was baptised in the year, 1980.

I want to thank Him for His plentiful salvation and mercies. Though I'm a sinner, yet he still saves me from evil temptations. I have been coming to this church for 13 years. I'm in the Lively Teens Fellowship.

I recently found out that I haven't been reaffirmed yet. I want to be reaffirmed. It's like a confirmation of our faith to God. Well, now it's exam time and I have been studying very hard lately. I have been praying to God to give me good health and wisdom to sit for the exams.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 24 - 31, '93)

MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)
8.30 pm	Counselling Recipes (Rev Tow)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band Fship
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm YAF
2.30 pm	Wedding of Tan Boon Hing & Lee Lai Choon, Rev Tow
7.30 pm	LBC Parents' Night, FEBC Hall (Rev Tow interpreting)
SUN 8.00 am	The Message to Smyrna and to you (Mr Quek Suan Yew)
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 Service
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Rehoboth

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.

Verse for the Week: There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit, neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. (Eccles. 8:8)

HAVE YOU THE PASSPORT TO HEAVEN?

The New birth is passport to heaven. Jesus says, "To enter heaven, you must have a passport." Recently I went to Indo-China. I had to have my passport. To enter heaven we must also obtain our passport. If a pastor wants to enter heaven and he knocks on heaven's door and there sounds a voice asking, "Who are you?" And the pastor answers, "I am a pastor, I, I....," and he carries no passport. "No!" comes the reply. Then an evangelist comes knocking to which the voice questions, "Are you born again? Have you a passport?" He answers, "I'm an evangelist. I can read the Bible. But I have no passport!" Now comes a theological student, "I can read the Bible. I'm half born again." A university student comes rushing up and knocks, "I want to enter heaven. I am ... a specialist in chemistry!" The voice inside asks, "Who are you? I don't know you! Aya, these all have not got the passport, and yet they want to get into heaven. One by one gets dropped into hell! Finally a little girl comes to heaven's door. She knocks, "I heard the Gospel on such and such a day, I was moved and confessed my sins. Praise the Lord, I was born again. I would not get angry when Mother chided me. When I got angry the Holy Spirit in my heart rebuked me with a ting-a-ling-ting." She was born again for sure. She entered heaven. Have you been born again? If not, how sad!

- John Sung

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$28,259.00 (Anniv. & Baptismal Ser.)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 1922)\$50; 1923)\$300; 1924)\$300; 1925)\$611; 1926)\$20.

TOTAL: \$3,916,041.33

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,343,672.58.

OFFERINGS FOR: *Burma FST* *\$28259, \$3290 (offerings from 22 BP churches for Life BPC Anniv.), \$30, \$50, \$200, \$200, \$1000, \$100, \$200, \$300, \$50, \$49, \$1780 (Gospel Light), \$150 (Box), \$200, \$100, \$6107.40 (MS10000); *Kenya Bld Fund* \$50; *African Mission* \$100; *Heng Jee Seng* \$200; *Missions* \$84; *Seets* \$60, \$70; *Children's Choir* \$35, \$753; *Hilltop* \$1000 (Life Bk Cen.), \$370; *China Mission* \$150; *FEBC* \$200, \$20; *Benedict* \$200.

Ms Boey Lai Fern Angela: Please see Treasurer.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) A thanksgiving for the 43rd Anniversary of the church. I would like to channel my gift to the future generation of the church specially the children. Thank God for the peace of mind and all the blessing we receive because of our children. (The children's choir of Mrs Tow). - A Lifer
Congratulatory messages received from Mr William Chia, Canada; Mr & Mrs Pang Kok Hing, Saipan; Rev Calvin Wong, USA; Rev & Mrs Edward Paauwe, Hope BPC.



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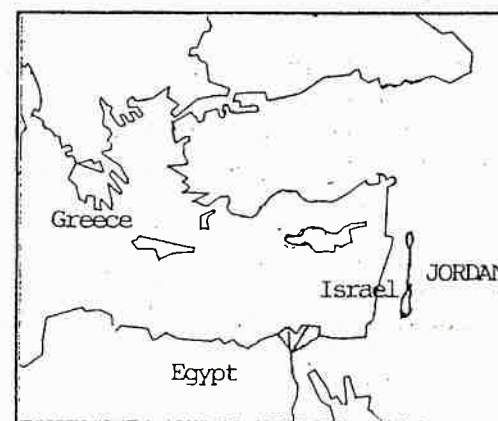
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
Opening Hymn	No. 4	No. 540
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Eph 2:1-22	Ps 90
Hymn	No. 119	No. 532
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 359	No. 462
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 2:1-7	Acts 13:1-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Message to Ephesus & to you (Rev Bob Phee)	God's Guidance in Missions (Rev Bob Phee)
Closing Hymn	No. 382	No. 461
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

FIFTH HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, HURRY!

With full persuasion that the Lord is advancing our Fifth Pilgrimage to the Holy land from Sept to Mar 9-23, 1994, we have booked with our trusted agents 50 seats on Royal Jordanian and with Guiding Star. As there is an influx of visitors in the wake of the Peace Accord signed between Israel and the PLO, we are required to submit our Passenger List well in advance.



To make sure you are a confirmed passenger, a deposit has to be paid, even now, to our S'pore Agent. Please deposit \$200 through Mrs Ivy Tow as

soon as possible, which will be accounted with the Church Treasurer.

Our Pilgrimage begins Mar 9, '94, leaving Singapore 11.30 pm. Arriving Amman early Mar 10, we'll transplane to Athens after a break at the airport. In Greece we will visit the very spots where St Paul preached -- Corinth and Athens. There will also be a Mediterranean Cruise. Before leaving Athens Sunday Mar. 13, we shall worship on Mars Hill (Acts 17).

Returning to Amman, we'll climb Mt Nebo with Moses to see the Promised Land. Crossing the Jordan at Allenby Bridge, we will head for Baraka, our "Field Hqrs," visiting perhaps Jericho, en route. Early the next day, we will take the southern route to Eilat on the Red Sea. From Eilat we'll plunge into the Egyptian desert to Mt Sinai. (Will we climb it?) This time we will not freeze, but will be well taken care of in a 4-star hotel.

We return the next day to Baraka. Each way takes 8 hours on the road but we will stop several times for food and

rest and visit interesting sites.

I do not need to describe the rest of the journey except to say our stay in Galilee this time will be lengthened to two nights, being wiser from past experience. Most of the rest of the days in the Holy Land will be spent in the Jerusalem area, of course. The unique feature of our Pilgrimage is worship on a Lord's Day with our Palestinian brothers and sisters at Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem. The other special feature is lodging at the Baraka Conference Centre in the valley of Berachah (II Chron 20:26). "Berachah" (modern spelling Baraka) means "Blessing." Here we have the whole Conference Centre to ourselves, so we can worship every night and find much inspiration in the sharing of testimonies. Here we also have a running supply of coffee and tea any time of the day or night!

As this is a Pilgrimage, we are not too interested in archaeology, though it is good to study the levels of civilization of ancient days. Our interest is in the lively stones, the peoples we meet, above all, Christians in the Land. It is a wonderful experience, of all places on earth outside Singapore, to have the same style of worship with Arab brethren and sisters in a B-P Church in Bethlehem.

As in past visits, it will be your extra blessing to bring a gift from the surplus goods in your house, eg. a sweater, which you rarely use in the tropics, but is a boon to those shivering in cold Palestine! When your buried talent is heartily appreciated over there, then will you receive the joy, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Do something good for Jesus wherever you go."

To commemorate this 5th Pilgrimage for

the Holy Land you'll receive each a T-shirt with a colour print of our Church and College, superimposed with the words: "FIFTH HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - Greece, Egypt, Israel, Jordan - Mar 9-23, 1994."

This Pilgrimage is nearer than you think! Do you know it is barely 4½ months away? Let us pray the Lord to guide in the decisions we make, and lead us safely each step of the way. May God provide your every need, especially good health and stamina for the pilgrim journey. Amen.

PS. Cost of your full 14-day pilgrimage is \$2,995, twin sharing, all meals. Hurry!

Yours obediently, T.T.

THE B-P CHURCH GOES TO WEST AFRICA

When the Civil War broke out in Liberia in Dec 1989, Mr Joshua Wonsia was already in his second year of study at FÉBC. By then, his wife, Helen and 2 children, had joined him in S'pore. After four years of training and apprenticeship in Sembawang B-P Church, the Wonsias returned in Sep 1992 to start a gospel work in Danane, Ivory Coast. In twelve months, Joshua managed to nurture two Liberian congregations in Danane, and one Ivorian group of about 50 converts in Douborlay. He also organised a Christian elementary school for the refugee children. He called his work Grace B-P Mission because of God's grace that brought them here.

On the 8th Sep, Joshua faxed a request to have a B-P Minister from Singapore to baptise new believers or else a Baptist Minister would do it. Rev Tow, being informed of the situation, suggested I should go and baptise the believers. Hence on 28th Sep, I set out on a journey which took four days to find Joshua in Danane.

Joshua Wonsia was not at Abidjan Airport; Ivory Coast to receive me. But an Australian missionary contacted me through a placard and whisked me away to SIM (Societies for

International Missions) in Cocody District, Abidjan. The next morning I was introduced to a Dutch missionary who kindly drove me to Danane in a two days' journey of 650 km with a night stopover in a Swedish Mission Centre. As no one knew where Joshua lived, Mr Henk Pijkeren sought the help of a Canadian missionary who directed our way to a Baptist Minister whose wife showed the way to Grace B-P Mission.

Grace B-P Church of Danane held her 1st Anniversary Service on the 3rd Oct celebrated by 100 worshippers seated under a canopy of coconut leaves. Eight nearby churches sent representatives to grace this occasion who also witnessed the baptism of 14 believers. After I delivered the message "New Creatures in Christ", a sumptuous lunch was served. The celebration was carried on to the Evening Service held in a believer's house at the Pettit Danane.

Joshua organised in March this year the Grace B-P Christian Elementary School. It has a staff of twelve teachers and 142 students. The United Nations is only able to pay two teachers. At the assembly, Joshua had the children recite John 3:16 and other verses in

both English and French.

Joshua did not want me to miss what has been going on in Douborlay, an Ivorian village ten km of Danane. Fifty peasants have been converted in this suburb. One of them voiced to me their seriousness of building a Church in the village. Hence a deposit for a one and a half acres of land was paid to the vendor. On Monday evening, I preached on Lazarus and the Rich Man. Five young men received the Lord. In the midst of counselling, an Ivorian lady by the name of Madam Mary made an appeal to be baptised. I baptised her that night.

This trip to Danane has been most rewarding even though it took six and a half days of travelling and spending only three and a half days in Grace B-P Mission. I am convinced Grace B-P Mission has great potential for future work of Liberia. It not only feeds the hungry but also opens the way to heaven through the Word in the reformed tradition as taught at FÉBC. By God's grace, when Liberia has an elected Government, the workers of Grace will return to their homeland to establish another Gospel witness.

- Rev Bob Phee



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 1 - 7, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	*\$4,541.00 (8.00 am); *\$7,258.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1927)*\$4541; 1928)	
THU 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsals	*\$7258. TOTAL: \$3,927,840.33.	
FRI	FEBC Final Exams Begin	GRAND TOTAL: \$4,355,471.58.	
7.00 pm	FEBC Board Mtg, Dr Tow	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma FST</i> \$300, \$50,	
	Siang Yeow's residence	\$450, \$560(Coinafon), \$50, \$2014 (Chinese	
SAT 10.30 am	Wedding of Dennis Wong &	Anniv. Ser), \$30, \$430, \$60(Kelapa Sawit BPC	
	Christine Loo, Rev Tow	MS100), \$100 (Keb. Indonesia), \$100 (Hebron	
2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm YAF/LBC	BPC), \$3000+\$3000+\$200(thru Pastor's hand),	
2.30 pm	Wedding of Peter Tan & Hu	\$200(Melbourne), \$50; <i>Burmese Bibles</i> \$60;	
	Cheng Wan, Rev Tow	<i>Hilltop</i> \$130, \$100, \$256 (AF & YAF); YAF	
SUN 8.00 am	<i>The Message to Pergamus and</i>	\$50; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$200, \$250; <i>Heng Jee</i>	
	<i>to you</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Seng</i> \$200; <i>Chinese Bibles</i> \$60; <i>Missions</i> \$50;	
10.30 am	Dr S H Tow, Lord's Supper	<i>Seets</i> \$250; <i>Nirand</i> \$250; <i>Heng Jee Seng</i> \$250;	
	Rev Tow at New Life BPC	<i>Haposan/Dohar's work in Indonesia</i> \$1000;	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>Kenya Church Bld Fd</i> \$120; <i>Tram Epoi</i> \$50;	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr worship/Jr Wor.	<i>George Skariah</i> \$350.	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	(1) Dear Lord, I just want to say that I love you.	
12.15 pm	Korean Service	You are always good to me, even when I have	
3.00 pm	Thai Service	forgotten to tithe, since I came to Singapore.	
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	Thank you for forgiving my sins before it's too	
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	late. (US\$100);	
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr	(2) "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the	
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Bishan, Bt Batok.		Lord, and to sing praises..." (\$250)	
Sunday School Attendance: 297 Offering \$423.51		(3) Dear Father in heaven, Thank you for help	
Verse for the Week: For many shall come		during these past two weeks with my exam and	
in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall		practicals. Without you I can do nothing. Thank	
deceive many. Matt 24:5		you also for shaping my future for me as you	
Life BPC Chiangmai Family Camp -- S'pore		are fulfilling my desires - help me to delight in	
Lifers joining Jess & Nirand Dec 1-7. Those		you each day Lord (Ps 37:4). Your grace is	
keen please see Dn Tan Nee Keng or David		indeed abundant. Here Lord, I am returning Your	
Cheong by 7 Nov.		love with \$50 for Burma and \$50 for Beulah	
Madam Lim Thian Neo (Mrs Koh Cheng		Land. Praise the Lord. Amen.	
Chong) of the Chinese Service was received		(4) Thank God for my 2nd Promotion within 2	
into glory, Oct 28, '93. Funeral takes place		years. Enclosed is my first increment in salary.	
Mon. Nov 1, the Pastor officiating. Cortege		Please channel it to Burma (Myanmar) for the	
leaves Blk 32 Tanglin Halt Rd. 10 am for		building of a Bible College (\$450). - Lifer	
CCK Christian Cemetery.		(5) To God be the glory! Dear Lord, Thank you	
5th HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE: Get your		for helping my two grandchildren to pass their	
souvenir T-shirt with Jerusalem the Golden,		piano exam. My thanksgiving of \$120 to Burma	
tailored to size, from Life Bk Centre now!		and Chinese bibles.	
		(6) This is a small gift for Burma. Thank God	
		for the many blessings He has showered on my	
		family (\$200).	



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"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. 122	No. 117
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Isalah 46	Ps 23
Hymn	No. 46	Music by
Announcements		Mendelssohn
Offering & Hymn	No. 353	- ditto -
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 2:8-11	Lk 11:24-26
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Message to</i>	<i>From Bad to Worse</i>
	<i>Smyrna & to you</i>	
	(Mr Quek Suan Yew)	
Closing Hymn	No. 406	No. 402
Benediction		

My dear Readers

CALL TO PASTORS AND WORKERS BIBLE CONFERENCE, HILLTOP, ANTIPOLLO, MANILA NOV 22-26, 93

Last week I received the Programme of the above Conference from Charles Seet. In this Conference where 100 of the Lord's servants including 35 students of the Bible School will attend there are assigned 6 time slots of 1 hour each wherein I'm to lecture from *Prophescope on Israel*. Two more time slots are for Seminar by S'pore Mission Team. In these two seminars, we shall be assisted by Lifers. Praise God, 9 other Lifers are coming along, including 2 Deacon couples.

Rev Dan Ebert III and his wife will have returned from USA by that time. I look forward to renewing fellowship with them. One of the ways of fellowship is to bring along copies of our latest book, *40 Years on the Road to*



Church Growth in which a section is devoted to the Philippines.

We look forward as much to learning from the Filipino pastors. They will be involved in devotional messages and the Ebert sons in the study of Timothy. There will also be a Pastors' Wives Fellowship in which our wives can be happily involved. On our part we are sending ahead by post half a dozen cartons of your surplus clothing. These will be distributed to the needy. Incidentally when Rev Thawm Luai was here recently he had picked several boxes which are now being sent to Burma. Rev Djunaide had a huge suitcase presented by a YAFer. He filled its empty space also with your surplus clothes.

PROPHESCOPE ON ISRAEL

I asked a sister who loves the Lord some time ago if she read this book of warning. She smilingly replied she hadn't. I know all of you are busy with many daily assignments and duties so you have no time to read big books. So, we've devised a new strategy to publish small books, eg. the B.A. book about the S'pore Pentecost 1935, and soon coming *Recipes for Living a Happy Life*, the 3 evening messages recently delivered up Genting View Resort.

To urge you to read *Prophescope on Israel* and *John Sung*, let me quote the appraisal of the book by an Australian minister who has read it. He says, "Over the years I have heard of you from many Asians, Australians, Americans, and have rejoiced in all that has been said of you. Then you have a special link with John Sung whose life and labours have always been of more than usual interest to me. My last Church in Melbourne was over 50% Asians and many of them speak of you and your work even though some came from KL and other Malaysian centres. One dear elderly lady was a convert of John Sung, and it was a joy to speak of his ministry (Sung).

Now why am I writing? I write to thank you very much for an autographed copy of your book *PROPHESCOPE ON ISRAEL* which came to me through Brian Harper. It is wonderful, so scriptural and so up-to-date.

The reading of it brought much joy and challenge. As a matter of fact it is without doubt the most penetrating and thrilling book that I have come across for some time.

I do hope you are going to promote it through Australian bookshops and so reach the general Christian public here. It would introduce you to our people and as well give quite an impetus to your work in our land.

Many of us are alarmed at the Evangelical and Fundamental situation here. They have both slipped so far recently and there is so little real soul winning... As for understanding the Scriptural situation concerning Israel - well, we are behind scratch and only a few know the plan that God has for His people..."

IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK!

One extreme to the mistake of date setting on Christ's Return is to relapse into a dreamy slumber of peace. Stocks and shares, making a fast buck turn us off entirely from close communion with the Lord. No more preparedness for His Second Coming. No more expectation to see His glorious appearing. No more conscientiously involved in the work of the Lord, whether by prayer or helping to pay the Lord's bills. Giving to missions is a chore imposed by the pastor, who is often reviled for talking money, money... Are we "occupying till He comes"? It is later than you think! Christ may come by 2000 AD or even earlier. Hence we have our AD 2000 Evangelism in that sense. Remember what Paul has said, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thess 5:3). Beloved, let us all wake up to the seriousness of the situation. Who knows when you read these words, something ominous will have appeared on the prophetic horizons?! This present Peace in Israel is ominous enough as I have recently told you.

Some people say, "If you harp on Christ's coming, and He is coming indeed, why do you want to build a Bible College for Burma and establish a Fundamental Bible Institute for Medan?" My answer, "It is because He is coming that we must hasten with these two projects." For what our Lord requires of us is day-to-day devotional service. His orders are "Occupy till I come". We, like soldiers in the army being ordered on the march, and so they march, can do no less. Or, like being involved in a musical chair, we go round and round until the music stops. And we do not want to be the one left out of the game. In order not to be eliminated, we must be on tiptoe all the time! Are we alert or inert?

- Yours affectionately, T.T.

TESTIMONY

I thank Pastor and the church for praying for me and I want to thank the Lord for answering our prayers.

I was diagnosed to have cancer sometime in June during my annual medical check-up and had to undergo surgery. Pastor was away in the States at that time. But I thank God for my brother, also a pastor, who ministered to me just before I was wheeled into the operating theatre early in the morning, before seven. He read the Shepherd's Psalm and committed the operation to the Lord. It is a familiar psalm which I've memorised, and I was able to repeat those comforting words until I lost consciousness to general anaesthesia.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me, thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The operation was successful. I did not suffer post-operative pain and there was no fever. All thanks and praise to God!

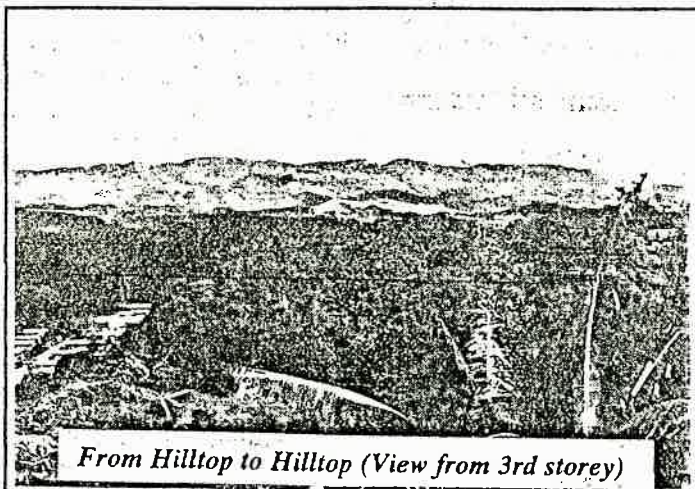
I thought everything would be all right after the operation but was told the lymph nodes were affected and I would need further treatment. I was referred to the head of oncology at SGH, who prescribed 8 sessions of chemotherapy at three-weekly intervals, and 25 daily sessions of radiotherapy. I was to have both treatments simultaneously. During the 5 weeks of radiotherapy, I had 2 chemotherapy sessions. One of the side effects of both treatments is lowered blood count. The reason is that while destroying the fast-growing cancer cells, the drugs also affect

the fast-growing healthy cells, like blood cells. I prayed the Lord to preserve my healthy cells, and He has answered my prayer. Towards the end of the radiotherapy treatment, my blood count was still within the normal range and I was able to carry on with chemotherapy. Thank God for seeing me through those 5 weeks. I have completed radiotherapy and have three chemo sessions left to go.


Thank God for sparing me much of the bad side effects of chemotherapy, like nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite. I thank the Lord for the ability to eat. However, one side effect was inevitable - the loss of hair. I want to thank the Lord for the experience. When the hairs started to fall, it was frightening. Each morning, on my pillow would be countless number of hairs. And each time I touched my head, a whole bunch of hair would come off. I had even thought of counting them but there were just too many. And I was reminded of how much the Lord cares for us, even to the minutest detail, when He said in Matthew 10:30, "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Thank God they will grow again when treatment ends.

I want to thank leaders of the church and brothers and sisters in Christ who sent me cards with words of encouragement. And I thank God for a very supportive family. I would like Benedict to know that his testimonies at prayer meetings have encouraged me greatly. His very positive attitude and cheerfulness have helped me to adopt the same positive attitude. Also a special thanks to our Church Choir for producing the tape *Comfort for Every Need*. At times when I feel really down, the hymns and the Scripture verses gave me much comfort.

I covet very much your prayers for me. Please continue to pray that my body will be able to maintain sufficient blood count to enable me to carry on with the rest of the treatment, and that the Lord will strengthen me both in the body and in the spirit. Thank you. - Low Sock Eng



From Hilltop to Hilltop (View from 3rd storey)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 8-14, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.00 pm	Calvin's Institutes Exam	*\$3,883.80 (8.00 am); *\$11,683.00 (10.30 am)	
8.30 pm	Counselling Exam	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1929)*\$3883.80; 1930)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$50; 1931)*\$11683; 1932)\$150; 1933) \$120.	
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	TOTAL: \$3,943,727.13.	
THU 7.30 pm	Fundamentals of the Christian Faith Exam	GRAND TOTAL: \$4,371,358.38	
	Wedding Rehearsal	OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FST \$500, \$150,	
FRI 6.00 pm	FEBC End-of-Semester Thanksgiving Ser. & Dinner	\$300, \$200(Gospel Light BPM), \$400, \$200,	
7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	\$20000; Hilltop \$150; Heng Jee Seng \$220; Hope	
7.45 pm	Combined Men's & Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse	BPC Bld Fd \$106.20; Grace BP Mission \$300;	
SAT 11.00 am	Wedding of Hung Woei Juan & Jacqueline Cheong, Rev Tow	FEBC students going on Holyland pilgrimage \$50;	
2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 pm LBC	Kenya Bld Fd \$50; Africa \$200; Medan(Dohar)	
3.00 pm	Wedding of Philip See & Sherrie Phua, Rev Tow	\$50; Kenya \$300 (Sunday Sch); Adelaide Ch & College \$2880, \$90.	
SUN 8.00 am	The Message to Thyatira and to you (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	(1) Thank God for His grace, care and strength, and this chance to earn for Him through the recent IPPT held in the army. It was His strength that gave me the will to win. Enclosed is \$100 to be channelled to any area as the Church sees fit. - YFer	
10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)	(2) Praise the Lord for answering my prayers. Dear Father in heaven, thank you for blessing my son. Enclosed is a small gift for the Lord's extension building fund. (3) My tithe & offering for the month of Nov. I wish to thank God for bringing me back to Him again, for loving me and providing for me, even though my life was so displeasing to Him. Thank you, Lord for your mercy. May this amt. be channelled to where God wants it to be (\$100). - Lifer	
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr		
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat.			
Verse for the Week: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Matt 6:20			
Sunday School Attendance: 296; Offering \$350.00			
Today is New Life BPC's 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving. Pastor is the Lord's Messenger. The property of over 42,000 sq ft which was acquired for \$933,000 and built at \$2 million is today worth easily \$10 million. Her lease is 60 years vs. 30 years for today's more exacting terms (Zion at Bishan, Hebron at CCK). Lifers gave 90% and New Lifers 10%. The theme of today's message is "God's Unfailing Faithfulness".			
MR SEAH KHENG HOCK, 80, father of Walter Seah, was received in glory, Sat. Nov 6. Vigil service tonite at S'pore Casket (Rev Peter Chua). Cortege leaves Mon. Nov 7,		2 pm for CCK Christian Cemetery. Pastor Tow officiating. Vacancy for Church Clerk. Please contact Yin Chan at 2569256 during office hours.	



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Han Soon Juan	Dn Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 318
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Eph 5:1-21	Jn 20:19-31
Hymn	No. 378	No. 331
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 401	No. 320
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 2:12-17	Jn 10:11-18; 27-29
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Message to Pergamus & to you (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Can a Christian lose his salvation? (Dr S H Tow)
Closing Hymn	Living for Jesus	Not one shall be lost
Benediction		Lord's Supper

My dear Lifers

REHOBOTH

This is the name of the third well that Isaac dug in Canaan after his father's death. He called it "Rehoboth" because the Lord had "made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the Lord" (Gen 26:22). That the Tamil B-P Churches (Bethlehem Jurong, Adam Life and Smyrna) should call their newly acquired property at Farrer and Dunearn Rd junction by this name is most appropriate. It has taken them 3 decades to arrive at this position, and we must rejoice with them in their present accelerated growth.

Apart from Bethlehem Jurong and Adam Life holding services at Rehoboth, they had started a year ago an evening English Service, 6-7 pm every Lord's Day. Last Sunday, when I preached there they had just celebrated their first anniversary the Saturday before. From their brochure I was pleased to read how a goodly number of Lifers, members of the Men's Fellowship, organists and pianists, etc, are heartily involved with our Tamil brethren under Eld Edmund Tay. There were about 25, including a Caucasian, present at the service.

In what way is the Lord enlarging their ministry as

augured by the good name they have chosen? From Tamil Service to the English, and the next step is a Child Day Care Centre. Also, of the two buildings acquired, the Tamil brethren have wisely sold the other to Gospel Light Church (Dr Paul Choo). As we rejoice with them, let us also pray for the Tamil outreaches in Johore -- Kelapa Sawit and Ulu Tiram. And forget not another Tamil Service which remains attached to New Life (Woodlands) where Eld Mahadevan has a regular ministry.

HEBRON

Though an offshoot of Mt Carmel, it stands nearer to Rehoboth, both geographically (according to the Bible map) and doctrinally. The leading elder of Hebron is Dr Ang Beng Chong and the preacher is Eddy Lim, an FEBC graduate who further studied at Prairie, Canada.

Eddy visited me after his return. He also called on me to pray for Hebron, bidding for Church land at Choa Chu Kang. Not long after, he broke the good news to us that Hebron had won the tender for the Choa Chu Kang property at \$3.4 million.

We deem Hebron to be in true succession to the B-P doctrine and practice which we handed through Carmel, and we

shall do our best to uphold the hands of the brethren there. We have every confidence Hebron will arrive in their Promised Land steered by faithful hands. May Hebron BPC be a bright lighthouse to the new Choa Chu Kang Estate, nevertheless like others sitting in moral darkness.

'DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR JESUS WHEREVER YOU GO'

This is a corollary to our more well-known slogan, "Do something good for Jesus everyday." "Do something good for Jesus wherever you go" is directed particularly to those of us leaving S'pore for some distant destination. As missions involves going out, let us not go out for our own pleasure, but with blessing the less fortunate in view. Hence, our pilgrimage to the Holy Land takes on more meaning when members bring a gift to the poorer brethren. When we worshipped at the Catacombs the last time, we took a handsome collection for the Baraka BP Church.

We are a team of eleven soon to climb the renowned Hilltop. We shall make use of surplus luggage allowance to bring along valuable theological books for their library, etc. Then there is another group visiting Jess and Nirand in Chiangmai. What extra good will they bring on their way? As we foresaw we could not bring surplus clothing for Philipppines, we have them now forwarded by post.

NEED JESUS APOLOGISE FOR BEING GOD?

In many a seminary and "higher" theological institution, you will hear such subtle arguments designed to disparage our Lord -- "He always referred to Himself as being the Son of man, He never claimed to be God." A latest one we hear reported to us from a graduate school is --- "It is the Church that puts up Jesus as God," meaning again to say Jesus never claimed to be one.

These blind scholars can lead blind students, but are easily refuted by those enlightened by

Bible-believing teachers. Thus one of our students, who was misled to a school of that anti-Christ spirit, has requested to return to his alma mater.

Did Jesus claim to be God? One incident in the ministry of our Lord is enough to demolish their cardboard insinuations: Read verbatim the following passage taken from Lk 5:17-26, which is also recorded in Matt 9:2-8; Mk 2:1-12. (Unless you are like the deaf and dumb scribes [theologians of Jesus' day] and blind Pharisees, we will also say Jesus did not say He was God!)

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

But that ye may know, that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today.

Jesus did say openly He was God... when He declared, "I and my Father are one" (Jn 10:30).

Read in the Scripture (Jn 10:37,38):

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

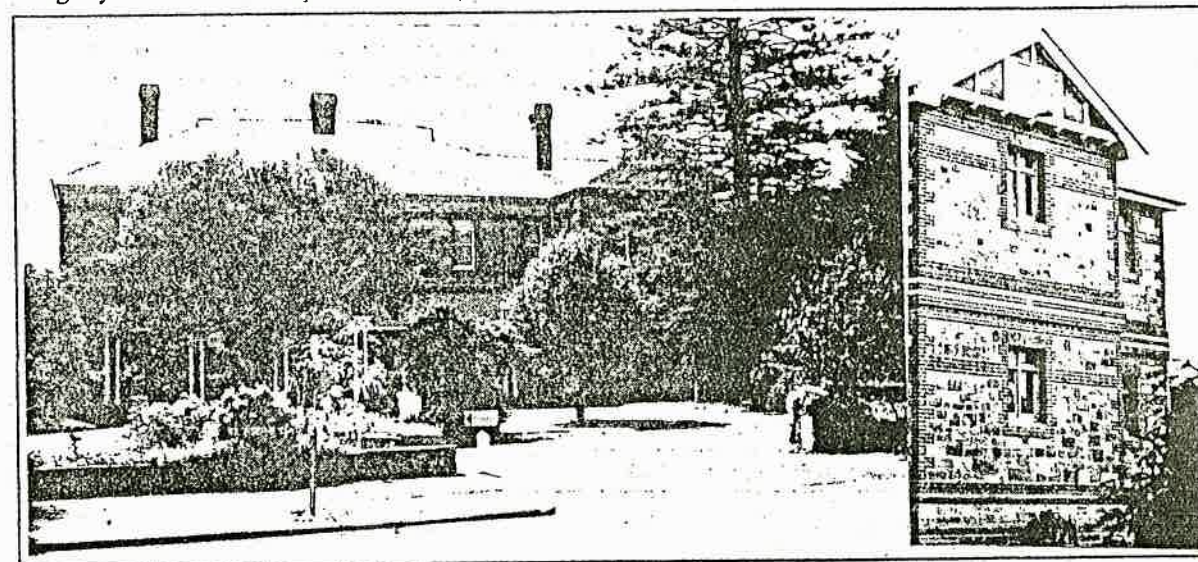
The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Not only did Jesus claim to be God, yea, the Son of God, He gave His opponents a logical broadside: --- "If I do not the works (miracles) of my Father, believe Me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works

(miracles): that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him" (Jn 10:37,38).

Name some of Jesus' miracles: Feeding of the Five Thousand, Jesus Walking on the Sea, Jesus stilling the storm ... But the greatest of all is His rising from the dead, never to die again. Yes, who can forgive sins but God? Jesus can forgive our sins, as God forgives, because He is risen from the dead. But the liberals have not even read Paul's argument, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins" (I Cor 15:17).

Let us ask again, Need Jesus apologise for being God?

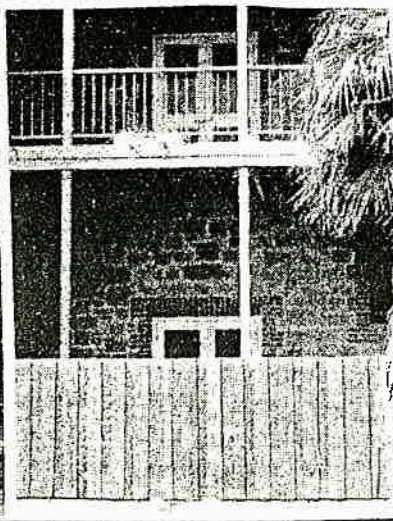
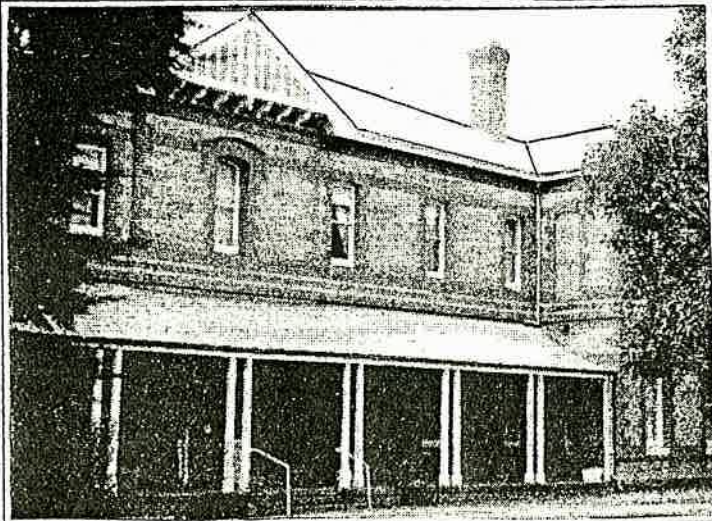


This 27-room stone mansion, standing tall in one acre of wooded land only 10 mins. drive from Adelaide town centre, is now safely in Hope BPC's hand! The State Council, the third and highest authority, has approved the sale. A property far bigger than Beulah House, worth easily \$15 million in S'pore, is sold for only A\$0.85 million. The Hopefuls who have accumulated A\$142,000 is receiving an interest free loan of S\$150,000 from a S'pore BPC and a gift of A\$200,000 from a lover of God. The terms of sale are that the full sum be paid within 60 days. Do you want to have a share

in owning this House of God paying better and higher dividends? "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov 10:22). Friends of the Paauwes, who have toiled ceaselessly for 8 years in Australia, can give a helping hand. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). Here's a home away from home whenever you visit exquisite Adelaide! The facilities, from my personal appraisal last Dec., are fabulous! Seeing is believing. Praise the Lord, His Kingdom in Australia is marching on!

- T.T.

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MON 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	*\$3,527.00 (8.00 am); *\$12,924.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1934)*\$3527; 1935)	
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg	*\$12924; 1936)\$107; 1937)\$950 (Chinese Ser.);	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	1938)\$150 (Keb. Indonesia).	
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm YAF	TOTAL: \$3,961,385.13.	
2.30 pm	Wedding of Koh Kah Lam & Chiew Lai Peng, Rev Tow	GRAND TOTAL: \$4,389,016.38.	
SUN 8.00 am	The Message to Sardis and to you (Rev Tan Eng Boo)	OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FST \$300, \$300,	
10.30 am	Rev Tow	\$300, \$100 (Zion BPC), \$100(Chinese Ser.); Seets	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$150, \$200; Bibles/Literature \$100; Hope BPC	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.	\$100, \$300; Burma Missions \$200; Kenya \$20;	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Rev George Kutty \$200; Bibles & Tracts for China	
12.15 pm	Korean Service	\$200; George Skariah \$75 (AF); Adelaide \$80.	
12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	"EVANGELISE OR FOSSILISE"! (contd)	
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	6. Bring a troubled soul to Church on Sunday	
3.00 pm	Thai Service	and Prayer meeting Tues. night.	
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	7. Teach a S.S. class and apply the lesson unto	
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr	salvation of the whole class.	
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok. Bishan.		8. Join the tracting team and speak to someone	
Verse for the Week: Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed. II Jn 9,10		9. In joining a Mission Trip, what contribution	
		can you make?	
		10. Give your dollars to every worthy Mission	
		Project, such as building a Bible College,	
Sunday School Attendance: 319; Offering \$272.90		equipping a mission station.	
		11. Offer yourself for missions - short term or	
		long term.	
		12. What genius can you contribute to promote	
		evangelism?	
		Vacancy for Church Clerk. Please contact	
		Yin Chan at 2569256 during office hours.	



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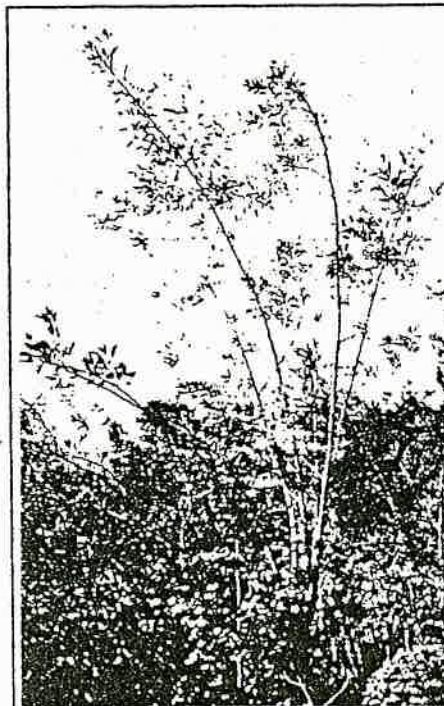
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Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 237	No. 45
Invocation-Gloria Patri		I Thess 4:13 - 5:11
Responsive Reading	Ps 84	
Hymn	No. 132	No. 227
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 129	No. 320
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 2:18-29	II Cor 5:5-10; Rev
Pastoral Prayer		20:11-15
Sermon	The Message to Thyatira & to you	The Coming Judgment of Saints & of Sinners (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 289	No. 221
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

LIKE THE MUSTARD SEED

Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed, which is the smallest of vegetable seeds. However, after it is planted in the garden, it grows to be the biggest among the vegetables. It grows up to be a tree 10-12 feet that gives shelter to the birds. This is a picture of God's Kingdom steadily increasing, from small to big. The Lord's work does not sprout suddenly like a mushroom, overnight.

Far Eastern Bible College began in a humble way in September 1962 at Gilstead Road with two teachers and three students. After three decades, she has graduated 210 men and women, while her teaching faculty has increased to 13. They are:

1. Rev Timothy Tow
MDiv, STM, DD, Principal
2. Mrs Ivy Tow, BTh, Matron
3. Rev Bob Phee, BTh,
DipTh(Lon), MDiv,
MTh,BA(Hons), Registrar
4. Rev Stephen Khoo, BTh,
MDiv, Dean of Students (on
study leave)
5. Rev Goh Seng Fong, MA,
MDiv (Doctoral candidate,
on study leave)
6. Rev Koa Keng Woo, BTh
7. Mr Quek Suan Yew, BArch,
BTh, MDiv, STM



Mustard. A thick stemmed plant, under good conditions often growing higher than a man can reach. The field mustard was an important economic plant of the Holy Land. The leaves were used as "greens" and the seeds were either powdered or made into paste. The larger plants were the favorite haunts of the smaller birds (Matt. 13:31,32).

8. Dr Jeffrey Khoo, BTh, MDiv, STM, PhD
9. Mrs Jemima Khoo, BTh, MA, MRE
10. Mr Das Koshy, BSc, BTh, MDiv (94)
11. Elder Edmund Tay, STTC (Normal Trained), *English Tutor*
12. Mrs Shirleen Ong, BA(Hons), DipEd, *English Tutor*
13. Mrs Koa Keng Woo, *Music Tutor*

Her present student enrolment stands around 60 coming from 15 countries. We expect a good intake Jan '94. This has exceeded our original vision to train a new generation of pastors, teachers, missionaries, etc., for the Far East. Our students are coming from beyond the Far East, even distant America!

The Lord has blessed the College under the leadership of Elder (Dr) Tow Siang Yeow our fourth president, and under her founding principal through 31 years. As to the faculty, there is a constant upgrading of their teaching ability. Rev Stephen Khoo is now on study leave at Pensacola Christian College, Florida. Rev Goh Seng Fong is writing his doctoral dissertation at Temple Baptist Seminary. Dr Jeffrey Khoo, whose dissertation on "The Four Gospels in Unison" is approved by Trinity Theological Seminary, USA, was conferred the PhD last August. Dr Arthur Steele, founder-principal of Clearwater Christian College, was scheduled to teach two courses this semester. As Mrs Steele was taken ill, it is



refrettable that Dr Steele's appointment with us was postponed. We hope he and Mrs Steele could come June '94. Nevertheless, the College has launched a Master's programme whereby Mr Das Koshy is the first to graduate in May 1994. He was assigned to teach beginning Hebrew this semester. In Jan '94 Mr Quek Suan Yew will be ordained by Calvary BPC under the moderatorship of the principal.

FEBC is an institution of theological learning raised of God "for such a time as this." In these days of widespread denial of the Truth, institutions that purport to teach the infallible, inerrant Word of God have on their faculty those who undermine it by subtle twists in hermeneutics. For example, the NIV Study Bible interprets the Virgin Birth of our Lord as being fulfilled in Isaiah's son by his second wife, while Walter C. Kaiser makes a more blatant one that Hezekiah, son of King Ahaz, is the correct fulfilment! Whom are we to believe? NIV Study Bible or Kaiser? "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.'" (1 Cor 3:19). We have stood firm, however, with St Matthew that the Virgin born Son is fulfilled in JESUS, the Emmanuel, 'God with us'.

At FEBC the Holy Scriptures are reverently taught by teachers who must declare on oath at the College Convocation:

I swear in the Name of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that I believe "the Bible is none other than the voice of Him that sitteth upon the throne. Every book of it, every chapter of it, every verse of it, every syllable of it, every letter of it, is direct utterance of the Most High. The Bible is none other than the Word of God, not some part of it more, some part of it less, but all alike the utterance of Him that sitteth upon the throne, faultless, unerring, supreme." So help me God, Amen.

We believe it is for loyalty to our Saviour and His Sacred Word that God has continued to prosper the College, the latest being the opening of Beulah House to accommodate an increasing

number of married students. And while they attend lectures in the classrooms upstairs, their young children are at the Far Eastern Kindergarten downstairs!

FEBC believes that mere classroom lectures and stereotyped electronic programmes without residential interaction between students and lecturers, and students and students, is half-baked education. There needs to be the moulding of character through communal living and worship as the early disciples under the Master's hand, whereby their rough edges, like the polishing of gems, are rubbed off. Head knowledge that puffs up without heart knowledge is a great danger.

By God's grace, FEBC has not only trained a long line of pastors, teachers and church workers now scattered throughout the world, but is beginning to send forth graduates to the mission fields. From the College have gone forth Charles Seet and Frieda to the Philippines; Betty Tow to Hong Kong; Kimiko to Kalimantan; Jess Tamee to N. Thailand; Robert Thawm Luai back to Myanmar; Peter Tow, Tan Wai Choon, George Kutty and Prachan to USA; Mark Heath and Grace Lauw, Lim Hai Seng and Peter Chng to Australia; Brutus Balan to Tasmania; Rev & Mrs Mark Kim, Jenny Ong and J. S. Heng to Kenya; Pang Kok Hiong to Saipan; Eric Kwan to London; Joshua & Helen Wonsia to Ivory Coast, West Africa with return to Liberia in view. (In October '93 Rev Bob Phee was sent to baptise the first 16 converts in Ivory Coast.)

Nov 22-29, '93 the principal (and matron) is invited to deliver 6 lectures on "Propescope on Israel" at the Hilltop Conference for pastors and Christian workers, Manila. After this Conference Charles Seet and wife will return in Dec '93 for short furlough and deputising among our Churches and Fellowships.

10 FEBCers are preparing to embark on a 5th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Greece, Jordan, Egypt, Israel) Mar 9-23, 94 with Life Church, as part of their academic programme.

When the Hilltop Project is dedicated June 94, D.V., it will also host a 1st Missionary

Conference at which FEBC and Life Church will be fully represented. Maranatha. Amen.

"EVANGELISE OR FOSSILISE"!

This is a saying in American Church circles. Positively speaking, it is "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim 4:2). This is the more urgent in the light of resistance to the Gospel. The trend today is not to receive the Good News of God's salvation. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim 4:3,4).

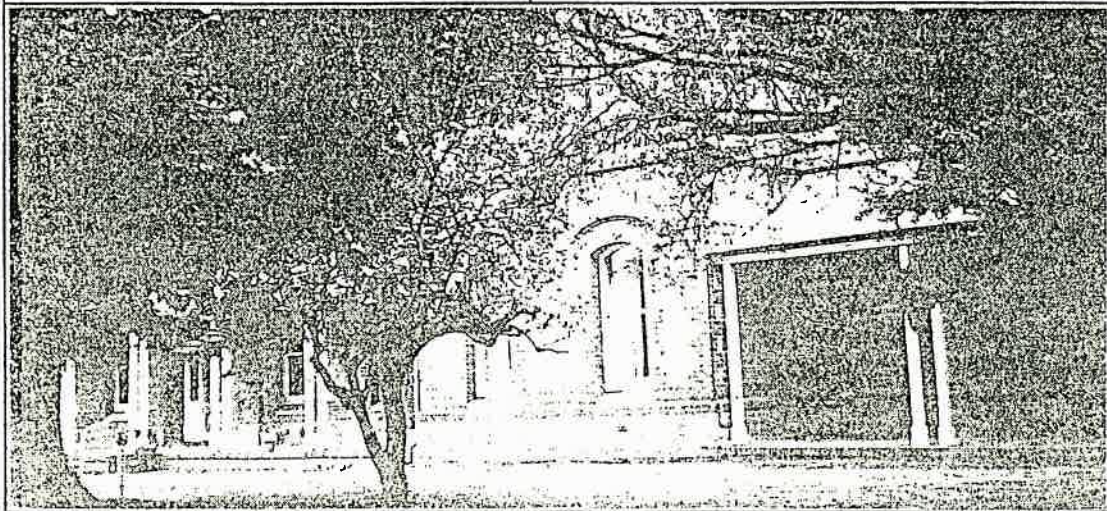
Evangelism is a projection of Revival. The Singapore Evangelistic Band was born of the 1935 Pentecost through Dr John Sung). It is still functioning today, but grinding to a halt. The challenge comes to us to revive that Evangelistic Spirit. At last Tues. night prayer meeting the pastor said to the hundred praying partners that we should make the start (though we have an "E"-Band — Evangelistic Band founded 6 1/2 years ago after Ting Li Mei and John Sung. It is a great mistake that the rest of the Church is freed from the evangelistic task. Every church member is automatically an evangel. We have the mandate of the Great Commission given to the whole Church, inasmuch as we have adopted the slogan, "Do something good for Jesus everyday" and its corollary, "Do something good for Jesus wherever you go."

So, buck up, every Reader of this challenge. How can we contribute to the great cause of evangelism?

1. Give one tract every member every day. 1,300 members means 1,300 tracts!
2. Give books on missions this Christmas!
3. Speak to some unsaved loved one about his or her soul.
4. Pray for the same. Come to prayer meeting to be challenged.
5. Bring an unsaved one to Church service.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 22-28, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 9.40 am	Rev Tow & Co. to Manila	*\$5,800.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,895.00 (10.30 am)	
7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1939)*\$5800; 1940)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Mahadevan)	\$100; 1941)*\$8895; 1942)\$1300; 1943)\$300; 1944)	
FRI 7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship	\$20; 1945)\$100; 1946)\$100; 1947)\$50; 1948)\$1500.	
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC	TOTAL: \$3,979,550.13.	
2.30 pm	Sharon BPC Wedding	GRAND TOTAL: \$4,407,181.38.	
SUN 8.00 am	<i>The Message to Philadelphia and to you</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma FST</i> \$100, \$10,	
10.30 am	Rev Peter Chua	\$1000(Life Bk Centre), \$50, \$1000, \$100(Box),	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$100; <i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i> \$100, \$10000 (New	
NBC This Week: <i>Wed Bt Timah, Henderson;</i>		<i>Mission</i> \$20; <i>Kenya Church Bldg Fd</i> \$100, \$1000;	
<i>Fri Joo Chiat. Children's Camp. 5-9 Dec!</i>		<i>TransWorld Radio Gospel to Myanmar</i> \$250;	
Life BPC Combined Children's Ministry Christmas		<i>Missionary Fd</i> \$50; <i>Children's Camp</i> \$350;	
Gathering to be held on 19 Dec 93. 12.15-2.00 pm at		<i>College Bldg Fd</i> \$300; <i>Africa</i> \$120; <i>FEBC</i>	
Beulah Hse. All parents and children are welcome.		<i>Scholarship</i> \$1200; <i>Batam</i> \$480(WF); <i>FEBC</i>	
Message by Msnr Charles Seet. Lunch will be catered		<i>\$100; African FEBC Students, Kenya, Ivory</i>	
for. Please contact respective class co-ordinators.		<i>Coast</i> \$5000; <i>Hilltop</i> \$1000.	
Sunday School Attendance: 316; Offering \$307.51		answering my prayers and providing for me and my	
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		family. Enclosed \$200 is for you to allocate to the	
(1) As there will be a children's camp from 5 to		Lord's work as you deem fit.	
9 Dec 1993, I would like to give my offering		(4) "Thank you, Almighty God for Your Great Gift."	
towards this camp. Praise God for all the		Please channel this Christmas gift (\$5000) to -	
blessings we have received for our children.		African FEBC Students, Kenya, Ivory Coast.	
(\$350). - A Lifer		(5) I am very grateful to the Lord, and am returning	
(2) Thank God for seeing me thru' thus far. a		a little of the much that He has given me. I enclose	
humble offering for the Thai Mission. May the		cheque for \$8,000 to be apportioned as follows:	
children there also experience God's love. (\$20).		Burma FST \$1,000; Hilltop \$1,000; Kenya Bldg Fd	
(3) I would like to thank the Lord for His grace &		\$1,000; Adelaide Stone Mansion \$5000. All praise	
mercies. I would like to thank him also for		and thanks to God!	



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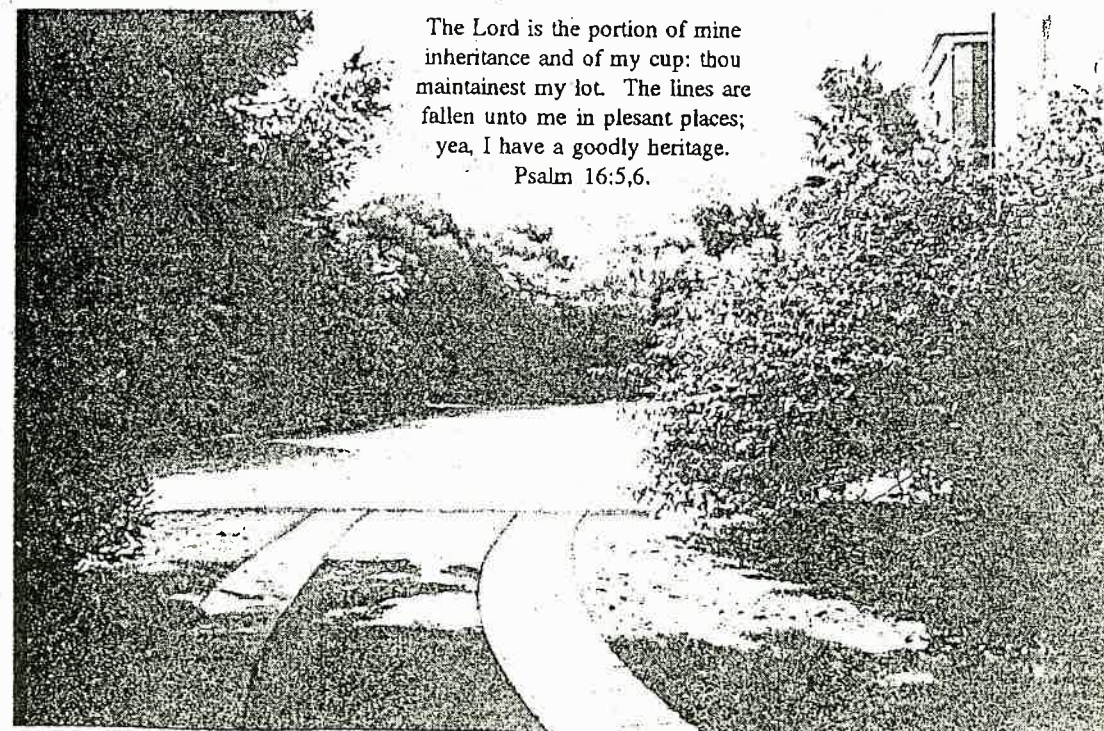
"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Geoffrey Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 88	No. 82
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 103	1 Cor 13
Hymn	No. 351	No. 90
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 406	No. 126
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 3:1-6	Luke 11:27,28
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Message to Sardis & to you</i> (Rev Tan Eng Boo)	"Mother of God"
Closing Hymn	No. 421	No. 317
Benediction		

ADELAIDE STONE MANSION

... that has been purchased for A\$0.85 million deserves your support. This stone mansion which has 27 rooms with three big ones that can seat 100 people each is also enhanced by a wooded car park as shown here. The land area is 46,266 sq ft. The property is only 10 mins. drive from downtown Adelaide and a few mins. walk to the nearest bus station. In S'pore it could easily fetch \$15 million.

This stone mansion is God's signal blessing on the work of



The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
Psalm 16:5,6.

Rev & Mrs Edward Paauwe in Adelaide during the last 8 years. They founded the Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church (with Calvary's help) and the Fundamental Bible College of Australia from nothing. Today they have a congregation of 50-60 and a Bible school of a score or so. Foreseeing a greater growth in the near future God has given them the vision and courage to acquire their "Beulah House" "for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9).

The acquisition of this property is a master stroke of economy from the Lord. By providing, first of all living quarters for the Paauwes, they will save A\$800 a month on rent. A goodly sum will also be saved for the Bible College which at present is housed in an old scout den. It has ample space for another missionary couple which means another A\$800 saved. One of the 3 big rooms to house the worship would be an asset of exceeding great value. There are at least 10 rooms that can be used right away for hospitality (with kitchenette upstairs). A big kitchen downstairs, the same size as those that can seat 100 people, will be the dynamo house for a Bible Conference.

Hope BPC's financial position now stands in the half million mark. All they need is A\$350,000. You who have been ministered to by the Paauwes in former days when they were missionaries to Singapore, and latterly as speakers in our Bible Camps, can easily help by just lifting a finger! ("Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it" Prov 3:27). Lay up some treasure in heaven now, and I can guarantee the blessing that is outpoured by God on you (as promised in Malachi 3) is better dividends than your telecom shares.

Rev Paauwe has requested me to speak at the Dedication of the Stone Mansion. I propose the Red Letter Day for Chinese New Year, Feb 10, 1994. It will be a Thursday. A good contingent can be formed of Lifers and Sharonites (for cheaper group ticket) to witness this epochal

advance of God's Kingdom in South Australia. If you take 1½ days leave, ie. the Friday and Saturday following, you will enjoy a long weekend to obtain fullest advantage of the Occasion. Rev Peter Chua, who is instrumental in bringing frequent succour to Hope BPC is an experienced hand in programming this Chinese New Year Visit. Lifers should register with Mrs Ivy Tow.

MISSION TRIPS - A NEW DIMENSION IN GOSPEL OUTREACH?

It can be if we mean business with the Lord. It cannot be if we join in the fun of merely seeing a new country. In such case our travelling abroad in the name of Missions will be a burden, not a blessing.

There are two teams going out. A. 12, including the pastor and wife to the Hilltop, Manila, to a Bible Conference for 100 pastors and students of the Bible College. B. A half dozen under Dr David Cheong, president of Life Church Missionary Fellowship and Dn Tan Nee Keng to Life Students Centre, Chiangmai (Jess and Nirand).

Now, going out as a team reduces the air ticket to \$485, S'pore-Manila-S'pore. This helps! Insofar as the Manila team is concerned we have agreed to be as lightly equipped as possible in order to give the extra kilos for the transportation of theological books, particularly "Prophescope on Israel." A goodly number of Old Path books are donated by Peter Ong. We have also several cartons of almost new surplus clothing in the accompanying baggage. The YAF has 20 custom-made T-shirts with the colourful artist's impression of the Hilltop Development imprinted -- a gift to the missionaries and leading pastors and faculty.

While the pastor will be chief speaker, YAF leaders will take part in 2 Seminars related to Church work, to share their expertise with the Filipino brethren. On the Lord's Day we would be speaking in some churches. Here, FEBC students in the team will logically be involved. We're happy to have two Deacon

couples accompanying, viz. Dn and Mrs Ong Eng Lam, Dn & Mrs Jack Sin. Both their wives being lecturers in Colleges will be a great help.

Apart from presenting each conferee a copy of "Prophescope on Israel", the pastor has written a new pamphlet *Israel, A Great Nation* to enhance the impact of his lectures, though it is written with the Jews in view. This we will bring in bulk to Israel next March on our 5th Pilgrimage. In evangelism we have forgotten the Jews, but not this time! Pray that many Israelis or Jews reading this new pamphlet will acknowledge Jesus as their Messiah.

REINFORCEMENT FOR ADELAIDE

When the Adelaide Stone Mansion comes into our hands mid-Jan 1994, much help will be needed by the Paauwes in the area of house-removal. At any rate they are asking Life Church to send a missionary.

This semester sees over half dozen completing their training. Among them is Janet Lim, a Lifer. We have presented her the call from Adelaide. After several days' prayerful consideration, Janet has decided to go. Praise the Lord. Pray for Janet that she will prepare herself totally to take on this new assignment. She will be a great help especially to Leah Paauwe.

AND MELBOURNE TOO

Another FEBC student completing training is Eduardo Morante of Philippines. Married to a S'pore nursing tutor who is being sent to Melbourne to take her degree, he will be useful for Bethel's pulpit and Bible class. Eduardo had served as pastor in Oman for 6 years. While studying at FEBC the last three years he has been preaching at a Church founded by Goh Seng Fong. Eduardo is well accepted by Eld Khoo through the Homiletics class. He will relieve Eld Khoo who is returning home next January. Incidentally Dr S. H. Tow is heading for Perth again and thereafter to Melbourne. Pray for Downunder!

- T.T.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN SINGAPORE

An extract from the 'CHRISTIANITY' section in the Singapore 1993 Yearbook published by the Ministry of Information and the Arts

Protestant Churches

Four months after Raffles landed in Singapore, he granted a piece of land to the London Missionary Society, and five months later, the first protestant missionary arrived. Over the next 80 years, several different groups made distinctive contributions towards the growth of the protestant churches in Singapore. These included the Western mercantile community, the Peranakan (Straits Chinese) community from Malacca, the overseas missionaries and the Christian immigrants from India and China.

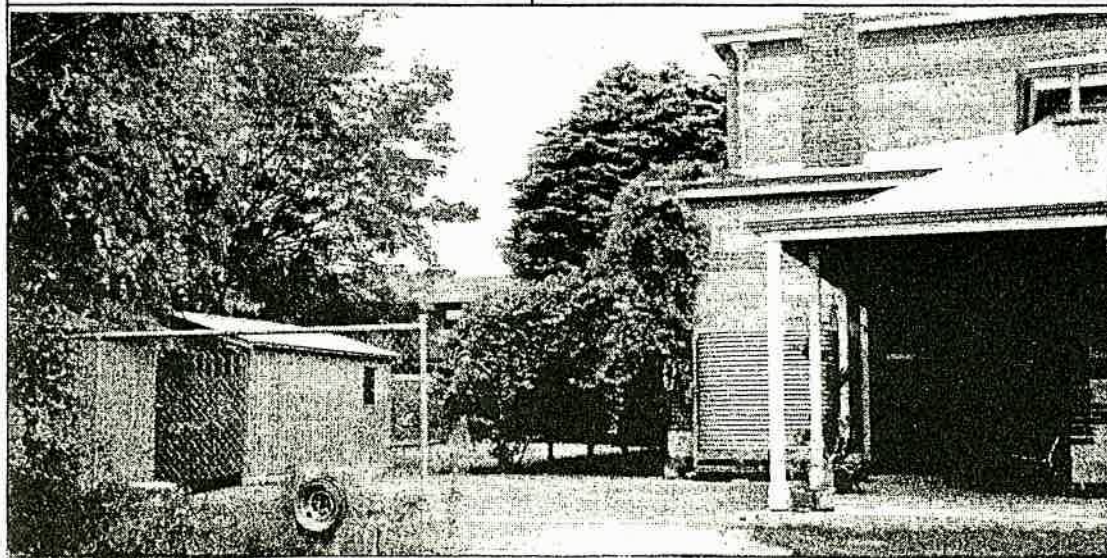
To train local pastors and church workers, the Chinese-medium Chin Lien Bible Seminary and the Trinity Theological College were founded before World War II, while the Singapore Bible College and the Far Eastern Bible College were established after the war. Christianity developed rapidly in the post-World War II period. Between 1950 and 1964, the four major local Protestant church groups -- the Anglicans, the Methodists, the Presbyterians and the Brethren -- initiated more than 100 new congregations. In the 1950s, four new groups also took root -- the Lutherans, the Baptists, the Bible Presbyterians and the Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission.

In 1948, the National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCC) was founded, followed by the Singapore Council of Christian Churches (SCCC) in 1956 and the Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore (EFOS) in 1980.

The Protestant churches initiated services to the community, such as Christian counselling in the prisons in 1953, the Christian Counselling Service and the Samaritans of Singapore in 1969 and the Christian Anti-Drug Rescue Endeavour in 1976. They also established welfare homes such as the St John's Home for the Aged in 1956, the Lee Kuo Chuan Home in 1972 and the Ling Kwang Home for Senior Citizens in 1983.

Verse for the Week: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
Isaiah 1:18.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 29 - Dec 5, '93)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 3.00 pm	Rev Tow & Co. return	*\$4,024.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,754.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1949)*\$4024; 1950)
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsals	*\$10754; 1951)\$300; 1952)\$1500.
FRI 10.30 am	Arnold Thio & Jean Wang Wedding, Rev Tow	TOTAL: \$3,996,128.13.
	7.30 pm E-Band F'ship	LOANS: (58) \$370(MF); (59) \$200(MF); (60)
SAT 2.30 pm	Baptist F'ship Church Wedding	\$300(MF). TOTAL LOANS: \$428,501.25.
	2.45 pm LTF/YF Gospel Rally, FEBC Hall	GRAND TOTAL: \$4,424,629.38.
	3.00 pm LBC/YAF	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Burma FST</i> \$1000, \$100;
	5.30 pm Barnabas Yap & Chan Ling Ling Wedding, Rev Tow	<i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i> \$100, \$100, \$10,
SUN 8.00 am	<i>The Message to Laodicea and to you</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)	\$31.52(US\$20), \$100, \$1500, \$300, \$100,
	10.30 am Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	\$100(Box), \$400(US\$250), \$2000.28; <i>China</i>
	10.30 am Chinese Service	<i>Mission</i> \$6000; <i>Hilltop</i> \$50; <i>Eld Khoo Peng Kiat</i>
	10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	\$200; <i>Eld Chia Kim Chwee</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$100.
	10.40 am Church Choir Practice	
	12.30 pm E-Band Outreach	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
	12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship	(1) "And other sheep I have, which are not of this
	3.00 pm Thai Service	fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my
	4.00 pm Indonesian Service	voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd"
	4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service	(Jn 10:16). Thank God for His mercy and grace. May
NBC This Week: <i>Wed</i> Bishan; <i>Fri</i> Bt Batok.		God accept this small gift (compared to the abundance
[Children's Camp. 5-9 Dec]		He daily provides, up and above, which money cannot
Life BPC Combined Children's Ministry Christmas		buy) for the preaching of the gospel. (\$2,000.28
Gathering to be held on 19 Dec 93, 12.15-2.00 pm at		Adelaide Stone Mansion).
Beulah Hse. All parents and children are welcome.		(2) Please channel the little gain which I have profited
Message by Msnr Charles Seet. Lunch will be catered		from Investment to Africa mission (\$120).
for. Please contact respective class co-ordinators.		(3) My humble tithes to my Lord God for the blessings
		showered upon my family. Thank you Lord. (\$150)
		Sunday School Attendance: 209; Offering \$308.00



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Dn Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 84	I Cor. 13
Hymn	No. 406	No. 366
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 399	No. 377
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 3:7-13	Eph 5:21-33
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Message to Philadelphia & to you</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<i>The Role of the Husband</i> (Rev Peter Chua)
Closing Hymn	No. 255	No. 353
Benediction		

November 13, 1993

Rev and Mrs Edward Pauwe
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Australia

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

"...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together
for the faith of the gospel." Philippians 1:27

All glory, praise and thanks be to God Almighty for
showing us His will regarding Hope Bible-Presbyterian
Church's application to use the former St Joseph's Centre



(the "stone mansion") in Adelaide. The City council of Unley, with the concurrence of the South Australian State Planning Commission, has granted approval for Hope B-P Church to use this 27-roomed "heritage" Building, on 46,266 sq ft of freehold land, for a "dwelling and religious, educational and counselling centre".

We are truly grateful to the Lord for His goodness and mercies, and for allowing Hope Church to purchase this beautiful Building for God's House and for the purpose of extending His Kingdom. Thank you very much, each one, for your prayers and support.

On December 25, 1992, when Rev Timothy Tow inspected this mansion, he told all of us at Hope Church to "Have faith in God" and that "Self help with God's help is the best help". Dr S H Tow and Rev Peter Chua also greatly encouraged us all to pray for God's guidance and provision. We thank the Lord for the faith and vision of our leaders.

Upon hearing the good news of the Council's approval, Rev Timothy Tow praised the Lord for this "victory!" Dr S H Tow faxed this message to us:

"Praise the Lord for the good news. We rejoice with you and the church on this 'great leap forward'. May the Lord lead you, and guide in the use of the facility to bless the members, the neighbours, and to magnify the name of God."

We are praying earnestly that the Lord will provide the funds before settlement, which is 60 days from the date of approval (less than 2 months). With men this may seem impossible, *"but with God all things are possible"* (Matt 19:26). *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"* (Phil 4:19).

The sale price of this Building is A\$850,000. With State Government stamp duty and other developmental obligations (such as smoke alarm system, etc) required by the City of Unley, and the purchase of pews, tables, chairs, and the painting of the sanctuary, etc, we need about A\$1 million in total.

Since the approval, we have received A\$10,000 from a brother in Singapore, a pledge of A\$30,000 from Bethel B-P Church, Melbourne, and a pledge of A\$200,000 from a sister at Life B-P Church who loves the Lord. Sharon B-P Church has informed us that she will loan Hope Church \$150,000 interest-free. There is also a significant increase in the giving from our own Hope Church Congregation. Hope Church Building Fund has increased to A\$535,168.40 as of this date. Praise the Lord! We now need A\$465,000 by settlement in early January. We trust in God to help us.

We deeply appreciate the love and kindness of each one who has given, both recently and in the past, to Hope B-P Church. Please pray that the Lord will move the hearts of many brothers and sisters in our B-P Churches to give generously and to loan money interest-free to help Hope B-P Church obtain this Building to advance the Lord's work, establishing a lighthouse of Salvation and Hope in this needy

land.

Australia is indeed a pagan country and a very needy mission field. Please pray that the Lord would give us His wisdom and strength to preach the Gospel of Christ to lost souls and to teach God's Holy Word to the Bible College students. May the Lord raise up future leaders "for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9).

May we together with our mother church, Life, and our sister churches in Singapore, Malaysia, and Australia *"strive together for the faith of the Gospel"* before the Lord's imminent Return. May God bless you richly as you pray for Hope Church and as you consider what God would have you to do to advance His cause "Down Under" in Adelaide, for His glory. *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"* (Phil 4:23).

Your Co-Labourers in Christ,
Edward and Leah Paauwe.

NO GIVINGS AWAY, NO BOUNTIFUL RETURNS

This truth is plentifully emphasised in the Bible. Particularly in the figure of sowing and reaping. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Prov 11:24). From St Paul is reiterated this precious formula for prosperity, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor 9:6,7).

When we give, cheerfully and happily, we are like sowing, scattering the precious seed, far and wide. Not necessarily our funds -- also our time, energy, service, for God's sake and the brethren's sake.

Now Life Church has one kind of sowing of a special kind -- the giving away of books -- published by our Church through the pastor's

pen. The latest to be disseminated is a Gospel pamphlet *Israel a Great Nation* just off the press. Our team to the Hilltop will carry along 1,000 copies as part of our effort to sow the seed in the Philippines. (This Gospel pamphlet is specially beamed on Israel and will be carried in bulk to Israel by the Fifth Pilgrimage next March.)

Now, Life Church Book Ministry usually gives away 1,200 copies of every one of the pastor's writings. In some cases, much more is taken by demand, eg. *Born Again in the S'pore Pentecost*. The *Church Growth* book is to be despatched 10 copies to every BPC by special Session action.

To encourage Lifers to support this Book Ministry let us publish some of the feedback we receive from time to time. Here is one appreciation from Mrs Ben Asher in Israel.

Many thanks for the books you have sent me. I have sent 3 of them to friends in Germany, Switzerland and England. Many of my friends in Haifa were enchanted by the "Prophescope on Israel." I was very proud to hear their opinion. I myself read it nearly every morning when I just open my eyes and I (like) to read the happenings which occurred in different periods to the Jews in the prophecies of Isaiah.

Now I really believe that we are living in a great historical time and may be these are the days of the Messiah. Who could have believed that R. Jin will shake hands with Yaser Marafat?...

I am looking forward to your visit in March 1994. Can't you come a week earlier and we shall brush-up the Hebrew?

Another just received from Canada, reads:

I am a friend of Dr & Mrs Steele. I'm from Canada and I met them in Florida at Suncoast Bible Presbyterian Church where our son John Doerbecker attended until he came to Grand Island Bible Pres.

I was given the book you had made up "Prophets of Fire and Water" and it has been a great blessing to my life, I've gotten others from Dr Steele and given them as gifts but he is now out and he thought you

might still have some, I will be glad to purchase them and pay shipping costs.

If you have any left would you let me know the cost and I would gladly take 10.

God's sovereignty is of utmost importance to my husband and myself and we are in an area where this book is a good witness to that fact and we would be using it for such.

After reading the book the first time over a year or so ago I was profoundly concerned for you, your family and the Far Eastern Bible College, you are in my daily prayers. We did meet Jamima once and enjoyed her company. Please when you have the time would you be so kind and let me know what this would cost, so I could soon purchase and give them, I already have a lady in particular from the regular Presbyterian Church whose health is seriously deteriorating -- while we have talked, I've sensed an interest and I think this book would open her eyes to the wonderful ways of God.

Our Church has also the ministry of mailing the Willmington Guide to the Bible, to poor pastors in the Philippines and Africa. We have purchased 100 copies at the reduced wholesale price and we have thus far sent out 35 of these -- by surface mail of course. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccles 11:1). In a word, "No venture, no gain." Or, as we have said it at the outset, "No givings away, no bountiful returns."

[Ed. note: Incidentally, Christmas is just round the corner. Inasmuch as God's giving His only Begotten Son to save us from our sin is commemorated in one way or another, why not give Christian Books to some loved one. There is an overflowing stock at our bookroom and Christ-honouring Christmas Cards a-plenty to suit your pocket and convenience.]

Verse for the Week: Cast they bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Eccles 11:1

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 6 - 12, '93)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 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	2.00 pm	Cheow Teong Kean & Tan May Yoke Wedding, Rev Tow
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF/AF
SUN	8.00 am	Paul's Warning to us who live in peace (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
	10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr

NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah; Fri Joo Chiat.

Life BPC Combined Children's Ministry Christmas Gathering to be held on 19 Dec 93, 12.15-2.00 pm at Beulah Hse. All parents and children are welcome. Message by Msnr Charles Seet. Lunch will be catered for. Please contact respective class co-ordinators. Please return all offering bags and hymnals to their proper places immediately after use.

Birth! To Mr & Mrs Edwin Seow a daughter, 6lb 3 oz. Nov. 27, 1993.

Sunday School Attendance: 289; Offering \$305.85

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$3,980.00 (8.00 am); *\$11,808.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1953)*\$3980; 1954)
\$11808; 1955)\$611; 1956)*\$30. TOTAL:
\$4,012,577.13. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,441,078.38.
OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Stone Mansion*
\$100, \$173, \$250, \$200, \$200, \$1000(LTF), US\$20,
\$50, \$2000 (Chinese Ser.); *Rehoboth* \$30; *Dn Jack*
Sin \$172; *RPG* \$500; *FEBC students* \$500; *Seets*
\$400, \$200; *Kenya Church Bld Fd* \$20; *FEBC*
\$30; *China* \$200; *Africa* \$120; *Thailand* \$600
(YAF); *Medan (Dohar)* \$750(MsF); *Rev Colin*
Wong \$200; *Medan* \$50.

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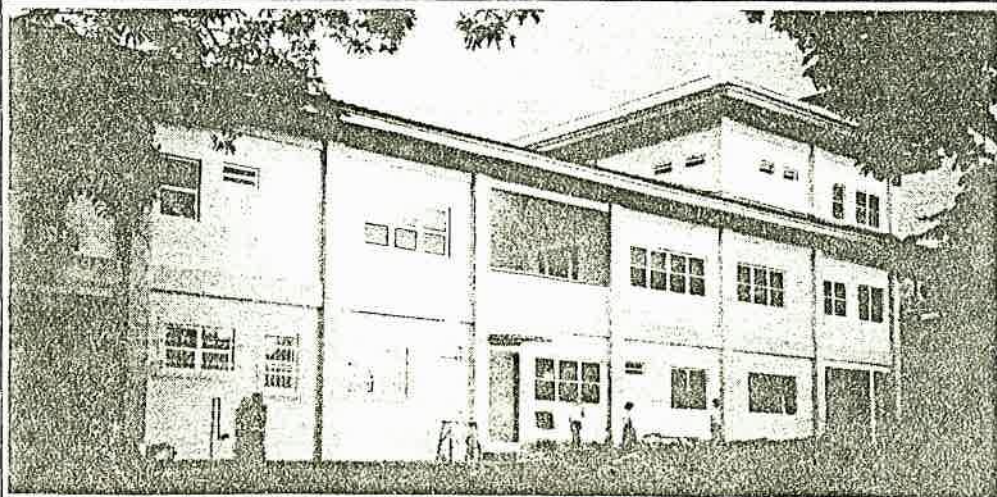
(1) Heavenly Father, How Majestic is Thy name. I praise You & thank You Father for the gift of love, peace & joy these two weeks. Father, I trust You for the future, that You will fulfill the desires of my heart in Your perfect time. My eyes look up unto Thy hills for Thy help and Providence. Please now, Lord, accept this humble gift of \$50 for the Hilltop Project.

(2) This is my humble offering to the Lord for the enormous help He gave to me during my final exams.

- His child, Sec 1 Sun. Sch. student (\$30).

(3) Please channel this amount to the purchase of the stone mansion in Adelaide. May His Kingdom be mightily promoted and extended in Adelaide. - A Yfer

Verse for the Week: Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer 33:3



Top of the Hilltop. The 3rd storey is a prayer loft, with a flat roof top, which gives a clear view of Metro-Manila.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Han Soon Juan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 253	No. 84
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	James 1:1-25	Ps 78:1-22
Hymn	No. 268	No. 438
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 247	No. 203
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rev 3:14-22	Lk 11:29-32
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Message to Laodicea & to you (Mr Quek Suan Yew)</i>	<i>What is the Sign of Jonas?</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 409	No. 277 Lord's Supper
Benediction		

A MOUNTAIN-TOP EXPERIENCE

By Deacon & Mrs Ong Eng Lam

It was with mixed feelings that we left for the Hilltop, in the Philippines. We had to trust God to take care of the 'mountain' of problems that had cropped up lately. The problems had come in torrents. It began with Shirleen's application for her leave; then Eng Lam's father suffered a mild heart attack in the wee hours of one morning; and our two daughters contracted the 'hand, foot and mouth disease' on the eve of our departure. But God never fails us, His mercies are new every morning. He took care of our 'mountain' of problems and led us to a mountain-top experience at Hilltop.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" What seemed to be problems at the airport (both in

Singapore and Manila) were transformed into blessings. Our flight to Manila was postponed from 9.40 am to 12.05 pm. This delay however led to a two-fold blessing --- a free breakfast and a change of flight from the Philippines Airlines to the Singapore Airlines which would be leaving at 11.00 am.

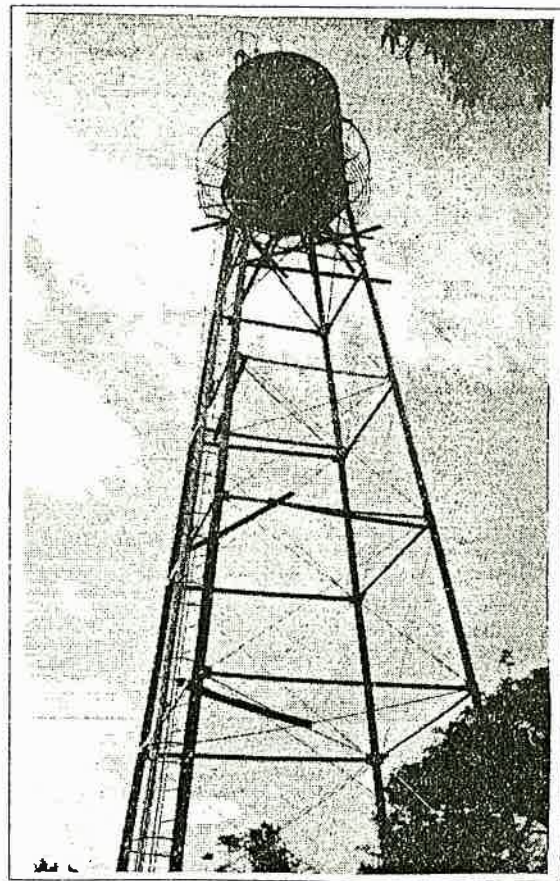
At Manila Airport, we seemed to be waiting in vain for 2 hours and there was no trace of Charles nor the Eberts! "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." We finally found each other in the crowd. The long wait and the fatigue of being caught in the infamous Manila traffic jam led us to appreciate the 'mansion over the hilltop'! It was to be the site of



cool, fresh air and the unfolding of God's bounteous blessings.

As the Conference commenced, testimonies of God's grace poured in. There were Filipino brethren who travelled in a ship for 2 days and 2 nights to attend the Conference. Another pastor who was present testified how he had 5 mouths to feed (he and his wife, his daughter and two pigs!) He explained that he was rearing his two pigs so that they could be sold to cover the expenses for the next Conference scheduled to be held in April '94. Many of them had made sacrifices in order to attend the Conference. Truly, we had a lot to learn from their zeal and simple faith in God. Our God will certainly not turn away those who seek Him.

The morning devotions were led by Filipino



pastors while the study on I Timothy were led by Charles and the Eberts. Indeed, we all learnt precious lessons from the Word of God.

The team from Singapore also presented two seminars entitled 'Effective Teaching' and 'Making the Sabbath a delight.' We were certainly very blessed by the kind and encouraging words rendered so generously towards the team.

The main speaker for the Conference was Rev Timothy Tow, who handled six sessions on 'Prophescope on Israel'. Through varied means from preaching to singing, from the use of chalkboard to the use of coloured pictures in the book, the delegates at the Conference were led to see the fulfilment of God's Word in the events happening around the world and in the History of Israel. As for Mrs Ivy Tow she spent a profitable time addressing the pastors' wives and single women Church workers.

A visit to the Hilltop would not have been complete without visiting the local members and churches. We visited a Filipino brother by the name of Mr D. Crispino who had one of his legs amputated. This inhibited his movement and church attendance. When Charles led us to visit him, we sensed his joy and heard his endless praise for God. Eagerly, he showed us his Bible, his Christian literature and tapes that had kept him company since he could not go to church as often as he wanted to. Have we not frequently left our Bible, Christian literature and tapes to collect dust? Surely, the reading of God's Word would bring forth bounteous blessings!

On another visit to one of the local churches in the countryside, we were struck by the example of a Filipino pastor, by the name of pastor Jeff. He had graciously driven us to visit a church in the countryside. There we met the local pastor and their Christian workers and saw their humble place of worship. Praise God that He is one who dwells in the hearts of men that love him and not in monuments that promote idolatry and superstition! When we returned to the van, we could not find Pastor Jeff in the driver's seat.

Then we saw him witnessing earnestly to two Filipino girls. Those moments spent waiting were not wasted. Had not the Lord said, "Occupy till I come?"

On Sunday, the Singapore visitors were split into two groups to visit the local churches. Rev Tow preached at one of the churches, while Charles preached at the other. Deacons Jack and Eng Lam as well as Brother Jyh Jang were also given opportunities to share with the different groups there. The joy the Filipino brethren had in their living faith was clearly manifested through their songs. If there is one thing that will stay in the minds of the mission team for a long time to come -- it is the way they sing! Let us 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord!' We heard the 'joyful noise' and we were blessed by it!

Our hearts are full of praise for the work of the Lord in the Philippines. Whether we be Singaporeans or Filipinos; whether we speak Chinese or Tagalog, we believe in the same God, and the same Mediator in the Lord Jesus Christ. In the fellowship with the Filipino brethren, the flames within our hearts were kindled with the common love we have in Jesus.

Our God is no man's debtor. Great is His faithfulness. We returned to Singapore with hearts overflowing with joy and saw that our loved ones had been restored to good health. Praise the Lord!

My dear Reader,

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Ps 16:6).

The lines are measuring lines used by the appointed surveyors to mark out the allotment of land to the Tribes and their respective families, from the biggest to the smallest. As for David, the author of Ps. 16, he is pleased with his portion. David had inherited the lion's share, for His royal palace was built on Mt. Zion, a hillock within the wall of Jerusalem.

What is said of David can be said of the establishment of B-P Churches, at home and

abroad. This week we give you a glimpse of the development of the Hilltop, Antipolo, Manila. Situated on 5 acres of a hill slope the first two phases are almost completed. When finally consummated, it will be a College and Conference Complex that can house 200 students and many more conferees. The Hilltop is situated in "pleasant places", where the air is perennially cool and the water is a sweet mineral type pumped up from 500 ft underground to a water tower that supplies the whole estate without fail. This Hilltop Project is mainly from Calvary funds, backed up by Life Church.

From Hilltop to Downunder

As recent as last week and the weeks preceding; we have displayed various views of the Adelaide Stone Mansion bought by Hope BPC for their Church and College. This is another sign of God's approval on the BPC Movement in Australia. Hope BPC is our third Church, after Perth and Melbourne.

This Stone Mansion was offered for sale for several months when we visited Adelaide at Christmas last year. With our strong advice Hope BPC launched out by faith to acquire it. While the price of A\$850,000 was agreeable, the procedure to get it was laborious. It took about a year to break the red tape, from Council to Council. Praise the Lord, when permission for the sale was obtained early November, a chorus of help was heard, far and near. By this week there have come in two big sums of free loans, the bigger being \$300,000 from New Life. This will tide us over when payment must be made in 30 days.

But the loans are to be repaid, so any gift, big or small, is deeply appreciated. Of our many Fellowships and departments, there has come a first sum of \$1,000 from Lively Teens Fellowship.

Why should our Fellowships and S.S. departments help out? When God has given us the pleasantest place of all, viz., Beulah House, which we all enjoy...

- T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 13 - 19, '93)

MON	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Emmanuel)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)
FRI	7.30 pm	E-Band F'ship
SAT	12.15 pm	Combined Children's Ministry Christmas Gatherng, Beulah Hse
	1.30 pm	Emmanuel Baptist Church Wedding
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm YAF
	3.30 pm	Sunday.Sch. Christmas Party (Pr & Jr Depts), Beulah Hse
	4.30 pm	Leong Yew Hoong & See Lay Keng Wedding, Rev Tow
SUN	8.00 am	<i>The First Coming of the King</i> (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bt Batok, Bishan.

Verse for the Week: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. II Cor 8:9

Sunday School Attendance: 282; **Offering** \$410.30

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) A thanksgiving offering of \$500 for the answered prayers of granting my children wisdom and good results in their exams. We praise God and would like my offering to be channelled towards Mrs Tow's children's camp which would be held from 5-9 Dec 93. Thank you Lord. - A Lifer.
- (2) Please channel this offering to Stone Mansion, Adelaide. "Thank you Lord, for a fruitful business trip in the States. (\$1800) - Grateful Lifer
- (3) May the Lord bless the \$50 1,000 times for Kenya's Church Bldg Fund. Amen. Amen. Amen.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$4,015.00 (8.00 am); *\$13,238.00 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1957)*\$4015; 1958)*\$13238; 1959)\$1300; 1960)\$1145. **TOTAL:** \$4,032,275.13. **GRAND TOTAL:** \$4,460,776.38.
OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Stone Mansion* \$500, \$200, \$200, \$200, \$1800, \$1000(AF), \$2000, \$250, \$200; *Burma FEFST* \$500, \$800, \$10, \$100, \$50, \$300, \$300, \$80; *Kenya* \$50, \$180; *Children's Camp* \$500, \$50; *China Missions* \$17(YFer).

(4) Father God, Thank you for all your blessings bestowed upon me. Thank you for sustaining me through my exams, and giving me results which I don't deserve. Here is my monthly tithe & offering, to be designated where Thou desirest. (\$100)

(5) This is the love offering we give for the much prayer & blessing from the church! To God be the glory! (\$400)

(6) Just a small token of my gratitude towards God my Father for bringing me through all these years. Please channel the money to China missions or to the sick, as the need arises. (\$17)

(7) This sum of money to be dedicated to missions where it is most needed. (\$800) - From thanksgiving parents of a new born child.

(8) The Lord has been gracious to me during the days I was having my PSLE. I am grateful to him for he had given me the strength and wisdom to do my exams.

On the 2nd of Oct which was just a few days before my PSLE, I had terrible stomach pains which later led to diarrhoea. This prevented me from revising my work thoroughly as I needed to have adequate rest because of my illness.

I was worried that I would not score as well as I had expected. But the Lord has graciously seen me through this 'crisis' and given me splendid results -- an aggregate score of 247 with 2A stars for Maths and Science and 2As for my languages.

I would like to thank the Lord again for my results and helping me through although I was ill.

- Chen Shu Yi, Della (Jr Dept)

*Please channel this thanksgiving offering to the children's camp.



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Geoffrey Tan
Opening Hymn	No. 151	No. 88
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 47	Ps 91
Hymn	No. 229	No. 351
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 283	No. 120
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Thess 5:1-23	Lk 11:33-54
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Paul's Warning to us who live in peace</i>	<i>Works without Faith is Dead (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 426	No. 49
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Readers,

TWO KINDS OF CHRISTMAS

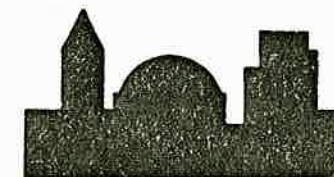
In less than a fortnight Christmas will be upon us. To the commercial world Christmas is already here. It extends from the time the annual decorations are put up all over the city to make our money.



As Christians let us not fall into their inducements to spend. If we do spend, let us spend wisely. Christmas is a time to give gifts, for we rejoice in God's Gift of His Only Begotten Son to save us from our sins. We give to loved ones and friends, we give to charity of the needy, we give through the Church to channel them where the need is greatest. "God loveth a cheerful giver" and "It is more blessed to give than to receive" are two famous Bible texts. It is a special joy to give at Christmas, and here's a reciprocal blessing. "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).

Give Christian Gifts

We have at Life Book Centre the best Bible gifts. There's the latest KJV Study Bible that every Christian



needs, not only the Bible teacher, but also the newly converted. Pictures, artwork with Bible verse and all other items that display the Word of God bear fruit unto eternity. Get your Christmas cards from our own bookroom which send out the Salvation message, for the Christmas message is "He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt 1:21).

From my knowledge, Christmas is a great time for Gospel preaching in Indonesia. Haposan told me how he was called upon to preach, even through the Medan Radio. How can you send the Christmas message out? If you can't, then bring some unsaved friend to our Christmas Eve Service. For that matter, every Lord's Day, be an Andrew for Christ!

"Feed My Lambs"

The first time Jesus spoke to Peter about the love He expected of him, He said, "Feed my lambs." Jesus remembers the little ones first! Our Church has not neglected the young, so we hold a Children's Camp every December. About 70 have joined. We thank parents who

pray for them and support the Camp with their gifts. We want to commend also the Children's Choir, the Junior Worship, the Pr. Dept of S.S., Nursery and VBS. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein" (Mk 10:14,15). □

JANET LIM'S TESTIMONY

Call to Salvation

When I was young, I attended Sunday school at Wilkie Terrace Christian Assembly. However, I did not accept Jesus as my personal Saviour. I went to Sunday class for the purpose of gathering only. When time passed, my sister shared with me about Jesus Christ and His death at the Cross. I listened, but still without any conviction.



Though I knew clearly Jesus had come to save sinners, by sacrificing Himself on

the Cross to pay the penalty of our sins, I did not surrender myself to Him because I was so involved in this materialistic world and absorbed in the secular job.

In 1980, a friend led me to Christ. Then I attended Church with her. Ever since attending Church, I realised the more I need Christ as my personal Saviour. I committed myself to him. For I know that I am His child, bought at a high price at the Cross.

Call to study in Far Eastern Bible College

I always have the desire to serve Jesus, but I was told that I needed to equip myself by studying God's Word in a Bible College. I approached a lady friend who was a student at DTC (Discipleship Training Centre). She told me that this College only admitted people with very high qualifications. Her answer gave me a setback, and I dropped the idea of going to Bible College.

Later I met a friend, who was a student of

FEBC. I shared with him about serving God. He encouraged me to pray for the Lord's will and direction. He also told me that he would be praying for me. That was March 1990.

There was a night when I was reading the Bible. I felt His call for me to serve in the vineyard: "Go ye also into the vineyard" (Matt 20:4-7). As I knew I would be wasting time working in a secular job, I preferred to labour for God in His vineyard. I tendered my resignation by giving my boss two weeks' notice, and came to FEBC as a full-time student. Thank God for His high calling.

Call to serve

During my studies at FEBC, I was asked this question several times, "Where are you serving God in the future?" Nobody seemed to know the answer, not even myself. This burden of wanting to know God's will for my life led me to pray and seek God for a place of service in His vineyard.

The Lord answered my prayers. On 12 Nov 93, I received the prompting of God's call through Pastor, Rev Tow to serve in Hope B-P Church (Adelaide). Looking from a higher perspective I realise that the Lord's vineyard is not limited



to Singapore but covers the whole world. Having seriously prayed and pondered about the challenge, I spoke to Pastor about my decision to go. I want to thank God and Pastor and the leaders of the Church for giving me the opportunity to serve Him in Adelaide. I covet your prayers that I would be a blessing to the Church as a faithful servant of His. To God be the glory!

Ed. Note: Pray for --

I. Our growing **missionary force**: 1) Charles and Frieda Seet (Philippines); 2) Jess and Nirand (N. Thailand); 3) Eld & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat (Melbourne); 4) Janet Lim (Adelaide); 5) Philip Heng Jee Seng (Kenya).

II. Our **National Leaders**: 1. Rev Robert Thawm Luai (Burma); 2. Siregar Father and sons (Medan, Indonesia); 3. Rev Djunaidei (W. Kalimantan); 4. Joshua Wonsia in conjunction with Sembawang (Ivory Coast, W. Africa). □

"PEACE AND SAFETY; THEN SUDDEN DESTRUCTION!" I- THESS 5:3

"There are incredible opportunities before us but also great dangers. Because of the shift of power across the Pacific, conflicts of one kind or another are bound to occur. We will be dragged in regardless of what we do.

"It is therefore very important for us in Southeast Asia to raft our boats together. We are then more likely to stay afloat when storms break.

"If the Uruguay Round succeeds on Dec 15, we can breathe a deep sigh of relief, at least for a while. But long-term uncertainties remain. No nation gives up power or property without first putting up a fight. If the Round fails, events may move quickly."

S.T. Dec 8, '93

— BG Yeo. See Page 27 for the first part of his speech.

What BG Yeo forecasts in an extended article in Straits Times, Dec 8, '93 should speak to us, who are constantly being warned by Holy Scripture, but tend to slumber on in times of peace.

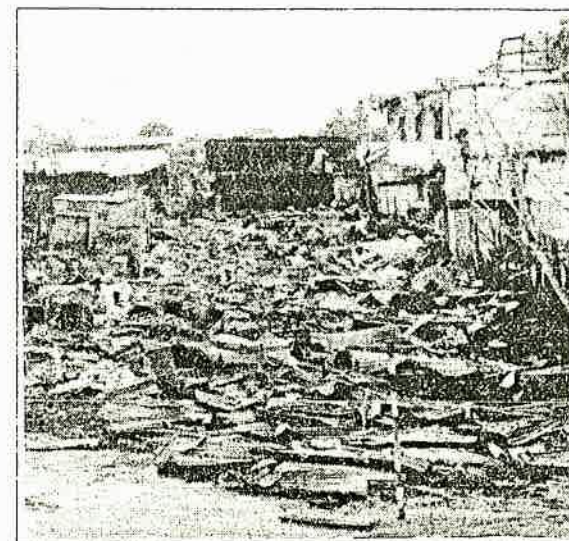
As if timed for today's 8 am message, here is a photo received from Rev Djunaidei of the charred remains of the Bible School (on the right) we built for W. Kalimantan, 1983. Terrorists recently broke into the Church-School compound and set it on fire, which spread to the adjacent slum quarters, destroying 50 homes and rendering several hundred homeless. "Peace and safety; then sudden destruction" can happen anywhere, anytime in this sin-cursed earth.

Never Judge those who meet with Calamity

If you should lapse into this warped frame of mind, listen to King Solomon, "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the Lord see it, and it

displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him" (Prov 24:17,18).

"There were present at that season some that told Him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering



said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay, except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish." Men are never to judge, but to repent. Beware of your speech, even your thoughts!

The urgency of the end-times should all the more spur us on in the extension of God's Kingdom unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Our current topic on missions is the Stone Mansion in Adelaide. With increased facilities they have also enlarged responsibilities. One area of expansion in the Lord's work is evangelising the young children. This is the most needed field to cultivate. Praise the Lord, Janet Lim, FEBCer '93, who has helped Gospel Light (Sharon outreach) in children's work is called to go. Now serving the Office, she is booked to fly Qantas Jan 4, '94. She will be a great assistance to Mrs Leah Paauwe in the 101 jobs needed to keep the Stone Mansion Church and College going. Rev Paauwe meantime has faxed us Hope BPC's Commonwealth Bank of Australia A/C No. 5131-5005082 for any telegraphic transfer of funds to them in this hour of need. The Paauwes' home address: 8 Sanford St., Kensington Gardens, South Australia, 5068. Tel. (08)332-0704 or 269-1001. Fax (08)364-3282.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 20 - 26, '93)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Slides of N.Thailand)	* \$5,407.00 (8.00 am); * \$7,879.00 (10.30 am)		
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 1961)*\$5407; 1962)		
THU	6.30 pm	Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse	*\$7879; 1963)\$250; 1964)\$100; 1965)\$79 (US\$50).		
FRI	7.45 pm	Combined Christmas Eve Service	TOTAL: \$4,045,990.13. GRAND TOTAL:		
SAT	5.00 pm	Pang Kim Hwee & Janet Koh Wedding, Rev Tow	\$4,474,491.38.		
SUN	8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Christmas Service	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i>		
	8.00 am	<i>The Second Coming of the King</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	\$300, \$200, \$50, \$10, \$50, \$300, \$250, \$1000,		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	\$550 (WF), \$240; <i>TWR-Gospel b'cast to</i>		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>Myanmar</i> \$250; <i>Bibles for Russia</i> \$50; <i>Heng</i>		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>Jee Seng</i> \$300; <i>Rev C Wong</i> \$150, \$500; <i>Rev</i>		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<i>Djunaidi's Church</i> \$1000; <i>Rev Tow</i> \$300; <i>Rev</i>		
	12.30 pm	E-Band Outreach	<i>P Tan</i> \$300; <i>Seets</i> \$200; <i>Nirands</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i>		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	\$1000, \$1000; <i>Missions Fund</i> \$100; <i>Thailand</i>		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	\$500; <i>Philippines</i> \$451; <i>College Extn</i> \$300; <i>YF</i>		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	\$120; <i>Kenya</i> \$50; <i>Dn Yiew P S</i> \$150; <i>Rev</i>		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	<i>Djunaidi</i> \$500; <i>George Skariah</i> \$75(YAF).		
NBC This Week: <i>Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.</i>			Jesus Name. Amen. (\$10 for Stone Mansion, Adelaide)		
Verse for the Week: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Ps 46:1			(4) Thank God for His grace that has sustained me thus far. A little offering to His Kingdom for His faithfulness towards a wretched sinner like me despite being so faithless. May we echo Paul similarly: "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Rom 12:3). Please direct this small offering to Hope BP, Adelaide. All praise & glory to God. Amen. (\$100)		
Sunday School Attendance: 280; Offering \$266.97			(5) Thank God, our father, for His mercy and graciousness upon me and my family in the past months: Jeremiah 33:3. Please assign to our missionary work in Thailand and the Philippines the enclosed sum of \$500 and \$451 respectively. Lord, thank you for the opportunity to pray and share: Indeed, please help us to let our faith be followed by works. Thank you, Lord, again.		
Infant Baptism, next Lord's Day, 10.30 am. Parents who wish their infants to be baptised please inform Church Office by Tue, 21/12, giving child's name, parents and date of birth. 1994 Year Planner at \$2.50 from Life Book Centre. Special features *Breathtaking Sunset over the Straits *Month at a glance planner up to Jan 1995 *Important dates 1992-98 *School & Public Holidays: S'pore, Malaysia, Australia; etc etc.			(6) Thank God for the greatest gift of all, the Lord Jesus Christ. My Christmas gift for Stone Mansion - Hope BPC. (\$50)		
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:			(7) Initially I thought of giving ten per cent of my bonus to Hope BP but I know we need to clear the remainder of our Beulah debt as soon as possible. So I've decided to give half to Hope BP and the other half to my mother Church. (\$500)		
(1) God has laid it on my heart to give to your work -- Beulah Hse or whatever is best. Hope a check will be no problem. (US\$50)			AT YOUR SERVICE: Rev Timothy Tow 250-2138 Office 256-9256		
(2) This year is a year of great spiritual blessings. Thank God for a mission-minded church. This \$50 will be multiplied for the extension of His Kingdom in KENYA CH. BLDG FD. To God be the glory. Amen.					
(3) I ask and seek Thee for Thy answer concerning our future. Please Lord, show us Your way. Prepare all of us for Thy way. In					



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 164	No. 164
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Lk 1:26-37	Jn 1:1-4
Hymn	No. 152	No. 168
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 153	No. 160
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mt 1:18-25	-
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The First Coming of the King</i> (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	<i>Message from Manila</i> (Mr Charles Seet)
Closing Hymn	No. 145	No. 305
Benediction		

CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

by Sylvea Wong

What can we do to prepare for Christmas? We should take some time to restore our faded spiritual vision, to seek forgiveness in a situation that has created a broken relationship, to replace the emotions of hate and fear with love and trust. We humans move between agony and ecstasy in this life. The spiritual intrudes into the earthly. Sometimes we welcome this intrusion, as when it reassures us of God's presence and love. Sometimes it is not so welcome, as when God is seeking to lead us not where we wish to go but where we ought to go. When we contemplate the sins, sufferings and tragedies in the world, we live on the verge of tears. But when we contemplate the Christmas message --- God Incarnate, Emmanuel God with us --- our hearts beat with renewed hope and joy. With God so much with us in the Christmas story, priorities are set right. Because of Christmas we can move from the agony of doubt and fear to the ecstasy of living in Christ.

We asked God to help us search deep within to rid our

hearts of anger or fear or mistrust. These interfere with our celebration of Christmas. Lord, live in us as we prepare to greet You this Christmas, renew our spirits with Your goodness and thrill our hearts with Your joy.

In a large house, there are dishes and bowls of all kinds. Some are made of silver and gold, others of wood and clay, some are for special occasions, others for ordinary use. If anyone makes himself ready to be used, the Master will use him for every good deed.

The Sounds of Christmas from Life BP Church - Luke 2:14

The sound of joyful Life Church
bells
Heard from a distant Chancery
Hill

The cherished celebrations
Each Christian heart has come
to know
The Birth of the Saviour lay
In a lowly bed of hay.

God grant us all this Christmas
To see a vision clear
The need there is for kindness
To friends both far and near
That Christmas time would
teach
If each would forge a small link
To heaven the chain would
reach.

To-day let each one start then
To forge that lengthy chain
Our selfish thoughts will crumble
As we ease another's pain
And in our deep heart's silence
Will hear so gratefully
A kindness done to anyone
Is a kindness done to me.

The sights and sounds of
Christmas
Woefully will depart
But the wondrous love of Jesus
Can remain with each heart.

Blessed Christmas from Sylvea

My dear Readers,

It is possible for us to celebrate Christmas like the world if we just join in the "festivity of the season" with not one thought for God. Now Paul stresses in Titus three times that we should be a "peculiar people zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14; 3:8, 14). *"That they which have believed in God be careful to maintain good works."* Christmas to the God-fearing and God-loving should be a season for "total mobilisation for good." Christmas should stir our hearts to "accelerate" the extension of God's Kingdom. What have I done for Christ, and how much have I done for my Lord and Saviour, is the Q everyone must answer!

What kind of talent is entrusted you? Do you "trade" it to "gain" profit for God or do you bury it to His great displeasure? Octogenarian Sylvea Wong has written the paragraph and poem above. She loves God. That is her contribution. Some kind lady of the Chinese Service cooked for the Children's Camp, unwilling to accept any monetary gift --- this is a sweet savour offering to the Lord from Martha. A Lifer couple planning a vacation during Christmas gave a substantial gift to the Lord. This shows their loving relationship with the Saviour.

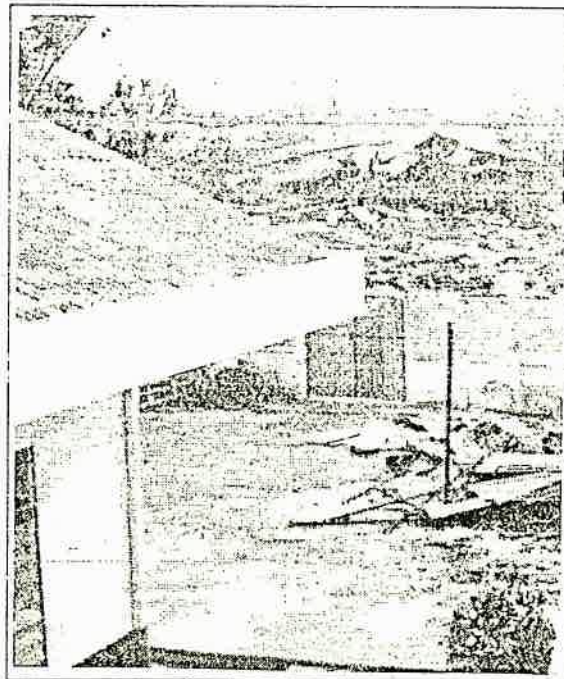
Another good indicator of Lifers' love for the Lord is reflected in our Beulah Debt. From



\$3.1 million in mid-1989 it is now reduced to \$0.53 million. I asked a "helper" why she did not want to withdraw her share. She replied, "God has been blessing me since. Just let it stay there." I guess God's dividends are better than Telecom's!?

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord also for Adelaide's Stone Mansion. The offer of \$200,000 free loan from Sharon and \$300,000 from New Life has tided Hope BPC over in the payment of AS\$850,000.

Let us give thanks also for persecution --- this in reference to the burning of the Bible School we built for Djunaidi, 1983. The whole complex which includes Church, parsonage, orphanage, kindergarten and day school could have been wiped out if there was a high wind. "Praise the Lord, *only* the Bible School building was destroyed," wrote our brother in his report. One spontaneous gift of \$1,000, and one of \$500 from a lady of the Chinese Service last Lord's Day are noted by the Lord. Here is where in distributing your Christmas offerings to the needy a portion will be directed.



Now that we are more solvent, renovations on a large scale will begin in the New Year. First things first, Beulah House must be totally rewired, according to expert advice. In fact a small beginning has been made as you can see from the Italian art-lamps installed at the Round House entrance. Also at the porch of Two Arches.

By way of recapitulation, let us not celebrate Christmas with the world, using this season for pleasure, with not one thought for God. Let me remind you what I stressed in the Christmas letter you should have received the latest by yesterday: "Christmas is a golden opportunity to bring the lost to Christ --- through the Gospel carols, through preaching, through personal witnessing, even through the children's acting the Christmas story. Be sure to bring an unsaved loved one or friend to Church."

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life" I John 5:20.

- Yours obediently, T.T.

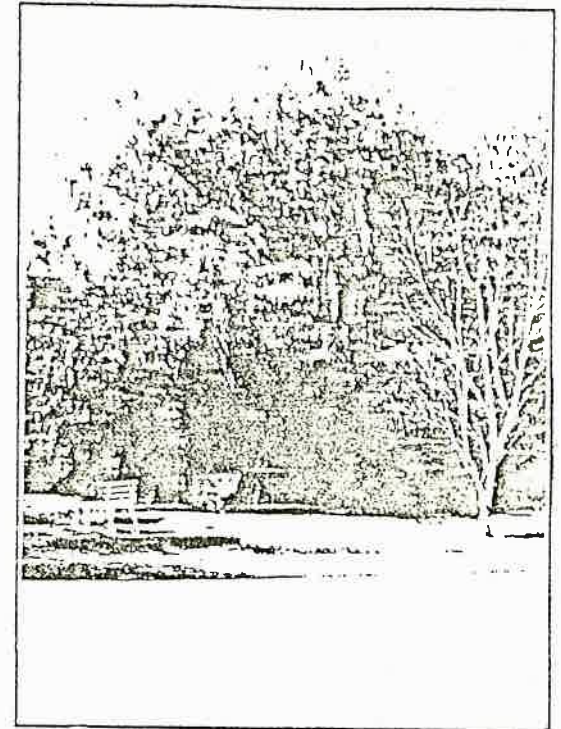
MISSION TO CHIANGMAI FROM 2 TO 8 DEC 1993

by Priscilla

We praise God for a team of seven to go to Chiangmai from 2-8 Dec 1993, led by Dr David Cheong and Dn Tan Nee Keng. In the evening of 2 Dec, a gospel meeting was held, attended by about 30 people. Dn Tan Nee Keng delivered the message on *Ambition - Achieving Much But In Truth I Own Nothing*.

Our team also served during 3-5 Dec a camp at a Christian Centre 2,000 ft uphill on Doi Suthep. Our team brothers delivered messages to challenge the members to be more committed to the Lord. Our team sisters led the children on the theme of the *Life of Christ*.

Life is difficult in N. Thailand with people coming from varied backgrounds and priority is given to making a living. As the adults are more difficult to reach with the Gospel, Jess and Nirand saw the need to sow the Seed in the children's hearts. In fact Jess and Nirand acted like 'father' and 'mother' to these kids. It



With wooded surroundings the Adelaide Stone Mansion is an ideal campsite!

takes patience for them to plant by not looking unto the harvest but by the seeds they sow.

During the workshop sessions, both adults and children spontaneously raised thought-provoking questions about the Christian faith which warmed our hearts to know that they are hungry, seeking people. The sharing during the camp-fire at the end of the camp also testified of the Lord's goodness and work in their hearts.

During the next few days, 6-8 Dec, we visited the Maeung tribal village in the hilly Maerim district, visited church members, attended lunch fellowship meetings at 2 hospitals and not forgetting to view the proposed land. The place is a 9,000 sq ft rectangular land, which comes with 5 wooden houses, presently occupied. It is offered by an elderly Christian lady. Total cost is S\$300,000...

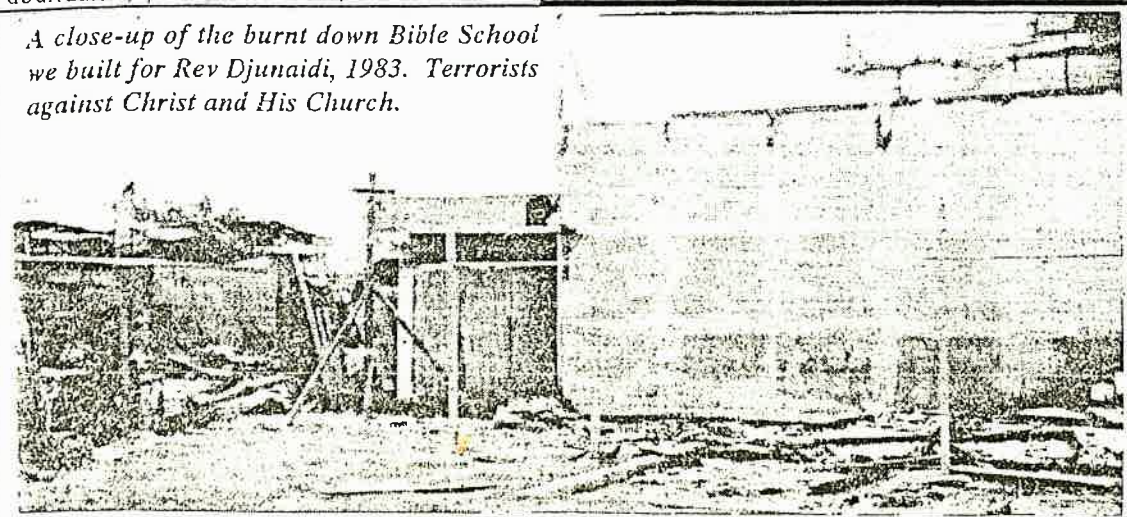
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 27 '93 - Jan 2, '94)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Hilltop Video)
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	MsF Mtg. FEBC Hall (Speaker: Msnr Charles Seet)
FRI	7.15 pm	YF/YAF Anniv. (Rev Tow. FEBC Hall)
	8.00 pm	Sharon Watchnight Service
	10.45 pm	Life BPC Watchnight Service (Mr Charles Seet)
SAT	9-1.00 pm	Interfship Bible Knowledge Quiz
	2.30 pm	Kenneth Liao & Annie Tan Wedding, Rev Tow
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Jesus raises the paralytic</i> (Rev Bill Ebert)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow. Lord's Supper Commissioning of Janet Lim
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
	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 Bt Batok.*

Verse for the Week: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa 55:6,7

A close-up of the burnt down Bible School we built for Rev Djunaidi, 1983. Terrorists against Christ and His Church.



LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

*\$5,134.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,845.29 (10.30 am)
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1966)*\$5134; 1967)
*\$9845.29; 1968)\$20; 1969)\$100.
TOTAL: \$4,061,089.42.
GRAND TOTAL: \$4,489,590.67.
OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Stone Mansion*
\$200, \$100, \$100, \$259.71, \$150, \$5000, \$500,
\$200, \$100, \$300, \$100; *Burma FEFST* \$1000
(Life Bk C), \$400; *Rev Colin Wong* \$50; *FEBC*
\$300; *Janet Lim* \$60; *Rev G Kutty* \$150; *Eld*
Khoo \$200; *Jack Sin* \$220; *RPG* \$800; *Bibles*
for China \$935; *Seets* \$200, \$100; *Hilltop* \$200;
Hendro \$494; *Beulah Hse Renov* \$500.

Sunday School Attendance: 261; Offering \$269.05

INFANT BAPTISM

- Cheung Ziling, Sarah
d/o Mr & Mrs Rick Cheung Chee Wai
- Huang Qingling, Magdalene
d/o Mr & Mrs Ng Kok Cheng
- Mok Wen Jun, Celine
d/o Mr & Mrs Patrick Mok Chik Pow
- Ong Xue Ting, Gloria
d/o Mr & Mrs William Ong Tian Hong
- Oh Yong Xiang, Jonathan
s/o Mr & Mrs Alan Oh Ewe Yook
- Seah Junjie, Benjamin
s/o Francis & Jenny Seah



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Dn Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 25	No. 162
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 90	Psa 39
Hymn	<i>Our God Our Help...</i>	No. 355
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 68	No. 147
Offertory Prayer		
		Baptism
Scripture Text	Isa 9:7	Psa 46
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Second Coming of the King</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>In time of trouble what will you do?</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>I am resolved...</i>	No. 283
Benediction		



My dear Readers,
WISHING YOU



A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN THE LORD

It is customary to wish one another a happy New Year at such an hour as this. To experience a happy New Year we have to settle all our old year's debts, whether we owe it to the Lord or to men. A happy New Year is ours if we resolve to serve the Lord anew with greater devotion than in the old year. Let us "Do something good for Jesus everyday" and "Do something good for Jesus everywhere we go."

The greatest good is to bring salvation to a lost soul and consolation to a brother or sister in distress. A "personalised" message of salvation and deliverance from the woes of this life is the pink booklet *Recipes for Living a Happy Life* you received by mail before Christmas. If this booklet has blessed you, we have a good supply at the counter. Give one to your friend, and bring him or her to Service. 1994 should be a year of total mobilisation to win lost souls to Christ. Evangelism is every member's business. For that matter, there are countless tracts stacked at the Gospel Tract Rack as you enter the Church.

From local evangelism to foreign missions! Missions is

of paramount importance to every church's ministry, for it is the first emphasis of the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). We're happy to have a part in extending the Gospel to Adelaide by contributing to the Stone Mansion. Not only our money, but also our member --- Miss Janet Lim whose testimony you have read. Be sure to hear her in person at the New Year's Service Jan. 2, 10.30 am. She flies Jan 4 straight to her venue of work. By then she'll have a room ready in the Stone Mansion. She will be most valuable to Mrs Lehia Paauwe. She will teach a Children's Class which is now lacking.

Janet's going to Australia reminds of other areas also needing our help. Remember you can play a part by prayer and financial support if you cannot go. "Do not be lulled by a deceptive outward appearance of world peace, but knowing that the days are evil, let us press on. "Jesus is coming real soon" are the words of Rev C T Hsu.

To arouse Christians to action before His coming, I shall be teaching REVELATION, a two-hour evening course beginning Jan. 10, 1994, 7.30-9.30 pm. As in "Counselling Recipes," you will get my notes through 16 weeks.

These will then be collated and published as a book in order that its message may be widely spread. "END-TIME MYSTERIES RE-VEALED!"

Now, I'm glad to have received a firm foundation from Dr Buswell in Systematic Theology, and Eschatology is one subject I enjoyed under him. I think he is on the right track. In reference to his wisdom, I shall teach Revelation more confidently. Incidentally Buswell's Systematic Theology which is now out of print is being reprinted by Life Book Centre in cooperation with Calvary BPC. Any order from overseas is welcome.

One good thing leads to another. For our encouragement, *Prophescope on Israel* is being translated into Chinese by James Lu, who took a three-month course at FEBC when he was here studying for his MA(English). He was a Chinese Govt. scholar. As for the pamphlet, *Israel a Great Nation*, it is being translated into Korean.

FEBC is reopening Mon. Jan 3, 8.30 am at Beulah House with Day of Prayer. We have an intake of around 10 new students. In regard to out-going students, we want to commend Pauline Lee to further her study in Chinese at Chin Lien Bible Seminary, for she has felt the call to Chinese Children's Work. For practical experience she will henceforth be attached to our Chinese Service. As for Serene Lim she will work at FEBC under the Matron on week days, and weekends with Calvary BPC. Jit Thye and wife Anne will be posted back to Calvary Jaya, KL. Heng Jee Seng is preparing to return to Kenya to help Kendagor build a Church in the mountain. To end with a happy note: Haposan has phoned me to get ready for his marriage some time end of Jan '94! Another happy note: The Beulah Debt is fallen to \$0.49 million.

A third happy note is the ordination of Mr Quek Suan Yew to the pastoral ministry, Calvary BPC on Jan 16, '94 so we have herein a preview of his coming consecration. A fourth happy note is the proposed starting of a new Church at Tengah Airbase, Chua Choa Kang, an outreach

by Calvary BPC.

There is a saying, "In the midst of life we are in death." By corollary, "In the midst of safety, sudden destruction." The collapse of the 12-storey condominium in KL with 72 people entombed save for a mother and little daughter who escaped is still news on a hot plate. The close-up photo of Djunaidi's Bible School burnt down by Terrorists is shown on the back page --- a further reminder to complacent S'poreans. This leads us to God's admonition to Jeremiah, "Behold, that which I have built will I break down and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest" (Jer 45:4,5). BG Yeo just a fortnight ago warned us of dangerous times ahead. Politicians are sometimes better prophets than pastors! Dear Reader, are you secure from the wrath that is bound to come? It is looming nearer everyday whether you like it or not. And there is no defence against nuclear destruction. Only JESUS can save us who has the Keys of Hell and of Death (Rev 1:18). Have you received Christ into you heart? Why keep procrastinating? Don't say I'm O.K. lest you be overtaken as in the 12-storey condo disaster Repent today.

- Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

LETTER TO PASTOR

I just received your Christmas letter together with your booklet *Recipes for Living a Happy Life*, and having begun to read it I could not put it down till I had completed reading it. (Thank God for jet lag!) I'm writing to thank you for the book and to tell you that I am much encouraged and challenged especially by your three messages. I wish we had been able to come for the camp.

I praise the Lord for first message on being "born again." For quite a while I had noticed that there were many members in

PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO MARCH 1994

8.00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Theme: Miracles of JESUS, the Son of God, according to Mark

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
JAN	2 Jesus raises the paralytic	Mk 2:1-12	Rev Bill Ebert	Dn Han Soon Juan
	9 Jesus stills the storm	Mk 4:35-41	Rev Stephen Khoo	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	16 Jesus and the Maniac of Gadara	Mk 5:1-20	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Ong Eng Lam
	23 Jesus and Woman with a haemorrhage	Mk 5:21-34	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Jack Sin
	30 Jesus and Jairus' daughter	Mk 5:35-43	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Dn Geoffrey Tan
FEB	6 Jesus "could there do no mighty work"	Mk 6:1-6	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
	13 Jesus walks on the Sea*	Mk 6:45-52	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Dn Ong Eng Lam
	20 Jesus and a Gentile Woman	Mk 7:24-30	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Wee Chin Kam
	27 Jesus, the Super ENT Surgeon	Mk 7:31-37	Elder Lim Teck Chye	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
MAR	6 Jesus feeds the Four Thousand	Mk 8:1-9	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
	13 Jesus and the Blind Man of Bethsaida*	Mk 8:22-26	Rev Tan Eng Boo	Dn Tan Nee Keng
	20 Jesus and the helpless disciples	Mk 9:14-29	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Dn Ong Eng Lam
	27 Jesus is the Miracle of Miracles	Mk 16:1-8	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Jack Sin

*Lord's Supper

Preach the Word, be instant, in season, out of season. (II Tim 4:2)

Life who have shown no sign of regeneration. I thought that little can be done even if we suspect that they may not know the Lord since it is not for us to judge. At the same time, having heard the phrase "If you believe, you are elect" quite often repeated, my heart was burdened for any who thought they are saved by mere intellectual assent to the deity of Christ. These, I felt were in a worse position than those who have never heard the Gospel. Those who have not heard the Gospel may repent as they realize their lost estate when they do hear the Gospel. Those who believe intellectually on the other hand often shut their ears to the Gospel being deluded about their own hearts' condition. Thank you for your succinct, yet probing message. I wish, pastor, that a similar message could be preached on Sunday. Those who are deluded would seldom want further

involvement in Church activities other than Sunday worship and so would not have attended the camp and many would not read.

Your second message, is also a blessing --- especially your counsel that the wife should stay at home to look after the children. My wife and I would have to seriously pray about the option.

Your third message contains many practical gems, and is especially an encouragement to us to serve the Lord and to put Him first in all things.

Finally, pastor, we would like to wish you and your family a very Blessed Christmas as you remember the birth of our Lord whom you serve. It is our prayer that the Lord may grant you the ability and opportunity to write and preach many more good messages to His glory.

- YAFer