

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 3 - 9, '94)		CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS:	
MON 8.30 am FEBC New Semester Opens Day of Prayer. Beulah Hse		\$38,964.00	
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Phee)		EXTN BLDG FUND II 1970)\$100; 1971)\$624. TOTAL: \$4,061,813.42. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,490,314.67.	
THU 7.30 pm <i>Minor Prophets</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)		OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i> \$200, \$200, \$750, \$4000, \$50; <i>Burma FEFST</i> \$200, \$500; <i>Seets</i> \$50, \$100, \$100; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$200; <i>Hilltop</i> \$200, \$500 <i>Setsuko</i> \$100; <i>Rev</i> <i>Djunaidi Bible Sch</i> \$500, \$100; <i>RPG</i> \$50; <i>Kenya</i> <i>Ch Bld Fd</i> \$50.	
SAT 2.30 pm LTF/YF 2.30 pm Sembawang BPC Wedding (Rev Phee)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
SUN 3.00 pm LBC/EBF/YAF 8.00 am <i>Jesus stills the Storm</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo. Lord's Supper)		* \$5,792.75 (8.00 am); * \$6,833.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 1972)*\$5792.75; 1973) *\$6833; 1974)\$200; 1975)\$300; 1976)\$150. TOTAL: \$4,075,089.17. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,503,590.42.	
9.30 am Sunday School 9.30 am Catechism Class (Beulah Hse) 10.30 am Rev Dan Ebert III 10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow) 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		OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i> \$700, \$1000, \$300, \$850, \$300, \$500, \$500, \$500, \$500, \$50, \$400; <i>Christmas Offerings</i> \$200, \$50, \$100, \$600, \$100, \$20, \$120, \$500, \$10000; <i>Burma FEFST</i> \$400; <i>Rev Djunaidi</i> \$100; <i>RPG</i> \$50, \$20.65; <i>Hilltop</i> \$600; <i>Seets</i> \$350.10, \$50, \$300; <i>FEBC</i> \$1000; <i>Africa</i> \$200; <i>Expansion of God's K'dom</i> \$1150, \$1200; <i>African Mission</i> \$250; <i>China Mission</i> \$250; <i>Heng J S</i> \$100; <i>Nirands</i> \$50; <i>Thailand land</i> \$1000, \$200; <i>Rev George Kutty</i> \$200; <i>Setsuko</i> \$150; <i>Bibles for Africa</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$100.	
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Bishan.			
Verse for the Week: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:14			
Sunday School Offering \$697.70			
CATECHISM CLASS FOREASTER 1994 BAPTISM will commence next Lord's Day at Beulah House, 9.30 am.			
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:			
(1) I can never thank God enough for his great mercy and abundant grace towards an unworthy and persistent sinner like me. Amongst other things, He brought me back to Him after I had strayed away for 8 years. Here is a little something (of my great debt) which please channel towards mission work. (\$300)		God for His Divine care and grace. This is a small sum (\$50) but I humbly pray that God will use it.	
(2) Thank you, Lord! For answered prayers... Merry Christmas!! (\$100)		(6) Thank God for His grace and provisions upon a sinner like me. May He accept this offering for Beulah House fund. - Saved by His grace.	
(3) Enclosed \$500 as our thanksgiving for his blessings in our life.		(7) Thank you Lord for Christmas. thank you so much for sending Christ to die at Calvary just for me, a sinner. I pray that the Lord will continue to use me wherever He wants in the coming year and may he even show to me His will for me in the coming future." 1 Sam 12:24. (My humble offering - \$50.)	
(4) As we herald in the new year, I thank God for His protection and many blessings. (\$50)		(8) With thanksgiving to God for His longsuffering and faithfulness throughout 1993. \$100 for Stone Mansion (or to any needy missionary if the Stone Mansion fund is completed). The rest is part of my tithe.	
(5) "Out of Thine own have I given thee." Thank			



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2 January 1994

### "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. 93	No. 6
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 91	Psa 84
Hymn	No. 29	No. 540
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 336	No. 462
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 2:1-12	Isa 60:1-5
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus raises the Paralytic</i> (Rev Bill Ebert)	<i>Only Hope for 1994</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 49	No. 26
Benediction		Lord's Supper

### THOUGHTS ON 1994

Every year is a milestone in our life, like marking a long distance, cross-country race. Life is a race. But what sort of a race? Oftentimes we hear people say we are in a rat race. Now what is a rat race? The Concise Reference Encyclopaedia and Dictionary defines a rat race as "a fiercely competitive struggle to maintain one's position in work or life." In such circumstances do you think the participants will keep to the rules of a race?

If you look into the meaning of 'rat', you'll not find anything good about it. Oxford Dictionary defines 'rat' as one who deserts his party in difficulties as rats are said to desert doomed house or ship. Websters defines 'rat' as a sneaky, contemptible person. I must conclude that in a rat race, the participant will try to win by hook or by crook. Morality and rules will be sacrificed for the sake

of winning. Result: insider trading; embezzlement or CBT=criminal breach of trust; owing and never paying one's debts, and all the tricks in business dealings, etc, etc. Nothing honourable can be associated with a rat. A Christian cannot be in a rat race.

A Christian is in a straight race. He should run in the steps of St Paul. He is on a straight course. He is in the race of life that keeps ascending until he reaches, like Christian in *Pilgrim's Progress*, the Celestial City. Are you in this race or trying to join in the rat race? In the straight race we take, Paul lays down the rules: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they



do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Cor 9:25-27).

What are some of the rules of running the straight race? We must keep in the narrow path. 'Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it'.

In another Epistle, Paul tells the Philippians "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13-14). If 1993 was a failure to us, if we confess our sins to Him, He will forgive us. We can forget our painful past and start anew with Paul's resolution to "apprehend" (to lay hold of) Christ and the prize of His high calling.

Resolve to practise your daily Quiet Time. Resolve to come to Church and Sunday School every week. Resolve to join the Prayer Meeting. Resolve to be faithful in tithing that God's work might prosper. Resolve to have family worship with your children. Resolve, resolve, but by His strength. Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13).

#### A GREAT LEAP FORWARD

That Hope BPC Adelaide, by the help of God through His children, is able to pay the A\$850,000 bill today for the 27-room Stone Mansion on 46,000 sq ft of wooded gardens is a great leap forward for the Gospel Downunder. What advancement from today to AD 2000 will be made? "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad" (Ps 126:3).

It is a great leap forward for Janet Lim and for Life Church that we can go together to such a distant land to help out. With the lowering of air tickets and the speeding of the airplane, so that it is a matter of 6 hours between Adelaide and Singapore, we need but expend little energy in comparison to sending someone to Ivory Coast, West Africa. When we send Janet Lim at a Commissioning Service today, let us also pray for the other missionaries: Charles and Frieda Seet, Jess and Nirand, Elder & Mrs Khoo, J S Heng (to Kenya in March). Who will be next?

#### Bright and Happy Year 1994

*As you awake this morning,  
Let your eyes behold  
Of God's presence here with thee.  
God gives us more than we deserve,  
And yet we still complain.  
We take for granted many things  
We have so much, you see.  
That we forget how blessed we are,  
Because we are so free!  
We waste enough to feed the world  
For what is poverty.  
To those who eat three meals a day  
and live in luxury?  
God gives us more than we deserve  
Enough that we should share with  
those less fortunate  
than we need someone to care.  
Are you willing to begin the year 1994  
To stoop and consider the needs of souls  
and remember the cares and loneliness  
of those who are growing old?  
Are you willing to seek to understand  
the needs of those in your mission field  
rather than waiting for them to inform you?  
Are you willing to trim your lamp  
(Matt 5:16) so that it will give more light  
than smoke?  
Then your year will be a beautiful one.  
Sylvia Wong*

#### TESTIMONY

Koh Wayne



The Children's Camp started on the 9th of December and its duration was five days four nights.

During the camp, missionary stories and video shows were put up for the children. At the same time, the children were given the opportunity of singing praises to the Lord through choir practice sessions; as well as Christmas carols to prepare themselves to sing for this joyous season. Some time was also spent to prepare a Christmas play for Christmas Eve Service on

the 24th of December.

Through this camp, the children got to know one another better, as well as meeting new friends. They had an enjoyable time singing, learning more about God, and doing art and craft work together.

This year's Children's Camp was a particularly special and memorable one, because the children were given an opportunity to come together and do a recording of songs on tape. It was a good learning experience for both young children and adults alike.

I thank the Lord for having given me a chance to serve in the Children's Camp by playing the piano. I was merely playing an unimportant role in this camp, but I thank the Lord that I was able to serve Him in my own small way. Praise the Lord!

I believe it was a very beneficial camp for the children, and it was truly an excellent learning experience for the young ones.

Finally, I want to thank the Lord once again for seeing us through this camp.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 10 - 16, '94)		NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFERINGS: *\$14,942.00	
MON 8.00 am	Mr Joshua Daniel at FEBC Chapel	EXTNBLDGFUND II 1977)*\$14942; 1978)\$80; 1979)\$1300; 1980)\$611; 1981)\$100.TOTAL: \$4,092,122.17. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,520,623.42. OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide Stone Mansion \$400; Burma FEFST \$500; Thailand \$100; Kenya children \$200; Seets \$100, \$200; Thanksgiving \$500, \$611.	
7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed! (Rev Tow)		
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: *\$3,807.00 (8.00 am); *\$13,348 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 1982)*\$3807; 1983)\$300; 1984)*\$13348; 1985)\$700; 1986)\$500; 1987)\$885(Chinese Ser.); 1988)\$1000. TOTAL: \$4,112,662.17. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,541,163.42 OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide Stone Mansion \$58, \$150, \$500(YAF), \$796(YF/YAF), \$500, \$400, \$500; Christmas Offering \$500, \$50, \$5000; Thanksgiving baby girl \$50; RPG \$500; Missions \$200; FEBC students \$300; Heng Jee Seng \$120, \$500, Kenya \$50; Hilltop \$200; Seets \$150, \$200, \$500; Eld Khoo Peng Kiat \$100; George Skariah \$75(YAF); Dohar(Medan) \$50; FEBC \$100; Nirands \$500; Rev Colin Wong \$500.	
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal		
THU 7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Mr Quek Suan Yew)		
FRI 7.45 pm	Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall		
7.45 pm	Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse		
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF		
2.30 pm	Francis Ng & Brendai Lai Wedding (Rev Tow)		
3.00 pm	LBC/EBF/YAF		
SUN 8.00 am	Jesus & the Maniac of Gadara (Rev Bob Phoe)		
9.30 am	Sunday School		
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)		
10.30 am	Rev Stephen Khoo		
10.30 am	Chinese Service		
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		
3.00 pm	Thai Service		
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr		
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.			
Verse for the Week: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord! or who shall stand in his holy place! He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.			
Sunday School Offering \$339.65 ; Attendance: 327			
CATECHISM CLASS FOR EASTER 1994 BAPTISM commences today at Beulah House, 9.30 am.			
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:			
(1) This \$50 is a little token from your daughter. May thou use this sum and multiply for thy Kingdom. Thanking always for thy mercies and grace shown on this unworthy one. Amen.			
(2) This small sum is a thanksgiving offering to God enabling me to complete my school assignments. May the gift help to extend God's kingdom in these last of the last days. Amen.			



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9 January 1994

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 85	No. 61
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 65	Jn 14:15-27
Hymn	No. 325	No. 242
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 350	No. 407
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 4:35-41	Deut 6:4-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus stills the storm (Rev Stephen Khoo)	Direction for the New Year (Rev Dan Ebert III)
Closing Hymn	No. 368.	No. 445
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

### MOVEMENTS OUT AND IN OF FEBC

1994 opens with a bang for the FEBC family. First is Janet Lim, commissioned by Life Church to serve with the Paauwes. She flew downunder to Adelaide, Jan 4 and was sent by a delegation from FEBC. The Principal and his wife will follow suit Wed Feb 9 to officiate the Dedication of the Stone Mansion, scheduled for Sat, Feb 12, '94. Travelling with them will be a score from Sharon BPC, etc., headed by Rev & Mrs Peter Chua. Meanwhile Rev Paauwe is installing 20 new beds into the Mansion's many rooms!

Rev & Mrs Stephen Khoo returned from the States in time for the Day of Prayer at the reopening of the College, Jan 3. Rev Khoo spoke to the students and led in prayer with the men students. The College received 9 new students, 8 men and 1 woman. 4 are from Korea, 2 from Thailand, 2 from Singapore and 1 from USA (via Philippines). (4 more are on their way, Agus and wife from Medan by Sat, D.V., and 2 pastors from Burma, still waiting for passports.) The

same night the College was treated to an educational film show, *The Printing* by Bob Jones University. It's the story of the underground Church printing Bibles in Soviet Russia. This film was shown on the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of Calvary BPC.

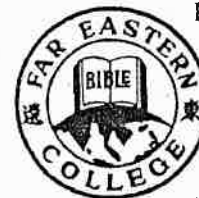
Rev & Mrs Mark Kim send greetings from Bible College of E. Africa, and reports on Jenny Ong's returning to S'pore for a month-long furlough.

Philip J.S. Heng will be leaving in March for Kenya to oversee the building of a brick church in the mountain, where former graduate Kendagor has a ministry over four congregations. J.S. Heng will travel via Amman and Israel, joining the College and Life Church's 5th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Mar 9-23, '94. The funds for the new church building have spontaneously come from Lifers, but more will be needed.

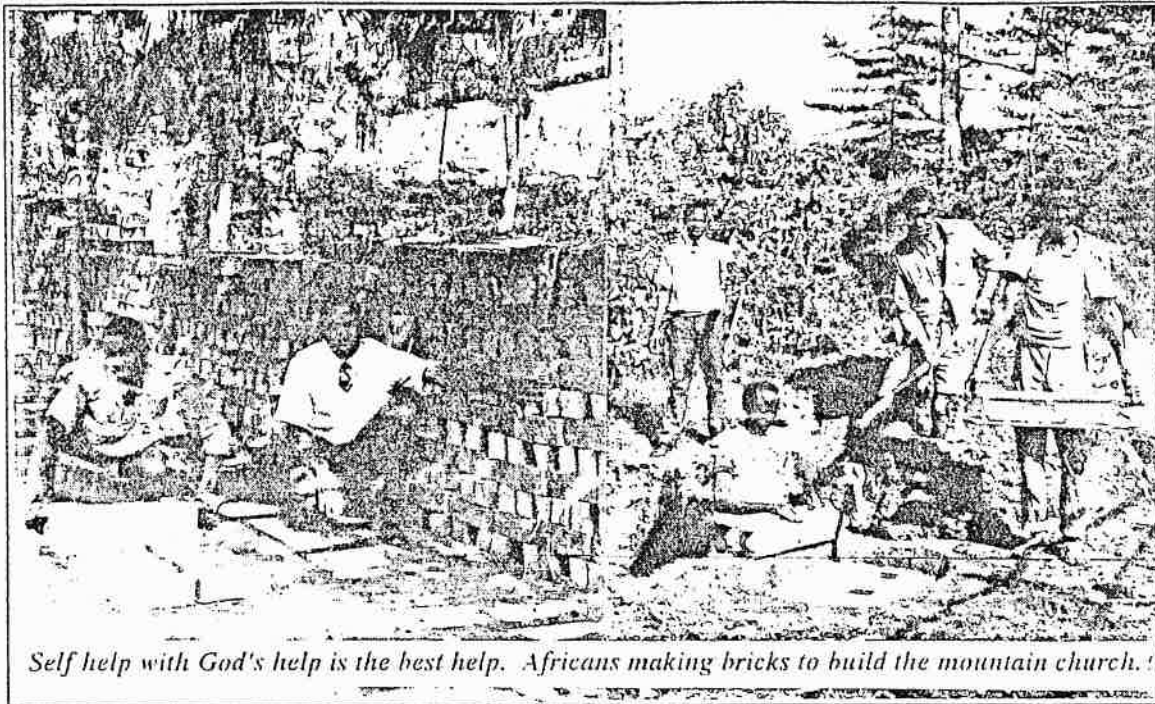
Rev Stephen Khoo is returning Jan 19 to Pensacola Christian College where he is taking graduate studies until end of this year. He and his wife have had sweet fellowship with Dr & Mrs Arthur Steele.

On Jan 16 at the Sunset Gospel Hour Calvary BPC, the Principal will conduct the ordination of Mr Quek Suan Yew to the pastoral ministry.

The first two to graduate from







*Self help with God's help is the best help. Africans making bricks to build the mountain church.*

the M.Div. course by May, '94 are Das Koshy, BSc, BTh and Shin Yeong Gil, MSc. Lee Young Lyong will complete his BTh by Feb and return with wife to Korea.

Serene Lim is now attached to FEBC to work with the Matron and at FEBC Office in the afternoon. Another item of significance is the reprinting of Buswell's Systematic Theology by Life Book Centre in conjunction with Calvary BPC, while *Prophescope on Israel* is ordered in bulk by a Gospel Tract Society in USA. A ministry that is undertaken by FEBC is the mailing of surplus clothing to the Philippines, and Willmington Guide to the Bible to needy pastors.

### MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF LIFE CHURCH

Now that our Beulah Debt is reduced to under 0.5 million from an initial high of 3.1 million, we will set our mind to full renovation of Church, College and Beulah House across the road. This important matter will be fully discussed at the 1st Session meeting of the year. From users of

the Church, there is need of general increase in your monthly contributions. Guest churches whom the Lord has blessed mightily, please take note.

Two ladies of the Chinese Service, both mothers of members of the English Service, were baptised after Christmas Sunday, Dec 26. Our deepest condolences to family of Mr Phee Kim Tee (Rev Bob's father) on his recent home-going. Mr Phee gave a wonderful testimony of his salvation at our Family Camp, Sept 6-10, '93.

This year's Family Camp will be located at Awana, June 13-17, '94. Rev & Mrs Paauwe have been invited to be Camp speakers.

"Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it" (Ps 127:1). That the Adelaide Stone Mansion has come into the possession of Hope BPC without much ado is a testimony to the Lord's approval. This latest picture taken from the back garden shows the depth of the Mansion. God must have great things for Hope BPC. Adelaide has a commanding position between Perth on the west and Melbourne on the

East. It is also linked to Sydney.

A corollary to Ps 127:1 may be thus worded, "The Lord is Guardian of His House, so plots against His church will come to nought." By God's appointment we served in Perth for six months in the first year of her founding (1986). No sooner had we left than an attempt was made to take away the Westminster Confession and change its BP character to something else. The foundation stone which declares it to be a BP Church was removed. Thereafter, reported a loyalist, turmoil came to the Church. "Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen" (Deut 27:17). God overruling, the foundation stone is now put back in its original place and order is being restored to the BPCWA. This is the latest about Perth that Lifers should know, for our investment in Perth was enormous. Rev Peter Chng and founding pastor Dr S H Tow are now in charge of Perth (BPCWA). Pray for Dr Tow as he preaches in Perth this morning. He returns to S'pore tonight. Eld and Mrs Khoo will be back from Melbourne Jan 18.

- T.T.

### FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

Dear Jesus, Happy Birthday! How time flies. It's another Christmas. This is my second Christmas with you, Lord as I remember I accepted you last year 6/12.

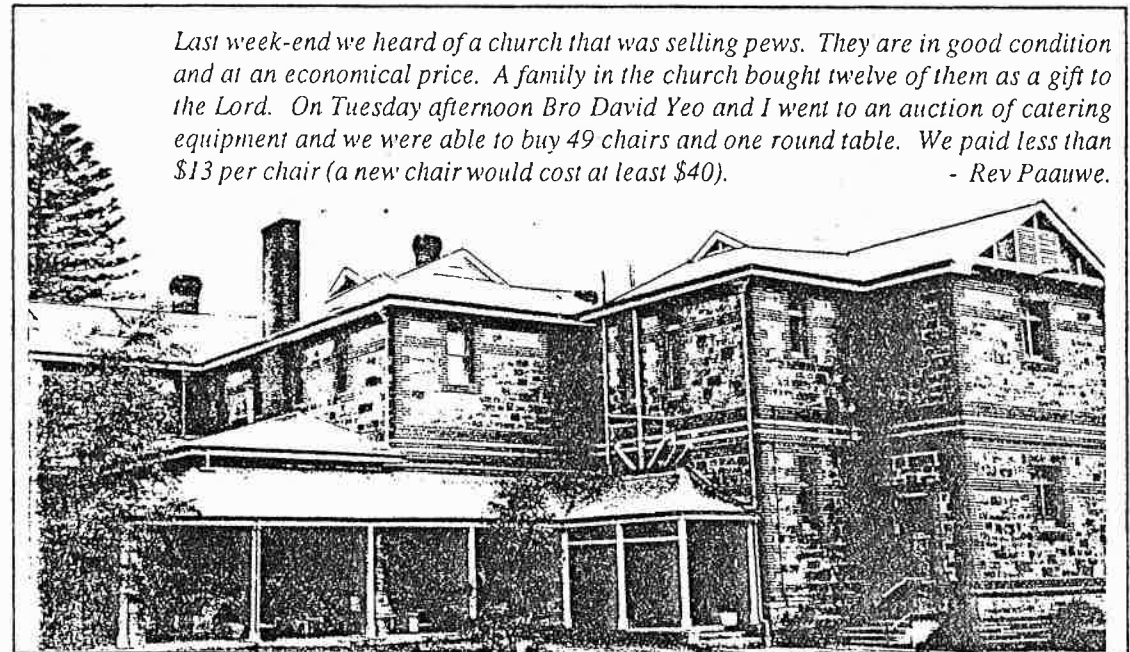
Lord, I want to thank you for what you have done for me. Lord, I've finally own my own company with a partner. Thank you Lord for all the blessings you have given to us. Lord, I've told you before but now I'll put in writing: I commit the company, GK, into your hands. And if you want to know Lord, GK stands for God's Kingdom. Lord, I ask you to bless this company. Lord, grant me and my partner, Gilbert, with the strength, wisdom and power to do your work for you, Lord. Lord, I pray to you to tell us what you want us to do for you, please.

Lord, I also ask you to cleanse Gilbert and myself from all unrighteousness and unfaithfulness. Lord, cleanse our sins pls. Lord, I love you. Lord, you are so mighty, gracious and powerful. I love you, I praise you, Lord.

I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Last week-end we heard of a church that was selling pews. They are in good condition and at an economical price. A family in the church bought twelve of them as a gift to the Lord. On Tuesday afternoon Bro David Yeo and I went to an auction of catering equipment and we were able to buy 49 chairs and one round table. We paid less than \$13 per chair (a new chair would cost at least \$40).*

- Rev Paauwe.





APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 17 - 23, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	<i>Mysteries Revealed!</i> (Rev Tow)	*\$4,148.00 (8.00 am); *\$17,966.00 (10.30 am)	<b>EXTN BLDG FUND II</b> 1989)*\$4148; 1990)*\$17966; 1991)\$200; 1992)\$100; 1993)\$100; 1994) \$2000; 1995)\$100; 1996)\$50. <b>TOTAL: \$4,137,326.17.</b> <b>GRAND TOTAL: \$4,565,827.42</b> <b>OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide Stone Mansion</b> \$400, \$500, \$500(WF); <i>Africa</i> \$400, \$100, \$80, \$150(Keb. Indonesia); <i>J S Heng</i> \$50; <i>Missionary</i> <i>Fd</i> \$100; <i>Seets</i> \$100; <i>Thailand</i> \$200, \$150(YAF); <i>Nirands</i> \$100, \$500; <i>Philippines</i> \$150(YAF); <i>Burma F&amp;FST</i> \$1200(Life Bk Centre); <i>China</i> \$610.  us a new baby girl, Christabel on Dec 31, 93. Bless us with good health. (9) Enclosed gift (\$200) by "God's Grace" is for mission work in Philippines Hilltop. Praise God. (10) Thank God for all His blessings during the past year. Please channel this thanksgiving gift to Charles Seet and the work being done in the Philippines. (11) Gracious God & Loving Heavenly Father,  Thank you very much for salvation so rich and free. Thank you for sustaining my faith in thee for another year 1993. As I enter into 1994, may you keep me very close to thee.  Thank you Father for all the wonderful blessings that thou has bestowed upon me in my life. I would like to return thanks with my humble tithes of \$700 for Beulah House. Thank you Father for everything! In Jesus Name. Amen.  Your child, A wretched sinner saved by grace. (12) Father in heaven, Thank you for guiding me through this past year and for all Thy Provision. Lord, I pray that You will continue to lead me and provide for me Father -- I know You will. Please give me and my family the strength to go through the changes that need to come in the upcoming year. Lead me by Thy hand I pray. Lord, here is my offering of \$100 towards Hilltop. (13) \$50 as a New Year involvement in Kenyan Bldg Fund. May the Lord continue to bless those who give for mission.  Today is <b>Dedication Sunday</b> for Sunday School Teachers and Staff (10.30 am Service)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg		
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg		
THU 7.30 pm	<i>Minor Prophets</i> (Mr Quek Suan Yew)		
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF		
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF: 3.30 pm EBF		
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Jesus &amp; Woman with a</i> <i>haemorrhage</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)		
9.30 am	Sunday School		
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)		
10.30 am	Rev Tow		
10.30 am	Chinese Service		
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		
3.00 pm	Thai Service		
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
NBC This Week: <i>Fri</i> Bishan.			
Verse for the Week: For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Heb 10:37			
Sunday School Offering \$437.25; Attendance: 350			
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:			
(1) Love and thanksgiving offering. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. (\$200)			
(2) My bonus offering (\$1000).			
(3) \$100 for Beulah land fund. \$100 for any missionary fund. (To give thanks to God for His many blessings and answered prayers.)			
(4) Dear Father in heaven. Thank you for help & journey mercy during my nephew & his friends two weeks holiday in holy land. \$100			
(5) Dear Lord, I pray that You will continue leading us step by step. Help us remember that You are in control. Help us to trust in You completely to bring Your will to pass in your time. For Hilltop, here's \$50.			
(6) Please channel this amount of \$400 to the area with the greatest need. In thankfulness to the Lord for His protection, providence & grace.			
(7) Offering for Adelaide (\$500). First-fruits of 1994. May the Lord's name be magnified!			
(8) This is an additional gift to our great Almighty God (\$50). Thank you God for giving			



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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. 72	No. 37
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	II Tim 1:6-18	Heb 13:1-21
Hymn	No. 87	No. 333
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 496	No. 351
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 5:1-20	Psalms 1
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus and the Maniac of Gadara (Rev Bob Phee)	A Happy and Prosperous New Year (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 462	Days of Toil...
Benediction		

### WORST AUSTRALIAN FIRE DISASTER IN 200 YEARS

The non-Christians blame the weather. The searing heat of summer downunder in an exceptionally dry spell has caused this. Sydney at noonday looks like nightfall.

When will puny man bow to the power of the Almighty? It is God who governs the universe. He sees that it is burning. "The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire" (Ps 29:7). If the Lord had not sent rain and stilled the wind, the fire would have leapt into the City. We in untouched Singapore must thank God He has kept us safe from disaster year after year. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not

consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lam 3:22,23). We must repent of our sins lest we come under judgment.

### "NATURAL DISASTERS, MAN-MADE WOES"

This Chinese saying leads us to Bosnia, torn by war. To Somalia, to the seething multitudes of South Africa, where fire bursting out of hating hearts brings another kind of suffering. Let us pray for their alleviation.

Let us remember to pray for our own Government "and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim 2:2-4).

When we enjoy peace and prosperity in a thriving Singapore we are indebted to God to send the Gospel to regions writhing in pain and darkness beyond our shores. For He has not only saved us, He desires all men to be saved. To save from the fires of everlasting



Skies lit up by the country's biggest natural disaster since colonization

hell, a million times worse than the Sydney fire. What have we contributed to their salvation?

### IF ONLY THEY KNOW HOW TO WORSHIP GOD...

Two young Lifers handed through the pastor their tithes to be used for the Lord's work, both local and abroad. This is their worship. If our young people know how to worship God, that will augur well for their future. When they know how to thank the Lord, the Lord will prosper them in their study and work. "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" (Prov 3:9,10).

That our *From the Offering Bags* column is each week filled with grateful testimonies and joy in answered prayers is a unique feature of our Weekly. And many of these are the praises of young people --- in school or just out of school, taking on their first job. Of course there are those from older members. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me" (Ps 50:23). The gifts handed through pastor's hand often after Prayer Meeting are another testimony of your devotion.

### JUNE FAMILY CAMP, 13-17, '94

How time flies! It was Sept '93 that we held our annual Family Camp. No sooner is our pink booklet *Recipes for Living a Happy Life* out of the press (and it is selling like hot cakes) than we are to contemplate on the themes for the next camp. How about "Jesus' Prophecy on the End of the World" (Matt 24)? And "How can I know it is God's Will?" Do pray for the special speakers, Rev & Mrs Paauwe, and for your pastor that they may have the Word from the Lord. Pray also for

our lady interpreter Miss Ng Sang Chiew of Kelapa Sawit so that the Chinese section, our parents, aunts and uncles may be benefited. Our Campsite will be Awana, Genting Highlands. With the super Highway all through from JB, travel time will be cut by half.

As for the 5th Holy Land Pilgrimage, we have "a full load." May I remind pilgrims to get all your travel documents done and hand them in for processing with two passport photos. Pray for journeying mercies all the way Mar 9-23, '94. As pilgrims we are to do good everywhere we go. What gift will you bring for our poorer brethren and sisters?

### ALL REMAINING NEW STUDENTS COMING

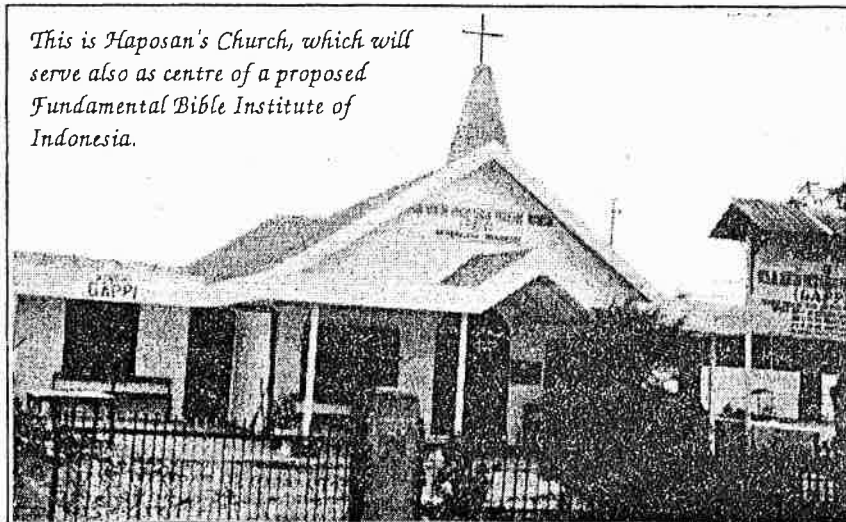
Thank God for the two Burmese pastors. They have obtained their passports and are now on their way. Also for the coming of Agus, wife and child. Agus will be a great addition to the Kebaktian Indonesia.

Talking about Agus, we have happy news of his brother Haposan. We shall be flying Feb 3 to Medan to officiate his wedding to a young lady who loves the Lord. We return Sat Feb 5.

### FEBC EVENING CLASSES

We have 82 registered for the Thursday Evening (Minor Prophets) under Rev Quek Suan

*This is Haposan's Church, which will serve also as centre of a proposed Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia.*



Yew. (Incidentally, tonight at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, he will be ordained. Why not come to the solemn yet happy service?

We have 102 registered for the Monday Evening (*Coming World Events Unveiled*). We did not expect so many, the Lord be praised. What a power for good will these evening students become, as they are blessed in the study of the Book of Revelation.

### TESTIMONY

Thank God for the revival that I have received not just once but countless times. Thank God for the recent revival on Monday night (3 Jan 94) thru the film show "The Printing" screened at Calvary BPC. Indeed, we who do have the Word of God have always neglected the responsibility that God gives us: to read, with faith, to grow in faith, preach Christ crucified for sinners' sake, defend the faith we have in Christ Jesus. We have failed God through and through and that includes myself too. But God is ever gracious to pardon us out of His compassion towards us.

We are the apple of His eye, His favourite son. "Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me

Now, it is not too late to join! Come tomorrow evening Jan 17, 7.30 - 9.20 pm and register on the spot! Printed notes are given out every class, which when collated will be our newest book. Pray for your lecturers! We need the Light from above. We need His Holy Spirit to guide. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Maranatha.

*Yours obediently, T.T.*

under the shadow of thy wings" (Ps 17:8). "He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye" (Deut 32:10). Also Zech 2:8. Strange, is it not? A wretched sinner can be God's election, adopted son.

Thank God for Life BP Church that has held fast by the grace of God the truth, obeying the Great Commission sending out missions to places where God has called.

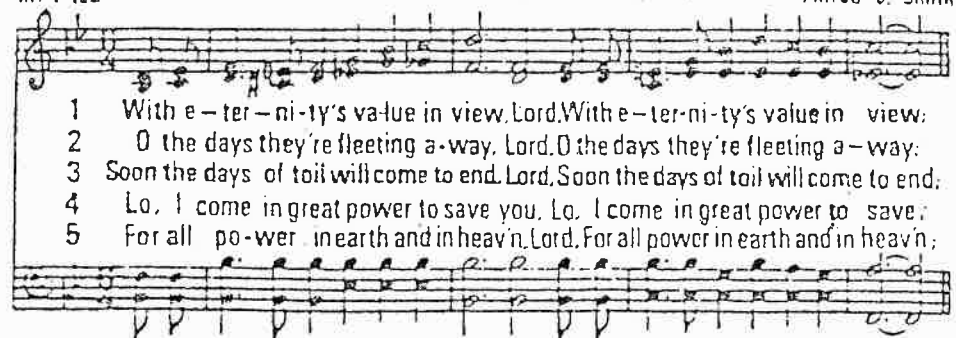
A small offering for the Word of God to be sent to mission centres in need. All glory and praise be to God, forever and ever. Amen.

- A plain sinner thoroughly

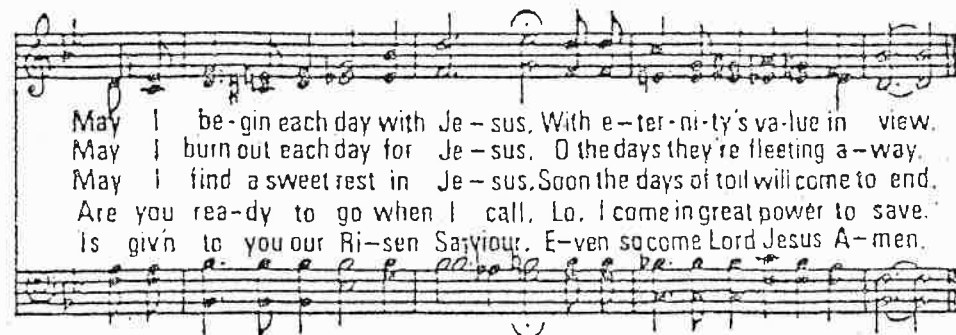
### DAYS OF TOIL AND WAITING FOR JESUS

Rev T Teo

Alfred B. Smith



- 1 With e-ter-ni-ty's va-lue in view, Lord, With e-ter-ni-ty's value in view;
- 2 O the days they're fleeing a-way, Lord, O the days they're fleeing a-way;
- 3 Soon the days of toil will come to end, Lord, Soon the days of toil will come to end;
- 4 Lo, I come in great power to save you, Lo, I come in great power to save;
- 5 For all po-wer in earth and in heav'n, Lord, For all power in earth and in heav'n;



May I be-gin each day with Je-sus, With e-ter-ni-ty's va-lue in view,  
May I burn out each day for Je-sus, O the days they're fleeing a-way,  
May I find a sweet rest in Je-sus, Soon the days of toil will come to end,  
Are you rea-dy to go when I call, Lo, I come in great power to save,  
Is giv'n to you our Ri-sen Sav-iour, E-ven so come Lord Jesus A-men.

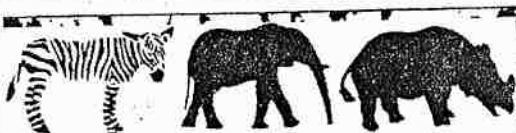
## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 24 - 30, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	<i>Mysteries Revealed!</i> (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Minor Prophets</i> (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF: 3.30 pm EBF
	4.30 pm	Bethesda Bedok Mission Church Wedding
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Jesus &amp; Jairus' Daughter</i> (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

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

Verse for the Week: And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful. Titus 3:14

Sunday School Offering \$356.66; Attendance: 340



Rev & Mrs Mark Kim (FEBCer 1989).  
Principal & Matron of Bible College of East  
Africa. Jenny Ong, FEBCer 91 is assistant.  
(Jenny is now in S'pore.)

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$3,793.00 (8.00 am); \*\$13,130.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 1997)\*\$3793;  
1998)\*\$13130; 1999)\$300; 2000)\$500;  
2001)\$50; 2002) \$300. TOTAL: \$4,155,399.17.  
LOANS: 61)\$1160(MF); 62)\$560(MF).  
TOTAL LOANS: \$430,221.25.  
GRAND TOTAL: \$4,583,900.42  
OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Stone Mansion*  
\$500, \$50, \$450; *Burma FEBST* \$100, \$100;  
*Missions* \$160; *FEBC students to Holyland* \$40;  
*Hilltop* \$701; *Missionary Fd* \$50; *Rev Colin*  
*Wong* \$200, \$1600; *RPG* \$6.60; *Missions* \$100  
(Sunday Bible Cl); *Seets* \$300(Sunday Sch); *Rev*  
*Ronny Khoo* \$200; *Kenya Church* \$300(Box);  
*W Kalimantan-Rev Djunaidi* \$500.

## FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Some contractors are so unscrupulous. Thank God for sending us a Christian contractor during the recent renovation of our flat. Thank God for increase in pay too! (\$500)
- (2) Our tithes to Rev Dan Ebert III for the furtherance of God's work.
- (3) Thank you Lord for all your blessings and guidance so far in our relationship. I pray you will lead RJ and I all the way till we are united as one. Please work in the hearts of our families and we continue to depend on You financially. Jehovah Jireh -- God will provide. For the Adelaide Stone House, here's my humble \$50.
- (4) Dear Father in Heaven, Thank you for all the blessings you have given me ever since I've accepted Jesus as my Saviour and even before that. In this new year of 1994, I pray that you'll continue to lead me and control me and to be with me always. I pray in Jesus name. Amen.
- (5) Tithe for last month -- my first 3 weeks on the first job. Thank God for His providence. May He grant the strength to witness to colleagues.
- (4) God use this small gift of \$500 to extend your kingdom in Burma, Thailand, Indonesia, perhaps Vietnam and others; in due course.

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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. 73	No. 119
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Isa 41:1-17	Ps 42
Hymn	No. 339	No. 14
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 392	No. 295
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 5:21-34	Lk 11:33-54
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus and Woman with a Haemorrhage</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Lost &amp; crying in a dark night</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 267	No. 522
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

## FROM TITUS TO TIMOTHY

Writing to Titus, the Apostle Paul charged him "to set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city as I had appointed thee" (1 Titus 1:5). As founding pastor of the BPC S'pore and Malaysia, I have been persuaded it is my duty to help every BPC in S'pore or Malaysia, yea even Indonesia, to ordain pastors and elders, whenever called.

Last Lord's Day at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC, Quek Suan Yew, BArch, BTh, MDiv, STM was ordained to the pastoral ministry of the same church by the hands of Dr S H Tow, Revs Stephen Khoo, James Chan and of Timothy. There was an almost full house to witness the sacred ceremony.

Feb 20, I shall be at Tabernacle BPC to help ordain Leong Kit Hoong to eldership of the 7½ year old Church.

Others waiting to be ordained to the pastoral ministry are Cheong Chin Meng, of Sharon and Gospel Light BPM, Wee Eng Moh of Berean BPC, Das Koshy of Gethsemane BPC, all of Singapore; Dohar and Haposan of BPC, Medan and Kiantoro of BPC Batam, all of Indonesia. Last but not least, Dr Jeffrey Khoo to the Teaching Ministry (FEB) and

Charles Seet, missionary to Philippines. All the abovementioned are overdue for ordination, for each of them has served a good number of years in their respective churches and missions, except Jeffrey who is with FEBC. Though not in our Constitution, we have a standing rule that a pastor should be a family man, for then we will have greater confidence in his stability. This is also reliant on Paul's injunction to Timothy, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife..." (1 Tim 3:2).

We bid farewell to Rev Stephen Khoo who left for USA Wed. Jan 19 and we bid welcome to Eld & Mrs Khoo who returned from Melbourne Tues. Jan 18. They arrived just in time to see Stephen off. Rev Khoo will finish his residential requirement before end of this year.

## Q ON JOHN SUNG VISION

A Bro-in-Christ asks: *There was once I bought a book from your book store entitled, I Remember John Sung by William E Schubert. Therein, I found some writings hard*





to understand, hoping that perhaps you could enlighten me:

At page 20 and 3rd paragraph of the book, this was written, "As he (John Sung) read Revelation, the LORD JESUS HIMSELF stood in his room there in New York City, and talked to him face to face, and told him what his ministry was to be. (This was later literally fulfilled.)"

Could you please explain how did JESUS CHRIST speak to him? Does GOD still appear to individuals today? Can we speak to GOD face to face today?

In answer to the inquirer above, we are not like the Charismatics today who stress on seeing visions and hearing voices. They who rely on the outward signs often neglect the reading of God's Word, the Bible. We stress on Bible reading and preaching. We see Jesus through the sacred pages.

That John Sung had a vision of the crucified Christ is not only recorded by Schubert and Leslie Lyall. I heard his testimony with my own ears quite a few times in his sermons at Telok Ayer Methodist Church, 1935. John Sung was a rare person. He was shut up in a Mental Hospital 193 days, but that was God's special training for him. Later when he returned to China he won several hundred thousands to Christ. Did he lie? Or it was his imagination? From my knowledge and experience, in the light of God's Word, I have no doubt the Lord appeared to him in a vision, whereby he was thoroughly changed --- from a morose rejector of God to a joyous, bubbling Christian.

If God appeared to special vessels like Paul in days of old, He can do the same to such an apostle of China today. Not only did Jesus appear to John Sung, He appeared also to Sadhu Sundar Singh of India in his hour of crisis --- he was about to commit suicide by lying on the railway track outside his father's estate. Before he did the Lord arrested him from death in a vision of the dying Saviour. "Journey to the Sky," a film of Sundar Singh's life story by Ken Anderson shows this trauma. So did An Yohan, the Blind

Korean Pastor, see a vision of Christ after his attempted suicide. This thoroughly changed him into a new man. His film was shown by me 43 times in S'pore, Philippines, Malaysia, Australia. The effectualness of the works of John Sung, Sundar Singh, An Yohan, are credentials you cannot reject.

We do not stress visions and voices. But we must not limit God Almighty's workings, lest we sin presumptuously. Cushy S'pore Christians have not undergone persecutions under the Mao Cultural Revolution. In times when no help was available, God had broken through to save His own by miracles --- the testimonies of devout, persecuted Chinese Christians. Whatever we say, let it bring glory to God alone and not to man.

### OUR "OPEN DOOR" TO CHINA



While Calvary has a "back door" to China by establishing contact with hundreds of factory workers of Chinese origin in Saipan through Pang Kok Hiong, we have an "open door" to China right here with a goodly number lodging on our grounds. Do you know who they are?

We have a Missionary Fellowship, and you have made trips to Medan, Philippines and Thailand. Why not befriend our China friends and win some who have not yet believed to Christ? For your encouragement, we led Bro Liu of a University in China to the Lord. After he returned to China he led his girlfriend to believe. Now they are married, and Mrs Liu has also come under our shelter. She surely needs your Christian fellowship, ladies! (She is a BA majoring in English. She writes perfect English.) Which group would organise a China night? That's your special honour.

Why I say we have an "open door"? As I just said, they are living right here in our compound. It does not take much time or expense

for you to cultivate their friendship. At any rate two are baptised so far as a result of staying with us.

We want to thank God for gifts received earmarked for China, for buying Bibles and theological books. We will see that your gifts are properly dispensed as designated. Now, there is a dear brother well acquainted with us who has almost completed translation of *Prophescope on Israel* into Chinese. If there is a need for help in printing costs, we would notify you a part of your gift is given for the publication.

Continuing with China, we had a glorious report last Tues. night on a China Tour of eight, including Rev Djunaide, under Rev Koa Keng Woo the veteran. Whenever they were transferred from airport to hotel, the local guide and driver would entertain by singing some Chinese folk song. As it happened to be Christmas and the new year Djunaide had a Chinese Christmas song to sing in reply. The theme in this song is Jesus, Babe in a Manger, Saviour came down from heaven. To make it more realistic Djunaide sang it to us at the prayer Meeting. As music is key to the heart's door, he thus gained a good hearing wherever they went and whenever he sang. A young lady in North China was so touched, she asked for Bibles, both Chinese and English. This Djunaide is mailing, without fail.

Chinese New Year falls on Feb 10. That's the time we'll be in Adelaide to dedicate the Stone Mansion. But we have our usual Chinese New Year Service, 8-9 am the same day. Eld George Lim (FEBC graduate) will be the Lord's messenger and Dn Ong Eng Lam, interpreter.

Another China item! At the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan, I shall be giving two messages on William Burns, Grandfather of Bible-Presbyterians. He is one of five most famous Pioneer Missionaries. He was spiritual uncle to Hudson Taylor, founder of CIM (now OMF). The dates are Feb 20: Revivalist of Scotland; Feb 27: Pioneer Missionary to China, a 64-page booklet on William Burns will be published in time for the delivery of the 2 messages!

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMS, AHoy!

Well, not by boat, but by airship! Take note to prepare every detail without fail for the launching! The date of our once for all meeting is **Wed. Feb 16.**

I. Bring your whole fare. a) \$1290 for ticket, cash or cheque to **George Ee Pte Ltd;** b) \$1505 cash or cheque to Life BPC Church for the tour package, if your deposit of \$200 is paid; c) Extra \$22 for Israel visa, \$10 for visa to Mt Sinai, \$15 for airport tax.

II. International passport with one year's validity, **6 photos** for visa requirements. Be ready to fill in all travel documents!

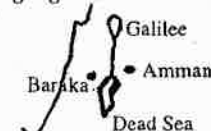
Another confirmation of the timeliness of our March outing is this letter from Rev George Awad of Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem to Pastor, Life BPC:

*It is good to know that you are coming to the holy land for a visit with a group. It is nice to see you again in Bethlehem.*

*Dear Dr Tow, the church is planning to ordain Tannas Khury, one of our young men as a deacon and we have another young man, David Ghatas to be baptized. When we heard about your visit to Bethlehem we will be very glad if you could please conduct this service of ordination and baptism. We will appreciate if you please let us know which Sunday you could do that to be ready for that service.*

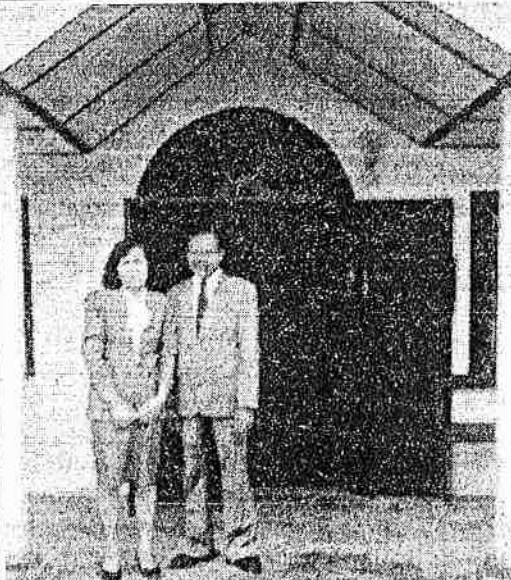
*Things in the church are going well. We had nice and blessed Christmas services.*

*We all here greet you in this season of Joy. God bless you and your family and your congregation.*



*Yours in the Lord, Love,  
Pastor George H Awad  
Bethlehem Box 26  
via Israel (Jan 7, '94)*

**Expresgram to Rev Awad and Mr Gary Johnson:** The Lord's Day that our party will worship with you is Mar 20. My brother Dr S H Tow's party will head for Israel May 4. Please contact Guiding Star! Will fax room plans soon!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 31 - Feb 6, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed! (Rev Tow)	*\$8,113.00 (8.00 am); *\$13,384.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2003)*\$8113;		
THU	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	2004)*\$13384; 2005)\$100; 2006)\$400; 2007)		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF	\$50; 2008)\$100. TOTAL: \$4,177,546.17.		
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm EBF	LOANS: 63)\$200(MF). TOTAL LOANS:		
SUN	8.00 am	Jesus "could there do no mighty work" (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	\$430,421.25. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,607,967.42		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide Stone Mansion		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)	\$20; Burma FEFST \$676, \$180; Heng Jee Seng		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	\$70, \$300; Ho Geok Fong \$50; Rev Colin Wong		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$200; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$200; Philippines		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	\$100; Kenya \$50; Thailand \$60, \$659(AF);		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	Missionary Fd \$2000; Rev Tow \$300; China		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	\$325(Coinafon); Rev E Paauwe \$994.95; Kenya		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	Ch Bld Fd \$40(Box); Wonsia, Ivory Coast \$100,		
NBC This Week: Fri Bishan.			\$50; FEBC \$100, \$200; Beulah Renovation		
Verse for the Week: 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			\$105. FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
Sunday School Offering \$450; Attendance: 306			(1) Second half of my 1st pay. Praise & thank God!! (\$500)		
Hear Joshua Daniel of Ev. Laymen's Fellowship International, Feb 20, 10.30 am.			(2) My pledge to God for many blessing. Small token for mission work.		
			(3) Thanking you Lord for all the blessing and grace for our family. A little tithes from us. Amen. (\$150)		
			(4) My offering is a thanksgiving gift for so many blessing we have received. Please channel it to the most needy course in church. (\$676)		
			(5) "Things that count for eternity." Thank God for the blessings I have received in the last two years of studying His Word at FEBC. I thank Him for keeping my body healthy and strong. He has blessed me with good results semester after semester. Praise His Name. Now it is my privilege to give this small token (\$10). In appreciation for all these blessings I realize that giving to the Lord is getting involved in things that count for eternity. Let this little amount be multiplied and channelled to Rev & Mrs Jim Bjur the Independent Board missionary to Chile, South America. -- FEBC Student		
			(6) Thank God for His guidance and help for 1993. Here's my little gift to testify of His goodness. Please use it for the work in Hope BP Adelaide. Glory be to the Lord.		
			Expresgram to William Chia. One Willmington Guide free for you! Come and get it!		
			Life BP Church Directory 1994. Please collect from Life Bk Centre if you have not done so.		

Haposan and fiancée to be married Feb 4, Pastor Tow officiating.



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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. 46	No. 11
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 32	Ps 31
Hymn	No.131	Sing Ps 31
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 281	No. 296
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 5:35-43	Lk 12:1-12
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus and Jairus' Daughter (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	Christ is our Light. No fear to hide.
Closing Hymn	No. 297	No. 468
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

### "MAN PROPOSES, GOD DISPOSES"

King Solomon puts it this way, "Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?" We had planned on leaving Feb 9 for Adelaide to be in time for the dedication of the Stone Mansion Sat Feb 12, preaching Sunday 13 and returning Mon 14. But during the week an invitation was received from Perth to speak at their 8th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner Fri 18. So we have now changed our schedule to take in Perth, returning SQ 224 Sat. Feb 19, 1545 arriving S'pore 2040.

That being the case Pilgrims who were earlier instructed to meet Feb 16 to make payments and fill visa forms are now to meet rather Tues. Feb 22, 9.30 pm after Prayer Meeting. This kills two birds because you will profitably come to Prayer Meeting 8-9.30 pm to pray for journeying mercies for our Pilgrimage. A special letter will be sent to you giving new instructions.

### ACCELERATE NOT PROCRASTINATE

Not marking time but making time. This I say on behalf of the Gospel outreaches God has thrust upon us. The tendency is for us to take our time, degenerating into

procrastination. To procrastinate is to delay, to mark time. To accelerate is to speed up.

In case members might accuse the pastor for bringing into the Church too many outside projects, let it be known these projects are opportunities given us by the Hand above. "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).

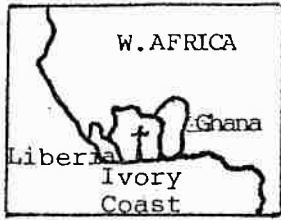
Last year we sent \$2,000 to help Joshua Wonsia (FEBCer '92) in his Gospel outreach in West Africa. We also sent Rev Bob Phee to baptise the first 16 converts after one year. As the Gospel advances, we now receive this latest report.

Dear Rev Tow,

Greetings come to you and the entire FEBC families from West Africa. It is a blessing to write to you always because my memories are refreshed. I am praying that the Lord will reveal His will to me regarding my desire to do further studies at FEBC in the future.

Please find attached the estimated cost of completing the Dougorlay Bible Presbyterian Church. It could be reduced to a little more than four thousand dollars but that will mean using very cheap local material which may not last too long. We are praying and waiting before deciding what to do.

Transportation is really necessary here. The used Motor-cycle bought



by a Lifer is a blessing. I now have greater flexibility. Praise the Lord! But it cannot carry very much. There is a need to go to very far places even Liberia etc, with evangelistic teams also. During the rainy season here things go really bad for church activities. The motor-cycle as it is used gives me gradual popularity in the garages already. The newsletter has more details on transportation.

There are so many needy people who come to beg at our door each day. If there is any help available for the needy from any quarters we will be glad to receive them and give them away here.

Our aim is to be based in Liberia in the future. But we will take time. Our approach is more for the entire region than for Liberia alone as it is a strategic country for an outreach to the region.

Many thanks to you and to the Life BP Church of Singapore for all the help they are giving in our ministry. May the Lord continue to add His blessings to each of you always until He comes. Sincerely,  
Joshua Z. Wonsia

Continuing, here is their newsletter, dated Jan '94:-

Dougorlay, an Ivorian Town near Danane was completely saturated with the Gospel on December 25, Christmas Day. More than thirty members of our combined youth visited every home and talked to as many as they could. Christmas for all three of our congregations was celebrated here on the very parcel of land purchased for us by Life Bible Presbyterian Church of Singapore. The service was attended by more than 250 worshippers. There were three main singing groups: The Ladies Choir and the Youth Choir all of Dougorlay, The Grace BP Mission Choir supported by the Petit Danane Youth, all of these groups drew much attention during their presentations, some in French, English, and Yakuba (a local dialect). Tens of Bible verses were recited in all of these languages also. Thanksgiving speeches were made by many leading men and representatives. A message entitled, HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS was delivered, urging the new believers to be more conscious of Bible study. A variety of delicious food was served in the end. There was great excitement among the people glorifying the Lord. Praise God.

Many have left and some are still leaving for Liberia. All from our Liberian congregation, they leave to spend the season saying they may only come back if the on-going peace process in Liberia holds not. Meanwhile the Lord has opened a new door to us. A new outreach to Liberia! The first worship service was held on Friday the 24th of December at Logoatuo. Seven soldiers attended and two were saved. A commander under strong convictions asked to keep coming. This Liberian border town is the home of soldiers. Negotiation with them started on the 21st of October when I first walked again on Liberian soil since September 11, '87.

Construction work on a church building in Dougorlay will commence some time this year. Preparations are underway. Mud-bricks are being made, the land clearing continues, rocks are being collected, etc. The total cost of completing the church is estimated at between nine and eleven thousand US dollars. This amount includes a part of the \$2000 sent by Life BP Church.

Land in Liberia is very cheap right now. Negotiations are underway to get us a piece of land in Liberia for a future Bible College. We hope to be based in Liberia to initiate training programs for many more who are not financially able to travel abroad for studies. The work in the Ivory Coast will continue so as to widen our scope for missions. The entire region must be reached for CHRIST!

*Ed. note:* As for support for Wonsia's ministry in Ivory Coast, W.Africa, an "old Lifer" had offered \$2,000 last Christmas (not the \$2,000 sent earlier). This second \$2,000 we will send together with more gifts to make up US\$10,000. So let us accelerate, not procrastinate! These African projects being for a lowly people, will be consummated the fastest! The last shall be the first. Amen.

#### KEBAKTIAN INDONESIA

Our Indonesian Service will be 12 years old next Lord's Day. It was started by the FEBC principal and six students. Soon we were joined by Eld Charlie and Mrs Chia, who are now the mainstay of the Service. One of the six students was Agus. Today Agus is back with wife and baby daughter to study for the Masters. The Kebaktian holds regular prayer meeting every Friday at the Open Classroom.

Are you interested in missions? You are cordially invited to our 12th Thanksgiving, next Lord's Day, Feb 6, 4 pm. The Principal will speak and administer the Lord's Supper. After service "ada makan"! - T.T.

Dear Rev Timothy Tow,

#### FROM THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF HEBRON AND MOUNT HERMON TO LIFE CHURCH

Special greetings in the blessed Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank and praise God for the successful tender of the HDB land at Choa Chu Kang, St 52, for church development. Hebron church was awarded the lease on 25 November 1993. Both our churches have come together to trust the Lord to guide us all the way to securing the land and to building God's House. We see the 30-year lease as a God-given opportunity for us to establish another BP work for the Lord in a New Town area.

"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee" (Psalm 84:4).

#### 1. A House of God & A Ministry of the Gospel in Choa Chu Kang

God's grace and favour continues to be upon our BP churches as we serve Him and glorify His blessed Name. We count ourselves blessed to build a House of God so that the people living in CCK New Town and the surrounding areas of Bt Batok and Bt Panjang can come and worship the Lord in His House. Our joy would be to see God's House established in CCK as a place of worship and prayer. Please pray for us!

Time is short. While the Lord tarries, we must work for the Lord, "while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Both Hebron and Hermon see the opportunities that God has opened before us to preach the Gospel. We are trusting God as we look forward to entering CCK, to sow and to reap the harvest field for the Lord! Our prayers are that many will hear and believe the Gospel, repent and be baptised into the body of Christ. Please pray for us!

#### 2. An Appeal to Brethren BP Churches

We appeal to you for urgent help. The first 25% of the \$3.45 million for the land has been paid. We have the deadline of 22 February 1994 to raise another \$0.8 million. And thereafter, we need to continue to trust God to raise another sum for the church building. Because of the deadline (22.2.94); together with your valued prayer support, we would deeply appreciate all gifts and loans that your church/mission could extend to us.

May the Lord bless you as you labour in His Name.

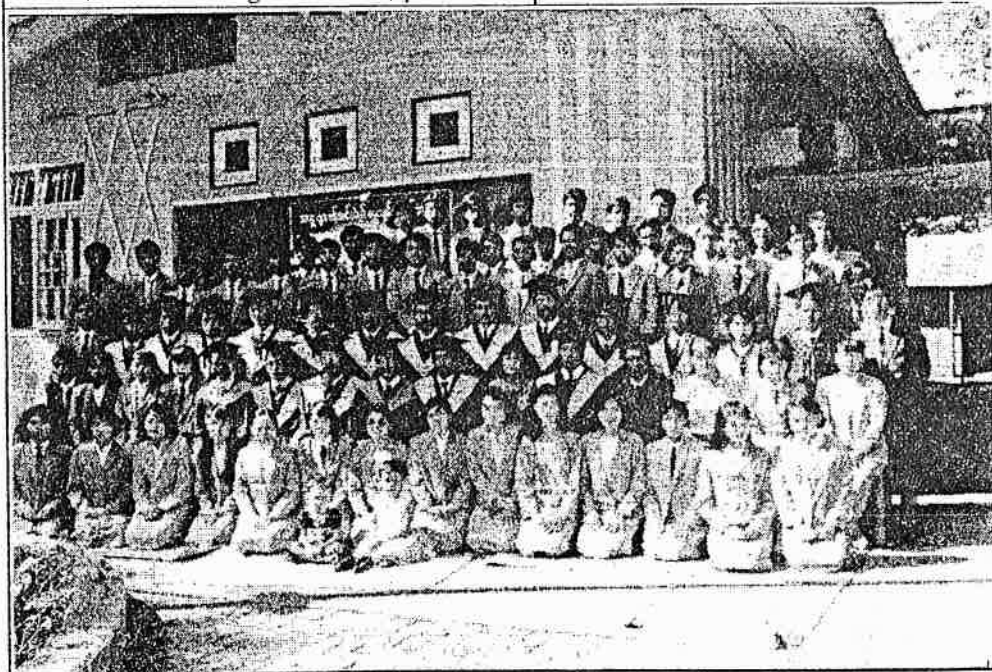
Elder (Dr) Ang Beng Chong  
Asst Moderator of Hebron BP Church Session  
[Tel: 737-0666(office)]

Rev Ian Heng  
Pastor of Mt Hermon BP Church  
[Tel: 474-2557(office)]

*Response:* When Beulah House was in great need, Hermon loaned us \$100,000. Can we do less to help Hermon now? Dr Ang Beng Chong has helped many Christians and fulltime workers. We are loaning Hebron a similar amount! *Blessing:* "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (Prov 19:17). As you have loaned to Life Church, you can loan to Hebron or Hermon c/o Life Church, the Mother of all BP Churches!



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 7 - 13, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON 7.30 pm	<i>Mysteries Revealed!</i> (Rev Tow)		*\$6,565.00 (8.00 am); *\$11,249.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg		EXTN BLDG FUND II 2009)*\$6565;	
WED 8.30 pm	Pastor & team leave for Adelaide		2010)*\$11249; 2011)\$100; 2012)\$50; 2013)	
THU 8.00 am	Combined Chinese New Year Service (Elder George Lim)		\$300; 2014)\$611; 2015)\$1000(FEK); 2016)\$350;	
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Jesus walks on the Sea</i> (Rev Quek Suan Yew, Lord's Supper)		2017)\$200(Pepsi). TOTAL: \$4,197,971.17.	
9.30 am	Sunday School		GRAND TOTAL: \$4,628,392.42	
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)		OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i>	
10.30 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat		\$100, \$1411(Maranatha BPM), \$50(YAF), \$150;	
10.30 am	Chinese Service		<i>Burma FEFST</i> \$50, \$115(Box), \$200; <i>Hebron BPC</i> \$100, \$100; <i>Kenya</i> \$50; <i>Seets</i> \$200, \$150;	
12.10 pm	Pilgrims' Choir Practice		<i>Nirands</i> \$360, \$50; <i>Kenya</i> \$50; <i>Rev Djunaidi</i>	
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		\$300; <i>Burma Mission</i> \$190; <i>Kenya Mountain Ch</i> \$610(WF); <i>Medan(Dohar)</i> \$50; <i>Heng Jee Seng</i> \$100; <i>Beulah Hse Renov</i> \$105; <i>Indept Board</i> \$10(Box); <i>FEBC</i> \$100; \$200; <i>Wonsia, Ivory Coast</i> \$5000.	
3.00 pm	Thai Service			
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.			FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
Verse for the Week: He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. Psalm 112:9			(1) This is to thank God for the recent promotion which I never expected. May He grant me that wisdom to handle the new responsibilities. Enclosed is \$500 in thanksgiving. Please use it in areas as it deem fit.	
Sunday School Offering: \$375.51; Attendance: 316			(2) I hereby return a portion of that which has been bestowed - please allocate it to the urgent needs.	
No more old clothings collection, please.				



Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology,  
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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. 49	No. 66
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 15:1-11	Matt 6:24-34
Hymn	No.268	<i>His Eye on the Sparrow</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 306	<i>I'd rather have Jesus</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 6:1-6	Lk 12:13-34
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus "could there do no mighty work" (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Better than Telecom Shares</i>
Closing Hymn	No.47	No. 68
Benediction		Lord's Supper

My dear Readers,

God's Blessing on those who read, hear, keep the words of prophecy in Revelation is multiplied to the 180 attending the Monday evening class 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Nine of these are from Helping Hand. Do pray for the lecturer that he will interpret the Book aright. The more we study the Book the more we realise the time of Christ's Return draweth nigh, and the greater the urgency of preaching the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Some people question, "If Christ is coming so soon, why do you spend so much money to build Churches?" Our answer is, "Because Christ is coming so soon, all the more we are to double up in any aspect of His work." Did He not say "Occupy till I come"? Not so much the work to be done as the spirit in the work we can do. "Accelerate" is the word!

This leads us to the acquisition of the Stone Mansion in Adelaide. If we were of the attitude of the one talent man who did nothing to trade and gain for his Lord, the opportunity of buying the 27-room edifice would have been lost. That money was found so speedily, without bothering anyone, is evidence of the Lord's approval.

In this Mansion are three big rooms that can seat 100, yea even 120 in the biggest. This biggest room will be our sanctuary. Then there are two apartments to accommodate 2 families. Numerous rooms upstairs like hotel rooms for couples, with kitchen at one end. No better setup for Church and College! The saving of rents henceforth will be enormous. Here is also a potential Conference Centre in days to come.

Now, I have been invited to the Dedication of the mansion during Chinese New Year, Sat. Feb 12 and speak on the Lord's Day, including the Korean Church. Furthermore another invitation has come from Perth that I should speak at their 8th Anniversary Thanksgiving.

Fri. 18th. Stretching our time a little, we kill two birds with one stone. We return Sat. Feb 19 to be in time for the Lord's Day services. As I have to be at Tabernacle BPC to ordain an elder, Mr Joshua Daniel of Laymen's Ev. Fellowship



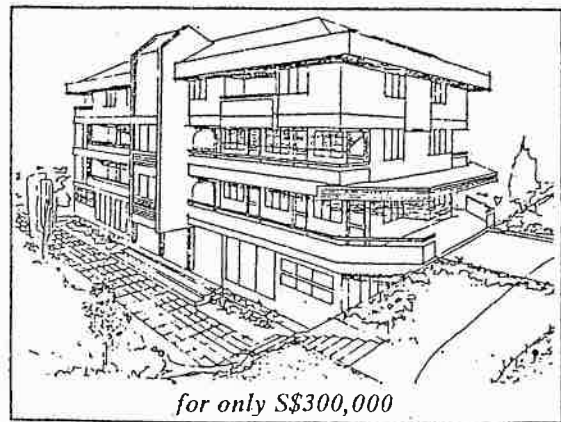
International will preach for me at the 10.30 Service. The same evening, I'll be at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan to speak on "William Burns, Revivalist of Scotland."

Let us not forget that Life Church is the only English speaking BP Church holding a special bilingual Chinese New Year Service on Feb. 10, 8-9 am. Elder George Lim (FEBCer) will preach in Mandarin and Deacon Ong Eng Lam interpret into English. According to good tradition 200 copies of the red book "Gospel of Life" will be freely distributed as a means of evangelism. Use them wisely.

Take note also that Elder Khoo Peng Kiat will be at the 10.30 am pulpit Feb. 13 as well as on Mar. 20. For 7 years Elder and Mrs Khoo have shuttled between Singapore and Melbourne in order to keep the home fires burning at Bethel. They are deeply appreciated by the Bethelites as well as by the Lifers.

In God's good time, news has just been received from Myanmar that plans of the 4-storey College Complex have been approved. Telegram from Rev Robert Thawm Luai reads:

*We have been proceeding successfully for documents towards the construction of our four-storey building. God willing, we will lay the foundation stone on February 19, 1994. As we are going to sign an agreement with a building company, we need about 30 per cent for advance payment, by the end of this month. We have*



for only S\$300,000

*already obtained a telephone. Praise the Lord, our telephone number is 41123. I have been trying to call you but it is difficult to get a Singapore line. Therefore it's better that you call me.*

Today is the 12th Anniversary Thanksgiving of our Indonesian Service. You are cordially invited to the commemoration 4pm this afternoon. Join us in a Fellowship dinner! The Indonesian Service has gone through difficult times, but God has undergirded us. This door that God has opened no one can shut.

Our Indonesian Service is naturally linked to the Church at Batam (Roska), to West Kalimantan (Djunaidi) and to Medan (Dohar and Haposan).

Incidentally, we've just returned from a special mission to Medan to officiate the wedding of Haposan to a young Indonesian lady, Miss Elis Sirait.



No one is more amazed than Mr McIntire that he is still alive and kicking.

He was driving his 1989 Oldsmobile home from church on June 27 when he struck a parked car. His left arm, elbow, leg and pelvis were broke. With the aid of a walker, he preached on

Thanksgiving, his first sermon in five months. He called his recovery a miracle of prayer.

"Here I am. Look at me. I'm alive. They thought I was going to die."

Asked before the holiday what he was thankful for, Mr McIntire leaned forward in his wheelchair, his blue eyes nearly popping.

"I'm thankful for Jesus Christ. I'm thankful for the Bible. You see? God wrote a book. and he gave it to us!"

In the latest issue of his weekly newspaper, the Christian Beacon, which he says has a circulation of 12,000 to 15,000, Mr McIntire writes that his survival is a message from God:

"At 87, He could have taken me to my reward, but He obviously has appointed me to continue this work that we have together ...

"One thing is clear, I am God's man."

--- Clipping from an American newspaper submitted by Dr A. Steele.

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## I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

Rhea F. Miller

(Inscribed to Erling C. Olsen)

Beverly Shea

1. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold, I'd rath - er be  
2. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than men's ap - plause, I'd rath - er be  
3. He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est bloom, He's sweet - er than

His than have rich - es un - told; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than  
faith - ful to His dear cause; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than  
hon - ey from out the comb; He's all that my hun - ger - ing

hous - es or lands, I'd rath - er be led by His nail - pierced hand  
world - wide fame, I'd rath - er be true to His ho - ly name  
spir - it needs, I'd rath - er have Je - sus and let Him lead

Than to be the king of a vast do - main And be held in sin's dread sway;

I'd rath - er have Je - sus than an - y - thing This world af - fords to - day.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Feb 14 - 20, '94)

MON	No Evening Lecture
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU 8.00 am	Minor Prophets (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
SAT 8.40 pm	Rev & Mrs Tow return SQ 224
SUN 8.00 am	Jesus and a Gentile Woman (Rev Bob Phee)
9.30 am	Sunday School
9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
10.30 am	Mr Joshua Daniel
10.30 am	Chinese Service
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
12.10 pm	Pilgrims' Choir Practice
12.15 pm	Korean Service
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
3.00 pm	Thai Service
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan.

**Verse for the Week:** Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? *Jeremiah 32:27*

Sunday School Offering \$408.76; Attendance: 306.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,800.00 (8.00 am); \*\$18,651.00 (10.30 am)  
**EXTN BLDG FUND II** 2018)\*\$5800; 2019) \$268; 1020)\*\$18651; 2021)\$108; 2022)\$611; 2023)\$710.15; 2024)\$1000; 2025) \$900 (Chinese Service). **TOTAL:** \$4,226,019.32  
**GRAND TOTAL:** \$4,656,440.57.

**OFFERINGS FOR:** *Adelaide Stone Mansion* \$50, \$1000, \$500; *Burma FEFST* \$200, \$300, \$1300; *J Wonsia* \$100; *Hilltop* \$200; *Missions* \$50; *Kenya* \$200; *Pauline Lee* \$100; *Hebron BPC* \$100; *Hermon BPC* \$100; *Rev Tow* \$200; *Thailand* \$200, \$50; *Philippines* \$200; *China* \$140, \$5; *R Tape Dist* \$20; *FEBC Students to Holyland* \$1870 (Keb. Indonesian); *Medan (Haposan)* \$200 (Keb. Indonesian).

### FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Thank you Lord for helping and granting me wisdom and good health in doing well in my job. I am most grateful to you Lord for my recent increment and would like to return a little of the much you have been giving me. Kindly channel this little gift (\$200) to Burma FEFST building fund.

(2) My first fruit of 1994. Thank God for His mercy and grace upon me during the year of 1993 (\$100)

(3) Thank you Lord for answering my prayers, your blessings and protection that you have given to my family and myself. (\$50 for Beulah House)

(4) Thank you Lord God for the many blessings showered on me and my family (\$150).

(5) Thank you Lord for seeing me thru' one more year and granting me abundantly! (\$400)

(6) Thank God our Father for His continued mercy, and lovingkindness upon me and my family. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Please use this \$400 offering equally for Thailand and the Philippines.

(7) All glory and praise be to God for His grace and mercies in my daily walk with Him. This little for thy mission in China. (\$140).

(8) Please designate this offering for the Adelaide Stone Mansion (in memory of the late Lim Hui Cheng). (\$1000)

(9) My monthly pledge to God for missions (\$50).

(10) Praise and thank God for His grace and love for me. (\$200 to Charles Seet and the Hilltop Ministry.)





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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. 230	No. 217
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 27	Jas 1:1-12
Hymn	No. 377	No. 319
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 321	No. 384
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 6:45-52	Matt 6:24-34
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus walks on the Sea (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	Give God First Place (Eld Khoo Peng Keat)
Closing Hymn	No. 325	Give of your best...
Benediction	Holy Communion	

### CONSECRATION BEFORE CONQUEST

(A message delivered by Eld Mahadevan at the Chapel Hour, FEBC, Jan 13, '94)

**Text: Joshua 5**

When Israel crossed a dried-up Jordan, their miraculous advance into Canaanite soil brought terror to the enemy. But instead of an immediate attack on the demoralised enemy, the children of Israel were commanded to pitch their tents at Gilgal. God commanded them to be circumcised, which they neglected while going through the wilderness. Before God could use them they had to learn to obey His will. God cannot tolerate disobedient servants. They had to ensure compliance with the precept of the Abrahamic covenant, namely, circumcision.

This applies to us also, FEBC staff and students. Ask ourselves, have we been conscientious and attentive to our Master's commands? Have we also been circumcised? What is the true meaning of circumcision? Moses said to the children of Israel, "Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked" (Deut 10:16). To be stiff-necked is to be stubborn. In Acts 7:51, the Word of God further admonishes us, "Ye stiff-necked and

uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did so do ye." Do we still persist in our old lifestyle, old evil habits, our sinful desires of the flesh and of the world? Have we ever repented of our sins? If not, we cannot expect Him to send a blessing through us to the church or to any place of our service. Until we have yielded in willing obedience to do what He has commanded us to do. If you have neglected this you will lose your strength. You cannot expect to bring glory to God. If in your life you have not kept God's Word, how can He entrust you with a greater field of service?

As Israel had to make sure they were fully consecrated before they embarked on conquest of the land, let us make sure if we have fulfilled every duty before we embark on the task God has given us. In Col 2:11 the Apostle tells us that the true circumcision is the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. By this we understand that the Christian must purge himself in the power of the Spirit and in the Name of Christ --- of every fleshly defilement, of every sinful thought, of every wrong ambition, of every carnal desire. It is imperative that this be done and be done at once. For God will



not fight His battles by the uncircumcised, the unregenerate. And you FEBC students are said to be preparing for His service: Brothers and sisters, right now search your hearts -- see what there is within you that is rendering you unfit for His use. When you find there is no progress in your studies, work, ministry, friendship, association, God is withholding His blessing, the cause is in yourself that you do not live as near to God as you should. Or are you indulging in something which His holy eyes cannot look upon. Cry unto Him, "Search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting" (Ps 139:23,24).

Now, circumcision was not enough. They must also keep the Passover. They kept it twice, once in Egypt and another time at the foot of Sinai. But now they were to begin a passover which was to be kept every year without fail. To us the Passover is the feeding upon Christ. He is the Paschal Lamb. We must put away the old leaven of sin and come with pure hearts to feed upon our Lord. Jesus kept all the Passovers, and at the last Passover recorded in all the four Gospels, He instituted the Lord's Supper. Christ is our Passover (I Cor 5:7). Without feeding upon Jesus we all become weak. We must enjoy true religion in our souls before we can be fit teachers to others. How can you bring others to life when your own soul is all but dead?

Having done all these we see Joshua in his human responsibility making an assessment and must have prayed ardently to God. As he reconnoitred the walled city he realised how difficult it was to capture it with their mere spears and arrows --- no battering rams, catapults, towers. In this situation he was confronted by the Captain of the hosts. As with Abraham under the oak tree at Mamre, Jacob at Peniel, Moses at the Burning Bush, Joshua in a flash knew he was in the presence of God. The Angel of the Lord, another appearance of Jesus in O.T. times, with sword drawn was there to care for God's children. He was here to seek their salvation. Jesus is our

Salvation which grants us deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, soundness, victory, prosperity, health, help, saving, welfare, defence, rescue. Jesus is in the midst of the Church, His people --- "Lo, I am with you unto the end of the world."

Joshua recognizing the heavenly Visitor, with drawn sword, fell down to worship Him. How comforting to know the Commander of the Lord's Army is in full charge. By faith all of our spiritual leaders have found victory also in Him. Seek His presence and He is there. Let us advance together with Him. Come and pray, and let us confidently serve and wait on Him who is with us whose right hand is raised in victory for us.

Let us consecrate ourselves before the Conquest.

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### Perth "Downunder"

Mrs Sitor whom I had the pleasure of baptising because she was Cantonese and I Cantonese-speaking was a member of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church Chinese Service. In 1985 she and her family migrated "downunder" to Perth, Western Australia. A zealous new convert marooned culturally and spiritually in a White Man's Land, she yearned for fellowship and worship with her own people. This led her to thrice write Dr S H Tow her pastor to start a Bible-Presbyterian Church. As a result of this earnest petition Dr Tow my brother was moved to action. At Chinese New Year, 1986 an inaugural service was held at the Sitor home. This was declared to constitute the founding of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australian.

The Lord blessed this epochal outreach from Singapore so that in no time the little congregation of 30 was able to rent a "lesser" town hall where the holding of Sunday services was more conducive. Robin Tan and wife Patricia, Lifers who migrated before the Sitors to Perth, rallied to the Lord. In those early days of yeoman service Calvary in Singapore had a difficult time

maintaining the Sunday pulpit. As Dr S H Tow could not be there but on occasions, the Sunday pulpit was filled by video tapes of speakers mostly at Calvary's Sunset Gospel Hour. Here is a case where brothers, like Peter and his fellow disciples (Jn 21) went "fishing" for the Lord together. Life Church's share in the founding of the first Church established "downunder" is recorded in the Vision Magazine, 1986-87 as follows:

Perth is the first of three outreaches of Calvary B-P Church to Australia. The other two are Adelaide and Melbourne.

On February 23, 1986, in response to the Macedonian call of Mrs Sitor who had migrated with her family to Perth, the pastor of Calvary BPC flew there to inaugurate what is now known as the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australia. The B-P nucleus of this new Church included Sunny and Michael Kwong and Sitor nephews, and Mr & Mrs Robin Tan of Life Church. The Lord has used Robin and his wife in the running of the day-to-day affairs of the Church. The publication of a Church Weekly with good material and up-to-date news items has helped tremendously to bring the people together.

No sooner had the young Church been inaugurated in the Sitor home than an ideal sanctuary was found at the Lesser City Hall of Melville, a township of Perth. After a few months, negotiations were started to buy over a 30-year old Presbyterian Church at Mount Pleasant, three miles from Perth on the Canning Highway. This Church is 1 1/2 times the FEBC Hall, with an adjoining social hall half its size. The land area is 1887 sq. m. Hearing of the good work in Perth, a sister of Life Church offered to buy it for the Lord.

When the Church first started, video tapes of Calvary worship services were used. Dr Tow Siang Hwa flew in and out a number of times to keep the home fires burning. Rev Paauwe also came over from Adelaide to help. There was once when the Life Church pastor flew downunder to preach just one sermon, returning the same Sunday afternoon! That sermon cost S\$900.

In May - June, Rev and Mrs Tow ministered in Perth for five Sundays. From September 18, 1986 to January 4, 1987, they went again, ministering 16 Sundays. Mr Mark Heath, who was in Perth for three months between June and September, is now married in Singapore. He and wife Grace Lauw (both FEBC graduates) are waiting to go down in a month or two when their Permanent Resident Status is obtained.

Meanwhile, Elder and Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat have been invited by Calvary to stand in the gap. Friends of Robin, they will be a great help in many ways. In step almost with the Khoos, a young couple, Ong Eng Lam and his wife Shirleen, will be flying also to Perth, where Eng Lam will study at the University. Being zealous youth leaders in Singapore, their joining the BPCWA will no doubt add to the strength of the YF there.

From a weekly attendance of 35, the BPCWA has grown to 100-120 to date. It has become self-supporting after one year. You also have a part to play in Perth. And pray!

-- From *Forty Years on the Road to Church Growth*, T.T.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 21 - 27, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	<i>Mysteries Revealed!</i> (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg & Pilgrims' Mtg
WED	8.30 pm	Session Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Minor Prophets</i> (Rev Quek S Y)
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm EBF
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Jesus, the Super ENT Surgeon</i> , (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
	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
	12.10 pm	Pilgrims' Choir Practice
	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* Bt Batok.  
Joo Chiat.

Verse for the Week: And I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the Lord. Zech 10:12.

Sunday School Offering \$1033.15; Attendance: 289

CHINESE NEW YEAR OFFERINGS: \$2,870.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 2026)\$1300.

GRAND TOTAL: \$4,683,800.57

OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Stone Mansion* \$50; *Burma FEFST* \$1200(Life Bk Centre); *J S Heng* \$50.

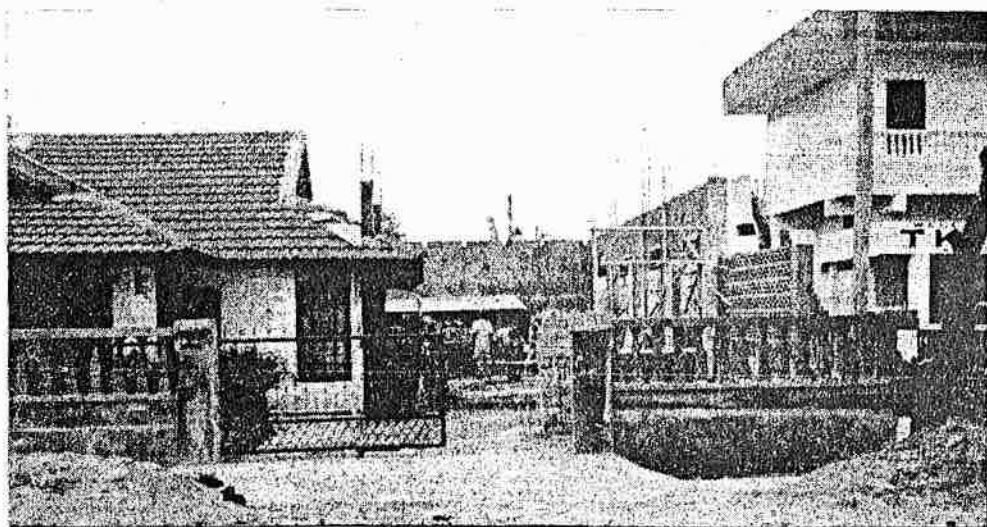
### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$6,837.00 (8.00 am); \*\$17,023.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 2027)\*\$6837; 2028)\*\$17023; 2029)\$2000; 2030)\$200. TOTAL: \$4,253,379.32. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,683,800.57  
OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Stone Mansion* \$30; *Burma FEFST* \$20, \$500, \$50, \$200; *Hebron BPC* \$50; *Hilltop* \$100; *Improvement of audit/visual equip-side porch* \$1000; *China Mission* \$100; *Indonesian Mission* \$100; *College Extn Bldg Fd* \$300; *Saipan-China Mission* \$272; *Kenya Mountain Ch* \$50; *Church wks in M'sia* \$20; *George Skariah* \$75(YAF); *Rev Tow* \$200; *Dn Jack Sin* \$200.

Corrigendum: \$20 for *R Tape Dist* should read *R Tract Dist*.

### FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) The Lord has blessed my family abundantly. Would appreciate if Mr Charles Seet can utilize this \$5100 for the extension of the Lord's kingdom.



Uncompleted Orphanage, Medan



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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 Han
Opening Hymn	No. 18	No. 136
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 103	Eph 6:10-20
Hymn	No.320	No. 116
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 359	No. 129
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 7:24-30	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus and a Gentile Woman</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	Mr Joshua Daniel
Closing Hymn	No.445	No. 235
Benediction		



### Gloria Bible-Presbyterian Church of Indonesia

Jalan Garuda Raya No. 44  
Perumnas Mandala Medan 20226  
Indonesia

### REPORT FROM DOHAR

#### Christmas Service

Last Christmas we were able to conduct three Christmas Services, namely:

1. K.G. Christmas Service
2. S.S. Christmas Service
3. Youth Christmas Service

All these C.S. were fully blessed by the Lord. I could preach the Gospel of Salvation to many people.

#### New Year 1994

I have a great hope that this year is the year of increase.  
Training Centre

I have programmed to train leaders in our church during February - March. Besides this I offer public lectures on "Fundamentals of the Christian Faith" (based on FEBC lecture notes). This will equip our people with the right theology. I



try my best to use the Church building as a training centre. I hope to conduct Gospel Rallies regularly.

#### Gloria Kindergarten

This kindergarten is coming to the second year. Now we have 58 children. If we manage it wisely it can be a source of income to the Church. So far our kindergarten has been run in a very simple way. Up to now I have not been able to get the operational permit from the government. To arrange the permit from the government it costs one million rupiah because school is counted as business. Kindergarten usually has its own transportation. A second hand van would be sufficient. This kindergarten in one way is providing jobs for our people. In line with the ministry of the church this kindergarten is a complement. The Church can be stronger.

So if we can get the permit from the government, and have some good teaching materials, this kindergarten will have a brighter future. Your support for a second-hand van, operational permit, and any teaching materials will be much appreciated.

I am in the process of arranging the operational permit from the Government office. According to the government officials our kindergarten will be forbidden to accept new students except we get the operational permit.

#### Gloria Orphanage

As I wrote in my previous

letter the house next to the Church would be a Beulah House to the Church. Now it is in reality. The owner of the house persuaded us to buy it, because he thought if he were able to sell it to other people our school will not be so free to the neighbour. Yes it is very true. Within the limit of two weeks without consulting you about this we were able to pay the downpayment. The rest we pay in instalments.

My wife Gloria told me that the land is big enough to start the orphanage. She told me that she was one of the orphans, and how she was adopted as a daughter by Mrs Kanagy in America. She loves the Lord more and more because of the love she received from her mother in the States. When she graduated from High School she offered herself to the Lord by entering FEBC. Now she would like to care for the fatherless and for the poor, by opening the Orphanage. I as her husband support her in this ministry. I notice that there is only one Christian Orphanage in Medan. That is from the Church of Prophecy. Rev Sianturi's orphanage already closed up. So if we can open a Bible-Presbyterian Orphanage, this will be a good testimony to our country Indonesia. I consulted my father about this orphanage. He is in full support of this ministry. The farm at Bentar Kersik is being offered by him as a resource to the orphanage. If you look at this building (Beulah House) the construction is going half way. Well the money that was transmitted to me by Elder Chia has been used for this purpose. The prospective building would be two storeys. It is bigger than the Church and the school. It will accommodate up to 30 orphans, besides our family. Doesn't the Lord Jesus say in Matthew 25:35-46 at the last judgment day; "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me."

Yours in His Service, Dohar, Gloria and children.

My dear Readers,

### MEDAN OVERALL REPORT

In the light of Dohar's progress report our coming to Medan to participate in solemnising Haposan's wedding is twofold. Not only do we meet with the Dohars, we have fellowship with

Roska who flew in from Batam, also for the wedding.

Roska's offer of his father's jeep to drive us around is a very present help. Roska has always been a joy to us. In her latest advance for the Gospel in Batam, she has on her own initiative built two wooden chapels, 5 x 7 m, --- one at Batam Centre's unused state land, and another at Batu Aji on the way to Sekupang. These are very practical measures to catch the fish where the fish is, for the people of these two districts cannot come to a Church where there is no connecting bus line. Roska will have a full report with photos for us soon.

Two other FEBCers we meet are Ranto and Sahat. Ranto is now married. He has a ministry with university students. He is a Methodist. After he graduated from FEBC 1986, he started a Batak work in Batam which today has become a self-supporting Church! Ranto will come to FEBC to upgrade himself. Sahat is an ordained pastor working with a Japanese Baptist Mission. His mission has just started a Bible College, and he is on their staff. They have seven students.

### A BATAK WEDDING

Now, report on Haposan's Batak wedding. On the day of wedding the bridegroom has to go to the bride's house to bring her to Church. They come together with two mattresses, two pillows and a bolster plastic-wrapped on the roof of a minibus. The bride is dressed in her batak dress draped with a shawl called *ulos*. Her coiffre is studded and lined with fresh jasmine buds exuding a sweet fragrance. She is not veiled.

Being a Christian wedding with western procedures, they have Dohar's four children troop



in during the wedding processional, one a page boy bearing the rings and the others playing the part of flower girls.

Haposan's Church assistant was chairman. He led in two to three hymns and prayed before a choir of singing women rendered a song. Then Bapa Siregar, head of Medan BPC and the groom's father opened with liturgical questions to the bride and groom in the Indonesian language. When he finished I gave the rings to the couple to put on each other's fourth finger of the *right* hand. Then the two knelt before the pulpit while I solemnised their vows to each other. When they arose I repeated the usual announcement, "Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." So they were declared husband and wife. A short sermon by the Singapore pastor followed. The service ended with the newly weds standing on the steps below the pulpit while members of the two families gathered on either side of the couple. Then members of the Church filed up to shake their hands.

For the reception the crowds adjoined to the 'Wisma' a big hall with dining facilities to take care of wedding functions, especially. Here were gathered several hundreds of well-wishers, from the two sides, from the village where the bride comes. The groom is prepared to foot the bill to the uninvited also, who come in droves. Though the food served is a simple meal of fish, chicken, rice, vegetables, and bananas, we sure had a good feed.

After the eating is over, the bride and groom are required to sit on stage and go through further rituals of draping with the *ulos*. Guests of the groom usually bring a monetary gift while those on the bride's side carry a quantity of rice in a matted sheath on the heads of both old and young women. Then appears the two mattresses, pillows and bolster in a plastic wrap on that minibus to signal the couple is now ready to live together forever happily after. *Horas!* (Batak term like Hebrew *Shalom*). Amen.

- T.T.

### REPORT ON BATAM ISLAND by Roska

#### 1. Tanjung Uncang Gospel Station (Batamas Shipyard)

The Lord has blessed the work here for the past 4 years. Workers who came in and out heard the gospel and received the light. Hundreds of workers have already heard the gospel through this gospel station. Now we have about 15-20 worshippers every Sunday. Ten of them are staying in the Camp provided by the company and the rest are from outside. May the Lord bless the workers who come in and out of this church with strong faith and knowledge of God's Word.

#### 2. Batu Aji Gospel Station

We have just opened a gospel station located at Batu Aji Kampong. It is about 17 km from Nagoya town. Right now we are building a simple wooden church which can accommodate about 45 persons. (By the time of publication of this report, services have begun to be held here!) Meanwhile we are distributing gospel tracts to the people around. The cost of the wooden church plus the chairs is about S\$2925 (Rp 3,800,000). Please pray that the Lord help us as we begin the work here and many Kampong people will be saved.

#### 3. Suka Jadi Gospel Station (Batam Centre)

Again the Lord has opened the way for us to start another gospel station which is located at Suka Jadi Kampong at Batam Centre. There are about 45 Christians and more children living in this area who can hardly go to church on Sunday. It is because there isn't a church in this kampong, and it is too expensive for them to travel to the church at Nagoya Town. Surely our small wooden church can help them draw near to God. Indeed it is our great joy to bring them to the Lord.

The first service was held here on 13 Feb 94. Please continue to pray for us in Batam, especially for the two gospel stations.



# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 28 - Mar 6, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed! (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Quek S Y)
SAT	2.30 pm	LTFYF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF: 3.30 pm EBF
SUN	8.00 am	Jesus feeds the Four Thousand (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

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan.  
 Verse for the Week: And the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt 25:40

The YAF mtg on 5 Mar will be held at the residence of Dn & Mrs Victor Loo (Pasir Ris). Pl. contact Dn Loo at 5816683(H) or JJ at 7759606(H) for more information.

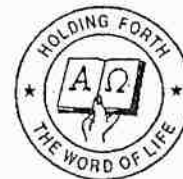
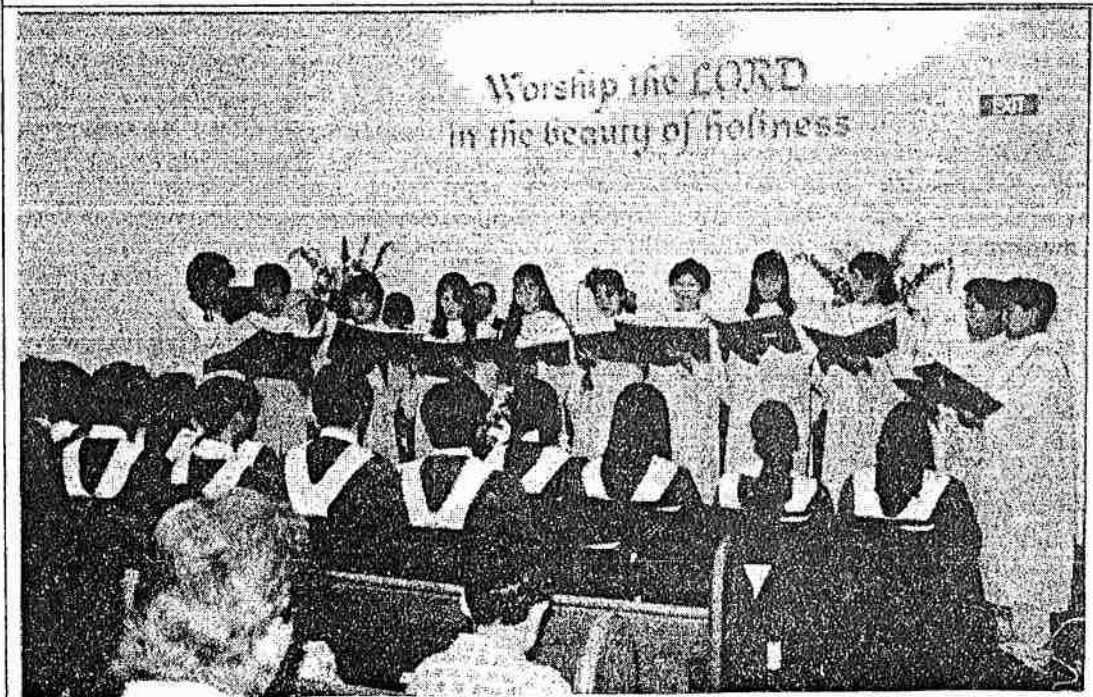
Sunday School Offering \$464.35; Attendance: 286

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,401.00 (8.00 am); \*\$9,465.00 (10.30 am)  
 EXTN BLDG FUND II 2031)\*\$5401; 2032) \$215; 2033)\*\$9465. LOANS: 64)\$610.  
 TOTAL LOANS: \$431,031.25.  
 LOAN OF \$10,000 from Sharonite converted to Gift for Burma FEST.  
 TOTAL: \$4,268,460.32. GRAND TOTAL: \$4,698,881.57  
 OFFERINGS FOR: *Adelaide Stone Mansion* \$200, \$129, \$13; *China Mission* \$200; *Hebron BPC* \$100; *Hilltop* \$50; *Hope BPC Bld Fund II* \$100; *Jenny Ong* \$200; *Heng Jee Seng* \$100; *Rev Djunaidi (for kindergarten)* \$100; *Bibles for China* \$200; *Chinese Bibles* \$50; *Loan for Hebron/Mt Hermon BPC* \$10000.

## FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) \$2000 from a nonagenarian of Batu Pahat days. (2) Thank God for His wonderful blessings and lovingkindness upon me and my family. Hereby a small sum to give thanks to God for seeing me through in my vacation job, working at night shift. (\$60).



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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. 88	No. 216
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 42, 43	Ps 42
Hymn	<i>My hope is in the Lord</i>	
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 142	No. 249
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 7:31-37	Lk 12:35-48
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Jesus, the Super ENT Surgeon (Eld Lim Teck Chye)</i>	<i>Saved by Grace Rewarded by Works</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 58	No. 220
Benediction		

## THE CHURCH THAT GOD BLESSES

Text: Revelation 3:7,8, 14-17

(Message by Rev Dr Timothy Tow at the Dedication of the "Stone Mansion" of Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church, Adelaide, Sat Feb 12, 1994)

The Church that God blesses is not Laodicea, who prides in her material wealth and self-sufficiency, but is lukewarm towards God. There is a Church today that preaches the Gospel of earthly riches and fleeces her members by enforced tithing and regimented giving. Let us beware of riches for our own sakes, and not for its proper use to the glory of God. If we become rich by the spirit of the Laodicean Church, the Head of the Church our Lord Jesus Christ will pronounce us wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (Rev 3:17). If we become self-complacent and lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, He will spue us out of His mouth (v 16).

The Church that God blesses is Philadelphia. Though Philadelphia is limited in resources and has a little strength (in numbers and wealth), yet, because of her faith, patience and loyalty to God's Holy Word, He will bless her mightily. One reason why God has blessed the Bible-Presbyterian Church is the separatist stand she has taken against the

Apostate Church and her testimony for the Word of God and our Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 1:9).

Hope B-P Church is one of three B-P Churches in Australia. You are one of 140 B-P Churches and para-Churches and mission outreaches around the world. When you started out in 1986, a little mustard seed planted in the soil of the old Scout Hall, did you ever dream you would become a tree today? This Stone Mansion that God has enabled you to acquire is testimony of Divine approval of your service during the last eight years. That it has given shelter to twenty-seven Singaporeans flying in to this Dedication manifests the strength of your growth. Indeed, God has blessed Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church beyond measure.

What is God's blessing upon Hope B-P Church? It is the blessing of Philadelphia to whom is given a door no man can shut. It is a door of opportunity in the Lord's service, far greater than a window of opportunity that the world talks about. The door that God has opened for you is a door of missions to the elect!

Missions is putting the "go" in the Gospel. Among the thousands to whom the Gospel is sent, are those ordained to be saved (Acts 13:48). Jesus says, "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). God has blessed us first with the mandate to look up the scattered sheep. All who have migrated from Asia to this southern Continent!

Adelaide, standing in between Melbourne and Perth insofar as Bible-Presbyterians are concerned, has a wider door opened to her. Centrally located, she can come quickly to the assistance of either Church when needed. Moreover this Stone Mansion is also home of the Fundamental Bible College of Australia. Though you have little strength now, if you keep His Word patiently and teach it faithfully, there will come from these halls a stream of God's servants, trained for the Master's use. God has blessed us that we should train our own workers by whom His work will be much accelerated.

The Church that God blesses must become a Church that blesses others. "Out in the highways and byways of life, Many are weary and sad." But who will go and compel them to come in? (Luke 14:23). On our flight from Singapore to Adelaide, I spoke to a young lady seated next to me. In the course of conversation she expressed a deep dissatisfaction in her life. This gave me opportunity to introduce Christ to her. I had in my "travelite" bag a copy of "The Burning Bush" with a Gospel message by Charles Seet. She read it all the way. She became a keen inquirer. She promised she would come to Life Church. We prayed for her salvation. How many thousands around us are perishing, but we are sitting complacent, without lifting a finger. Have you spoken a word, given a tract, contributed a dollar to keep the missions door open? While it is true no man can shut the door Jesus has opened, we can shut it by our own laziness and lukewarmness.

With God's help and revived first love we can spread the Word by that door opened with the key of David. By Him who openeth and no man shutteth and shutteth and no man openeth, in His strength alone, we shall do it. May Hope B-P Church with God's blessing through this

Stone Mansion redouble your effort to enter every other open door. Today is just the beginning of your ministry.

Expect great things from God,  
Attempt great things for God!

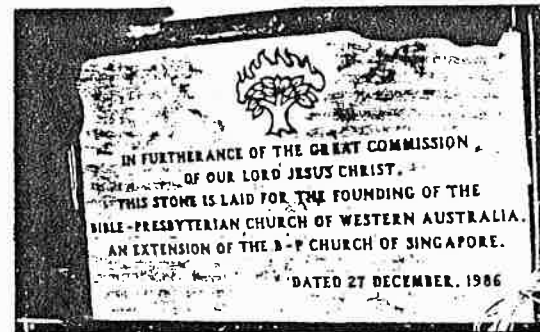
The Church that God blesses is the Church that blesses others. Yea, may you be a blessing to the down and out as you accelerate the Gospel message to the ends of Australia, even unto the uttermost part of the earth. Jesus says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt 24:14). Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

### DOOR TO PERTH REOPENED, AND NO MAN CAN SHUT

When the restored BP Church in Perth heard of our Adelaide appointment, they extended us a warm welcome to hold three special evening meetings, culminating in their 8th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner, Fri. Feb 18. How happy we were to be shown the new extension, which we saw the last time four and a half years ago still under construction. How delighted we were to see the original foundation stone with none other name but the Name of Jesus restored to its original place. "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set" (Prov 22:28).

Under Rev Peter Chng there has grown up a lively Chinese congregation. Many of this new congregation we have not known, except the Seetors, by whose Macedonia call to Dr S H Tow the Perth Church was founded, Chinese New Year 1986. Nevertheless Mr and Mrs Luke Lim took good care of us. We stayed in the Guest Room of their new house. By piping in water-cooled air, the heat of summer is soon repelled. How refreshing!

The 8th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner was held at a downtown Chinese Restaurant. There were 259 participants and 26 tables. Not all were Church members, but friends were invited to hear the Gospel message. I spoke



on the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in outer space which only those born again can attend. It will be the Rapture of saints from a burning earth to meet the Lord in the air. The brethren in Perth look forward to our going "downunder" again.

One confirming sign of His blessing was meeting with Erroll Stone, an Australian farmer 200 km north of Perth, at Quairading. He took us to stay overnight in his 3000-acre farm. This new believer has felt God's call strongly to leave off farming, in order to study the Bible. He visited FEBC a fortnight prior to this to make sure of his call. Now he is doubly convinced the Lord wants him to study at FEBC. He has the full concurrence of his wife and three children. Erroll will be our fourth Australian to study at FEBC. The first three were Peter Clements, Anne Gradussov (both now at Cootamundra Presbyterian Church) and Mitchell.

Both Life Church and FEBC are in a Gospel race to extend His Kingdom worldwide before Jesus returns. As I write here comes a phone call from a Sharonite who loaned us \$10,000 for Beulah House 4 years ago. Now she and her husband are converting the same to a gift for Burma! Praise the Lord for His wonderful works through His loving children. Just as we are in need of funds for Burma, here comes God's immediate answer to our prayers, as if by long distance telephone. Amen.

- T.T.

### "TO WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST"

Many times we receive offering envelopes with these words: "To where the need is greatest." Everywhere in our mission fields, there is a need, but if you ask me where is the greatest need, I must say, it is Myanmar (Burma). Rev Robert Thawn Luai has obtained from Government the clearance to build!

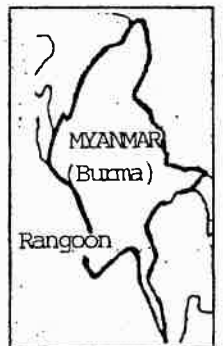
As you know, it is a 4-storey Bible College Complex incorporating a Church auditorium 40x40 ft, the size of Life Church, and taller of course (minus the porch). Our original estimate of S\$330,000 is now exceeded by 10%. If we wait longer, it is sure to go up to 20, 30, 40% and so on.

We have therefore remitted S\$90,000, a 25% downpayment for the contractor to stock up the materials. Now that building operations have begun, it will not be long before the Complex is completed. From my experience, it would be finished by Feb 1995! The greatest need for the next 12 months is Yangon, Myanmar!

God knows our needs, as you have read in the previous column how God has moved a Sharonite to give a five-figure sum.

### BURMESE SERVICE TO START IN FEBC CLASSROOM

The need to evangelise 60 thousand Burmese workers in Singapore is also greatest. This thought arises among the FEBC family that a new service beamed on Burmese sojourners in Singapore, like the one on Indonesians, will fill a great need. With God's help, we can do it. Two latest students from Burma, graduates of FEFST, and now lecturers and pastors, are well able to head this Burmese congregation. Is it not wonderful that our Thai and Indonesian Services were started by FEBC students? The languages used at Gilstead Rd are English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Filipino, Indonesian, Burmese.



## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 7 - 13, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed! (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (for Pilgrims also)
WED	11.30 pm	Pilgrims leave for Holy Land, RJ183
THU	7.30 pm	FEBC Vacation Begins. No evening lecture.
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall
	7.45 pm	Women's Fellowship, Beulah Hse
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF: 3.30 pm EBF
	7.30 pm	MsF Mtg, FEBC Hall
SUN	8.00 am	Jesus & the Blind Man of Bethsaida (Rev Tan Eng Boo, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Beulah Hse)
	10.30 am	Dr S. H. Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service

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

**FEK** opens registration for nursery classes for 1995 for children born in 1991. Registration for church members on Sunday, 27/3 and Monday 28/3. Forms can be collected from Miss Lucy Koh at the kindergarten kitchen. Birth of a son, Joshua Phang Yi Chen to Dr & Mrs Jonathan Phang on 4 Feb 94.

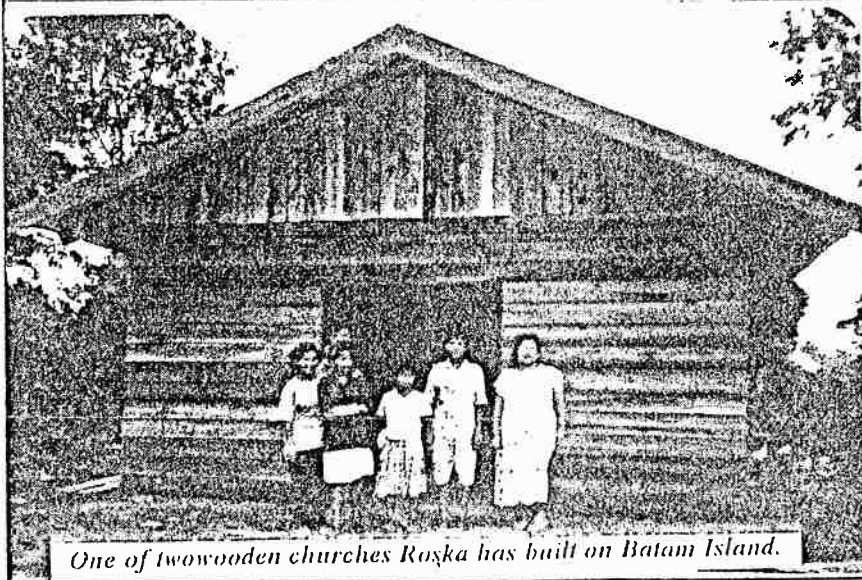
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\*\$5,639.00 (8.00 am); \*\$10,735.00 (10.30 am)  
EXTN BLDG FUND II 2034) \*\$5639; 2035)  
\*\$10735. TOTAL: \$4,284,834.32.  
GRAND TOTAL: \$4,715,865.57.  
OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide Stone Mansion \$150; Burma FEFST \$12630, \$100, \$100, \$180 (Hope BPC), \$80, \$400, \$150 (Box), \$50, \$50, \$1300, \$100, \$200, \$300; Kenya \$140; Missions \$140; Thailand \$200, \$50; Medan (Dohar) \$50; Philippines \$50; West Kalimantan \$120; Medan (Dohar) Kindergarten \$1000; China \$40; Rev/Mrs Tow \$300; Rev/Mrs Paauwe \$300; Heng Jee Seng \$200, \$550; Joshua & Helen Wonsia \$200; Medan Orphanage \$2000.

## FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank God for the many blessings I have received especially keeping me always in good health. Enclosed is \$400.
- (2) Enclosed is \$50 for more prayers answered. Please put it to use where it is needed most. Thank you.
- (3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Enclosed is my Chinese New Year "Hong Pow" for use where the need is.

Verse for the Week: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isaiah 26:3



One of two wooden churches Roska has built on Batam Island.

*The Children's Ministry Talk*  
on Sat. 9 Apr 94  
at 7.30 pm.  
Topic:  
"Parents & Parenting" - The Difference.  
Speaker:  
Elder (Dr) Lim Teck Chye.  
All are welcome.

Sunday School Offering  
\$351.80;  
Attendance: 304



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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. 34	No. 47
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	II Tim 3:10-17 -- 4:1-5	Ps 23
Hymn	No. 46	No. 356
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 267	No. 374
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 8:1-9	Phil 4:6,7
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus feeds the Four Thousand (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Why worry? When you can pray!
Closing Hymn	No. 256	No. 340
Benediction		Lord's Supper

My dear Readers,

## ONE RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

While the world's leadership concentrates on promoting economic prosperity, and some Christians are drawn into the rat race of money chase, "they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows." "For the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Tim 6:10).

Listen to the sane words of St Paul, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Tim 6:6-9). Jesus says, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he posseseth" (Lk 12:15).

"But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you... Sell all you have and give alms..." (Lk 12:31,33). Do you know the one recipe for living a happy life? It is giving, not grabbing. Do you know why we are not going to the Bible Land as "scholars", but as pilgrims? Our religious emphasis over the academic)

has brought a special blessing -- through sharing with poorer brethren. In so doing we are privileged to do something personally for the Lord (Matt 25:40).

## CALLING PILGRIMS TO TUES. NIGHT PRAYER MEETING, MAR 8

Ezra the Scribe who was to lead a second company of Jews returning from Exile in Babylon to Jerusalem sets a good example. He proclaimed a fast for the pilgrim band, "that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of Him a right way for us... and for all our substance" (Ezra 8:21). "Then we departed from the river of Ahava ... to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. And we came to Jerusalem" (Ezra 8:31). Here is a beautiful testimony of Divine protection on those who seek God. The best guarantee for our safety is earnest prayer, corporate united prayer. No need of travel insurance!

## GOD OPENS A DOOR TO BURMA THAT NO MAN CAN SHUT

Though Burma is opening up to the outside world, she is still deeply entrenched in her old ways, and looks askance on any who might make intrusion. Nevertheless, God can open a



door that no man can shut. Insofar as we are concerned, a first door in Rev Robert Thawm Luai has been opened since 1987 when he founded the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, which by now has graduated 28. A second door He is opening is the starting of a Life Church Burmese Service, Mar. 27, 6.30 pm. This new Gospel "Kelong" is an inspiration from the Lord as the Matron talked to the Burmese students in the kitchen one morning. Surely it is high time we had such a service, for there are reported 60,000 Burmese expatriates working in Singapore as of now.

You are cordially invited to the Inaugural Service to be held in Church, Mar 27, 6.30 pm. Madam He Qi will first offer sacred music (her four-year-old daughter also) to praise the Lord. A zealous Lifer was delighted. She said she would notify her Burmese friends. If you have Burmese domestic helps, why not bring them personally and join in the happy service? FEBC herself has a nucleus of six students, two of whom are ordained ministers. They are the first graduates of FEFST in 1992. They are here to further their studies. - T.T.

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS by Irene Tan

It was a joy to note these words above the pulpit while we sat in the Sanctuary of Hope BP Church on 12th Feb 94, the auspicious Dedication Service of the 'Stone Mansion'.

When my husband said 'yes', to putting aside his work and time, I was much delighted to be able to travel to Adelaide as a family to glorify the Lord.

The Lord certainly has provided and guided us all the way - from reasonably cheap airfare to an enjoyable and blessed stay till we returned home. We experienced minimum 'travel hiccups'.

The moment we all arrived at 82 Wattle Street, we were awed by the size of the building. Its structure stood solid and it has a beautiful architecture of character in spite of the fact that it has braved through 93 years of 'wear and tear'. Thus, looking at the photograph and having actually stayed in it were two totally different experiences. Our hearts unanimously

rejoiced with Rev & Mrs Paauwe and the brethren in Hope BP Church for the Lord's provision of such a magnificent edifice for His ministry. All the past months of anxious waiting is so worth it. It is well said, "With vision comes provision." The fulfilment of this vision is the bountiful blessing of God's own provision to meet all the needs. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1). Therefore, for one and all, whom the Lord has moved to support this Ministry downunder, my sentiment is that the 'dollar is well spent'. What better gift can we offer to the Lord, than to have a part in building His house and His people, which will last through eternity.

The Dedication Service was the highlight of our Mission there. Imagine more than two hundred persons packing the sanctuary, with the overflow watching the event on closed-circuit television in the dining hall. The group consisted of the Hope BP Church congregation, twenty-seven people of the 'Singapore Contingent', well-wishers, guests and even neighbours of the Stone Mansion.

Congratulatory messages from sister churches both in Singapore and Australia, sermon by Rev Tow, exhortations by Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Rev Peter Chua and Rev Edward Paauwe inspired one and all. The Korean Church choir gave an item.

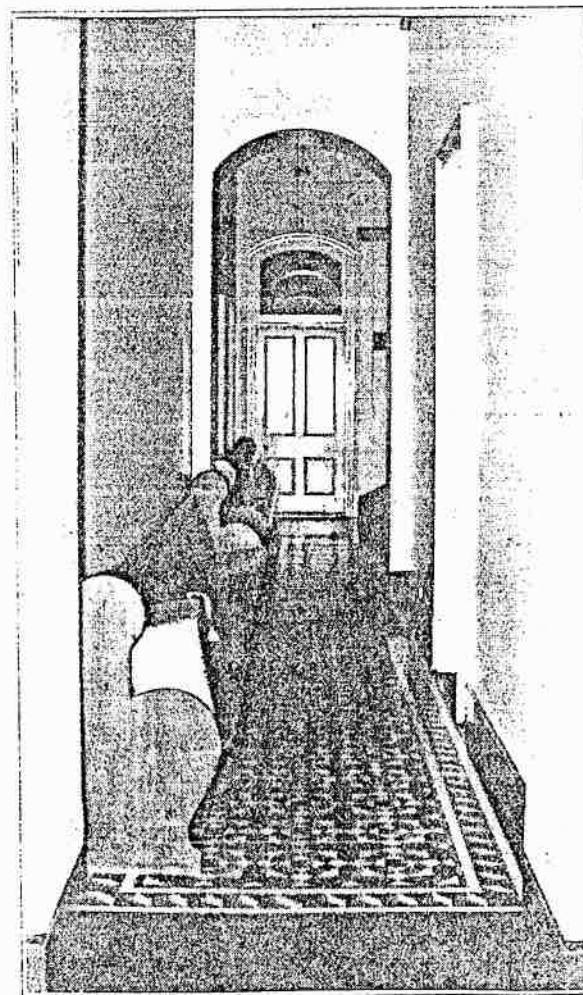
The following day, we attended their Sunday Service and fellowshiped with the Korean Church members in their own new building. We were invited to visit the homes of Dr & Mrs Michael Lee and Dr & Mrs Gong. It was a breathtaking sight in the fresh air and the coolness of the hill-top home of the Gongs overlooking the city below with its sparkling lights.

The sight-seeing tours which included a cruise down the Murray River were very enjoyable. The 'whispering wall' was quite a scientific treat for us. A whisper on one remote side of the curved wall resulted in transmission of a clear

message to the other side almost half a mile away! The children were thrilled to be able to touch and feed the kangaroos in the nature park.

The stay was most comfortable for all of us, with fine weather and plenty of space to expand our mind and body. The whole place looked so fresh and clean which is testimony to the hidden 'labours of love' by Rev & Mrs Paauwe and their team including Janet Lim. They saw to our physical comforts including the delicious meals.

We left the Stone Mansion believing the Lord had great plans ahead for this place. We pray Rev & Mrs Paauwe and those in His service will keep pressing on until He comes. Amen.



### BOOK REVIEW FOR THE MONTH OF FEB. 1994 FROM CALVARY BPC

1. Timothy Tow. **Recipes For Living a Happy Life**. Singapore: Christian Life Publishers, 1993. 48 pages. \$2.50

In this very readable booklet, the author highlights three essential ingredients for a successful and blissful life ie. SALVATION, MARRIAGE, AND CAREER. Timothy Tow writes from his vast experience as a pastor-teacher of God's Word (43 years) on very practical issues, spicing them with personal anecdotes, biblical examples and delightful wholesome humour. A must for unbelievers who need the gospel, the prerequisite for a happy life, and for believers who want to live an even happier life.

2. J Oliver Buswell. **A Systematic Theology of the Christian Religion**. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1962. (Reprinted by Christian Life Publishers, Singapore, 1994) 1040 pages (2 vols, in one). Price: \$28 minus 10% from Life Book Centre.

Every Presbyterian and Bible-Presbyterian (B-P) believer need this THEOLOGICAL REFERENCE BOOK. Buswell was the teacher of Timothy Tow, the founder of the Singapore B-P movement. This voluminous book is the closest we have of what we believe is the correct teaching and interpretation of God's Word. It is Reformed in theology and premillennial in its eschatology.

3. Timothy Tow. **Forty Years ... Church Growth**. Singapore: Christian Life Publishers, 1993. 160 pages. \$6.00

The Singapore Bible-Presbyterian (B-P) history eloquently chronicled, by the founding pastor himself. The reader senses the presence and power of God as the purposes of His divine will are revealed through the development of the B-P movement in Singapore. This makes good compulsory reading for all Basic Bible Knowledge Class students who wish to join a B-P Church. Also a helpful reminder of our humble beginnings to those who have been around for sometime.



# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 14 - 20, '94)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Elder Khoo P K)
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF: 3.30 pm EBF
SUN	8.00 am	Jesus & the Helpless Disciples (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	No Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Wor.
	10.40 pm	Church Choir Practice
	12.10 pm	Pilgrims' Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

NBC This Week: *Fri* Bishan.

Sunday School Offering \$369.90; Attendance: 305

FEK opens registration for nursery classes for 1995 for children born in 1991. Registration for church members on Sunday, 27/3 and Monday 28/3. Forms can be collected from Miss Lucy Koh at the kindergarten kitchen.  
The Children's Ministry. Talk on Sat. 9 Apr 94 at 7.30 pm. Topic: "Parents & Parenting" - The Difference. Speaker: Elder(Dr) Lim Teck Chye. All are welcome.  
Baptised at NUH. Sat Mar 5 was Madam Gan Lye Hong 64, the pastor officiating in the presence of her Christian daughter and Joo Ang of LBC.



Negev, the Southern Desert, Israel, en route to Mt Sinai

# LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,660.00 (8.00 am); \*\$23,593.00 (10.30 am)  
**EXTN BLDG FUND II** 2036)\*\$5660; 2037)\*\$23593; 2038) \$300; 2039) \$777 (Chinese Service); 2040)\$1300; 2041)\$611. TOTAL: \$4,317,075.32.  
**GRAND TOTAL:** \$4,748,106.57.  
**OFFERINGS FOR:** *Adelaide Stone Mansion* \$3000; *Burma FEFST* \$450, \$500, \$260, \$3000, \$200, \$1000, \$300, \$1000, \$50, \$40(Box); *Missions* \$50, \$1500; *China Mission* \$200, \$1200; *FEBC* \$200; *Baraka BPC* \$120, \$500; *Hilltop* \$50, \$300, \$100(YAF); *AF Children Library* \$300; *Angus & family* \$200; *Dn Roland Wong* \$100, \$100; *Setsuko Takashima* \$200; *George Kutty* \$400; *Seets* \$400, \$500, \$200 (Sunday School); *Africa Missions* \$500; *China Missions* \$500; *Church Choir* \$500; *Thailand* \$3000, \$100(YAF); *Philippines* \$3000; *Eld Khoo Peng Kiat* \$1000; *Tamees* \$500; *Rev E Paauwe* \$500; *Rev Tow* \$500; *I.Coast (J Wonsia)* \$706(WF), \$2000.

# FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank you dear Lord for thy grace and mercies. This little for thy mission in China. - Child of God (\$150).
  - (2) Thanksgiving offering: For good health & strength and answers to unuttered prayers. God knows our hearts. Praise the Lord. (\$100).
- Verse for the Week:** Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27
- Pray for Dn Roland Wong's** quick recovery after an operation at SGH now at Ward 47Bed 25.

**YOU**  
*are cordially invited*  
*to the*  
**Inaugural Burmese Service**  
*in the Church Auditorium*  
**Mar. 27, 6.30 pm**  
*Commencing with*  
*sacred music*  
*by*  
**Madam He Qi**  
*and*  
*four-year old daughter.*



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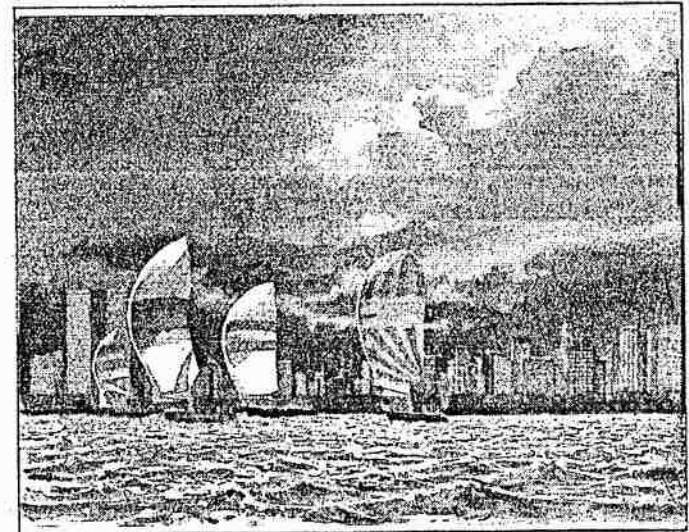
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13 March 1994

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

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Geoffrey Tan	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Opening Hymn	No. 47	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 63	Isaiah 58:1-14
Hymn	No. 237	No. 81
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 246	No. 209
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 8:22-26	Ex 16:4-7, 13-30
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus and the Blind Man of Bethsaida (Rev Tan Eng Boo)	The Holy Sabbath & You (Dr Tow S H)
Closing Hymn	No. 116	No. 538
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

# HISTORY SPEEDING TO ITS GRANDE FINALE



Your Pastor and group from Life now on their fifth Holy Land Study Tour precede Calvary's eight weeks. We are tracing the steps of history in the land where history itself will climax at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The

current unrest cannot hinder the inexorable course of peace predicted in God's Word. So we go in peace, confident that the Lord of history Himself leads the way for us.

The primary objective of our going is to sense the nearness of the Return of the Lord by walking in the very site of the Event, even the Mt. of Olives, and to see with our eyes the beloved Land, before the day of Jacob's anguish descends upon it. Along the way we shall hear the Word of God and be awakened, alerted to the gravity of the hour. We trust that the Lord will work for us something most wonderful for the advancement of His glorious Kingdom in this final hour.

# SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR FEATURES WILLIAM CAREY

Our opening lecture "Day Dreams Night Visions" introduced the life of this "greatest Englishman of this generation." Impelled by the Spirit, challenged by the Gospel call, William Carey left his homeland to spend forty amazing years in India, and to die and be buried there. Against all odds he took up the challenge: the authorities would not issue a licence for him to go as a missionary; the London Baptists were unsympathetic; his own father declared his venture "the folly of one mad."

But the Lord of History and Head of the Church willed that one

man should forsake all for the folly of madness -- in the cause of the glorious Gospel. In his forty Indian years Carey accomplished what no one else has done, before or since: a) He led a team of co-workers in translating and printing the Bible in thirty-five Indian languages. b) He penetrated the centuries old "caste" system with the Word of God, to the conversion of Indian souls of the highest caste. c) He helped to outlaw child sacrifice, widow burning and "hook swinging." d) He became the first European to be appointed Professor of Bengali, Sanskrit, and Marathi, and become the highest authority for official documents written in these languages.

William Carey gave the Christian world a timeless motto for Gospel enterprise:

"Expect great things from God;

Attempt great things for God."

**Come to SGH** tonight for episode 2: "Centuries-old Darkness Penetrated."

Come and hear (and see!) Carey's eye-witness account of 'suttee', widow-burning. In one instance, a man's forty wives perished in flames by Hindu rites! Come and see 'hook swinging' of Hindu devotees.

Seeing is believing!

### **MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY AND NOT TO FAINT**

Luke 18:1-5 has lessons for all of us. Firstly the widow's perseverance. By her untiring efforts, knocking on the door of the unjust judge, her request was granted. Do we have her sense of purpose in prayer? her urgency? her determination? So often we give up all too easily.

Then we may learn from the unjust judge. Though he feared not God, neither regarded any man, yet for his own selfish reasons, he was moved into action. Our Lord, the righteous Judge is a loving and compassionate Father. He is ever ready and anxious to hear His children's prayers. Is any request refused? Rom 8:32 has the answer: "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

### **CONCLUSION**

God's people should not faint or give up so easily. The Lord is on our side. We give up to our own loss!

### **"THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL" (PS 23:4)**

*by Elder Tow Siang Yeow*

Nothing focuses on a person's mortality so acutely as being afflicted with a serious illness or one that holds the possibility of a terminal outcome! Such a dire situation happened to the writer in the very recent past...

October 18th 1993 will always be remembered by me as a watershed between smug complacency and the realisation that one's existence on this earth can never be taken for granted. Distressing symptoms of acute cystitis suddenly came upon me in the middle of the night: dysuria, chills, rigors, high fever, nausea and vomiting followed one after another, totally overwhelming me! Rushed to hospital, I was immediately put on an intravenous drip. Various investigations were carried out. I was diagnosed as a case of bladder infection with urinary retention due to enlargement of the prostate.

As my condition improved, further investigations were ordered to rule out, amongst other things, malignancy of the prostate. A blood test for prostate cancer, the PSA was carried out. The results showed a suspiciously high reading, and so a repeat test was done. The results of the second test were practically the same! Was it prostatic cancer? The Urologist would not commit himself. He wanted more tests done including ultra-sound imaging and biopsy of the prostate. These had to be done in K.L. and so an appointment was made with the K.L. Urologist.

Things were building up to a climax! I would not be telling the truth if I were to say that there was no anxiety felt by me or my

family members. Both my wife and I were decidedly anxious, and we could only cast our cares upon the Lord, praying for His mercy! In my heart I prayed, "Lord, if Thou shouldst take away my life, I know it is Thy will, for thou giveth life, and Thou takest away!" Yet, with my limited faith, I continued praying for His mercy to spare me from the dreaded outcome of a positive result.

After two weeks of anxious waiting subsequent to the K.L. trip, the biopsy report finally arrived by post. It read, "Benign fibro-glandular hyperplasia." In other words, there was no malignancy, only 'normal' prostatic enlargement consequent to ageing! My wife and I heaved a sign of relief and thanked God for His bountiful mercies!

On 24th January, 1994, following upon the advice of the Urologist, I was readmitted for a surgical operation to improve the urinary flow from the bladder. This was done under general anaesthesia by a new technique called "trans-urethral incision" or simply, TUI, a much less traumatic and agonising procedure when compared with prostatic cancer treatment, though it is not without its discomforts.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 teaches us that "there is a time to every purpose under heaven." Whilst I was lying helplessly on a hospital bed in the urology Ward there was time indeed to reflect on the trials and tribulations that had beset me. And one perplexing question that I mulled over was this: "What is the purpose of existence, if, when time passes one by, one's life span keeps getting shorter and shorter whilst the "bad days" of ill-health, disabilities and feebleness, following one after the other, keep growing longer and longer? -- "the clouds return after the rain" (Eccl. 12:2).

The Psalmist in his wisdom, explains this predicament: "We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore and ten; and if by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their

strength labour and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Ps 90:10). Solomon, the wisest of kings, affirms that, even if we live to a ripe old age, the resultant deterioration and decay of the various faculties of the body and mind will come, and finally, we go to our "long home" -- that is, death will overtake us! He comes to the logical conclusion that all human endeavour, earthly pleasures, honours, position and wealth are but "vanity of vanities," i.e. they are worthless in the last analysis, for these will vanish like a vapour when life comes to an end. He concludes his dissertation with a powerful exhortation to godliness -- "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13).

The upshot of these musings led to a period of self-examination: It revealed a shortfall: there is indeed more that I could do in "fearing God and keeping His commandments" ... a closer walk with Him, a greater zeal to fulfil all righteousness, a need for more expressions of brotherly love, a jettisoning of all "excess baggage" that may hinder a Christian's spiritual growth. I thank God for His bountiful grace and mercy in restoring me to health once more! Having "walked through the valley of the shadow of death," I need to "redeem the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:16) and to do more for Him, for "the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Amen.

### **Advice....**

Oh, be kind and understanding when you judge another's acts. For you may not know his problems or be sure of all the facts. Let the law of love control you, do not hastily decide: Breathe a prayer for those who stumbled, lift the fallen -- don't deride!

- G.W. Crofts

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 21 - 27, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Elder Edmund Tay)	*\$4,129.00 (8.00 am); *\$12,917.00 (10.30 am)	
WED	2.45 pm	Pilgrims return, RJ 182	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2042)*\$4129; 2043)*\$12917;	
THU	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Quek S Y)	2044)\$500; 2045)\$300. TOTAL: \$4,334,921.32.	
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	GRAND TOTAL: \$4,765,952.57.	
SAT	2.30 pm	Philip Lee & Peh Siew Kuan	OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide Stone Mansion \$100;	
		Wedding, Rev Tow	Burma FEFST \$500, \$100, \$100, \$200, \$1200(Life Bk	
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF	Centre); Dn Jack Sin \$150; Dn Roland Wong \$600;	
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm EBF	Tabernacle Bks \$50; Hilltop \$10; Missions \$100; I.Coast	
PALM	8.00 am	Jesus is the Miracle of Miracles	\$2000; Rev G Kutty \$100	
SUN		(Rev Bob Phee)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	(1) Praise God from whom all blessings flow' (for Burma	
	9.30 am	Catechism Class (Last Call)	FEFST, \$300).	
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	(2) Enclosed is a love gift of \$1000. I would like it to be	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	used for our church renovation especially for the improvement	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	of the audio-equipment at the side prock so that parents of	
	12.10 am	Pilgrims' Choir Practice	young children sitting there may hear the sermons clearly.	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	(3) Oh, How Gracious thou art! I thank the Lord for	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	passing my exam. I pray the Lord that I may make God's	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	will my decisions in days to come.	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	FEK opens registration for nursery classes for 1995 for	
	6.30 pm	Inauguration of Burmese Service	children born in 1991. Registration for church members	
		(Rev Tow)	on Sunday, 27/3 and Monday 28/3. Forms can be	
NBC This Week: Wed Bt Timah, Henderson;			collected from Miss Lucy Koh at the kindergarten	
Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.			kitchen.	
Birth of a baby boy, John Lee Sen Jet, to Mr &			Verse for the Week: If a man therefore purge	
Mrs Lee Hock Chin on 21/2/94.			himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto	
The Children's Ministry. Talk on Sat. 9 Apr 94			honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use,	
at 7.30 pm. Topic: "Parents & Parenting - The			and prepared unto every good work. II Tim 2:21.	
Difference". Speaker: Elder(Dr) Lim Teck Chye.			All are welcome. Baraka BPC tel. no: 972-2-929288	
Sunday School Offering: \$309.15; Attendance: 394				



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20 March 1994

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

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Dn Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	No. 420	No. 333
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 5	Ps 89:1-34
Hymn	No. 359	No. 317
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 293	No. 47
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 9:14-29	Isa 49:15, Josh 1:5,
Pastoral Prayer		Heb 13:5
Sermon	Jesus and the Helpless Disciples (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	God's Three Precious Promises (Elder Khoo P K)
Closing Hymn	No. 335	No. 253
Benediction		

### MY MINISTRY DOWNUNDER

by Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

As requested by our beloved Pastor I am sharing with you the Lord's work Downunder. For the last seven years my wife and I have been in the "shuttle" ministry. The Lord's call came through His servant Dr Tow Siang Hwa who phoned me one morning during the Lunar New Year of February 1987 to serve Downunder. At that time the Bible Presbyterian Church of Western Australia was awaiting the coming of Bro and Mrs Mark Heath whose going was delayed by some hitch with their visas. Hence we were required to stand in. We ministered there for about two months after which we left for Melbourne where a house church was established in the Lokes' home, and later on when the numbers grew we assembled in the Choongs' home for worship. Subsequently and thereafter we have been engaged in the Lord's shuttle ministry with the blessings of Life Church. We go where the Lord leads, and we serve where the need is greater. And the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad (Ps 126:3).

#### Ministry of Bethel

We praise and thank God for giving us the opportunity and

privilege of service. When the Macedonian call came, we just responded by faith, not knowing what was in store for us. As far as I was concerned it was a step of faith based on God's precious promises: "I will not fail thee" (Joshua 1:5), "I will not forget thee" (Isaiah 49:15b) and "I will not forsake thee" (Heb 13:5b). I have absolute faith in God whose faithfulness is unfailing. I praise and thank God for the great help I received during the course of study at FEBC. The valuable lessons I learnt from both faculty members and students, especially from my teacher and mentor, Rev Tow, whose lectures on Systematic Theology and Homiletics have helped me a great deal in my ministry at Bethel and have stood me in good stead but I realise that I have still a long way to go, spiritually speaking. The apostle Paul said, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended..." (Phil 3:12, 13a). A.W. Tozer said, "One of the greatest foes of the Christian is religious complacency. The man who believes he has arrived will not go any further; from his standpoint it would be foolish to



do so." So I am still learning, and the only plus point I possess, by God's grace, is that I am a plodder for the Lord. There is no retirement in the service of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, as He enables, we shall go on serving. As I look back, it is looking back with a sense of thankfulness and gratitude that the Lord knows my frame and so I have been called to do a stop-gap ministry, one called to stand in whenever and wherever there is a need. As far as I am concerned, I know for myself that it is not a matter of ability but of being available in God's service. Homer Duncan said, "In Christian service it is not a question of our ability, but of our availability. When we are available, God can use us, when, where and as He wills." My ministry at Bethel is mainly one of preaching and teaching God's Word during worship and prayer meetings and occasionally family fellowship, visitation, counselling, ministry of hospitality, ministry of encouragement and others done behind the scenes.

#### Lessons to be Learnt in Christian Service

In serving as an Elder, I have found that in serving God and His people and even those who are not members of the household of faith, attitude is important. "Not, with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men" (Eph 5:6,7). In serving God one must not discriminate. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt 25:40). Every little act of service done out of love and in Jesus' Name is taken into consideration by Him. In this connection, the slogan composed by Rev Tow for Life Church is good to put into practice with God's help: "Do something good for Jesus every day; do something good for Jesus wherever you go, and out of the way." In serving God little things are important. All around us are little things that need to be done for other people. They are things all of us can

do, and if we do them with little or no recognition of reward, God considers them as acts of service for Him. Between now and until our Lord's return, "... let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal 6:9,10).

What a privilege, what a joy and what an opportunity it is for me and my wife, unworthy as we are, to minister to God's people Downunder on behalf of Life Church and on behalf of you all! To God be the glory! Amen.

#### REQUEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ON EASTER

I, Soh Eng Teck, Clement, request for the sacrament of baptism on Easter Sunday, 3 April 1994 in Life BP Church. I have read the constitution of the Church, and I understand that Baptism is one of the two sacraments of the Reformed Church, and it is clearly the intention of the Saviour that, as a sign and seal, it is also a means of grace and recognition that all followers of our Lord Jesus Christ and thereby children of God through justification and adoption, should be baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

I was brought to Life BP Church in early March 1991 and worshipped irregularly in the Church. I was however, not born again when I went through BMT in the Army till March 1992, when in the space of 5 weeks, 3 incidences miraculously occurred of which I was brought to the Sunday School, the EBF and the influence of my lady friend then, who was a source of encouragement for me to grow to be strong in God's Word.

I searched the Holy Scriptures to find the true meaning of the Cross when on an afternoon, on reading John chapter 6, the words of our Lord became life and flesh to me and I firmly believed. I knelt down and prayed in the Exercise Landrover and my sins were lifted away from me. The Lord had saved my soul from eternal damnation in the everlasting fires of Hell! This incident

followed an evangelism with the EBF on a Sunday, weeks before, of which I was evangelised by my own partner and probably heard the Gospel as he shared with a Filipino maid. It seems hard to believe this but the working of the Holy Spirit is amazing!

Since then, my life has changed drastically and He is still working and moulding me slowly day by day as I see myself being led into the Promise. The way is difficult and long and many struggles followed my walk with Him with both sad and happy moments. The many trials in the army have oftentimes led me to become disappointed with Him, to think that He has left me in the storm and rain all by myself. However, His grace is ever so new and refreshing as I saw my faith grow in Him and it was only through these times of sorrow and tears that I found His love most sweet and lovely.

#### TESTIMONY OF CAROLYN KHOO

I was raised in a Christian home. My parents took me to church every Sunday and read Bible stories to me every night. I prayed with my mother to receive Christ Jesus as my Saviour when I was 4 years old. However, I could not remember this incident.

When I was 7 years old, during chapel in the Christian school I attended, the speaker asked if anyone wanted to pray to receive Jesus as his Saviour. The message had been about how we have all sinned and are eternally lost without a Saviour. However, God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die to take the punishment for our sins. I knew I had sinned, had disobeyed my parents and needed a Saviour. I prayed that morning to receive Christ.

I was baptised when I was 15 years old. I praise God for the Christian heritage He has given to me and for His faithfulness through these years. I am so grateful for His goodness and grace in allowing me the privilege of knowing Him and growing in Him through His Word, my family, church and school.

The Way is true and real to my life. Indeed, how true it is that I am made to glorify God and enjoy Him because moments of life without Him have been most meaningless and empty. I also realised that I should not be withholding my baptism at all because I now belonged to Him and can never be lost again. The trend of Good Fridays through recent years have been on the second week of April, but I was scheduled for an overseas training in Taiwan on the 4th April. The Lord graciously answered by murmurs by arranging Good Friday to be on the 1st April and Easter Sunday, on the 3rd, only once again to prove to me that there was nothing He could not achieve and that it was faithlessness on my part. Thus, with this special arrangement at hand, seemingly just specially for me, I would be deemed as disobedient if I delayed any longer. In the Name of Christ!

#### My Turn in the Nursery

*Last Sunday was my turn, In the nursery to work,  
My heart wasn't in it, my feelings were hurt,  
A child from its mother did not want to part  
And it cried a lot with its broken heart.*

*I prayed that soon the hour would end  
That I could relax, no more children to tend,  
Soon the hour was over, it felt good to be free,  
I said 'Once a month was too much for me!'*

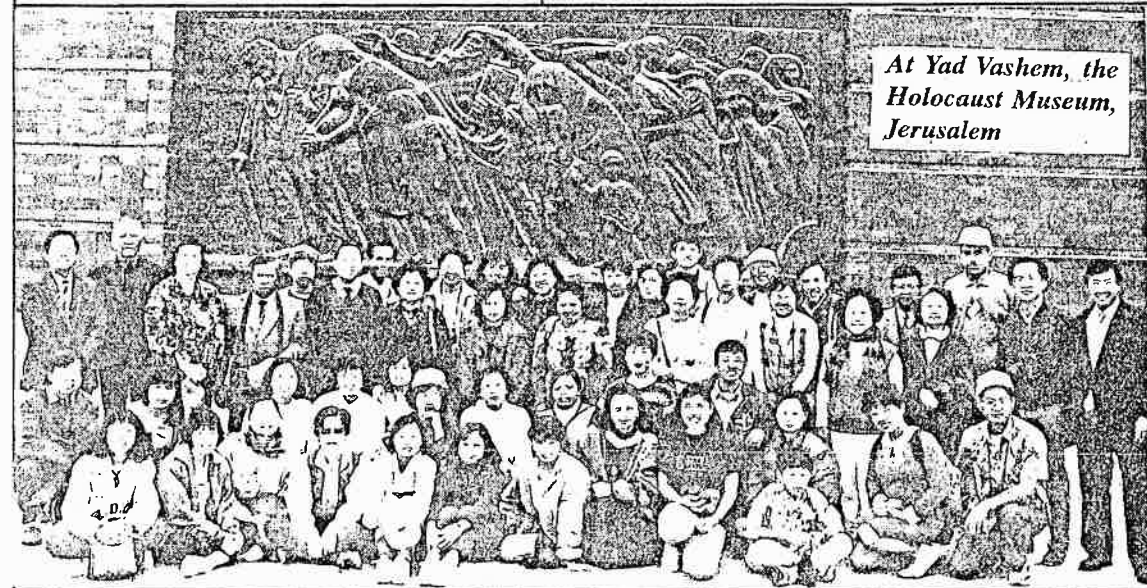
*That very next Sunday as I sat in the pew  
A very good sermon, but visitors were few,  
But down came a woman and her soul was saved,  
She was the mother of that crying babel!*

*Then it dawned on me that I had been a part  
Of one being saved - Giving God her heart,  
From that day on I would never dread  
Working in the nursery while souls are fed.*

*Author unknown*



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 28 - Apr 3, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed! (Rev Tow)	*\$5,096.00 (8.00 am); *\$9,301.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Pilgrims Night)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2046)*\$5096; 2047)*\$9301.		
THU	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	TOTAL:\$4,349,318.32. GRAND TOTAL:\$4,780,349.57.		
	8.00 pm	Sharon Maundy Thurs Ser.	OFFERINGS FOR: Adelaide Stone Mansion \$130,		
FRI	8.00 pm	COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	\$1000; Burma FEFST \$300(Box), \$200		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	(Thanksgiving for safe return); Adelaide(YF/YAF)		
SUN	7.00 am	COMBINED EASTER SUNRISE BAPTISMAL SERVICE (Rev Tow)	\$130; Hope BPC \$1000; Saipan Mission \$1000; Dn		
	9.00 am	Easter Breakfast	Roland Wong \$100; Hilltop \$50; Chinese trans. of		
	9.30 am	No Sunday School	Propescope on Israel \$1000; FEBC \$70(Box),		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	US\$250(Pilgrim).		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	(1) I cry unto the Lord and He lifts my family from the ash		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	heap. Please use enclosed \$200 for the extension of the Lord's		
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Rehoboth	Kingdom in Thailand. - Great sinner saved by grace		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	FEK opens registration for nursery classes for 1995 for		
NBC This Week: No NBC.			children born in 1991. Registration for church members		
Infant Baptism. Parents who wish their infants			on 27/3 and 28/3. Forms can be collected from Miss		
to be baptised at the Easter Sunrise Service,			Lucy Koh at the FEK Counter.		
please inform the church office by Wed, 30 Mar			The Children's Ministry. Talk on Sat. 9 Apr 94 at 7.30		
giving child's name and date of birth.			pm. Topic: "Parents & Parenting - The Difference".		
Easter Breakfast. Members who wish to			Speaker: Elder(Dr) Lim Teck Chye. All are welcome.		
contribute please inform Elder Sng or Dn Yiew.			Please do not send in surplus clothings.		
Sunday School Offering: \$415.30; Attendance: 292			Verse for the Week: Cause me to hear thy		



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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. 60	No. 198
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 12:12-33	Mt 21:1-11
Hymn	No. 198	No. 176
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 136	O Jerusalem
Offertory Prayer		(Pilgrims)
Scripture Text	Mk 16:1-8	Ps 122
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Jesus is the Miracle of Miracles (Rev Bob Phee)	Jersalem the Eternal City
Closing Hymn	No. 203	O Jerusalem
Benediction		

My dear Reader,

### LESSONS WE'VE LEARNED

What make this 5th Pilgrimage more memorable than the previous ones are the lessons we've learned under stressful circumstances. As in Pilgrim's Progress, Christian has an even more eventful journey to the Celestial City. Whether you joined us this time or not, remember you are a pilgrim while on this earth below.

#### Confidence from God's Word

The massacre of the worshippers at the Ibrahim Mosque at Hebron had shaken many hearts. I was also shaken, to say the least. Nevertheless, as we have a sovereign God, we composed ourselves --- through two sermons. Read Ps 91 and Ezra's confirming his Pilgrim Band under greater hazards (Ezra 8:21-31).

#### "Why worry when you can pray?"

Having called the pilgrims to a second prayer meeting Tues. Night Mar. 8, we were doubly assured the God of Heaven would lead and protect us all the way. We were greatly encouraged by God's Word in Ps. 121. Dn Francis Sng found a pack of 60 bookmarks distributed by Laymen's Ev. Fellowship at the Church lobby where the

RPGs are displayed. Every Pilgrim gladly received it as an assurance from the Lord.

#### "Man Proposes God Disposes"

King Solomon put it this way, "Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?" (Prov 20:24). We had planned to make Baraka our "field hqrs," so we headed for it the day we crossed over to Israel. When our coach came to within one km from Baraka, we were stopped at a military roadblock. This, despite assurances received from the Ministry of Tourism. Hasty efforts were made both by Guiding Star and Mr Johnson our missionary to clear with the Commander in Hebron (Baraka Centre is about 10 miles north of Hebron), but without avail.

Our wait for clearance lasted four hours. But God did not leave us stranded. Next to where we were sitting was a Petrol Kiosk with a mini-store. Here we found relief in time of need. The store was on the point of shutting up but extended its services to let us buy drinks and biscuits, etc. Here came the Apostles' words, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the

temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (I Cor 13:10).

#### Two are a confirmation from the Lord

Another way of escape was our proximity to Jerusalem. So we beat a resigned retreat to find some inn in the Holy City. Would we be turned away like Mary and Joseph the first Christmas night? We landed at the Holyland Hotel in East Jerusalem. The Hotel keeper said all the rooms available numbered 24. To which several of us, who checked with our room list, uttered, "Praise the Lord." Our room list also said, "24!" This brought to mind the words of our Lord, "But the hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt 10:30). God knows and provides for our needs even to the last room, and the last bed.

Two other incidents showed how God also provided to the last seat. Originally, we had 50. When one dropped out we had 49, thus giving us one empty seat on the bus. At Amman, however, Miss Joan Davenport joined us to cross into Israel. She had the empty seat filled. God knew Miss Davenport's need. The Jordanian coaches have only a 50-seat capacity, no more, no less!

#### Paul had evangelised present day Yugoslavia

Before the Holy Land, we spent three nights in Greece. Two days were given to visiting Corinth and Athens where we stood on the ground where Paul preached. We also had a day cruise to three scenic islands. It was the Lord's Day Mar 13 when, according to plan, we worshipped on Mars Hill before we enplaned for Amman and Israel. Our worship offering totalling US\$820 was designated for Baraka BPC. In our message we noted Paul had evangelised Illyricum which is present day war-torn Yugoslavia (Rom 15:19). As Acts did not record this, there were other areas he also visited, to be sure. The Apostle's spirit should move us to greater efforts before He returns.

#### Better Late Than Never

While in Amman I learned another lesson about sheep and goats. A big flock was grazing



in the field outside Gateway Hotel. Suddenly the shepherd came out of nowhere riding a donkey. As he strode through the grazing animals, both sheep and goats began to follow in line. But there were some who were reluctant. These kept grazing, but

would look up lest they be left behind. When the shepherd had gone further ahead, I saw several sheep trying both to graze and to follow at the same time. It was like a soldier trying to turn left and right simultaneously! Meanwhile, there was a big black he-goat, the last to leave. He was left far behind because he could not resist the sweet meal he was enjoying. As he looked at the whole flock disappearing with the shepherd from the scene he appeared even more agitated. Finally, he decided to follow was better than eating. So, with a sprint, he galloped after his friends. I call him "the repentant he-goat." It is time for those of us entangled with the things of the flesh to pluck ourselves out, lest we be left behind when the Lord comes. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light" (Rom 13:12).

#### "He that is down need fear no fall"

Guiding Star put us to stay at an A class "village" with full heating, for it is freezing cold in the Sinai Desert at night. Now it is the custom for those who come so close to Moses' mountain to climb it. There are 3,500 steps up to the top. The ascent takes 3 hours and the descent 2 hours. The time to take this upward journey is 2.30 am so that when the top is reached the climbers will see the sun, rising in all its splendour. The temperature was minus zero. Discretion being the better part of valour, I gave up any desire to join the youngsters. But, if you are too tired, there are the Bedouins with camels to carry you up, plus a cup of coffee, all for US\$10. More than half of our number went

and returned safely in the morning. What a relief! We praised the Lord for His protection and tender care again. But God will not protect the older ones who climb for vainglory. Better to heed Bunyan's words, "He that is down need fear no fall." So, before the pilgrims set out, I asked each one to examine his motive.

#### 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)

This applies to tipping, a western and a good practice. Think of the porters who carry your heavy bags when you are exhausted. Your tour guide and driver who serve you hand and foot, on your long, tedious journeyings. Morally, we are bound to compensate them for their trouble. Now you can also tip niggardly, but you get what you give. Advice from an old traveller: Tip generously and these your servants will serve you royally. Giving is a Christian grace. Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

#### Saved by the cap

Every pilgrimage we issue a "Burning Bush" cap to each member. This is essential to group and individual safety, for immediate

identification. One of our number was left behind because she did not wear her cap. Fortunately, she contacted us by radio with the help of other tour buses. This trouble would be saved if she had her cap on!

#### A Last Lesson I had learned

was to be ready to put to ink and paper any inspiring thought. When Mariana our Indonesian student sang, "O Jerusalem Kota Mulia" the tune so gripped me that I had the lyrics quickly translated. To complete the sense of the pithy stanza, I added another two. Our new English product is as follows:

*O Jerusalem Thou City bright and fair  
My heart is yearning to be there  
My Lord is coming no more shall I linger  
O bring me to Jerusalem.*

*O Jesus my Lord, Thou Holy Son of God  
Mine eyes have seen Thy salvation  
Messiah has come, King o'er Jerusalem  
Behold He sits enthroned in Zion.*

*Hail thou Prince of Peace, come reign over us  
Gov'nors and kings fall on their knees  
From Jerusalem, Truth and Grace shall conquer  
Till suns shall rise a thousand years. Amen. - T.T.*

#### MESSAGES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL TO JUNE 1994 (8.00 AM SERVICE)

*Theme: Prepare to Meet Thy God (Amos 4:12)*

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
APR	3 If Christ be not raised	I Cor 15:17	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
<b>COMBINED EASTER SUNRISE BAPTISMAL SERVICE, 7.00 AM</b>				
	10 Does Death end all?*	Heb 9:27	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	17 Heaven and Hell	Lk 16:19-31	Rev Bob Phee	Eld Mahadevan
	24 Is there Annihilationism?	Mk 9:43-48	Eld Lim Teck Chye	Dn Ong Eng Lam
MAY	1 Can a Christian practice necromancy?	Deut 18:11-12	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
	8 Why had false doctrines invaded the BPC?*	Deut 13:1-3	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	15 Can a pastor commend suicide?	Ex 20:13	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Geoffrey Tan
	22 B.A. is least qualification to enter heaven	Jn 3:5	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Eld Mahadevan
	29 Can a B.A. Christian lose his Salvation?	Jn 10:27-30	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Tan Nee Keng
JUN	5 Did God choose you because He foreknew your faith?	Rom 9:10-13	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
	12 The neglected doctrine of Christ's Judgment Seat*	II Cor 5:8-11	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	19 A do nothing Christian heavily reprimanded	Matt 25:14-30	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Dn Wee Chin Kam
	26 No cross, no crown	II Tim 2:11-13	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Jack Sin

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 4 - 10, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 7.30 pm	<i>Mysteries Revealed!</i> (Rev Tow)	*\$3,762.00 (8.00 am); *\$12,429.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2048)*\$3762; 2049)*\$12429;
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg	2050) \$200; 2051) \$500 (Keb. Indonesia).
THU 7.30 pm	<i>Minor Prophets</i> (Rev Quek S Y)	TOTAL:\$4,366,209.32. GRAND TOTAL:\$4,797,240.57.
FRI 7.45 pm	WF: <i>One with God is a majority</i>	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i> \$10;
SAT 2.30 pm	CNEC-Braddell Wedding; LTF/YF	<i>Burma FEFST</i> \$100, \$381.70(Burmese Inaugural Ser);
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm EBF	<i>College Bld Fd</i> \$300; <i>Missionary Fund</i> \$50; <i>Children's</i>
7.30 pm	Children's Ministry Talk, FEBC Hall (Dr Lim Teck Chye)	<i>Choir</i> \$715; <i>Rev Djunaidi's Church</i> \$600; <i>Baraka BPC</i>
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Does Death end all?</i> (Rev Quek Suan Yew, Lord's Supper)	\$300.
9.30 am	Sunday School	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
10.00 am	Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit	(1) <i>The Lord has been good to us. During our trying moments in the month of Feb, we were indeed deeply touched and blessed by Life Church brethren who prayed and encouraged us. May our brethren continue to be strong in prayer. Enclosed a token of our appreciation for the Lord's mercy and grace that saw us through. Please channel this for use in Burma. - With gratitude (\$1000).</i>
10.30 am	Rev Peter Chua	(2) <i>Thank God for giving good 'O' level results to my son.</i>
10.30 am	Chinese Service	Verse for the Week: But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor 15:57
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	
6.30 pm	Burmese Service	
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.		
Sunday School Offering: \$407.30; Attendance: 288		
TESTIMONY by Dn Roland Wong		
It was only last year April, on Good Friday evening that as I was on my way to Church that I had an accident. I was going up the bus when I lost my balance and fell backward which resulted in my ankle being fractured and had to be operated on immediately that very night. I thank God for giving me a very successful operation and having rested for almost six weeks I was able to move around, to go to work as well as to attend church. My heart was so glad and thankful to God for restoring me so speedily. But my happiness was short-lived when I discovered that my appetite and bowels were not functioning properly. Thus fears kept mounting up within me day by day that I'd finally decided to go for a medical checkup. So the following day I went to my Company Doctor and told him my problem. He gave me a good thorough examination and sent me for an X-ray too. When the result came the next day, I was told that I'd Carcinoma of the colon. I could not		believe it when the doctor showed me the report. I was so terrified that tears kept rolling down incessantly. My mind went blank for a moment and then all kinds of things started flashing ... like what's going to happen to me, my children, my work etc. I wept and I prayed to the Lord to help me. Then I called on Elder Khoo Peng Kiat for advice and help. I want to thank God for this elder who is so meek and gentle, helpful and kind to anyone who would come to him for help. He helped me to arrange for my hospitalisation. Then he informed me that I would be in good hands because this surgeon is a very able and good doctor. I thank God for sending this surgeon to take over my case. The following day I was operated on. I want to thank God for seeing me through and I'm now recuperating at home. I want to thank everyone, the Pastor, the Session members, and the congregation, for your support in prayers, your concern, your kind gifts for me. I'm very grateful for all that you've done for me. Please do keep me in prayers again that I may be restored to good health and continue to serve the Lord in the church.
		PS: I'd just received news that the result of my operation is normal. Praise and thank the Lord for that. May all glory and praise be to His Blessed Name.



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### Crumbs Beneath His Table

*I know that I'm unworthy Lord, of all you've given me  
I don't deserve a single crumb you gave me constantly  
For what is man that you should care enough  
to send your son  
When all have sinned and gone astray  
and hurt you one by one?*

*Forgive me, Lord, for thorns I placed upon  
your sacred brow  
For nails I placed into your wrists and feet without  
meaning to somehow  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast of anything I've done  
For crumbs beneath thy table have fed us everyone*

*Octogenarian Sylvia Wong*

When Pastor and Mrs Tow granted us places in the 5th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, my brother, my mother, my aunt and I were excited and thankful to the Lord.

When news about the Hebron Massacre took place I was worried that something might happen during the trip. My parents were still away travelling in Beijing at that time. However we had already got all our things ready for the trip.

Time passed quickly and it was time to set off for Israel.

That night, I bid my father and younger siblings farewell and we set off to the airport. At the airport, I could feel that a lot of people were worried about the recent happenings in Israel which was broadcast on the CNN news.

To my surprise, when I turned around to look at Pastor Tow, he was very calm and was smiling. Knowing that Pastor Tow was a man of faith, my faith was strengthened and I realized that the Lord would be there if we have faith in Him.

Before I got on the plane, I turned my heart over to the Lord saying, 'Lord, Thy will be done' and that He would give us journeying mercies throughout the trip.

After a tiring flight to Amman, Mrs Vicky led us through the customs. Outside the airport, was a bus awaiting our arrival. We were to stay in a hotel with free accommodation because we were waiting for our flight to Athens for more than six hours.

My partner Deacon Yiew and I checked in to our room and soon after enjoyed a continental breakfast.

Soon it was time for a well deserved rest. We got to the room and Deacon Yiew warned me that he snored and I thought that would be the end of my holiday. But all things work together for good, because his snore wake me up just in time for me to get ready for breakfast.

After the period of rest, we took a plane to Cyprus for a good half hour, and then straight to Athens. We were to stay in the hotel for three nights.

Our guide's name was Theresa. On the first day in Athens, she took us to Corinth. The next day was an exciting day for me because we were to cruise around the islands Aegina, Poros

and Hydra.

On the day we were to leave the hotel, we went on to Mars Hill to have our Sunday Worship. I was very privileged to experience what the Apostle Paul had preached to the educated Greeks so long ago.

After a good night's rest in Amman, all the Lifers rose up fresh in the morning to go up Mt Nebo to view the land flowing with milk and honey.

After we crossed the Allenby Bridge, we headed off to Israel with our guide whose name was Jerias and Jamial was our driver, who served us twice before.

In Israel, Rev Albert Ong joined us for the tour. We headed straight to our wonderful home at Baraka.

On the way to Baraka at a stop point we were made to wait for four hours and told that we could not pass through to Baraka.

I was disappointed but knew that the Lord would have a reason in whatever He did, and so we checked into a hotel which had 24 rooms available. This tallied exactly to our room list also of 24.

Early in the morning, we left for Eilat way down south. We crossed the border of Israel into Egypt. We got on another tour bus.

Our new guide was an Egyptian Christian whose name was George. He took us on a long drive in the dark desert to our hotel.

During dinner that night, George announced that there would be a climb to Mt Sinai at 2.30 am. At 2.00 am in the morning, twenty seven brave Lifers showed up for the climb.

When we arrived at the foot of the mountain, we had a word of prayer. It was a steep climb up Mt Sinai and some took camels up. At the end of the climb, only twenty-five made it to the top. One had muscle cramp, and the other had the fear of heights.

After we got down the mountain we hastened back to the hotel just in time to join the rest for breakfast. The climb was tiring but

it was an experience of a life time.

After breakfast, we went to visit the St Catherine monastery before returning to Israel. After the climb that night, God provided a five star hotel.

The next morning, we went up Massada by cable car. A few of us went down Massada by foot.

After lunch some of our group went down to the dead sea to float. From there we headed for Galilee where we would stay two nights.

After driving up Mt Tabor by taxi, we headed for Mt Carmel. We visited Mrs Ben Asher who was our old time friend. After having some soup and food we went back to Baraka. We ate at Caesarea on the way.

At Baraka we were all as one together united as a family in warmth. That night we had a wonderful chapel and a few testimonies were given.

On the next day we went to Baraka BP Church where our choir sang. Pastor preached, baptized someone and ordained a deacon.

After service, we had lunch at the church for the members cooked us a wonderful meal out of love.

At the end of the trip, my faith was strengthened in the Lord. I am always to remember that God answers prayers.

*Benjamin Tan (12 years)*

### TESTIMONY OF KHOO HOCK SENG

I was raised in a Taoist home. However, all of us kids attended a Christian school and for a time I attended a Brethren Church with my sister. In spite of this, I did not receive Christ until I was 16 years old. I was invited to attend a Christian fellowship group where I met my ex-classmates whose lives were very much different from what I could remember of them during those years we were together. Not fully understanding what had happened to them, I was curious to find out. One of my friends presented the gospel to me and I realised my sinfulness and repented. I then realised that it was God that had

### INFANT BAPTISM

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| 01. | Fung Cheng Rong, Gideon              |  |
|     | s/o Mr & Mrs Fung Mun Leong          |  |
| 02. | Kok Jian Min, Jamie                  |  |
|     | d/o Mr & Mrs Kok Jaan Loong, Roger   |  |
| 03. | Kwok Tia Yi, Melanie                 |  |
|     | d/o Mr & Mrs Kwok Kai Thong, Mariner |  |
| 04. | Lee De Ming, Benedict                |  |
|     | s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Keng Huat           |  |
| 05. | Tan Feng Jie, Joel                   |  |
|     | s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Swee Thim           |  |
| 06. | Tan Hui En, Sarah                    |  |
|     | d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Choon Guan, Terence |  |

### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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|-----|-------------------------|---------|
| 01. | Lee Yin, Samuel         | Student |
| 02. | Lum Weng Keong, Terence | Student |
| 03. | Tan Yi Chung, Darren    | Student |

### TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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|-----|------------------------|------------------|
| 04. | Chia Siew Kiang, Eliza | Tour Coordinator |
| 05. | Kan Kai Pui, Charles   | Technical Offr   |
| 06. | Khoo Carolyn Joy       | Housewife        |
| 07. | Khoo Hock Seng         | IT Support       |
| 08. | Lee Lai Song, Jenny    | Homemaker        |
| 09. | Lim Meng Choo          | Secretary        |
| 10. | Lim Mui Kiow, Joey     | Cargo Offr       |
| 11. | Yeo Florence           | Housewife        |

### BAPTISM

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|-----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 12. | Chan Meng Choo          | Secretary        |
| 13. | Cheow Beng Sin, Benson  | Student          |
| 14. | Chia Hwee Leng, Maureen | PA/Administrator |
| 15. | Foo Choon Yeow          | Student          |

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| 16. | Ho Kim Fai, Simon      | Student                |
| 17. | Kwok Wai Ngai, Ricky   | Auditor                |
| 18. | Koh Tai Li, Ian        | Student                |
| 19. | Lee Boon Chon, Philip  | Civil Engr             |
| 20. | Lee Phui Fong          | Accountant             |
| 21. | Leong Sam Choon        | Manager                |
| 22. | Lim Ming Hing          | Undergraduate          |
| 23. | Lim Yin Yee, Yvonne    | Channel Acc. Executive |
| 24. | Lin Tsui Wei, Amy      | Staff Nurse            |
| 25. | Low Law Hoon           | Teacher                |
| 26. | Lu Wei Amany           | Student                |
| 27. | Ng Kian Wee, Eric      | Student                |
| 28. | Ngoo Bee Leng          | Student                |
| 29. | Ong Kah Leong, Michael | Student                |
| 30. | Ong Siew Yian          | IT Officer             |
| 31. | Sek Sau Toh            | Network Systems Engr   |
| 32. | Sim Siew Geok          | Teacher                |
| 33. | Tai Eunice             | Student                |
| 34. | Tan Susie              | Consultant             |
| 35. | Tan Ai Lian            | Student                |
| 36. | Tan Meng Tong          | Undergraduate          |
| 37. | Tan Yong Hui, Addy     | Student                |
| 38. | Teong Hui Ching        | Systems Analyst        |
| 39. | Wong Nancy             | Accts Executive        |
| 40. | Wong Ling Fong, Cheryl | Student                |
| 41. | Yeo Kim Seng, Roland   | Systems Analyst        |

### CHINESE SERVICE

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| 01. | Larm Yoon Thong |
| 02. | Lee Man Nyong   |

### KEBAKTIAN INDONESIA

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| 01. | Henry Susanto (B)         |
| 02. | Melisa Sutanto (R)        |
| 03. | Kim Ying Yii, Irena       |
|     | d/o Mr & Mrs Kim Kah Teck |

changed the lives of my friends.

I was baptised when I was 20 years old. I thank God for making that possible as there were many objections from some of the members of my family. Over the years He has blessed me with opportunities to serve Him in different ministries and led me in my walk with Him for which I am thankful.

I continue to seek the Lord to lead me into areas where I could serve Him.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 11-17, '94)			GOOD FRIDAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: *\$12,607.00		
MON	7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed! (Rev. Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2052)*\$12607.		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	TOTAL: \$4,378,816.32; GRAND TOTAL: \$4,809,847.57		
THU	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Quek S Y)	OFFERINGS FOR: Hope BPC \$100; Burma FEFST \$100; Nirands \$400; Hilltop \$50.		
FRI	8.15 pm	Rev Tow at Cal-Jurong AF	EASTER SUNRISE GENERAL OFFERINGS: *\$25,926.00		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF&AF&YF	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2053)*\$25926; 2054) \$300; 2055) \$4600; 2056) \$30; 2057) \$2200. TOTAL: \$4,411,872.32. LOAN: (65) \$400(MF). TOTAL LOAN: \$431,431.25. GRAND TOTAL:\$4,843,303.57.		
	6.30 pm	Men's F'ship Anniv (Rev Tow), FEBC Hall	OFFERINGS FOR: Hope BPC \$2000; Burma FEFST \$50; Seets \$200, \$1000; Missions \$300; FEBC \$200, \$300; Dn Yiew P S \$100; Hilltop \$10; Kenya Mountain Ch \$50; Nirands \$1000; S Takashima \$200; Beulah Hse \$1000 (AF); Pauline Lee \$300.		
SUN	7.30 pm	Filmshow Noah's Ark, Sanctuary	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	8.00 am	Heaven and Hell (Rev Bob Phoe)	(1) Father in heaven, I pray that you will please deliver us from all our financial burdens. Give us guidance and wisdom Lord and I pray that You will space out the timings of the payments due so we can make them without any problems. You know our needs Lord. Father, we know that You are in control and You will provide - Jehovah Jireh. For the Adelaide Stone Mansion, here's \$30.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17. Registration forms are available at the Reception Counter. Completed forms deposit and photocopy of passport, should be submitted to Dn Alan Chia or Mr Roger Kok at Christian Life Media Ministries before 1 May 94. Please register early as there are limited no. of rooms.		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service			
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr			
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service			
NBC This Week: Wed Bl Timah, Henderson; Fri Bishan.					
Please be reminded of our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) to be held on April 24, 9.30 am.					
Verse for the Week: I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. Psalm 130:5					
PRAISE THE LORD Dear Rev Tow and Mrs Tow, Greetings to you in the Sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How are you all? I am Sam Lovelyson, one of your students writing this letter. I am fine in Bombay (India) by the grace of our Lord, with my family. After I left you all, I directly came to Bombay, and started the work of God in Bombay. I started the work of God under the title of "Trumpet Sound Christian Ministries," and got registered with the government of India. I am independent. I am speaking on the Radio (FEBA) every Sunday morning 7.30. The message is in			Tamil. Every month we get 600 letters and one hundred money orders, and more. The work of God is growing. The title of our Radio ministry is "Trumpet Sound." I am speaking on the Radio about the book of Revelation and the Coming of the Lord. The lessons which I have studied are very useful for me in the ministry. Please write to me after receiving this letter. Bombay is a very, very needy place. The population is 170,lakes (17 millions). The Devil is a roaring lion against the work of God. Please pray for our work and send to me the book, "Banner of Truth," if possible. May the Lord bless you all. With love. Sam Lovelyson, "EKKALA SATHAM", Post Box No. 5196, Dadar East, Bombay-400014, INDIA		



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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 Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 25	No. 31
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 103	Ps 27
Hymn	No. 111	No. 205
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 440	No. 203
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Heb 9:27	1 Cor 15:35-53
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Does Death end all? (Rev Quek Suan Yew) No. 277	The Resurrection Question (Rev Peter Chua) No. 139
Closing Hymn		
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Readers,

### FILIPINA, THAI, INDONESIAN AND BURMESE SERVICES

You owe it to your domestic helps to have a day-off every Lord's Day, which is our Christian Sabbath. And bring them yourselves to Church if they are Filipinas, for after service at 12.30 pm we have a Filipina Fellowship. Thais attend the Thai Service 3.00 pm at Beulah House, Indonesians 4.00 at FEBC Hall, Burmese 6.30 pm also at FEBC Hall. This is by the IV Commandment, "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath (rest) of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy *maid servant*, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Ex 20:9-11). Do you want God's blessing on your family and business and work? Give your servants the rest God has commanded for them.

Our latest service for foreigners, the Burmese Service at 6.30 pm, had a big start with about 80, including Lifers.

The second Sunday there were 17, all Burmese Christians and Rev Titus our Burmese graduate student preached. Let us see you bring your Burmese domestic helps to the Burmese service.

### KELAPA SAWIT'S 42 YEARS

Today we are called to the 42nd Anniversary Service of our first mission station in Malaysia we took over in 1954. It was started earlier in 1952 by Dr Andrew Gih with help of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. With continuing help from Chin Lien we jointly administered this station until after a decade or so when it became our sole responsibility. Today, it is an independent, flourishing church under Miss Ng Sang Chiew one of our first three FEBC students.

From Kelapa Sawit they have reached out to Air Bemban and Bukit Batu, a few miles north. Eld Sng Teck Leong ministers once a month at Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban, Eld Edmund Tay at the Tamil Service. Bukit Batu has suspended operation but owns 25,000 sq ft of Church land for future development. Rev John Ling, a son of Kelapa Sawit, has branched out to pastor a Presbyterian Church at Kemaman, Trengganu on the East Coast. Out of Kelapa Sawit

have gone forth several others to serve in the Lord's vineyard, among them Jit Thye and his wife, both FEBC graduates attached to Calvary Jaya, K.L. This report casts a side light on how the BPC Movement has grown to over 140 units around the world after 44 years.

### INTO ALL THE WORLD

At the Rehoboth Centre where I ministered last Lord's Day, I was glad to hear of Revs Subramaniam, Tan Choon Seng and Anthony Tan being in Madras to establish a new BP Church. Dr S H Tow is invited to Surabaya, Indonesia in June. In Toronto, a group of S'pore B'pers is meeting in a Reformed Church, short of a pastor. Pray for Eld & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat as they shuttle April 11 downunder to Melbourne to hold the fort at Bethel. Also for Rev Bob Phee who is visiting North Thailand 29 April and deputising for Life Church at the 3rd Anniversary of our station there (Jess & Nirand). Thank God also for Sam Lovelyson (FEBCer) and his Radio ministry from Bombay. How true is the saying, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matt 9:37,38).

### IMPRESSIONS OF A FIRST-TIMER

*By Suzanne Lim*

Words would not be sufficient to portray my innermost feelings towards this Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Having never been much of a traveller, the Middle East was perhaps a place most remote from my mind. Besides, with the spate of political unrest and bloodsheds, it seemed to be quite a foolhardy decision to tour Israel. It was only after much prayer and the blessing of the Lord that I realized this pilgrimage was not like any other tour, but rather, those of us who made the decision to go were to travel "by faith and not by sight." This rule, I realized later, was to be the watchword for the entire two weeks of our pilgrimage.

I'm sure many would agree that the trip (which encompassed many places in and around the Mediterranean, namely, Greece, Israel, Jordan and Egypt) was worth many times its

monetary value. Not to mention the mystical sites and picturesque scenes, comfortable lodging and sumptuous meals everyone of us savoured, there were important spiritual lessons of thankfulness, faith, forbearance, longsuffering and patience to learn. There were, I am sure, some amongst us, who had to partner a roommate with idiosyncrasies but by God's grace, practised a degree of tolerance and patience.

The first part of our journey after our transit in Jordan, was centred upon Greece --- its practices, beliefs and traditions. Greece --- a land with a history of wars and academic achievements, was once a place steeped in idolatry. Man worshipped images. It was then that I saw what had been written in the Bible about the profanity of man. Man "worshipped the creature more than the Creator." The Bible was starting to come to life! No more was Paul just another Biblical character. The Pauline Epistles began to shed light on the ruins and rubble, of a past civilisation that needed Christ as much as today. The climax of our stay in Greece was the Sunday morning worship held at Mars Hill. In the book of Acts, we read of Paul holding an audience at this same place where we were, preaching against the practice of idolatry among the Athenians. Our beloved pastor, Rev Timothy Tow was the messenger. He preached from Romans 15 about the Christian's twofold duty in his outreach, namely the horizontal (our ability to make strategies for effective witnessing) and the vertical (that the Gospel is for all levels of society, both the simple as well as the wise).

Our next destination was none other than Israel itself, the main attraction of this trip. For many of us, it was the first time setting foot on the soil Jesus trod 2,000 years ago. Communities of different races live apart, the Jews in better-furnished surroundings whilst the Arabs in shabby quarters. I then understood what was meant by the term "racial discrimination." Here, the Jews enjoy rights and privileges thrust upon them by their birthright. The Israeli Arabs on the other hand, are not so endowed. Once again, the Genesis account of Abraham's "open affair" with Hagar came to life. The Jews (after the line of Isaac) are the rightful owners of Israel while the Arabs (after Ishmael) a "sub-tenant" of the land.

Our initial plan to spend the night at Baraka was changed at the eleventh hour due to a military seige. Once again the hand of God was manifested in the providence of 24 rooms in a nearby hotel which tallied exactly to our room list of 24. This was yet another important lesson I learnt --- that God provides for us just sufficient, not lacking, nor in over-supply, and also at the right time! It would not be honest to claim that those of us "trapped" in the tour bus outside Baraka hospice were calm. I had my fears -- what if someone ran berserk and started a riot? But there again, as in the book of Exodus, the Lord guided the Israelites in the wilderness with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. He provided them with manna once each day six days a week. Through this, He taught them lessons of faith, thankfulness and discipline. I saw these lessons and learnt them as I dragged the heavy luggage, weary and worn, into the Holy Land Hotel --- our rest for that night.

We made a side trip to Egypt during our stay in Israel. How blessed we were when the first person to greet us was our Egyptian guide George, a born-again Christian. He was to lead us to the peak of Mt Sinai before sunrise the next day. I realised how great my fear of heights was as I scaled the rocky slopes --- as a result, I retraced my steps and stopped short of the summit. Despite this "unsuccessful enterprise" I managed to echo the strains of a well-known hymn "How Great Thou Art" while gazing upwards toward a star-strewn sky. It was very cold up on the mountain but the company I had around me was very warm. Though I saw no sphinxes or pyramids, I witnessed the miraculous hand of God in saving our brother George (our guide) for His service, despite the fact that Egypt is a land steeped in idolatry and pagan practices. Those of us pilgrims who were awake during the long bus-ride can testify to the joy of salvation reflected on his face and also in the Christian songs he sang. Indeed, how true it is that Christ is meant NOT ONLY for the English, Americans, Singaporeans, but also for the Egyptians and the Arabs. One other lesson I learned during my Egypt stint is that God's word is "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." As we scaled Mt Sinai, the darkness was like a blanket. Each of us with our own visual limitations had to carry a

little torch to ensure that we did not stumble and plunge over the precarious cliffs into the ravine. How true it is then, that God's Word is a lamp to guide us, to keep us from sin. In this respect, Egypt, a land in spiritual darkness, thirsts for a ray of light from God's Word.

Over in Israel, we journeyed from Galilee upnorth right down to Eilat down south, including the coastal towns of Haifa and Tel Aviv. Each town had its characteristic landscapes, flora and housing. Of particular interest to me was Galilee, a fresh water lake teeming with fishes since the time of Jesus. The fish we lunched on was fresh, its flesh so sweet and tender. We also viewed a half-hour documentary on "The Galilee Experience."

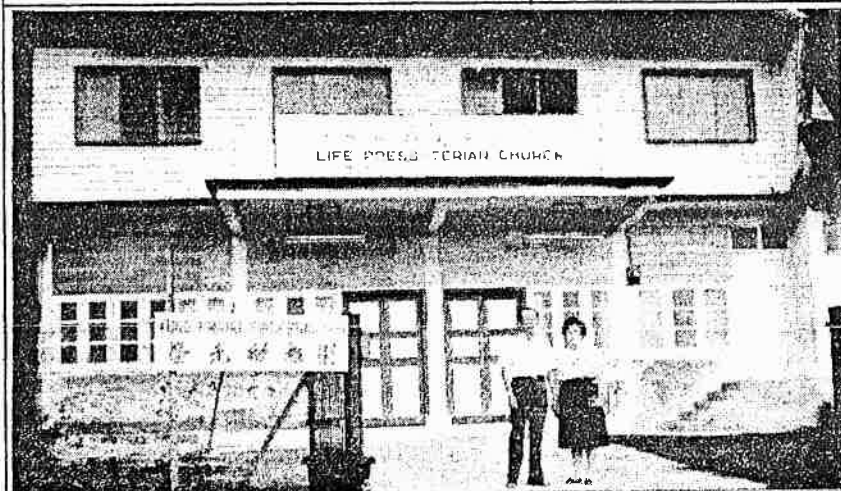
Our trip was not only one of spiritual awakening, but also of historical interest. Perhaps the most vivid experience we had in this respect was the visit to Yad Vashem. We saw how the Jews suffered under the Nazis during the second world war and how as God's chosen people, they were delivered after a period of intense suffering.

I thank the Lord for His comforting words in Psalm 3:5,6, "I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of the thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about." Indeed, despite the anxiety within my heart before and during this trip to the Holy Land, I could still claim the Lord's promise of protection. This Holy Land trip has increased my faith in the Lord as I experience His sovereignty and providence. I pray that the Lord will keep the flame of revival burning within the hearts of the pilgrims, especially within myself, as I continue to serve Him in my life.



*Another wooden Church for Batam*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 18 - 24, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed! (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II	2058)*\$5515; 2059) \$50; 2060)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	*\$15511; 2061) \$100. TOTAL:	\$4,433,048.32.	
THU	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Quek S Y)	GRAND TOTAL:	\$4,864,479.57.	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF	OFFERINGS FOR: Hope BPC \$5000; Burma FEFST		
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm E-Band	\$200, \$900, \$300; Medan \$10; Thailand		
SUN	8.00 am	Is there Annihilationism? (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	\$94.20(Sharonite offering bag); Hilltop \$150;		
			Medan(Dohar) \$50.		
	9.30 am	Annual Congregational Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	(1) Thank you Lord for the many blessings showered upon		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	my family. My humble tithes for the month. (\$150)		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	(2) Thank God for His bountiful blessings and grace that		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	He had given to me. This is a small token of appreciation.		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Please channel it to mission work (\$400).		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	(3) Enclosed is my love offering of \$450 for the Lord's use		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	in the area of missions. Praise God for His loving care upon		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	me and my family. Praise God for His continued mercy and		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	graciousness upon all who love Him and call on Him daily.		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	(4) Thank God for the opportunity to study at FEBC. This		
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr	portion rightly 'belongs' to FEBC. May He continue to		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	preserve the College (\$70). - a FEBCer		
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.			(5) God answers prayers! Thanks & praise to His Holy		
Please be reminded of our Annual			name!!		
Congregational Meeting (ACM) to			(6) My pledge to God for his blessings (\$100).		
be held next Lord's Day, 9.30 am.			AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17. Registration		
Sek Sau Toh, Network Systems			forms are available at the Reception Counter. Completed		
Engineer, is baptised today at 10.30 am			forms, deposit and photocopy of passport, should be		
Service.			submitted to Dn Alan Chia or Mr Roger Kok at Christian		
Sunday School Offering: \$360.66; Attendance: 342			Life Media Ministries before 1 May 94. Please register		
			early as there are limited no. of rooms.		



**Verse for the Week:** Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jeremiah 32:19



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17 April 1994

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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Mahadevan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 47	No. 30
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 33	Ps 43
Hymn	No. 452	Sing Psalm 43
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 466	Sing Psalm 23
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Lk 16:19-31	Lk 12:49-59
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Heaven and Hell (Rev Bob Phee)	The Cross becomes a Sword
Closing Hymn	No. 540	No. 410
Benediction		

### REPORT ON BATAM WOODEN CHURCHES

By Roska Choi

I am glad to inform you that the two wooden churches are now ready to be used. One is located at Desa Sei Beduk - Batam Centre and another at Desa Batu Aji (about 20 km from Nagoya Town). The one at Desa Sei Beduk - Batam Centre has already started since 20 Feb 94 with a congregation of 15-20 people. They come from different tribes of people (Florests, Manados, Javanese and Bataks). Most of them come from Roman Catholic background but they feel happy to join our protestant church. One day, I believe, they will come to the Lord Jesus in repentance. Life WF (Mrs Sng) had given us S\$500 last Feb 94 to help this wooden church. We hold the service in the afternoon at 4 o'clock every Sunday.

The one at Batu Aji is going to start as soon as everything is prepared. Besides I need to also inform the Kepala Desa (leader of the village) as to avoid problems to come in future. This Batu Aji wooden church is slightly smaller than Medan BP Church. Most of the villagers are nominal Christians with HKBP background. Since HKBP is facing so much problems, they are unhappy with the church

and have told me their desire to join our church. Besides these people, our own people from Batamas Shipyard - Tanjung Uncang who already shifted and are now staying at Desa Batu Aji will be our main supporters to start a church service there.

Bro Kiantoro and I are working together to run these two wooden churches besides the church at Nagoya Town and the one at Batamas...

Please continue to pray for the work in Batam.

Thank you very much for your concern, help and prayerful support. Immanuel!

### REPORT ON KELAPA SAWIT'S 42ND YEAR

By Mrs Gladys Sng

Last Sunday a group of about 20 from Life Church attended the 42nd Thanksgiving Anniversary of Kelapa Sawit BP Church. How time flies! I couldn't believe that K.S. is now 42 years old when sister Enid Ling shared with me of the work there and asked me if I would be attending. (Incidentally, Enid has been with the WF for several years, playing for our monthly meeting and is our new Secretary. I thank God for her love and zeal serving with us.)

Kelapa Sawit means Oil Palm because it thrives from an oil palm estate. Praise and

thank the Lord for giving us a very sunny morning when we set out. We reached K.S. at about 9.20 am and was soon followed by Pastor and his team in his station wagon. We had a short time of interaction with some of the ladies of the church there before the service began.

Sister Ng Sang Chew, our missionary to K.S. chaired the service and Rev Tow was the Lord's messenger. Pastor spoke from Romans 13:11-14. He said salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Time is very short and we must do the work fast. He mentioned Bukit Batu, and reminded the members to do something about that piece of land which has been left vacant for some years.

There were several praise and thanksgiving items rendered by the various groups of the church. The highlight of the whole event was the baptismal service followed by Holy Communion. This showed how much Kelapa Sawit has grown and progressed. There was one adult and three infants for baptism, with one reaffirmation of faith.

I have been to Kelapa Sawit several times, and each time I went I noticed there's something different. The whole place looks very clean and neat, spacious, with all the trees and palms surrounding the buildings. The church had her general election in February 1994 and altogether 7 members were elected Deacons. We want to remember the church in Kelapa Sawit in prayer, especially for sister Sang Chew who oversees the church and for her health.

As usual in every anniversary celebration, there's bound to have *makan besar*. So we were treated to a home style buffet lunch after the service. Psalm 133: Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Praise and thank God for journey mercies too.

## REPORT FROM KENYA

By J S Heng

Thank God for a safe journey from Amman to Nairobi. At present I am still staying in the Bible College of East Africa. Rev Joseph

was supposed to pick me up on the 30th of March but I waited in vain. I had written 2 letters to inform him of my visit to Kenya and to prevent any slip up, I wrote to his brother, Rev Timothy Kendagor, too. Anyway pray for me that God's will be done. (I hope there is nothing fishy in their delay.)

As regards the draft and the church building project, Rev Kim has been a great help. Since I have to stay longer at his place, I have to do my own cooking. You had taught us that as sojourners we must be a blessing and not a burden. Thank God you are my mentor.

Sister Jenny Ong is doing fine and she wishes to send her best regards to you and your family. May the Lord, our God, continue to bless your ministry and your family.

### PREMARITAL COUNSELLING

Elder E Mahadevan

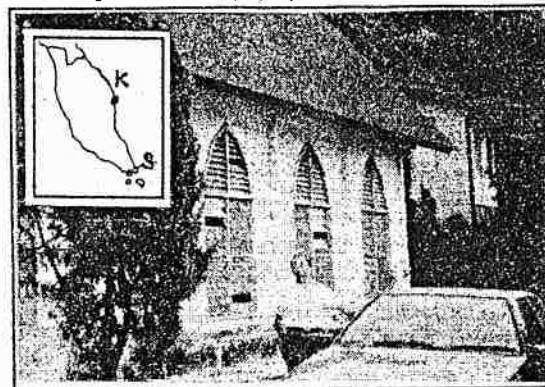
This is a service provided by the church free of charge. Couples intending to be married in Life Church should avail themselves of this facility. And they could do so by registering early with the Church Office, whereupon they will be directed to the counsellors. The counselling is offered by one of three selected elders of the church viz. Elders Seow Chong Pin, Sng Teck Leong and Eric Mahadevan.

Premarital counselling is essentially to provide correction of faulty information concerning Christian marriage relationships, and afford proper guidance according to God's word for on-going spiritual growth. Further it is a choice opportunity for the couple to build an in-depth relationship with the church body through the counsellors. We regard and cherish fellowship of our members with one another as an integral part of spiritual growth. And couples intending to be married or those who have married recently, and do not belong to any of our fellowship groups, will therefore have the opportunity through these sessions to be introduced to one of the fellowship groups of the church. Thus they can and should continue to enjoy Christian companionship and fellowship that is essential for Christian growth.

Young couples, do not delay, come and see us. We are here to help you. DO NOT WAIT till the wedding bells ring.

## "THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRED HASTE" (I SAM 21:8)

By the prompting of His Spirit, I announced on Tues. Night we were paying Rev & Mrs John Ling a



flying visit. We took the coach for Kemaman the next night, Wed. 8 pm and arrived there (also called Chukai) 4.30 the next morning. The Lings were at the Bus Stop to receive us. They drove us to his church which was 1 km away on the main road of the town.

We had desired to discuss some important business concerning Bukit Batu (an outreach of Kelapa Sawit) etc., but God had a higher purpose for us to fulfil. It is the much needed starting of an English Service for Kemaman!

Since the Ling's coming to Kemaman July, 1992 they have discovered a goodly number of the English-speaking. As Kemaman is near the offshore oil fields there are the engineers, doctors, technicians, yea, the higher echelons of society, who also need the Gospel. Once a Korean engineer came to their Chinese Service. Rev Ling has also found Christians of other races as he went about the town. (Kemaman is the second largest town in Trengganu, after Kuala Trengganu the capital city. It is 56 km north of Kuantan.)

Now, the story of the Kemaman Church is this. Over four decades ago, an English expatriate who loved the Lord built this beautiful church with a big parsonage over a three-room kindergarten. He stayed in the Parsonage himself for some years. When he left Kemaman he bequeathed the whole property, the only Church registered with the government to the Chinese Christians. This property is today registered in the

name of Elder Wong, an octogenarian and mainstay of the Church. While the kindergarten has always carried on (90 children are enrolled today) the Church was left without a pastor for two long years.

Just at this time John Ling graduated from FEBC. As Kelapa Sawit was "over-staffed" the Lord led him to the East Coast Church, crying for a shepherd. Gladly answering this call, John rounded up a half dozen or so of the faithfuls to start all over again. Being a Presbyterian gospel station without a name, he got the congregation to agree to be called "Life Presbyterian Church." Why did you call it "Life," I asked. "Because, it was dead, and needed the Life of Jesus." Today there are 35 regularly worshipping, for 2 families had left to join another church.

Under Elder Sng Teck Leong a VBS was held some months ago where all the kindergarten children attended a 4-day session. A second VBS is being planned for June with a bigger group of Lifers going up this time.

But what Rev Ling requested us was to help him start the much needed English Service. We discussed this new outreach at length. The solution seems to be the forming of a Life-FEBC Preaching Band. This team of preachers and student-singers, musicians, will visit Kemaman three weeks of the month. They will not only supply the pulpit, but also run a Youth Fellowship, and if need be speak (with interpretation) at the Chinese Service. Friday is their day of worship, since Trengganu is a strict Muslim state, refusing to join the more liberal ones, like Johore, to have Sunday a public holiday. This actually suits our purpose, because some FEBC lecturers (who will be involved) have to preach on Sunday in Singapore.

To accommodate the Gospel Team of 4-5 going up there regularly, we found two rooms in the kindergarten premises available, with adjacent bathrooms and kitchen most convenient. We decided on the spot to have the two rooms renovated and repainted, including kitchen and baths, at our expense. This renovation is to be carried out forthwith to be first used by part of Elder Sng's team going up in June, thus killing two birds with one stone. "The king's business required haste!" - T.T.



### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Apr 25 - May 1, '94)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Hilltop Slides)
FRI		FEBC Exams Begin
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF
	3.00 pm	LBC; 3.30 pm E-Band
SUN	8.00 am	Can a Christian practise necromancy? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
	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 Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	Korean Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service

No NBC This Week.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,227 (8.00 am); \*\$8,974.00 (10.30 am)

EXTN BLDG FUND II 2062)\*\$5227; 2063)\*\$8974; 2064)\$611; 2065) \$200. TOTAL: \$4,448,060.32.

GRAND TOTAL:\$4,879,491.57.

OFFERINGS FOR: *Hope BPC* \$629(Coinafon), \$200, \$1375(Chinese Service Lady), \$300; *Burma FEFST* \$50, \$1200(Life Bk Cenre), \$5000, \$100, \$300, \$80, \$350, \$350, \$50, \$381.70(Burmese 1st Ser.), \$1747; *Indonesian Mission* \$100; *Dn Yiew P S* \$100, \$500; *Seets* \$20, \$50, \$200; *Nirands* \$280, \$100; *Jenny Ong* \$100; *Missionary Fd* \$50; *Benson* \$300; *VBS* \$215; *Ratam* \$560; *Philippines* \$150(YAF); *Thailand* \$50(YAF); *Medan Church* \$200; *Rev Colin Wong* \$100; *PC for Jess* \$100(SBC); *Motorbike for Dohar* \$100; *Missions* \$20; *Thanksgiving* \$500; *J Wonsia* \$154.20 (Dr Arthur Steele, USA).

### FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) *Enclosed please find cheque for \$5000 being our token love gift towards the BF for the Bible College in Burma, from us in memory of Mrs Seah, a beloved wife and mother whom we cherish most fondly. - Eld Seah*

(2) *Thank you Almighty Lord for making my prayers come true. Pls find enclosed \$100 for the White Stone Mansion in Adelaide for the extension of our Lord's Kingdom.*

(3) *Father in heaven, I thank you so much for providing for our needs in such a faithful and beautiful way. We trust You for the rest of the way, Lord. For Thee now, here is my humble \$50 for Hilltop. All glory & praise be to Thy Holy name.*

### VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24

Sunday School Offering: \$574.10; Attendance: 315

## JESUS BLESS OUR LITTLE CHILDREN

Founding Members of Burmese Service

### AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17.

Registration forms are available at the Reception Counter. Completed forms, deposit and photocopy of passport, should be submitted to Dn Alan Chia or Mr Roger Kok at Christian Life Media Ministries before 1 May 94. Please register early as there are limited no. of rooms.



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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. 37	No. 540
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 63	Ps 39
Hymn	No. 395	No. 293
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 409	No. 262
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mk 9:43-48	Lk 13:1-9
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Is there Annihilationism? (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	Judge not, only repent!
Closing Hymn	No. 536	New chorus
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It is the duty of every baptised member of Life Church to attend the ACM at 9.30 am, Sunday April 24, 1994. This Morning! This is required by law. This notification was sent to you on April 11, while the Weekly carries a reminder for the past two weeks.

Our Church's financial business is expertly handled by Elder Charlie Chia. The Annual Reports are all clearly stated. We have every confidence in the Lord's stewards as the increased offerings show. Your cheerful support for every aspect of the Lord's work is equally exemplary. The Lord bless His very own as we "occupy till He comes."

### WHAT IS TO "OCCUPY TILL HE COMES"?

Not just being busy in the Lord's service. According to Lk 19:13, it is brisk business like what is pursued by a trading company. Indeed, our Lord, when He returns, will require of us to render an account "that He might know how much every man had gained by trading." In the parable of the talents committed to the three servants (Matt 25:16,17), the same words, **gain and trade** are used to emphasise the enterprising spirit required of us in His service. We are to make profit for the Lord, both spiritual and material. The

slothful servant who buries his capital money, and returns the same to the Lord is severely rebuked. Because, instead of profit, a great loss is sustained. After many years, the money untraded has dwindled in value through inflation --- so it is a great loss. Is any losing business sustainable for long? There was a Chinese proverb current in the Japanese occupation of Singapore during WWII "Losing business no can do, head-cutting business yes can do." Though in the latter case there were great risks involved, the anticipation of high profits compensated.

So, let every department of the Church trade briskly to bring in profits, legitimate gain, well pleasing to the Lord. The greatest profit is to bring glory to God.

### LIFE BOOK CENTRE

Of late we have been impressed by a great resurgence of energy emanating from Life Book Centre. Founded by the pastor almost from "time immemorial," it was run by a Church Committee from 1976. A Church Committee cannot make good business, so the book business ground to a halt by August 1979. In September 1979, the Book Centre was privatised. It was committed to Mr & Mrs Paul Wong.

A great change came over

the outward appearance of the book business, and customers were more satisfactorily served. The Word of God was spread through better sales. But it is a great struggle for a Christian book business to survive, because Christians nowadays tend not to read as before. Another reason is the keen competition between bookshops. Since it is so convenient for Lifers to have a Book-room on the Church premises giving us instant service, it is mutual benefit when we patronise it.

To reach out to the public, Life Book Centre is opening a branch at the new Funan Centre on the third floor. Now, the difference between LBC and most other bookshops is we stress on disseminating the King James Bible and Bible-believing Christian books. LBC is also purchasing agent for Far Eastern Bible College and publisher of books penned by its principal. Incidentally, we hope to put out a second volume, *"More Recipes for Living a Happy Life"* in time for our Bible Camp at Awana, June 13-17.

#### **FAR-REACHING RENOVATIONS TO CHURCH AND COLLEGE**

Renovations to Church and College were contemplated much earlier than now. The acquisition of Beulah House which cost \$7.2 million has delayed us for 5 years. Now that the Beulah Debt is reduced to \$470,000, and members are in no hurry to retrieve their loans, we should have the means to begin operations about May 10 on the FEBC dormitories --- this to take advantage of the long vacation until July 18, '94.

Renovation of the Church auditorium will follow suit mid-June, and FEK too during its vacation. The FEBC Hall where the Chinese Service is held should pose no problem.

During work done on the auditorium, the congregation will shift to the red porch and FEK corridors and to the open spaces beneath the royal palms and on the driveway. There will be only one service on Sunday, commencing 8.30 am with Sunday School and other activities

following. Did you motorists notice that the Korean service is now shifted to 12.30 pm? This has solved the problem of congestion and jams during the transition period of cars leaving and coming in. One advice, please don't park on the green lawns of Beulah House. The side road is a boon to our Church which, before closure of Chancery Court, was a busy thoroughfare. Make use of this safe haven to the fullest!

#### **ANOTHER SAIPAN STORY**

Korean Pastor Rev David Kang became my good friend when I visited Saipan together with Rev Cheng Wei Nien of Calvary BPC, end of 1992. Through this contact Pastor Kang was attracted to choose Singapore U for his study of Chinese, with a view to evangelising China. He and his wife stayed in Beulah House for about a month. Now Pastor Kang is learning theological Chinese at Singapore Bible College.

At one of the seminars on Missions, Madam Heng Keng Hoon, daughter of the late pastor Heng Teck Im, was moved by Pastor Kang to go to Saipan. For the door is still wide open to evangelise women garment sewers from China. Madam Heng, being leader of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of Prinsep St Life Church, took the challenge to meet with these Chinese women workers. For three months, she found shelter in one of the 13 Korean Churches on Saipan Island. Using this as her base, she evangelised some 80 regular inquirers from the garment factories, teaching them gospel songs and choruses. Of course she also preached to them. She also spoke at her host Korean Church. She made acquaintance with Pang Kok Hiong, FEBC graduate and preacher on Calvary's staff. She made a goodly number of friends with 35 of the new converts. During her stay a zealous Deacon Han of her host Korean Church had resigned from secular work with a view to training for the pastoral ministry. This Deacon Han is now being introduced to study at FEBC. This story of Saipan truly echoes to Pang Kok Hiong's glowing report of a back door of evangelism

being opened for Continental China. Who'll be the next? "The night cometh when no man can work!"

Now is the time to **trade and gain** for the Lord. - T.T.

#### **REPORT FROM JOSHUA WONSIA, IVORY COAST**

I believe that Rev Bob Phee must have told you of all of the needs of our ministry here including that of an ordained minister. The Lord's table is served to our baptised members when and only if a Baptist, Methodist or some other minister is available and willing to help us. Many more new converts are awaiting baptism. There are also some prospective couples receiving spiritual guidance to make things right with the Lord.

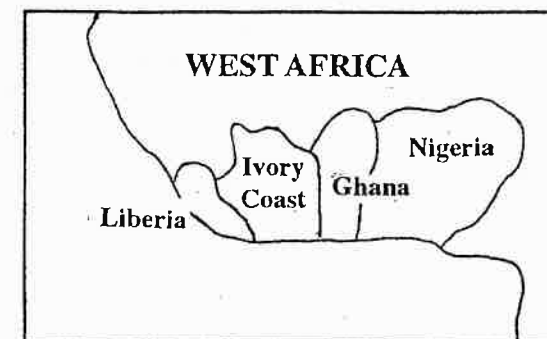
Our congregations here feel very strongly that their servant (myself) be ordained. And I am in favour of this idea most fully because I find it rather difficult to rely on any other beside the Lord Himself in the ministry.

It is in this light that I write to seek your advice. Meanwhile we are praying about this.

Many many thanks to the Lord who leads you and to the entire Life Church/FEBC families for all the support given to Grace BP Mission. Please pray with us for financial needs of some of our Sunday School teachers, and workers. Pray also that we will be able to pay fifty percent of the workmanship for the Dougorlay Bible Presbyterian Church building project as required. The devaluation of the CFA is seriously affecting everybody. There is no more control over the prices, rentages, etc. Pray also that the Lord will touch other hearts for the mission field here in West Africa. The harvest over here needs trained men and women who are ready and willing to labour in these last days. We praise the Lord for a good number of young men whose heart the Lord had touched in our ministry here already. They are getting some training from me and are preaching in the villages, teaching Sunday School, etc. One of them, Mr Thomas K Williams has expressed his desire to do advance theological studies.

Please pray with us for Thomas and for the Lord's will.

Some of our needs for prayer: More Revival hymnals, at least 20 more; gospel tracts; Sunday School teaching materials; additional RPG notes both for adults and children; transportation, a car for the ministry; a camera.



Be ye kind one to another,  
Be ye kind one to another,  
Be tender hearted, forgiving each other.  
Be ye kind one to another. (Eph 4:32)

Judge ye not when others suffer,  
Judge ye not when others suffer.  
Be tender hearted, and pray for each other  
Judge ye not lest you'll all suffer. (Lk 13:2,3)

If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him: Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul. Job 31:29,30

Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished. Proverbs 17:5

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. Proverbs 24:17,18

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 2 - 8, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	9.45 am	Combined F'ship Day of Prayer	*\$4,995.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,005.00 (10.30 am)	
	7.30 pm	Mysteries Revealed Exam	<b>EXTN BLDG FUND II</b> 2066)*\$4995; 2067)*\$8005;	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (4 new songs!)	2068)\$158; 2069) \$300; 2070)\$200. <b>TOTAL:</b>	
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	\$4,461,718.32. <b>GRAND TOTAL:</b> \$4,893,147.57.	
THU	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets Exam	<b>OFFERINGS FOR:</b> RPG \$100; Brutus Balan \$100;	
FRI	6.30 pm	End of Semester Dinner	Seets \$10; Extn of God's K'dom \$200; Hilltop \$100;	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF	<b>FEBC \$300(AF); Orphans in Medan \$2000.</b>	
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm E-Band	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>	
SUN	8.00 am	Why had false doctrines invaded the BPC? (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	(1) \$170 as an offering in grateful thanks for seeing me through my job for the last 2 months. - JTer	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	(2) Thank God for good times and for bad times as well! Praise the Lord! (\$500)	
	10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	(3) Thank you Lord for answering my prayers. Enclosed \$50 for Chinese Bibles. Hallelujah!	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)	(4) Praise the Lord for the prayers answered upon my children who had recovered from their cough. Reference to prayers requested on Tues. Night 22/3/94. God knows our heart and helps us to remember that He is in control.	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	(5) Thanks be to the Lord! Enclosed is my tithe for Life Church. Apportion it as you see fit. (\$900).	
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	(6) Praise & glory to God for the Risen Christ.	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Far Eastern Kindergarten is looking for a Chinese language teacher, commencing 27/6/94. Pls call 2513676.	
	12.15 pm	Session-meet-Catechumens	<b>Verse for the Week:</b> And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.				
<b>AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17.</b> Registration forms are available at the Reception Counter. Completed forms, deposit and photocopy of passport, should be submitted to Dn Alan Chia or Mr Roger Kok at Christian Life Media Ministries office by today.				



God's people attending Ex. Presbyterian Church Myanmar's 10th Annual General Assembly, Mar 1-6.



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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. 318	No. 237
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 46	Isa 53
Hymn	No. 366	No. 58
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 358	No. 454
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 18:11-12	Lk 13:10-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Can a Christian practise necromancy? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	More Medical Missions Needed
Closing Hymn	No. 355	No. 300
Lord's Supper		
Benediction		

My dear Readers

### PREACHING ON THE OFFENSIVE

When Session granted me and Mrs Tow to spend our vacation in Melbourne with the Khoos, May 10-29, I offered to speak at the Bethel pulpit the three Sundays of 15, 22, 29. This would be our working holiday. When Eld Khoo phoned last Sunday night requesting me to teach the Book of Revelation as I had at the Mon. night lectures at FEBC, I readily complied.

To come to grips with the subject of our study, we would have to add on three hours to each Friday and Saturday apart from one hour over the Sunday pulpit. There will be a total of 21 lecture hours. Can we make it? If we can't we shall have the full lecture lessons on all the 22 chapters of Revelation printed and distributed, that what is left out may be followed up.

This intensive programme is inspired by what Paul tells Timothy, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim 4:2). The NIV translates, "Be prepared in season and out of season."

In my younger days, I did not realise why Paul should give Timothy no rest. Now that I am older, I can empathise

with the Apostle, who, indeed, was counting the days of his life on earth. He would go all out to speak to one and all who came to see him in prison.

As we are all living in the last of the last days, we have no more time to take things easy. We should grasp every opportunity to preach the Word. To be instant in season, out of season, is the opposite of being on the defensive --- to preach, as a duty, as one being obliged. This is the natural tempo of those who are employed in full-time service. Let our attitude be totally transformed from this. Let our preaching, rather, be on the offensive!

We want to do the greatest good to our brethren in Melbourne. We want to give them the Word of prophecy to the uttermost, that they might be prepared to meet the Lord. That they might set their "affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col 3:2).

In the spirit of preaching on the offensive, we are determined to supply the English pulpit at Kemaman (Rev John Ling) three weeks out of four of the month. We will be on the offensive with a team of inspirational singers, not only from students of FEBC but also from young Lifers (Chinese congregation included). If we

are called to Batam or Tg Pinang or elsewhere, we will do the same.

"Preaching on the offensive," can involve our brethren in the Philippines. Perhaps Charles Seet can organise a quartet from his Bible College and bring them over for a month during their school vacation. I'm sure their coming will bring refreshing to our congregations. Is this a genius out of our musings?

Everywhere the churches of this Laodicean age are lulled to sleep. Singapore, lolling in this lukewarmness of a complacent life, needs to be aroused. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Rom 13:11,12).

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim 4:2). Preaching henceforth must be on the offensive!

**TWICE SEVENTY AT LAST  
TUESDAY NIGHT**

There must have been twice seventy at the Prayer Meeting last Tuesday Night! It was a special night in which the Medical Team to the Hilltop, Philippines reported on their Mission with slides. Friends and relatives of the Team came particularly to watch the silver screen. We saw not only the 2-300 conferees of pastors and their wives and children, and other Church workers, at the divine meetings, but also their receiving of medical treatment, including the extraction of teeth and minor surgery.

Dr Malcolm Mahadevan was the convener of the team, Dr London Lucien the surgeon and Dr David Cheong the dental surgeon. Others were Dr Sheila Vasoo and Dr Lim Gim Teck. Now, I hear of their onflowing enthusiasm to form a Christian Medical Fellowship, and saw their eyes raised on Thailand, Indonesia, and even Africa (from pastor's challenge) --- wherever the Lord would lead them. This could be a semi-annual project.

Our prayer meeting is one-and-a-half

hours, divided equally between singing and a Bible message, testimonies and prayer led by elders and deacons. Last Tuesday night the pastor was moved to speak on the need of new songs (Ps 96:1; 98:1; Rev 5:10; 14:3). New also in the sense of accepting good contemporary music, of retrieving good old choruses lost in the ebb and flow of time. He mentioned how he was deeply touched by the rousing presentation of a Chin song at the inauguration of the Burmese Service and by the hearty singing of a Chinese selection by Breakthrough drug rehabilitation boys at the Men's Fellowship Fourth Anniversary. He saw the part the guitar can contribute to revivalistic singspiration. He offered the whole church to field any musical team that qualifies the pastor's test to join the "expeditionary task force" to Kemaman!

To illustrate the point, he had three "new songs" mimeographed for singing. They were "Happiness is the Lord," "Wide, wide as the Ocean" and "Kum Ba Ya," a negro spiritual. He also reiterated he would introduce more new songs next week. Come and sing! "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps 34:8).

Another highlight was the spirited testimonies offered by both old and young. Bro Mok testified how he missed a serious traffic accident by inches. Apparently, as he felt deeply indebted to the Lord also for success in his job in the construction business, he brought several hundred gospel tracts to distribute in his tour of duty to Kwangchow, China. He could see the enthusiasm of his readers, the attendants and staff of the hotel he stayed. His tracts were exhausted in no time. Are you a messenger of good tidings? "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things?" (Rom 10:15).

Now, here's some good news to parents who are burdened for the salvation of your children. Feeling this need, we have reprinted 15,000 of a much sought-after Gospel booklet, "The Heart of Pak." This booklet is available at the Church counter. The winning of your son's

soul is greater than making \$100,000! Give it to your child, lovingly and prayerfully. What shall it profit you to have your son become a great somebody, but he becomes anti-God?

In this connection, we are making a special effort in bringing your child to the Lord at the coming Family Camp at Awana, June 13-17, while the theme "Has God a Plan for Your Life" is directed at both young and old. These messages are personalised, right down to ground level. Pray, pray, for the Lord's Spirit upon His servants, including our special speaker Rev Paauwe. Pray also for Mrs Tow and me as we prepare for our ministry in Melbourne, not forgetting the Khoos. Amen.

- T.T.

**PROGRAMME OF MESSAGES TO BE DELIVERED AT  
LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KEMAMAN, TRENGGANU  
JULY 1 - SEPT 30, '94**

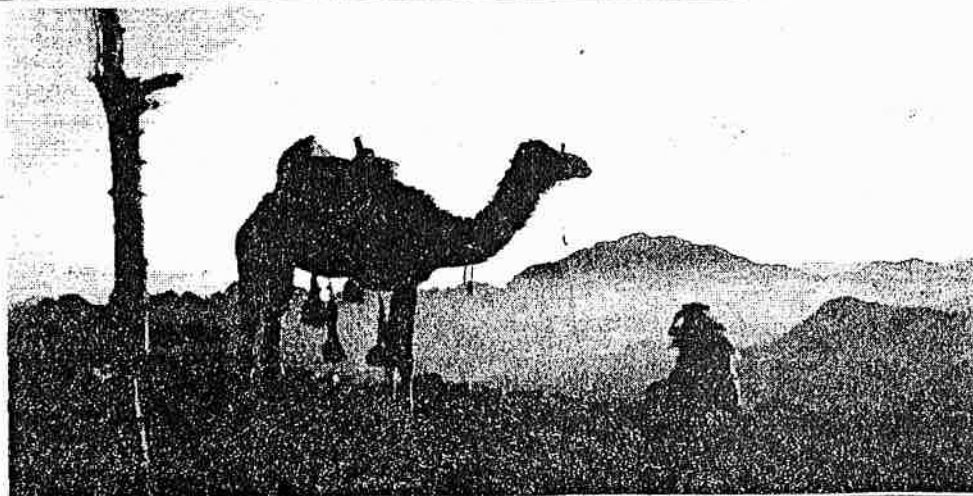
Jul	1	The Greatest Commission	Matt 28:18-20	Rev Timothy Tow
	8	The Greatest Profit	Mark 8:36	Dr Jeffrey Khoo
	15	The Greatest Love	Jn 3:16	Dn Jack Sin
	22	The Greatest Joy	Luke 15:10	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	29	The Greatest Peace	Jn 20:19	Rev Koa Keng Woo
Aug	5	The Greatest Loss	Matt 19:22	Rev John Ling
	12	The Greatest Hope	I Cor 15:19	Dr Jeffrey Khoo
	19	The Greatest Assurance	Jn 10:28	Dn Jack Sin
	26	The Greatest Knowledge	I Cor 2:9	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
Sep	2	The Greatest Physician	Mk1:27	Rev John Ling
	9	The Greatest Judgment	Heb 9:27	Dr Jeffrey Khoo
	16	The Greatest Gathering	I Thess 4:13-18	Dn Jack Sin
	23	The Greatest Kingdom	Dan 2:44	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	30	The Greatest City	Ps 46:4,5	Rev John Ling

**THE HEART OF PAK  
(A Korean Boy)**





APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 9 - 15, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	Pastor & Mrs Tow leave for Melbourne	*\$4,868.00 (8.00 am); *\$14,583.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Mahadevan)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2071)*\$4868; 2072)\$50; 2073)*\$14583; 2074)\$1600; 2075)\$641(Chinese Ser); 2076)\$100; 2077)\$30. TOTAL: \$4,483,590.32.	
FRI 7.45 pm	Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse	GRAND TOTAL:\$4,915,021.57.	
8.00 pm	Filmshow Noah's Ark.	OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FEFST \$120(Box), \$250, \$450; Hilltop \$50; FEBC \$100; Rev C Wong \$100; VBS \$300; J Wonsia \$300; Agus \$100; Burmese Students \$200; Batam \$600(WF); Hymnals/Bibles for I Coast \$100(WF); Adelaide Stone Mansion \$150; Medan(Dohar) \$50; George Skariah \$75(YAF), \$75(YAF); Thai RPG \$100; Paaupes \$100.	
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm E-Band	(1) Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for a wonderful little baby girl.	
SUN 8.00 am	Can a Pastor Commend Suicide? (Rev Bob Phee)	(2) Praise and thanks to God our Father, this day, to see our only son reaffirm in baptism. The joy is unmeasurable, to bring up a child in the Lord. Please accept our humble offering of \$500 for use in the Lord's work, where the need is. Philippians 1:6.	
9.30 am	Sunday School	(3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We thank Him clearly for His unfailing faithfulness, mercy and graciousness. Please arrange enclosed \$450 to the Bible College in Burma.	
10.30 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye	<b>Verse for the Week:</b> Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations. Acts 20:19	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	Sunday School Offering: \$406.15; Attendance: 315	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship		
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice		
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice		
12.30 pm	Korean Service		
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		
3.00 pm	Thai Service		
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
6.30 pm	Burmese Service		
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat.			
<b>AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17.</b> Campers, please make final payment to Mr Roger Kok at Christian Life Media Ministries office by 15 May 94. Pls refer to camp notice board for balance due. FEK is looking for a Chinese language teacher, commencing 27/6/94. Pls call 2513676.			



On top of Mount Sinai  
(taken by a pilgrim)



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8 May 1994

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

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	His Sheep	No. 26
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 130	Prov 15
Hymn	Kum Ba Yah	No. 409
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 258	No. 419
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 13:1-11	James 3:1-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Why had false doctrines invaded the BPC?	Beware, the Tongue! (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 26	No. 421
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Readers

### Kemaman

Last Lord's Day after Church service, Dn Jack Sin told me how he read from the *Business Times* the day before about Kemaman being declared a free port. With the offshore oil fields in her vicinity, such a development is obvious. This means more of the international community will come to Kemaman. An English service is all the more needed.

### One Young Doctor will go!

Is there a need for medical missions today? Not for Singapore where we have doctors and specialists galore. For Philippines, yes, as our recent visit to the Hilltop shows. To the hill tribes of North Thailand and the backwaters of Kalimantan also, and there's Africa, a new field in the offing.

Last Lord's Day I spoke from the story of the healing of the woman with a bent back for 18 years, and the subject of Medical Missions came up for discussion. The same evening I met a young doctor at a wedding dinner who told me he was willing to go to the mission field. This is great

news. This is one answering the Lord's call who deserves our support.

### How about a dental surgeon?

If there is a young dental surgeon who will also go, that will be greater news. This complementary work we might call "Tooth-extraction Evangelism"! One pioneer missionary who counted the teeth he extracted in the course of his preaching safaris in Formosa (Taiwan) in the eighteen seventies was George Leslie Mackay from the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Incidentally he was convert of William Burns' preaching mission to Canada. Let every servant of God develop his own genius!

### At Hebron BPC 23rd Anniversary

Last Lord's Day afternoon I was invited to speak at the 23rd Anniversary of Hebron BP Church, worshipping at the West Coast. It was a doubly auspicious occasion because they have recently successfully tendered for a piece of land in Chua Chu Kang at \$3.4 million on a 30-year lease. As the cost of construction is overwhelming, they are sharing their project with Hermon BPC a brother church. Both Hebron and

Hermon are offshoots of Mt Carmel. (We founded Carmel in 1960.)

As our BP churches grow and spread, we tend to veer from our original position --- like the Israelites in Isaiah's days during the reigns of wicked King Ahaz and his son, good King Hezekiah. Therefore the Word of the Lord came to Isaiah, "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him" (Isa 51:1,2). Today the BPC Movement has increased to 140 units around the world. Is every BPC hewing the same line as it was founded in 1950?

### Tracing the Roots of our Faith

To trace our roots the preacher reminded the Hebronites we are: 1. Protestants (in the light of Ecumenism and Romanism). 2. We are Separatists, a blessing on our growth unhampered by impure doctrine and entangling alliances. 3. Presbyterian (and Calvinists), believing in the sovereignty of God and the certainty of our salvation which is from the Lord (Jonah 2:9). 4. Premillennial. This doctrine we had received as early as 1910 from Miss Dora Yu, first lady evangelist of China through whom Watchman Nee was saved. And from Dr John Sung in the 1935 Singapore Pentecost. Most assuredly from my study at Faith Seminary under Dr MacRae and Dr Buswell. Why we stress Premillennialism is because some so-called Reformed adherents are spreading amillennialism to the sorrow of one BP Church, and to their own undoing. 5. Non charismatic. In all the revivals we have studied from William Burns to Jonathan Goforth, to Dora Yu, to Ting Li Mei and John Sung (and what mighty power from God through these genuine servants), there were no tongues.

### Charismatism Cast Out in 1988

Charismatism was trying to invade the BP Synod through one of its young leaders, but was cast out by a mighty moving of the Spirit in our

debate on Cameron Highlands, 1988. A product of the struggle against Charismatism was the subsequent penning of "Wang Ming Tao and Charismatism." Why should I repeat these five points here? In order that our other BP readers and we Lifers might be similarly confirmed in the origins of our faith!

### Help Hebron and God will help you!

Now I cannot leave off my report on Hebron and Hermon without an exhortation to their help. Though they have paid for their land, they need plenty more money to build. We have done our bit as a Church to loan Hebron and Hermon each \$100,000. A Lifer from AF has loaned \$10,000 and we have received several hundred dollars as gifts. If you have more of the Lord's money, your tithe or good bonus God has showered you, I would recommend Hebron for your consideration.

Hebron is in good hands. Dr Ang Beng Chong the leading elder has blessed many Christian ministers, workers, Bible College students by his special skill and liberality. Those of you who have been thus blessed should remember his spiritual work. Assistant pastor of Hebron is Mr Eddy Lim, an FEBC graduate close to me, and strong in the Separatist Stand. Rev Ian Heng, pastor of Hermon, is another FEBCer most respectful of us. It was he who took the initiative to loan us \$100,000 when we were struggling hard to acquire Beulah House. God bless you in your extended effort. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (Prov 19:17).

Although on record we have a \$475,000 Beulah Debt, two have indicated to me they would convert their loans (\$10,000 each) to gifts to the Lord. God bless them for their filial decision. Another said, "Let my loan remain with the Church. Why should I take it back when the Lord keeps blessing me?" "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 9:7). - T.T.

## THE JOYS OF MOTHERHOOD

By Margaret K. Fraser

*Dear Christian mothers, sing your praise  
Through all your busy, happy days  
To God our Father, kind and good,  
For all the joys of motherhood.*

*For that wee Babe with smiling charm  
That softly nestles on your arm;  
For childish laughter gay and sweet,  
And sounds of little scampering feet.*

*For that young precious merry mite  
Who walks with hand in yours held tight;  
And for the others older grown,  
Who've learned to proudly walk alone*

*For the blessings often mixed with tears  
As they mature through passing years;  
And that deep joy that naught can dim,  
When children give their hearts to Him.*

*Fear not the coming day to face,  
For God will give you strength and grace--  
And hers shall be a great reward  
Who trains her children for the Lord.*



## A Daniel is Come to Singapore!

The sentence of Michael Fay to six strokes of the cane has roused a tidal wave of reaction throughout America, whether pro or con the decision of the Singapore Government. It has prompted President Clinton to plead for Fay's commutation of his sentence, while he respects the competence of the Singapore judiciary and believes that Americans who are overseas must honour their obligation to respect the laws of foreign countries.

How would our Government answer to the U.S. President's plea? Now, the word "commute" as a legal term, means, 'change (a judicial sentence etc) to another less severe' [Readers Digest Oxford Complete Word Finder]. Since the President did not insist Fay need only pay a fine, our government's reduction of six strokes to four is a brilliant hit. Let all Singaporeans thank God that a Daniel is come to Singapore.

As Christians we support the death penalty for murder for the Bible says, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Gen 9:6). We support the death penalty for drug trafficking inasmuch as it is a killer of life in another form. As for caning, this we inherited from a British Government that in days past was a God-fearing Government. Mr Lee Kuan Yew mentioned a harsher punishment of what was known as "cat-o'-nine tails." How did the British Law get the idea of caning? It is quadruply advocated by King Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived. (Read Prov 13:24; 22:15; 23:13,14; 29:15)

Here is a lesson for all our young fathers and mothers. Why do some of our young parents leave their children to run wild? Chinese Three Letter Classic says, "Relaxation in pedagogy is from a teacher's lethargy." By not disciplining them, even with a cane, we stand to lose hereafter. To the four sentences quoted, Solomon muses, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (Prov 29:17). Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 16 - 22, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Sng Teck Leong, filmshow on William Carey)	*\$6,552.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,881.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 2078)*\$6552; 2079)*\$10881; 2080)\$40; 2081)\$40; 2075)\$50. TOTAL: \$4,501;153.32. LOANS: (66)\$990. TOTAL LOANS: \$432,421.25. GRAND TOTAL:\$4,933,574.57. OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FEFST \$100; Jack Sin \$50; Missions \$50; Philippines \$1000, \$50; Thailand \$1000, \$50; Mission in W.Africa \$100; Chinese Bibles \$100; Extn of work in W.Africa \$2000; VBS \$250, \$400; George Skariah \$75(YAF); China Mission Work Bible \$40; Adelaide Stone Mansion \$750 (Combined F'ship); Hymns/Bibles for I.Coast \$600.		
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) For extension of God's Kingdom and thank God for answering prayers and bountiful blessings. (\$200)  AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17. Campers, pls make final payment to Mr Roger Kok at Christian Life Media Ministries office by today. Pls refer to camp notice board for balance due. FOUND: Some cash around the Sea of Galilee area. Claimant may obtain it from Eld Mahadevan  Verse for the Week: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27		
THU	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (1st Ev. Ref. Church)			
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF	NBCThis Week. Fri Bl Balok, Bishan. Sunday School Offering: \$373.52; Attendance: 335		
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm E-Band			
	4.00 pm	Jeffrey Chua & Poon Mai Chan			
		Wedding (Pastor Cheng Eng Hua)			
	7.30 pm	Vesper (Choir presentation-cum-Filmshow)			
SUN	8.00 am	B.A. is least qualification to enter heaven (Rev Quek Suan Yew)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service			
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Chin choir at the Inauguration of Burmese Service



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15 May 1994

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

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Geoffrey Tan	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 46	No. 17
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Proverbs 3	Jn 20:11-21
Hymn	No. 237	No. 459
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 293	No. 457
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Ex 20:13; Rom 10:1-10	Lk 5:1-11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Can a Pastor commend suicide? (Rev Bob Phee)	Launch Out into the Deep (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 321	O Breath of Life
Benediction		

My dear Lifers, May 10 (eve of departure)

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

If that was in Paul's time, all the more it is in our time. There are so many things of the world that distract us, that side-track our heavenly schedule.

As soon as FEBC has closed for the long vacation, we are to do our bit for the Lord Downunder. Pray for us that we might discharge our duties faithfully, that the lectures on Revelation might go through smoothly.

"Redeeming the time," the Renovation of Church and College will begin May 16 with the L-Annexe, followed by FEK, to take advantage of the school vacation.

Three tenders were received for the job. The first quoted \$500,000, the second \$400,000 and the third \$300,000 (in round numbers). Of course our contract was concluded with No 3. Besides, the last mentioned is a regular client of Ang Kheng Leng, our architect (Dn Victor Loo). (You can rest assured that Church funds are never spent without due regard for economy and efficiency.

Another expenditure involves the acquisition of another Toyota minibus. We had two vehicles before, one

being the old VW Kombi. As the old steed gave way to age, that was sold, so we are left with one. With a Church of our size and twice seven number of fellowships, not counting S.S. and other departments, oftentimes the Toyota van is not available to another group who applies too late. To own another is the unanimous decision of the Session. Moreover this second van should serve groups going to Malaysia, which the first has not been able to do, under a new regulation.

- Yours obediently, T.T.

### MYANMAR LATEST (Letter from Rev Thawm Luai)

As I promised in my last cable of March 30, 1994, I now have pleasure in presenting my work report as follows:

#### I. The Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology (FEFST)

1. The Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology (FEFST) was closed on Feb 20, 1994 for four months' summer holidays (ie. March, April, May and June). The new academic year for 1994-95 will commence on July 4, 1994.

2. Along with me, a total of 17 FEFST students (both boys and girls) led by Elder Van

Hnuai Thang attended the 10th EPCM Annual General Assembly held at Minhla, Lairawn Presbytery March 1-6.

3. It was very encouraging for us that the students did very well in presenting their special numbers and also participated in evangelizing, preaching and witnessing to God's people attending our Assembly, numbering about 3,000 in all. Those present at the Assembly appreciated the students' excellent performance.

4. When our Assembly was over, the FEFST students proceeded to their mission trip and evangelized one village after another in the rural areas. I was able to join them only to six villages.

5. We had to use bullock carts as our mode of transportation and we sometimes had to walk and travel on foot.

6. The students are now still on their way for their mission field trip. They intend to cover 9 villages in Falam Township to conduct preaching, teaching and evangelization. The theme is: "for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9). I will revert you the outcome of FEFST students mission trip after their return.

I travelled to Chin State and reaching Falam on March 9, giving necessary instructions to our ministers and workers during my short stay in our General Assembly Office, Falam. I safely returned to Yangon on March 29.

## **II. Reason for Postponing of Laying Down the Foundation Stone for New FEFST Building**

7. As I have already explained in my cable confirmation letter of 23/2/94, the EPCM General Annual Assembly requested me to postpone our schedule of laying down the Foundation Stone for new FEFST building as they would like to participate during the occasion. They asked the ceremony be held after the Annual Assembly.

8. The 10th Annual General Assembly of Minhla (1-6 March) voted the date for laying down the Foundation Stone on Apr 24, 1994.

9. However, the unexpected problem cropped up during my absence. The present FEFST building and the new project building are very close to the Yangon International Airport. The Government authorities concerned therefore summoned our office assistant during my absence and asked him to tell me to meet them as soon as I returned. The main problem is whether Civil Aviation Department has any objections to our construction of 4-storey building as it is too close to the airport.

I tried to see the competent authorities in this connection. I have met the Township Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman who has no objection whatever about our building project. He has also fixed for me appointment with higher authorities whom I am going to see them very soon. He even gave me some positive advice. Since the official mentioned is the most important administrative officer for our township, I believe no problem will arise in this matter.

Just for your information, there are 8 four-storey buildings situated in between the Yangon International Airport and FEFST building. These buildings are constructed by the Government itself and are state-owned.

10. When I have official interview with Insein Township Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman, he told me that the new site belongs to 7-C, while the present Bethel house is 6-D. They are adjacent to each other, but belong to different owners and blocks. Formerly, our Professional Engineering has unknowingly submitted this new site being 6-D. We have to change it to 7-C. Necessary instructions has been received from the Chairman, who has the final authority for all these. We have been processing all necessary issues respectively.

11. At the same time, our township administrator officer has requested me to make affidavit for this new building at Government Court. Only then we are legalized to construct under the umbrella of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Myanmar. All religious

matter should abide under the present regulation and order issued by the Religious and Home Ministry. In fact, our new building is above the mandate of the Municipality concerned. All are discussed with my lawyer not to be out of way from the law. I requested my lawyer to complete all these within one month.

12. Owing to these, the contract is not yet signed with our Professional Engineering Company limited. But the initial payment of K. 1 million has been paid on 5 April 1994, as they wish to buy and stock building materials (bricks, other) before water festival (12-17 April) for fear of further price hikes.

13. Will you please bear me with long patience for my unexpected delay. All these things come from recurrent technical issues.

I will also write and tell you when the contract is signed and when the foundation stone is laid.

## **III. General (Bethel House)**

14. As we have discussed together during my last visit to Singapore, our Bethel House is presently decorated with white washing, painting and fencing. Rotten parts are also renovated too. Now it looks like a new building and is very beautiful.

15. The used clothes sent to us have been confiscated by the Myanmar Customs in accordance with a new regulation where the import of used clothes is banned to maintain the dignity of the country and to prevent the possible spread of diseases.

As you advised me in our telephone conversation, I will not be in a hurry to construct FEFST new building and I will not want to drag on either. I can assure that I would try my level best to be successful.

May you please accept my congratulations on your successful inauguration of Life BP Burmese Fellowship on Mar 27, with 96 attendants. It is indeed very encouraging and a great work for the Lord.

## **Dr McIntire's Letter to Life Church**

Your letter with the enclosed check for me personally came at the perfect moment and I was praying that God would somehow provide me with what I need for the first of May. This was it.

I preached Sunday night from the last chapter of James where he says "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." To be effectual it has to be made in the name of Christ and for something that is lawful, not sinful. To be fervent is evidence of the deepest desire and commitment that it is being asked for God's glory and the furtherance of His cause. It was in response to that prayer that I was raised up when I waited at the door of death. God sent me back, and I believe with all my heart, I am an answer, a big one, in the circumstances which are facing us in the Christian world, gives me an opportunity to witness as never before. We shall go on. God has elders like you men, who see these issues and realize that God intends me to deal with them, which I intend to do with all my strength and mind.

In the last chapter of James, he makes two references to the 'coming of the Lord draweth nigh.' James is the first New Testament epistle. He wrote it about ten years after Christ had gone and it is addressed to the twelve tribes scattered abroad. They were the believing Jews and with this testimony they probably came out of Jerusalem at the time of Pentecost.

The Scriptures are such a joy and comfort and the ICCB now has an opportunity to bring the true believers in the faithful churches into fellowship and this final battle for the faith before Jesus takes us all into the clouds.

James wanted us to have the faith of Elijah and so he closed his great appeal for righteousness by this assurance that God answers the right kind of prayers and I say again, I believe I am a big answer. May 17 I will be 88 and am going strong. Please continue your prayers. Thank you.

Several days ago Timothy called me and I was so thrilled to hear his voice and his good words. He has meant more than I could ever cease thanking God for. He is God's man. Thank you again. Keep Praying.



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TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Edmund Tay)	*\$4,898.00 (8.00 am); *\$15,083.00 (10.30 am)	
WED	9.45 am	Pre & Post-Marital Seminar	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2083)*\$4898; 2084)*\$15083;	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF	2085)\$611; 2086)\$300. TOTAL: \$4,522,045.32.	
	2.30 pm	1st Ev. Reformed Church Wedding	GRAND TOTAL:\$4,954,466.57.	
	3.00 pm	YAF; 3.30 pm E-Band	OFFERINGS FOR: Burma FEFST \$1200(Life Bk	
	7.30 pm	LBC Parents' Night (in Hokkien)	Centre); Hebron BPC Bldg Fd \$500; VBS \$100;	
SUN	8.00 am	Can a B.A. Christian lose his	Burmese Ser. \$10; Missions \$100; FEBC \$100;	
		Salvation? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Philippines \$300(Sunday Sch).	
	9.30 am	Sunday School (Missionary Sunday)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	10.30 am	Rev Edward Pauwe	(1) I wish to thank Pastor, all Session members, their	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	wives and all others who were involved for the lunch last	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	Sunday (8/5/94). I am sure all the catechumens were	
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	touched by your hospitality and labour of love.	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17.	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	Campers, pls make final payment to Mr Roger Kok	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	at Christian Life Media Ministries office by today.	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	Pls refer to camp notice board for balance due.	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	Camp briefing on 7 June 1994 (Tuesday) at 7 pm.	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	FOUND: Some cash around the Sea of Galilee	
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	area. Claimant may obtain it from Eld Mahadevan.	
	10.00 pm	Pastor & Mrs Tow depart for Sharon	Final reminder.	
		Camp	MISSIONARY SUNDAY 29/5, 9.30 am.	
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat.			Primaries & Jrs in FEBC Hall; Youngteens, seniors	
Verse for the Week: Help us, O God of			& adults in Church Sanctuary. Open Sunday. No	
our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and			formal lessons.	
deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy				
name's sake. Psalm 79:9				



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22 May 1994

### "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. 217	No. 95
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Isa 62	Psa 50
Hymn	No. 127	No. 273
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 273	No. 294
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 3:1-21	Micah 6:1-8
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	B.A. is least qualifi- cation to enter heaven (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	True Repentance (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 279	No. 268
Benediction		

My dear Readers, Melbourne, May 16

### "Man Proposes, God Disposes"

Many times we plan a certain course of action, but it turns out to be another. Hence, the saying "Man proposes, God disposes." Solomon puts it, "Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?" (Prov 20:24).

Before FEBC vacation came, we wanted to take a holiday here, or there, but it ended up in Melbourne. 45 mins from town on the Dandenong mountain there's the "Hilltop" house of my brother, Dr S H Tow. We were scheduled to stay here a few days before going to be with Elder & Mrs Khoo at the vacated Robert Yeo house in the valley.

### A Christian Shangri-La

Elder & Mrs Khoo being away to Newcastle to attend Grace's graduation, Mrs Maureen Wong kindly offered to receive us at the airport. She drove us right up to "Hilltop." Here we found a cosy corner away from the hustle and bustle of city life, and conducive to study and

meditation. A Christian Shangri-La!

### Friends in Deed

No sooner had Maureen left than the phone rang. Annie Koh offered to bring us "Bak Kut Teh" (pork rib herbal soup) and would eat supper with us, 7pm. We would cook the rice. Never refuse a good offer! So we spent a wonderful evening with the Kohs over "Bah Kut Teh." We gave our friends two books they've not received, 40 Years on the Road to Church Growth and Recipes for Living a Happy Life. They've read the green book on William Burns which has whet their interest in missions.

### Concentrated Study of Revelation

The main topic of our conversation was the concentrated course of study in Revelation. Two 3-hour sessions of lectures are planned for Friday and Saturday for 3 weeks. The three Sundays inter-linking, we would preach from Revelation for better effect.

### Beautiful Sunny Days

Before we left Singapore we heard the temperature in Melbourne was down to 5°C. We were prepared for the worst.

When we got down from the plane, it was 16°C, praise the Lord. For one week we enjoyed sunny weather. Isn't the Lord good?

#### **Crystallisation of Messages for Sharon and Life Camps**

Spending three quiet days here with ourselves and with the Lord was a new experience. It also gave me time to crystallise my thinking on the subject I'd be speaking at both Sharon and Life Camps. "Has God a Plan for Your Life?" Pray that God will speak, especially to many young hearts, and I hear 300 Lifers are already signed up! Pray that many will leave their selfish ways to follow the Lord, to find life everlasting and happiness in serving Him. Insofar as Bethel BPC is concerned, I take great comfort to see there's now a congregation of 120 seeking the Lord each week and growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

#### **"The Days of Noah" and "Coming World Events"**

It is no accident that Bethelites were instructed at their Easter Camp in "the Days of Noah" and now in "Coming World Events Unveiled," i.e. the book of Revelation. As the Lord's coming is so near, and it is nearer than you think, "He would want us all to be ready. Although the hour is late, the church of this Laodicean age is slumbering on, as the Chinese saying goes, "until the sun is 3 poles high in the sky." One thing we must be earnestly involved in is to preach the Gospel in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come (Matt 24:14).

#### **Accelerated Programme of End-Time Evangelism**

How can we fulfil this accelerated programme of the Great Commission? First, we can tell our neighbours. Bring someone to church. If everyone can bring a friend, our attendance will be doubled. Second, have some regular local outreach, like preaching at Strabane, a Senior Citizens Home ministered

weekly by Bethelites. Third, start a fund for missions abroad, and have reports from visiting missionaries. Fourth, give of your own sons and daughters!

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas 5:16). How much more the prayer of a Hannah for her Samuel. That I am in the Lord's service these forty-odd years is entirely due to my Mother's vow and her prayerful upbringing.

#### **FEBC Graduates Scattered Abroad**

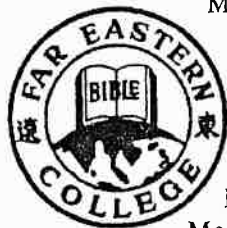
Coming to Melbourne this fifth time, we're happy to see another FEBC alumnus, Eduardo Morante and wife join the Church. Morante is from Philippines. He is a good student. Both he and his wife Janet have been with us on our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. While Janet is in Melbourne to take a nursing degree, Morante has started a Nurses Bible Study Group, which is a dozen strong.

Two other FEBCers who have graduated this semester are Irene of Jakarta and Tram Epoi of Kuching. Both are returned to serve in their hometowns.

Among 14 new coming students, two are from Australia --- Errol Stone of WA and David Paauwe my grandson from Adelaide. Pray not only for our students but also for the faculty that we might do our best. A new Prospectus of 80 pages will be available when FEBC reopens July 18, '94.

Someone remarked about this Revelation Class, "Since we can't go to FEBC, FEBC has come to us." Praise the Lord, "Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?"

We concluded our 1st week of lectures with an attendance of 68 and 64. We have covered 7 chapters. Seven outsiders have joined us. Sunday's attendance is 120. Topic: "The Great Gathering in Space." Praise the Lord. - T.T.



## **TESTIMONY**

**By Lim Meng Choo**

I recalled once when I witnessed to a church friend about the Lord and as to why I accepted Him, I answered -- "I need God, otherwise there is a vacuum in my life. I need God in times of trouble. I know there is God when I see the beautiful creations around us. I need God because He can give me inner peace and assurance in life; best of all to be saved from damnation and gain everlasting life not through good works like other religions but by the grace of God."

Ironically I am contrite I couldn't uphold my faith when awful events came into my life. In fact, the events came and shook the whole foundation of my Christian living. These events came and lured me away from church. I began to experience a defiance for Christian living when my church life did not turn out well. I soon dropped out of church altogether promising not to return as I was disillusioned by what had happened in church.

My spiritual life was in turmoil and I began to experience spiritual warfare. Then nightmares of Satan and other spiritual evils. I was frightened. Being spiritually dry I did not seek God for help as I felt I did not have the right to call upon God for help. I could have withered off if not for my beloved sister Meng Kean who led me back to church again.

I thank God for making Kean an instrument to lead me back to Church. It was a struggle initially to go back to church just as it was a struggle when I left church. Anyhow I endeavoured and I know now than ever before that I must value God at all times.

I was hesitant that the pastor would accept me into the church, knowing that I had dropped out of my previous church. In

## **God Calling Yet! Shall I Not Hear?**

*Gerhard Tersteegen*

*God calling yet! Shall I not hear?  
Earth's pleasures shall I still hold dear?  
Shall life's swift passing years all fly,  
And still my soul in slumbers lie?*

*God calling yet! Shall I not rise?  
Can I His loving voice despise,  
And basely His kind care repay?  
He calls me still; can I delay?*

*God calling yet! And shall He knock,  
And I my heart the closer lock?  
He is still waiting to receive,  
And shall I dare His Spirit grieve?*

*God calling yet! And shall I give  
No heed, but still in bondage live?  
I wait, but He does not forsake;  
He calls me still! My heart, awake!*

*God calling yet! I cannot stay;  
My heart I yield without delay;  
Vain world, farewell, from thee I part;  
The voice of God hath reached my heart.*

the view of the congregation I believe I was a black sheep. However, the pastor has been merciful to me when he readily accepted me. He helped to relieve my burden and assure me of God again by praying with me and giving me the verse of I John 4:4. Members of the church who came and talked to me had been courteous too. I feel comforted and would like to join them in Life Bible-Presbyterian Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 30 - June 5, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Eld Mahadevan, filmshow)	*\$5,689.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,285.00 (10.30 am) EXTN BLDG FUND II 2087)*\$5689; 2088)*\$8285; 2089)\$200; 2086)\$400. TOTAL: \$4,536,619.32. GRAND TOTAL:\$4,969,040.57. OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations \$250, \$715, \$100, \$107; RPG \$50; Seets \$50; Dn Jack Sin \$250; Missionary Fd \$50; S Takashima \$200; Rev G Kutty \$200; African Mission \$200; RPG \$100.	
FRI	8.00 pm	Pastor & Mrs Tow return from Sharon Camp	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC	(1) Thank you Lord for answered prayers and bountiful blessings. Please channel this small token of appreciation to: \$300 Joshua Wonsia; \$100 Agus; \$200 Burmese students.	
	2.30 pm	Maurice Cheong & Priscilla Ng Wedding, Rev Tow	(2) I would like to give a little amount of 100 Singaporean dollars as a thank you donation for being so nice to me and this is my first month salary of staying here in Singapore. May the good Lord bless us all! Thank you and regards.	
SUN	8.00 am	Did God chose you because He foreknew your faith? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(3) Thank God for the blessings He has mercifully bestowed upon me: 1. For enabling me, His undeserved child, to pass my exams with good grades; 2. For allowing me to conceive and for protecting the baby and granting me good health and strength. Apportion as you see fit. Praise be to God. \$100.	
	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 Worship Children's Gospel Rally		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service		
NBCThis Week. Fri Bishan, Bl Batok.				
If your lips you wish to keep from slips, Five things observe with care: To whom you speak, Of whom you speak, and how and when and where. <i>Uncle Ben's Quotebook</i>			<b>AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17.</b> Campers, pls make final payment to Mr Roger Kok at Christian Life Media Ministries office by today. Pls refer to camp notice board for balance due. Camp briefing on 7 June 1994 (Tuesday) at 7 pm.	



**Verse for the Week:**  
Teach me to do thy will;  
for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.  
Psalm 143:10

Sunday School  
Offering: \$306.75;  
Attendance: 314



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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	Eld Mahadevan
Opening Hymn	No. 44	No. 5
Invocation-Gloria Patri	Rom 8:35-39	
Responsive Reading		Psa 62
Hymn	No. 132	No. 319
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 409	No. 320
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 10:27-30	Eph 1:1-14
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Can a B.A. Christian lose his Salvation? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Praise for Redemption (Rev Edward Paauwe)
Closing Hymn	No. 87	No. 406
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

Melbourne, May 22

### Bethel's Sunday Afternoon Evangelistic Outreach

The idea of reaching out with the Gospel on Sun. afternoon by organising Evangelistic Bands originated from Dr John Sung in the Revival of 1935. From this idea Life Church organised our E-Band in 1986. Now Bethel has taken up this torch under Elder Khoo and team to bring the light of salvation to an Old Folks Home, half-an-hour's drive from the Church every Sunday afternoon. It is located at Strabane, a private enterprise operated by Mr & Mrs David Kiang, recognised by government. This "Accommodation" Home has 27 inmates. Only 3 years old, it is built to ideal specifications, incorporating a big sitting hall with a piano, so we can hold our services.

Being a guest speaker from Singapore, this attracted a good turnout. By teaching a new song to the senior citizens, all Caucasians (except for two Chinese) we could see their faces light up. This Strabane Weekly Service, though small, may yield high results. I count it

as one of 140 units of the B-P movement around the world.

### Corrie Ten Boom

Her life, her faith, a complete biography by Carole C Carlson (Kingsway Pub. Eastbourne) is the thrilling story of a Dutch lady, who survived Hitler's Hell Camp. Her father and two other members of her family died in the "Hell Factory," being implicated with her for harbouring Jews. The Ten Booms have therefore been remembered as "righteous Gentiles." When we visited the Holocaust Museum (Yad Vashem) in Jerusalem we stopped at the forest of trees planted in remembrance of "righteous Gentiles," though we did not notice the Ten Booms (which means TREES in Dutch). I'm sure our good friend in Haifa will want to read this book. (We'll send it to you!)

Not only our Jewish friend, but you Bethelites and Lifers and my Readers in other countries must read. Corrie Ten Boom has 5 films made after her life and five or six books from her pen. We had shown her film, *The Hiding Place* in Life Church years ago. I

recommend we show it at the coming Awana Camp June 13-17. From the Holocaust experience, *"the rendition of the following poem is uniquely Corrie's"*:

1. *My life is but a weaving  
between God and me.  
I do not choose the colours,  
He worketh steadily.  
Oftentimes He weaveth sorrows,  
and I in foolish pride.  
For He sees the upper,  
and I the underside.*
2. *Not till the loom is silent  
and the shuttles cease to fly,  
Will God unroll the canvas  
and explain the reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful  
in the skilled Weaver's hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver  
in the pattern He has planned.*

Here's a triplet she often quoted:

*LOOK around and be disappointed  
LOOK inside and be depressed  
LOOK at JESUS and be at rest.*

### **Book of the Month**

The Life-Story of Corrie Ten Boom has made an impact on my life. So I have recommended it to you. In order that our Readers be guided and encouraged to reading good books, I have asked Elder Khoo to this new ministry of discovering one book a month for us all. There is another book, the Life of St Augustine which I'd like to read myself. As time is limited, may I ask Elder Khoo to send it, and show us its worth of a book review. Other Lifers or Bethelites, if you have one, please do not hesitate to submit to me.

### **Abbotsford Nurses Bible Study Group**

Another Gospel Outreach is a Wednesday night meeting at the home of Janet and Eduardo at Abbotsford, where in the same neighbourhood are congregated students

pursuing a nursing degree at LaTrobe University, a stone's throw away. This is a one year course offered to registered nurses from Singapore. Wednesday May 18 I was invited to speak to this group. There were 19 or 20 gathered. Among this gathering were three more BPers, Lay Yean of LBC, Kalai of Bethlehem Jurong, and Chan Chee Beng of Hebron. Through this contact a group of seven or eight attend our Sunday Service. As Melbourne is a sprawling city, it takes one-and-a-half hours for them to come to Church, by bus and train.

### **Pray for Rev Paauwe and Me,**

jointly speaking at both Sharon (May 29-June 3) and Life Church (June 13-17) Camps. Sharon will be at Cameron Highlands and Life at Genting (Awana). As for Life, this is our biggest ever gathering (327). My topic is "Has God a Plan for your Life?" This is a follow up to last year's *Recipes for Living a Happy Life*. In order to accentuate the message we're delivering, Yin Chan has kindly typeset the lectures I delivered two semesters ago, *Counselling Recipes Thru 40 Years Pastoring*, and LBC is rushing the printer. May this new book be ready by June 13 so every camper might have a copy up the mountain. This induced reading we pray, will be extra tonic to our souls. In this book you will be captivated by a dozen cartoons from Charles Seet's pen.

Talking about books, let us cultivate the good old habit of reading - first the Bible, then inspiring Christian books. As a means of helping our friends spiritually, let us also cultivate a new good habit of giving books! Let Life Book Centre bring in Corrie Ten Boom's biography and more stories of lives of eminent Christians.

### **"To everything there is a Season" (Eccles 3:1)**

"A time to break down, and a time to build up. . . a time to cast away stones and a time to

gather stones together" (Eccles 3:3,4). I'm glad to hear that "Operation Full Renovation" of 9A Gilstead Road, both Church and College was launched Mon. May 16. JOY means Jesus first, others second, you last. Insofar as Lifers are concerned, Jesus first involved the urgent acquisition of Beulah House for His Kingdom. Others second, the uncurtailed support of Missions. You last refers to this long-awaited Renovations. Or shall I put it, "First things first."

To complete Phase II, which is Beulah House, I should present to Session to call tenders to have the Round House and Annexe fully painted. This continuing project will be

done much cheaper while our present contractor is on the job. To get a better price we should call our mason Mr Goh to tender also. And here is the opportunity for those harping on beautifying the Church to give to the Lord. Those who build God's House, God will build their house (II Sam 7:11).

Talking about Beulah House, I must congratulate Bethelites for acquiring a spacious church all tailored for their use. When I came to Bethel this time I was pleased to see it ship-shape, all made anew, to His glory. There's a bright future for all BPers who love the Lord.

- Yours affectionately, T.T.

## **TESTIMONY** By Nancy Wong

I first heard of the Lord when I was about 7-8 years old. My sister brought me to her church every Sunday but I was too young to understand the teachings then. After a couple of years, my sister left for overseas study and I stopped going to church. I followed my mother in worshipping at the temple of Buddha.

I started attending church services again with my friends while I was in secondary school. However, my motive for going to church was wrong. I only wanted to make friends and to have fun rather than knowing the Lord and His words.

In 1989, a friend in the Polytechnic invited me to Life Church. I like the serenity and peaceful feeling whenever I am in the church (though I sometimes felt quite lost in this big church). I am back on the right track but I was not very much committed.

While I began my working life, a few Christian colleagues formed a prayer meeting group where we shared the gospel and encouraged one another. This group has spurred me in moving closer to the Lord. I sincerely thank God for sending me a special friend who constantly guides and recharges my faith in my walk with the Lord. Now I attend church services regularly because I love to and not just to obtain peace of mind. Praise be to

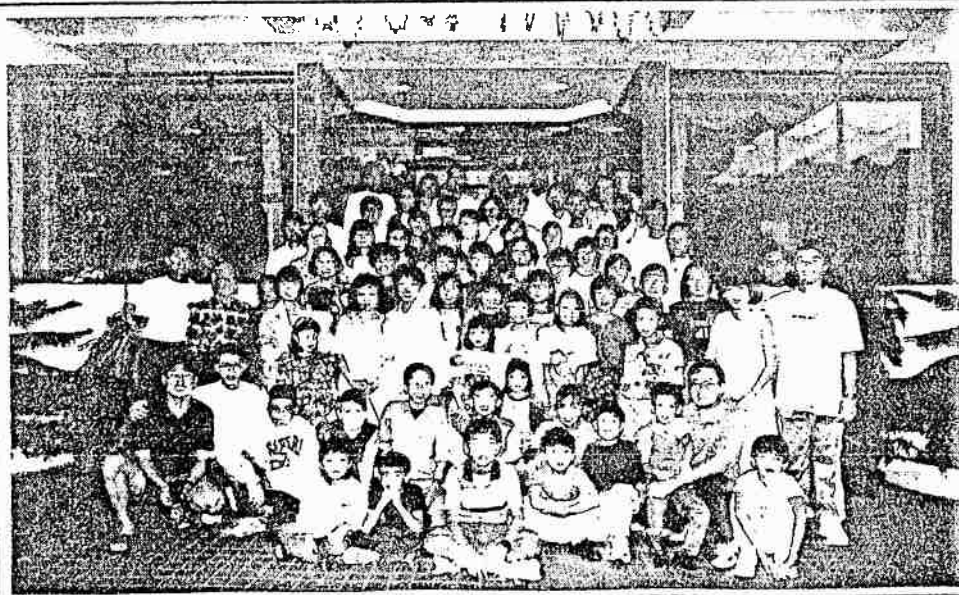
the Lord!

My baptism was always deferred because I thought I was not ready for it. I was eager to attain earthly treasures before. Now I understand how silly I was as these material things cannot give me eternal happiness. Happiness is to be close to the Lord. I believe God is watching over me, bringing me back to Him each time I fail him. I do not face any objections from my family like some do. But there I was, waiting for Him to perform a miracle in my life that would trigger my conviction. I wanted a "reason" why I should have Him as my Saviour. Through reading the Bible, attending church services and fellowshiping with my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I realise that I need no reason or "proof" of God's almightiness and His unconditional love.

Baptism will be a special event in my life and I treasure it as a personal commitment and promise I have made with my Lord to abide in Him forever. It is also a confirmation of my faith. And of course on top of these, I am looking forward to partake in the Holy Communion. For all the decisions I have made in my life, I know this decision is God's will. My favourite verse is Matt 6:33.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 6 - 12, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
TUE	7.00 pm - Awana Camp briefing 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg ("Dew of Sharon")	*\$4,393.00 (8.00 am); *\$8,818.00 (10.30 am) <b>EXTN BLDG FUND II</b> 2091)*\$4393; 2092)*\$8818; 2093)\$50. <b>TOTAL:</b> \$4,549,880.32. <b>GRAND TOTAL:</b> \$4,982,301.57.
TUE - FRI	Vacation Bible School	<b>OFFERINGS FOR:</b> Renovations \$200, Seats \$170, \$50; Hebron BPC Bld Fd \$147; China Mission \$100; VBS \$300; FEBC \$600(AF); Pauline Lee \$300(AF); Adelaide Stone Mansion \$150; Dohar(Medan) \$50; Burma FEFST \$400.
THU	7.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	
FRI	7.45 pm Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall	
SAT	2.30 pm LTF/YF 2.30 pm Lai Yeow Choy & Ong Beng Lay Wedding, Rev Tow	
	3.00 pm LBC/YAF; 3.30 pm EBF	
SUN	8.00 am <i>The neglected doctrine of Christ's Judgment Seat</i> (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper) 9.30 am Sunday School 10.30 am Rev Stephen Khoo 10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow) 10.30 am Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship 10.30 am Children's Choir Practice 10.40 am Church Choir Practice 12.30 pm Korean Service 12.30 pm Filipina Fellowship 3.00 pm Thai Service 4.00 pm Indonesian Service 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service 6.30 pm Burmese Service	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>  (1) <i>Thank and praise God for His providence and help to enable me to find favour in my boss' eyes. This is a thanksgiving offering because the Lord has given me a promotion and good increment. Please use this in the area where the need is the greatest. 'Promotion comes from God.' Ps 75:6,7. (\$250) - A sinner saved by grace.</i> (2) <i>To God be the glory! Thank you for prayers answered. Hallelujah! \$100 to buy Chinese Bibles.</i>  <b>Missionary F'ship Anniv.</b> Sunday 19 June, FEBC Hall. 12 pm F'ship lunch (please return reply slip). 1 pm Thanksgiving Service. Speaker: Rev E Paauwe. <b>AWANA BIBLE CAMP 1994, June 13-17.</b> Campers, pls make final payment to Mr Roger Kok at Christian Life Media Ministries office <b>by today.</b> Pls refer to camp notice board for balance due. Camp briefing this Tuesday at 7 pm.
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat.		
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 Pet 1:16		



Sharon Bible Camp up  
Cameron Highlands  
May 29 - June 3, '94

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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. 49	No. 47
Invocation-Gloria Patri	Rom 6:25-34	
Responsive Reading		Psa 126, 127
Hymn	No. 244	No. 87
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	No. 262
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 9:10-13	Lk 14:18-21
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Did God choose you because He foreknew your faith? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	The Divine Pattern for Church Growth
Closing Hymn	No. 87	No. 288
Benediction		Lord's Supper

My dear Readers,

May 28, '94

### Bethel, LIGHThouse of God

Jesus says, "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matt 5:14). Bethel is more than a hill-city that is seen. It is a Lighthouse shining over a dark sea to show the way to seamen, a beacon of truth and salvation.

Those who seek the truth love Bethel. They come to Bethel to worship, and some are invited to our pulpit. One is Mr Sid Bell who spoke at Life Church some months ago. Mr Sid Bell has a farm up Dandenong Mountain, within half hour's drive from Dr S H Tow's Hilltop house. He runs a Christian Day School as well as a Church. He has two school buses. On June 5, when he comes to speak at Bethel and administer the Lord's Supper, he will bring his whole church in his school bus to join the service. Ps 133.

Whenever BPers come to Melbourne, they naturally gravitate to Bethel for the Lord's Day Service. Eduardo Morante and wife Janet not only attend our service but bring six to eight nurses for fellowship. Two young

Indian girls of Kulai Besar, married to Caucasians, and an Indian male nurse from Bethlehem Jurong, are also regular worshippers. The other week Francis Leong and three other Lifers (LBC) suddenly appeared in Church, with Lay Yean (LBC) now taking a Nursing degree. Naohiko phoned from Brisbane area that he would be visiting Bethel in July when he attends a seminar. So will Grace Khoo come for the same conference. This is how a migrant church grows in a new country. But I must not forget Elder & Mrs Khoo, faithful undershepherds of God. Without them the flock will not thrive so well as they are today. Hai Seng edits the Church Weekly, helps the Strabane outreach and has a weekly preaching engagement with a government school.

### Mutual BP Assistance

Rev & Mrs Paauwe rendered yeoman service to Bethel in the early days of the founding. Once a year they visit Bethel.

Now it is Bethel's turn to reciprocate. Apart from Elder Khoo and Hai Seng visiting Adelaide on call, Bethel is sending Morante to speak at Hope BPC Youth Camp in July as well as at their Anniversary

Thanksgiving.

Meanwhile as the Paaupes have gone to Singapore to minister at several Bible camps, Rev & Mrs Peter Chua have come to take their place for a month. Once or twice Rev Peter Clements of Cootamundra was invited to minister in Adelaide. Unity is strength.

#### FEBC "Extension College"

By concentrating our lectures on Friday and Saturday 3 hours each and preaching from the same book on the Lord's Day, we managed to finish 20 chapters of Revelation. Fortunately we had the full 22 chapters' lessons neatly printed, so our 60 students could read the rest of the lessons, and revise the whole book. This concentrated study of a book of the Bible is setting a pattern for future sessions. A couple who has been deeply touched has indicated their desire to baptise in July at Bethel's Anniversary.

Revelation was taught by divine arrangement to bolster their Easter Camp's study of Genesis, and the Flood of Noah. There is an awakening to Bethelites of Jesus' soon coming.

June 3, 94

#### From Melbourne to Cameron Highlands Nonstop

We left Melbourne Sunday afternoon 3.15 pm and arrived back the same night, 9 pm. We stepped into the Parsonage at 9.30 and by 10.10 we hopped on one of two Sharon coaches for Cameron Highlands. There were 74 campers, including our Australian friends, the Errol Stone family of five. (Errol, a farmer from W. Australia is enrolled with FEBC, his wife a part-timer. We welcome them to Life Church.)

Instead of travel fatigue over such long distances, we've found coming up the mountain here a time of refreshing.

Sharon Church Camp this time is managed practically by a new generation of young

leaders. Their zeal is heartening. The messages by Rev Paaupe and me, he speaking on Family Life and I on God's Plan for Your Life are complementary to each other. Pray that the seed sown will sprout to life everlasting.

#### Life Church Camp, Awana, June 13-17

Now I hear that 350 Lifers are headed for Awana, Genting. We must pray together that God will speak specially to young people. Pray that "Counselling Recipes through 40 Years Pastoring," a 112-page book may come off the press by June 13 when we set out, that campers on the hill will read it for enhanced results.

"The Lord is coming real soon" is the watchword of Rev C T Hsu. Yes, as we seek Him up the hill, this is one message we will receive from Rev Paaupe speaking on Matt 24.

Because we sincerely believe His coming may occur in our lifetime and He says that the Gospel must be accelerated for a witness unto all nations, we must redouble our efforts to go into all the world. Hence the three weeks we spent in Melbourne, the week up Cameron with Sharon and the next week with our own Camp.

After this we are scheduled to the inauguration of the English Service with Rev John Ling in Kemaman, Fri July 1, '94. Pray for us and leaders of three Preaching Bands and supporting teams.

#### "Dew of Sharon" Descending on our Prayer Meeting, Tues Night

At Sharon Camp, we had four teams to present a Gospel Sketch each at the last night. The winning team sketched the story of Jacob stealing Esau's birthright and his banishment and how he found the Lord as a result. The message was so dramatically acted that we have requested them to re-enact it this coming Tues Night Prayer Meeting. This will also bring Lifers and Sharonites together in the bond of mutual brotherly service. You will be stirred by the devotion of young Sharonites. Bring your family! Bring a friend! Come for a time of inspirational singing.

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

#### "O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS!"

That Renovations on Life Church and FEBC --- FEK Annexe are in full swing is seen of all from week to week. In this photo you'll see what was being done to the FEBC Hall and Life Chinese Church auditorium. This morning when the Chinese Service meets, you'll see the "dancing" flooring of yesteryears neatly tiled with a soothing, floor colour. A new pulpit with graduated steps in front for singing choirs replaces the old wooden platform.

The floor area of the Chinese Service Hall is 22.5x90 ft = 2,025 sq ft. Our main Auditorium where the English congregation meets is 4,500 sq ft. When the Chinese Service Hall is fully furnished, it will provide seating for 250. Our weekly attendance is 150-180.

It is proposed that when No.9 & 9A is completed, for economy sake, we should cross over to No.10 to complete all renovations. It is cheaper because by transferring from 9 & 9A to No. 10 in one breath, it takes less time and energy.

Renovations of our Church and College, would have taken place in 1989 had not Beulah House come into view. When the Lord clinched the deal for us in Oct 1989, first things first, we had to get \$7.2 million to acquire it. Naturally, renovations were shelved. As a matter of principle we decided not to renovate until all debts were paid. Today we still have \$475,000 in the red, on paper. Quite a few are converting their loans to gifts. Perhaps there are those foremost for action, who seeing work being done now, would like to give to Renovations. You can convert your loan to help out in this hour of need. The cost is \$300,000. This is a good price.

Another reason we did not renovate earlier is our obligation to missions. Not a few have written the pastor not to curtail missions because of the Beulah debt. No, we have not. Conversely we have stepped into every opening God has given us, and you have increased your gift to meet expenditure, on to mission field. The converts that have come in are temples of the Holy Spirit. So they must take precedence over temples of brick and mortar.

In this respect, we are sorry that building a mountain church in Kenya has stopped and J.S. Heng has returned. The Session will meet soon to hear the reports. For this reason the requests by Joshua Wonsia in Ivory Coast cannot be fully met until we visit the field. Rev Bob Phee and the pastor of Life Church are minded to fly there also with a view to ordaining our brother. The King's Business required haste, if we are to worship Him in holiness.

#### ADMONITIONS ON REPAIRING GOD'S HOUSE

**Haggai 1:7-8** Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

**Haggai 2:8,9** The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

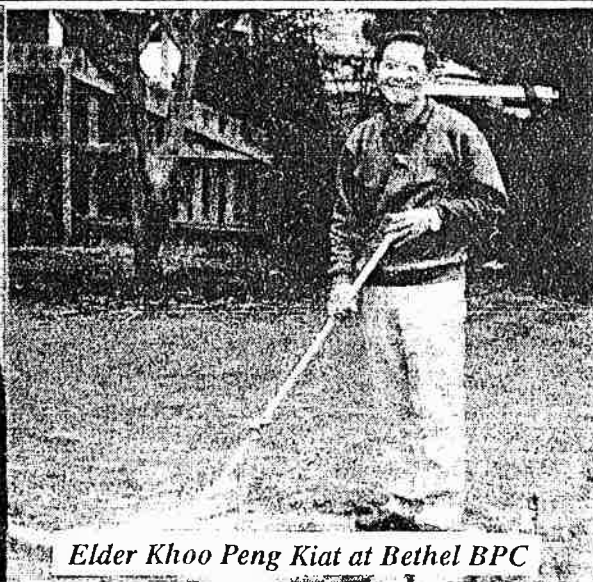
**Malachi 3:10** Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessings, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 13 - 19, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON - FRI	Lifers at Awana Camp	*\$4,570.00 (8.00 am); *\$15,135.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Elder George Tan)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2094)*\$4570; 2095)*\$15135;
WED 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	2096)\$250; 2097)\$592(Chinese Ser.); 2098)\$150; 2099)
SAT 3.30 pm	EBF	\$450(Keb. Indonesia). TOTAL: \$4,571,027.32.
SUN 8.00 am	A do nothing Christian heavily reprimanded (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	GRAND TOTAL:\$5,003,448.57.
9.30 am	Sunday School	OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations \$250, \$200, \$100;
10.30 am	Rev Tow	\$414(Box); J.Wonsia \$250; China Mission \$120; VBS
10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$150, \$300; Hilltop \$50; Kemaman \$100, \$50;
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship	Thailand \$200; Philippines \$170; Alfsen \$500;
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Seets \$250; Dn Jack Sin \$250; Adelaide Stone
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Mansion \$680(WF); FEBC \$500(Sharonite).
12.30 pm	Korean Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	(1) I am greatly blessed by your exposition on the book of
1.00 pm	Missionary F'ship Anniv.	Revelation these past 3 weeks. It reminds me of the nearness
	Thanksgiving Service, FEBC Hall	of our Lord's soon return. Such urgency warrants me to
3.00 pm	Thai Service	think of what I can do for the Lord's ministry while He
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	tarries. I think it is blessed to give to a church that gives. I
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	hope this gift of mine will be used in the Lord's ministry in
6.30 pm	Burmese Service	one way or another. God bless you and your family.
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok, Bishan.		SGD500. - fr a young Bethelite
Verse for the Week: Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph 6:11		(2) Please contribute this to any charity that our church
Awana Camp T-Shirts available at Life Book Centre.		supports. Thank you. The Lord has blessed me with
		abundant grace, giving me a much hoped for gift which I've
		waited 3 years for. (\$50)
		Sunday School Offering: \$250.10; Attendance: 292



Dr & Mrs Goh Seng Fong



Elder Khoo Peng Kiat at Bethel BPC



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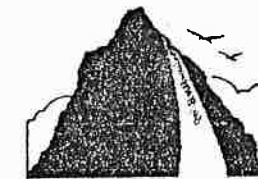
### "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	No. 86	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 121	Psalms 37:1-24
Hymn	No. 566	No. 355
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 559	No. 242
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	II Cor 5:8-11	Gen 24:1-28
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The neglected doctrine of Christ's Judgment Seat	At the Crossroads of Life (Rev Stephen Khoo)
	No. 265	No. 532
Closing Hymn	Lord's Supper	
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

Going to some highland once a year to hold a Family Bible Camp for our Church is in the good tradition of our Lord. Can you count how many times He went up a mountain to pray? The most famous mountain is undoubtedly the Mount of Transfiguration where Moses and Elijah joined Him! Jesus says to His tired disciples, "Come ye apart into a desert place, and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). So He says to us today.

To run a Bible Camp for our Church Family, while providing them a time of holy rest and fellowship, is also of great economy. Think of the sum each must spend if undertaken individually. Besides, we have a time of spiritual feeding, through singing and praying, and hearing the Word of God. The message by Rev Paauwe on "God's Kingdom According to



Matthew 24" and the one by the pastor, "Has God a Plan for Your Life?" are timely subjects.

That 359, more than twice last year's number, are going to Genting shows we are more vigorous in mountain climbing each year. May we attain to greater spiritual heights. May we see more clearly from our mountain top the things of God, and be more prepared for His coming, now even at the Door. Jesus may come in our lifetime! My lifetime!

Let us pray for safety, travelling up and down. And when we return to our flat Island, be ready to serve again. In this respect we are grateful for those who take leave to help out at the VBS. VBS is Home Missions which is within reach by every Lifer.

Now, a word on foreign missions. We want to remember especially N. Thailand where Jess and Nirand have laboured for three years, for the Charles Seet in Manila, also for three years. There's Jenny Ong in Kenya. Not the least are Elder & Mrs Khoo in Australia.

A new phenomenon in foreign missions are the visits made by Lifers to these countries. The medical mission



to the Hilltop, Philippines is well appreciated by our Filipino friends.

As to mission fields just next door, like Batam and Bintan, visits are more frequently made. From Indonesia, especially, we cater also to the sick. Pray for another young man like Hendro, injured in a traffic accident. He came in a coma. Thank God, he has now become conscious.

A newest field the Lord has opened is Kemaman in Trengganu. Immediately after our Awana Camp, a team of ten under Eld Sng will hold a VBS there, taking advantage of their having covered a good mileage up to K.L. From Singapore to Kemaman (also known as Chukai) the distance is 350 miles. From K.L. 211, so we see a saving of 139 miles. (From Singapore to Kuantan, it is 311 miles).

Now here comes another call from Rev John Ling, "Dungun, Dungun! Dungun, 50 miles north of Kemaman (Chukai) has a new two storey church, fully furnished, but no pastor." The Lord echoes, "Who will go for us?"

John Ling and I were discussing Dungun the night before. Early the next morning, however, Kah Teck's wife came to see me. Immediately, my reaction was, here is the answer to Dungun! I've discussed this need with Kah Teck and he is interested to go. So we will include him in our expedition to Kemaman July 1st to inaugurate the English Service.

As this pastoral chat goes to press, here comes copy of a letter from Rev Ling to Dr Patrick Tan, dated June 5, '94. In it he records the testimony of a member of his Church about a Mr Roger Wee his close friend. He says of Mr Roger Wee: "He is doing insurance business, and his main office is in Kuala Trengganu and his branch office is in Kemaman. Mr Roger Wee will come to Kemaman two days a week to attend his business. Mr Roger Wee is a God fearing Christian. When he comes to Kemaman he always comes to visit me at night to study Bible with me and my youngest son. Mr Roger



Wee told me he would get up early in the morning and drives round the town and prays for the salvation of the people of Kemaman and ask God that He may move some one to establish an English Service so to let the English speaking people to hear the Gospel and be saved. Mr Roger has put this request to the Lord for nearly a year. He couldn't wait so he started an English Service in his friend's house. He invited his Anglican Pastor from Kuala Trengganu to preach every Monday night...

"The above testimony showed that God has answered Mr Roger's prayers and supplications. God sent Rev Tow to Kemaman for this purpose. I did not invite Rev Tow to come to Kemaman to establish an English Service before he came on the 14 Feb 94. We were discussing Bukit Batu piece of land we bought more than fifteen years ago. Then I invited him to help me to establish an English Service and he readily agreed. This is because I cannot wait any longer.

"When Rev Tow went back to Singapore I went round visiting the Session members and explain the present situation of the English Service. They all were happy to hear the good news. The Session is going to give a welcoming dinner to the Singaporeans." *Obediently, T.T.*

## COUNSELLING RECIPES

*Through 40 Year Pastoring*

*By T. Tow*

Crystallized from the wealth of over 40 years' pastoral experience, this book touches on many areas of life such as fear, depression, healing, demon activity, ethics, money, marriage, buildings and more.

No amount of counselling can be complete or successful if it does not rest on the rightful foundation of Christ and His written Word. That is why Dr Tow stresses, "I merely turn my clients over to the Counsellor of counsellors (Isa 9:6), even our Saviour Jesus Christ, and to His Holy Spirit . . . As counsellors' our job is simply to bring our patients to Christ the Living Word. It is He who prescribes to us the treatment or recipe (in His written Word)."

Though deep enough to be a course in pastoral theology for those preparing for full-time service, this book is written in plain language to be of practical benefit to the average Christian.

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## TESTIMONY

*By Roland Yeo Kim Seng*

I feel extremely grateful to my family for bringing me up in a Christian environment. As a little boy growing up, my mother and grandmother used to tell me many stories about the goodness of Jesus. They would consistently remind me of God's unfailing love for us, and the comfort He provides whenever we call out His name in prayer. As my mother did not attend church regularly, she did not insist on my attendance too. Without the fellowship of other Christians, I soon drifted away from Christ; in spite of my faith in Him.

Three years ago, I started attending church again. My girlfriend Hui Ching and I, had started dating, when she introduced me to the Sunday Gospel Hour at Calvary Pandan. During that time, I realized how much I had gone astray, and I wanted to return by drawing

nearer to Christ. About a year later, I started to attend the morning service at Life Church. The Lord had blessed our relationship by bringing us closer together, and ever since, we have been attending Life Church every Sunday.

I decided to be baptised in Life Church last year. Although I did not feel the urgency of getting baptised initially, I understand the reasons for baptism better now. As a young boy, I accepted Jesus as my Saviour, but still have not been baptised. My baptism this Easter, serves as my personal commitment to Jesus, for me to live my life according to the lessons taught in the Bible. I pray that I will constantly uphold my promise to Him, and put Jesus in control of my life.

*By Ng Kian Wee*

I am Ng Kian Wee, currently a third year Engineering student at the National University of Singapore. I accepted Christ on 12 July 1992. I thanked GOD that I am able to get to know of Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who while we were still sinners had died for our sins on the cross at Calvary. It was by no fluke that I came to know our Lord. Months before I repented, I was confronted by lots of worldly worries. I was searching for the answer to the meaning of life and my purpose in this world. Is life all about fame, glory, woman, wealth and a successful career? It seems to me that these motivations were not everlasting and in life one is bound to be confronted by many difficulties. I need a constant source of motivation, a lamp to my feet to guide my path such that I may not fall in this world which is full of temptations. Christ is the answer. Although tempted by the many temptations of this world, he never sinned.

I have been attending Sunday Service at Life Bible-Presbyterian Church since I became a Christian. I thanked God for Kelvin Lin from the YAF who had spent time with me after every Sunday Service to go through the follow-up series. I have decided to attend catechism class because I want to be more committed to God and I strive to serve him well.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 20 - 26, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (new songs)	*\$4,374.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,676.00 (10.30 am)		
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2100)*\$4374; 2101)*\$10676; 2102) \$611; 2103) \$1600; 2104) \$300. TOTAL: \$4,588,588.32. GRAND TOTAL:\$5,021,009.57.		
FRI	8.00 pm	Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse	OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations \$600. \$350. \$1000. \$80(Box); Adelaide Stone Mansion \$50, \$110; Missions \$50; Sembawang BPC \$50; Hilltop \$100; Kemaman \$400, \$500; Missionary Fd \$50; JS Heng \$250; Nirands \$250, \$300; Seets \$250, \$300; Rev Colin Wong \$250; Jenny Ong \$200; Eld Khoo Peng Kiat \$200; Burma FEFST \$400; Extn of the Gospel \$107; Thanksgiving \$200.		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF Anniv.; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	3.30 pm	EBF	(1) Thank the Lord for enabling my daughter to pass her exam and all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Appportion as you see fit. (\$400)		
SUN	8.00 am	No Cross, No Crown (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(2) I thank God for having seen my grandmother through a recent period of critical ill-health. This is a mere token of my appreciation. Praise God! Kindly appportion it as follows - \$250 Seets in Hilltop; \$250 Dn Jack Sin; \$250 Church renovation; \$250 EBF.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	(3) Please find tithe to the Lord. May Pastor use this small amount of money to the extension building fund. May our Lord bless and keep me and my family. Praise be to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Amen. (\$30)		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service			
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Joo Chiat.					
Verse for the Week: He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:11					
Sunday School Offering: \$317.64; Attendance: 300					



The Pastor baptising at Kelapa Sawit,  
Easter '94



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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. 81
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Heb 6:1-12	Haggai 1
Hymn	No. 393	No. 323
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 220	No. 351
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Matt 25:14-30	Luke 13:20-30
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	A do nothing Christian heavily reprimanded (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	Too many, too late
Closing Hymn	No. 405	No. 279
Benediction		

### Echoes from Genting Highland

First of all, we must thank God for all 359 campers arriving back safely, Friday afternoon. There were a dozen cars that drove up and down apart from nine aircon coaches.

While this was a combined Church Camp, the Chinese congregation had their separate meetings, the children were under the pastor's wife, the various Fellowships had their individual or combined activities. In the evening meetings both English and Chinese came together, with expert interpretation by Miss Ng Sang Chiew. One good result from this combined service was the salvation of an elderly man, father of Tung Chin.

From the English congregation, a member of the YAF saw the pastor about his decision to serve the Lord full-time. He enrolled with FEBC. Another young man, who went through the last catechism class but did not baptise, now declared his readiness for baptism.

Half a dozen campers who were signed up for VBS, Kemaman, branched north to Kemaman via K.L., thus saving 139 miles, were they to set out from Singapore. Ada, leader of the team, flew in to lead the way. The Kim Kah Tecks followed suit to see Rev John Ling as they felt called

to Dungun, 50 miles north of Kemaman.

As usual, a thankoffering was taken, which amounted to S\$1,923.70+M\$2,156.70, is designated for the Renovation of our Church and College, now going on full blast. (A word on Renovation: We shall worship semi-open for four Sundays, beginning July 3, 8.30 am, one service, the Chinese Service concurrently, also 8.30 am. Pray for good weather.)

As to the Pastor's message, *Has God a Plan for Your Life?* this will be published into a booklet of 48 pages as soon as possible. It will be a companion to his previous message *Recipes for Living a Happy Life*. 95% he says in this new book is new, and a deeper theological probe into the mysteries of life.

The newly released book *Counselling Recipes through 40 years Pastoring*, 112 pages, price \$5 and obtainable from Life Book Centre, Life Church and Funan Centre was an added treat to the Campers. Little Elizabeth, who read the book, asked me, "Why did you have a ghost story?" I replied, "To illustrate that we Christians are not afraid of ghosts. Ghosts are afraid of us!"

- T.T.

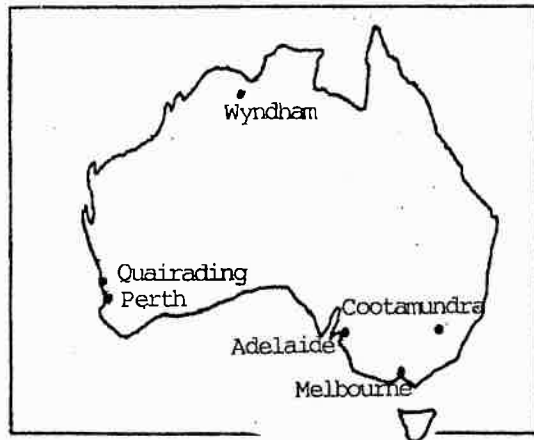
## TESTIMONY

### Errol D Stone Of Western Australia

I enjoyed 24 years of farming at Quairading, in the Central Wheatbelt of Western Australia — 20 years jointly with my father and 3 brothers, mix-farming approximately 14,000 acres, with 4,500 acres of wheat, oats, barley and lupins. This included 12,000 Merino sheep for wool and meat production. In 1990 the family partnership dissolved and we commenced farming 2,800 acres, with 3,000 sheep.

My secondary education was at Wesley College in South Perth, I was married to Robyn in 1975 and we have 3 children. All have accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. I was saved in 1989, in the Charismatic Movement.

I give thanks for our Salvation and for the assurance we have of spending eternity in heaven. Ephesians 2:8,9, "For by grace you ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." I religiously sat in a Church until I learnt, Salvation could be gained by speaking with your mouth and believing in your heart that Jesus is the Son of God, that He was born of a virgin, that he died on the cross for our sins, once and for all, that he rose again and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God and that He will come again. By repenting and confessing your sins before God, and believing there is



one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, you are born again (1 Tim 2:5; John 3:3). "Beloved, believe not every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the World" (1 Jn 4:1).

I had the honour of pioneering Farm Safety in Western Australia and speaking throughout Australia. I represented farmers at several World Conferences, being the Chairperson of the Agricultural Conference at the First World Conference on Injury Control in Sweden in 1988. I also co-ordinated, and presented Australia's first Farm Safety film called "Putting Safety First On The Farm" at the Second World Conference of Injury Control in Atlanta, Georgia, America in May 1993. Since 1987 I have visited nearly 30 countries.

Suicide prevention, sporting and community organisations, including St John Ambulance as a volunteer officer (Paramedic), and formerly as a Freemason took much of my time.

During the 1993 grain harvest, the verse of Scripture that continually came to me was, Mathew 9:37,38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest." (Luke 10:2 being identical.)

Two years previous I believed the Lord would show a sign when we were to be prepared to move from the farm. On Saturday, the 19th December 1993 (although I am cautious of signs) a sign appeared, this being 2 rainbows on our property, that all the family saw.

On the 2 January 1994, we had fellowship at the Peoples Church in Esperance, a Fundamental Bible believing Church. At the conclusion of the service I was handed an RPG, (Read Pray and Grow) A BANNER PUBLICATION from Tabernacle Books, 201, Pandan Gardens Singapore, edited by Dr S.H. Tow. On the back cover was printed a statement of faith which convicted me for the entire 2 weeks of our holiday.

It read: *At F.E.B.C. we earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered*

*unto the saints. We oppose every form of false teaching that has invaded the Church - liberalism, modernism, neo-orthodoxy, neo-evangelicalism, charismatic, pentecostalism, Romanism, ecumenism the pernicious deception of liberation theology and new age mysticism. For conservative, reformed, Protestant scholarship come to FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE, 9 Gilstead Road, Singapore. The Scripture in my mind was from 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

The day after our holiday, I listed a clearing sale for our belongings, on the computer. On the second day I had faxed to F.E.B.C. for more information. The next Sunday, we attended the Bible Presbyterian Church in Perth and to our amazement Dr S.H. Tow was preaching. Within 2 weeks we had flown to Singapore, to meet Rev Timothy Tow and to see if the college did stand by the statement of faith that it confessed and to study the Doctrines.

I found the King James Bible was earnestly contended for because of its accurate translation of the Holy Scriptures inerrant and infallible. (2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.")

After much prayer it was agreed that we should go to Singapore as a family. We had a number of mature bible believing Fundamental Pastors and Christians confirm our decision by prayer. As expected, we also encountered opposition to our decision.

I give thanks to the Lord in all things and find comfort in Mathew 7:14 "Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

The following week we organised a sale of all our sundries, machinery, household items, sheep and grain. On the 25th March we had several thousand people attend one of the largest clearing sales held in the Central Wheatbelt for several years, a blessing from the

Lord.

On the 28th May 1994 we departed from Perth leaving our loved ones behind, having leased the farm, having stored several sentimental items for our children, and basically owning our suit cases, left for Singapore, for the FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE, for 4 years, God willing.

One Scripture that I became familiar with as a Christian was Proverbs 3: 5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths."

## TESTIMONY

### By Tan Meng Tong

I was brought to LBC by Brother Paul about two and a half years ago. The first visit was a Bible study on the book of Judges taught by Elder Chia. That was the first Bible class I ever attended and I really felt the peace and joy of studying God's word which I never experienced before. During my second visit, coincidentally it was a gospel meeting and I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

I really thank God for opening my eyes and giving me the knowledge to know Him. I could still remember the song which I sang during the gospel meeting: "In the image of God, we were made long ago With a purpose divine, here His glory to show..."

Never in my life have I thought of becoming a Christian, I always thought that Church is only a place of social gathering for Christians. I thank God for His mercy and grace for saving a sinner like me according to his divine timing. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. Thank God also for bringing me to a Bible believing Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 27 - July 3, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	* \$3,778.00 (8.00 am); * \$10,774.00 (10.30 am)		
FRI		Rev Tow & Co. at Kemaman	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2105) \$20; 2106) \$300; 2107) \$20. TOTAL: \$4,588,928.32. GRAND TOTAL: \$5,021,349.57.		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations *\$3778, *\$10774, \$300, \$20, \$200, \$65(Box); Kemaman \$1279.05 (Bethel BPC); Missionary Fd \$50; Burma FEFST \$1200.		
	3.30 pm	EBF	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SUN	8.30 am	Crossing of the Red Sea (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	(1) Just a brief note to thank you for your hospitality. The accommodation is very comfortable and so close to the city. It is a very great blessing for believers to be able to assist one another in the way the Bible Presbyterian Church does. I enclose a donation towards Church funds and beg you to accept it in the name of our blessed Lord Jesus. (US\$100)		
	8.30 am	Chinese Service	(2) This is my second tithe to the Lord. May our gracious God put His healing hand on me. The Lord bless our family and keep us. (\$20)		
	10.00 am	Sunday School	Sunday School Classes during renovation period. For the next 4 Sundays in July, Sunday School will begin at 10.00 am and end at 10.45 am. All venues will remain the same except for the class in the sanctuary.		
	11.00 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service			
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.					
Verse for the Week: But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. James 3:17					
The Church Office is looking for a part/full-time qualified bookkeeper. Please call the office (2569256) for an interview with the Treasurer.					
Sunday School Offering: \$320.30; Attendance: 294					



Lifers and Sharonites at  
Dedication of Stone Mansion



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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	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
Opening Hymn	No. 34	No. 239
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 22	Eph 2:1-22
Hymn	No. 551	No. 260
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 339	No. 262
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	II Tim 2:11-13	Haggai 1
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	No Cross, No Crown (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	The Blessing of Beau- tiful God's House (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 416	No. 440
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

### \$10,000 SAVED!

From next Lord's Day July 3, for four Sundays, our Church will worship in semi-openair at 8.30 am. There will be only one service, 8.30 - 10.00 am for Holy Communion, and 8.30 - 9.45 am without Communion. The original idea of putting up a gigantic "sky-sheet" which would cost \$10,000 is dissipated in the light of Israel's exposure to the elements for forty years in the open desert. (Why can't we be in the open also --- for 4 Sundays?) Not only is this money saved for the Renovation itself, much time and energy is redeemed, to His glory.

When the two services are combined, the total attendance will number 1,000. We will try our best to accommodate, but if there is lack of seating, let the young people yield to the elderly.

The contract price for the renovation of Church and College is \$302,000. The extended renovation to Beulah House will cost much less, but the need of the hour is before us! From last Lord's Day our worship offering is channelled to Renovation. In order that we may not lag behind in payment, we must call for Total Mobilisation. Let every

department of the Church, from Sunday School to Children's Ministry, from Fellowship to Fellowship, contribute a portion from your surplus funds to begin with! Let FEK also chip in! (We have made a first payment of \$47,425.50 to the contractor.)

**Two are a confirmation from the Lord (Gen 41:32)**

No sooner had we answered Rev John Ling's call to Kemaman than another came from our brother. This time, it is Dungun, another oil town, 50 miles north of Kemaman (Chukai) and 400 miles north of S'pore. Dungun has an extended corner two-storey terrace house with worship auditorium and S.S. rooms downstairs and parsonage upstairs. It is about 300 yards from the sea.

The Church at Dungun is also under John Ling's care, but he cannot go up every Lord's Day. A resident pastor is a must. Now that Kim Kah Teck and his wife and two children have reported most favourably to us, and are available any time, we should send them without further delay. They should be present at the English Service Inauguration July 1. Kah Teck is trilingual! For the blessing of our Chinese Service, we would offer Dungun to them as their second mission station, after Tanjung Uban. Besides, they're taking the

initiative up the Malaysian East Coast under Eld Sng and Sister Ada.

Another FEBC graduand, Elia Chia, whose parents are our missionaries to Uban, is called to pastor a Mennonite Church, but he will still come to the Indonesian Service where he is attached the last four years.

#### Pray for Us!

Rev Bob Phee and I have finalised our flight to Ivory Coast, West Africa, leaving July 7 and returning July 15. The most economical way is via Johannesburg. Per return ticket costs \$2,950. Our purpose is mainly to examine and ordain Joshua Wonsia of Liberia. War had diverted their steps to Ivory Coast, next door to Liberia. We will also inspect the work and assess what support we can render. Pray for good health and journeying mercies and for the Word to have free course, since we do not speak French.

#### FEBC to Reopen July 18

As the School's reopening is near and renovation of the hostel is almost complete, all in-staying students, men and women, are called to clear up all residues from the contractor's work, to wash up, mop up and polish up. Not only the dorms but all passage ways and the whole campus. I would urge all students to help out in the seating arrangement in the Church gardens so as to accommodate the openair services.

We are expecting an enrolment of 15 new students. They hail from S'pore, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Burma, Korea, China, Australia. We welcome our new students to worship at Life Church, and at the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting.

The College is also applying to the authorities for the purchase of a minibus. If approved, this will save a goodly sum. If permission is granted to enter Malaysia this vehicle will facilitate groups on mission trips to Malaysia.

#### Farewell to the Paaupes

We say farewell to the Paaupes who leave us

this Lord's Day evening for Adelaide. They have spoken well at our Awana Camp and at two other camps and at a good number of Churches. They thank us for the spontaneous support for the Stone Mansion. They welcome our YAF to hold their retreat in Adelaide Dec '94. This will be like Hermon's dew descending on the hills of Zion, a mutual reviving of young people in the Lord's Service.

Australia is a very needy land spiritually speaking. Whatever we can do for Adelaide will earn good dividends. For example, the books we publish are eagerly received and read. We are happy to note there is mutual communication between Melbourne and Adelaide. Morante is speaking at the Adelaide Youth Camp this July and at the Anniversary Service.

Incidentally, the Premier of S. Australia was in Singapore some weeks ago. He stressed the rising importance of Adelaide as a centre of communications. As more people will move to this southern country we will have greater outreach to a new population. - T.T.

#### REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

I, Loh Chee Kong, desire to be baptised on 3 July 94. A brother in Christ brought me to Life BP Church in late December 1992. I began to realise my wretchedness and foolishness. I was like many sinners, doomed to eternal hell without hope. But I thank God that He has saved me, not regarding my iniquities but Christ's righteousness and obedience, and received me as His son. I believe Christ my Lord died on the cross for my sins and I confess He is my Saviour. I know for sure my hope in Christ is not a legend, nor a fairy tale, nor a lie, but is of the truth. Pray that by His grace I will continue to purify myself through His Word, lest I fall. Praise the Lord. Amen.

(The pastor has just visited his parents to try win them to Christ.)

#### FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE & BIBLE-PRESBYTERIANS RECOGNISED BY OUR GOVERNMENT

An extract from the "Christianity" section in the Singapore Year Book 1993 published by the Ministry of Information and the Arts reads:

#### 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.

#### MESSAGES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1994 (8.00 AM SERVICE)

*Theme: Spiritual Lessons from Israel's Wilderness Journey*

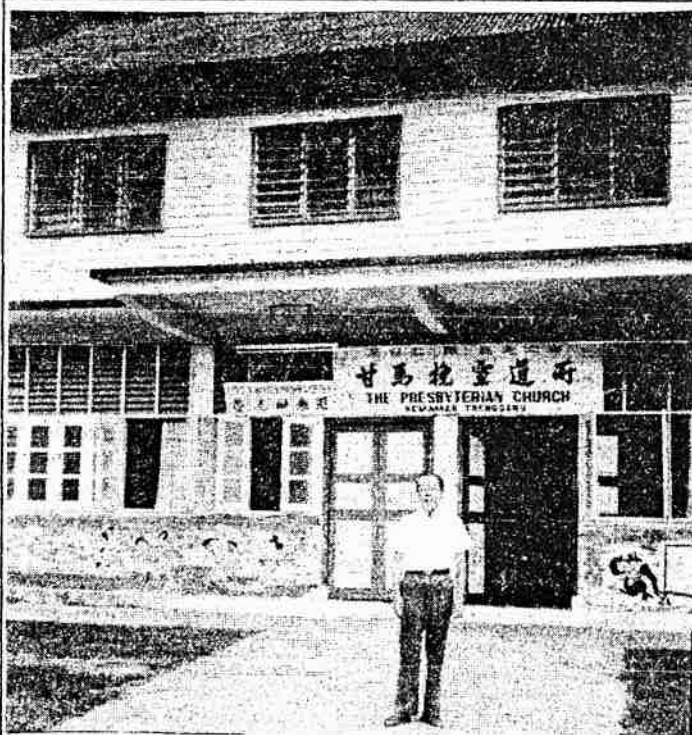
DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
JUL	3 The Crossing of the Red Sea*	Ex 14:13-31	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	10 The Raining Down of Manna	Ex 16:14-36	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Elder Mahadevan
	17 Water from the Rock	Ex 17:1-7	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	24 Battle with Amalek	Ex 17:8-16	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	31 Holy Laws for a Holy People	Ex 19:1-8; 20:1-20	Dr Lim Teck Chye	Dn Ong Eng Lam
AUG	7 Holy Laws against an Unholy People	Ex 32:1-10, 15-20, 26-28	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Jack Sin
	14 Holy Tabernacle and Worship*	Heb 9:1-15	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	21 God Blesses Every Willing Heart	35:4,5,21-29	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Tan Nee Keng
	28 The Case Against Moses	Num 12:1-15	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Dn Geoffrey Tan
SEP	4 The Tragedy at Kadesh Barnea	Num 13:1-2,26-14:1-9, 22-24	Dr Lim Teck Chye	Dn Han Soon Juan
	11 Murmuring Results in Wandering*	Num 13:26-45	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow
	18 Beware of False Prophets	Deut 18:9-22	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	25 God's Appointed Successor	Num 27:15-23	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Wee Chin Kam

\*Lord's Supper

Note: Combined Services for the first 4 Sundays of July are held at 8.30 am.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 4 - 10, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	*\$4,839.00 (8.00 am); *\$10,050.00 (10.30 am)	
THU	1.45 am	Rev Tow & Rev Phee leave for Ivory Coast	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2108) \$100; 2109)\$150.	
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall	TOTAL:\$4,589.178.32. GRAND TOTAL:	
	7.45 pm	Women's F'ship, Beulah Hse	\$5,021,599.57.	
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations *\$4839, *\$10050,	
	3.30 pm	EBF/AF	\$300, \$200, \$2100, \$250, \$1000, \$100, \$400,	
SUN	8.30 am	The Raining Down of Manna (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	\$2000, \$600, \$200, \$50, \$250, \$150, \$3000(FEK),	
	8.30 am	Chinese Service	\$155(Box); Kemaman \$50; Medan Ministry \$260;	
	8.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	Chinese Bibles \$50; Missions \$150; Rev Colin Wong \$200; Hospitality \$153; Adelaide Stone	
	10.00 am	Sunday School	Mansion \$300; Dohar(Medan) \$50; George Skariah \$75(YAF); I.Coast, W.Africa \$500 (MsF).	
	11.00 am	Church Choir Practice	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	(1) Thank you for your providence through my final year exams. Please channel this amount of money (\$250) to the church renovation currently being carried out.	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	(2) Please accept the enclosed amount, my tithe for May 94. I would appreciate it if you could use it as follows -	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	Church renovation (\$400), EBF (\$150), Missions (\$150).	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	(3) To God be the glory! Thank you Lord for our good health and your loving care for my family and me every day. Donation \$50-for Chinese bibles.	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	(4) Thank you Rev Tow for all the messages at the Awana Family Camp. It was indeed a refreshing break -- to spend time with the Lord. Many thanks to those who worked so hard in coordinating all the logistics, of ensuring the camp went on smoothly. It was indeed double blessing to have so many learned messengers (pastors, elders and deacons) to deliver the word of God. - 'A first time Camper'	
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	Verse for the Week: And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. John 10:4	
NBC This Week. Fri Joo Chiat.			Sunday School Offering: \$304.03;	
			Attendance: 269	



KEMAMAN: Rev John Ling. Above is the Parsonage, below the Kindergarten. Church not seen, on right.



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3 July 1994

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

8.30 am

Call to Worship	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	The Church of Fragrant...
Invocation-Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 19
Hymn	No. 30
Announcements	
Baptism of Loh Chee Kong	O Happy Day!
Offering & Hymn	No. 357
Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Text	Ex. 14:13-31
Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	The Crossing of the Red Sea
Closing Hymn	
Lord's Supper	No. 300
Benediction	

My dear Readers,

### Kenya Mountain Church

The Session has studied the case of the unfortunate stoppage of work on the KMC, and the withholding of funds. In view of the fact that the said church had its foundations laid and the walls have risen above the ground, Session deems it proper to release the remainder of the US\$10,000 to the Mountain congregation so God's House might be completed without delay. To express our appreciation to Principal Mark Kim, BCEA for the part he has played as our "banker", we are giving them a love-gift of US\$1,000. This sum will help Bible College of East Africa build a chapel, now in progress.

### Counselling Recipes Thru 40 Years Pastoring

Letter of appreciation received from Lay Tin:

Last week, I received the book *Counselling Recipes Through 40 Years Pastoring* from Eng

Lam and Shirleen. The arrival of this book has been most timely as I shall be going for an operation on 30 June 94 and need reassurance from God.

I wish to let you know that your book has helped me in many ways. It has uplifted me and also aroused my interest in the Psalms. I am sure it will be of great help to other Christians too.

Thank you Rev Tow for helping me and many others who benefit from your testimony through your books.

May our Lord Jesus bless you with good health and joy as you continue to serve Him.

This is an eye-opener to our Readers how you can also be a blessing to your friends, Christian or non-Christian --- by giving books that will save lives. Our Recipes have been tried, and cures have been obtained from the Lord. Another, the pink booklet, *Recipes for Living a Happy Life*, containing three messages preached at Life Church Bible Camp, Genting View Resort, 1993 has blessed many readers. You can get this for \$2.50 from Life Book Centre. Who knows you may thereby save a soul?!

### Testimony of Dorcas Ang Lai Kheng

I was called to speak at Tabernacle BPC's 7th Anniversary last Lord's Day. There I was given a souvenir magazine in which was a testimony of Dorcas Ang Lai Kheng. This is another eye-opener to me, so I have it reprinted here for your edification:

I grew up in a typical 70's kampong with temples and gods aplenty. I remembered being quite 'religious' since a tender age, and would often be entrusted with the job of burning joss paper, because I would do it

most reverently, unlike my other more playful siblings. I enjoyed the smell of burning incense. We were all one big extended family living under the same roof, and my great grandmother, the matriach of the household, was extremely superstitious, so were my uncles, aunts, cousins and all my neighbours.

When a cousin was murdered, they managed to call his 'spirit' back. The sick would go to the temple medium, not the doctor, and would always be cured, or so they reported. Thus I was suitably impressed, and amidst all this idolatry, I never once doubted my belief. In Primary 6, a friend tried preaching to me. But I was frightened when she mentioned the blood of Jesus. I immediately rejected the message, and the messenger.

But the Lord had His own timing. I was supposed to go to River Valley Secondary School, but eager to be with familiar faces, I chose Crescent Girls' instead. There, I met Victoria. Her brother brought her to church, and she in turn invited some of the classmates. I was curious and asked to join them. I attended the meetings regularly. One day, almost a year later, the Lord touched my heart and I realized my own sinfulness and accepted Him as my Saviour. I was baptised few months later and there was no turning back. I met parental objections, uncles' and aunts' ridicule, and pressure from others to conform. But I thank God for His strength, grace and mercy that had preserved me through those initial difficult years. From wanting to attend Sunday Service to Baptism, refusing to take food offered to idols, and refusing to partake

in the religious ceremonies, I had many stormy sessions with my parents.

I remembered after one particular such session when I almost wanted to give up my new-found, precious faith. My father, who had always had gastric problems, was so angry, hurt and disappointed over my refusal to give up Christ that he vomited and was in severe pain. I could hardly bear with my Mum's cold shoulder and my brothers' and sister's accusation of my lack of filial piety. I was paralyzed with fear and guilt. I was so afraid that I might lose my Dad forever. Countless times through the night I went to his room to see that he was well. Once I thought that he was not breathing and I went numb. It was a night of turmoil. I debated with myself if it was wise to continue to upset him. Can't I just wait, just postpone my belief, till a few more years later?

Thank the Lord. He knows the measure of testing we can endure. The next day my Dad told me first thing in the morning that I could go to Church on Sunday from henceforth. More than a decade has passed since that night, but I have never asked him what caused him to change his mind. But surely it was the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes.

I always had to eat bread or biscuits on the first and fifteenth of the month in the Lunar Calendar. Food, glorious food, was a real temptation. Then one Mid Autumn Festival, Dad came home with two pomelos, a big and a small one. The big one he put on the altar, and the small one he gave to me. That was the beginning of the 'big and small' affair in my home. One big plate of steamed prawns in the

centre, and one small plate the corner, my corner. From rice to vegetables to meat and even fruits, Dad and Mum painstakingly separated them into big portion for their offering, and small one for my consumption. I thank GOD for His marvellous kindness and for such loving parents. I can only pray that they will come to trust the Lord quickly, to accept Him as their own personal Saviour...

**Commentary:** In the light of what I've written on the power of Baptism against heathens in my Counselling book, you will notice that as a result of Dorcas taking a stand through BAPTISM, her father yielded to let her attend Church. Realising that she belonged to Jesus they reserved a small portion of the family's food for her exclusively, not being offered first to the idols on the 1st and 15th of the Moon. If you are not baptised for fear of parental opposition, this testimony should strengthen you to stand up for Christ. - T.T.

### **Echo from Awana**

*(Letter from a camper to the Pastor)*

I was much moved to say something for the Lord at the Awana camp, but was unable to do so I've decided to pen this testimony instead, for His glory:

To be very frank, I had not intended to go for the Awana Family Church Camp. When Dn Paul Wong approached me three weeks before the Camp to ask me to go because a camp doctor was needed, I was not keen because I had just started a new posting in Alexandra Hospital and did not want to take leave so soon, so I declined.

However, just one week prior to the camp, when Dn Alan Chia told my father of the urgent need for a camp doctor, who in turn urged me to go, I remembered that Pastor had always said two is a confirmation.

I knew it would be immensely difficult to apply for leave at the eleventh hour, but after much prayer and careful consideration, I trusted

that if the Lord wanted me to go, He would make a way for me. Sure enough, my consultant approved my application, with a readiness that surprised me. Truly, the Lord is a worker of mighty acts that bring glory to His Name!

I thank the Lord for directing me to this camp, and there are a host of wonderful reasons. Firstly, the richness and power of the messages. We had a great feast of three to four sumptuous, satisfying messages a day, with two rock-solid ones by Pastor and Rev Paauwe every morning and evening. Each message could last a whole hour or hour and a half, but I would sit glued to my seat, not realising the time because the Word of God was so powerfully preached. Truly the Lord blessed us with a beautiful harvest of golden lessons learnt sitting at the feet of these men of God.

Secondly, I thank the Lord for granting sweet and delightful fellowship with the brethren. We had a really good time at Awana learning God's Word together and playing together. The best portrayal of family spirit was when all three hundred and sixty of us climbed onto a grassy hill slope in the afternoon sun and erupted into radiant smiles for the camp photograph session!

Finally, praise the Lord for allowing me to be used by Him to minister to the physical needs of the campers. Indeed, there were many, many brethren -- babies, children, adults, elderly people -- who came with a multitude of minor ailments. There was the ubiquitous upper respiratory tract infections, travel sickness, giddiness, cuts, mouth ulcers, diarrhoea, constipation, eczema, drug allergy reaction and others. Thank God for providing an adequate supply of medicines through Dn Henry Tan, who even went with his wife to Kuala Lumpur halfway through the camp to top up the supplies. But above all, it was the Lord Himself who was the Great Camp Doctor, and He took care of each of His children, supplying their every need, both spiritual and physical.

All praise and glory to His Name!

- Han Mei Lan

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 11 - 17, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$15,957.00
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Elder Sng Teck Leong)	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Renovations</i> *\$15957, \$100, \$400, \$1000, \$155(Box), \$852(Chinese Ser.), \$500(Keb. Indonesia); <i>Seets</i> \$150, \$50; <i>China</i> \$130; <i>Thailand</i> \$215; <i>Indonesia</i> \$200; <i>W.Africa(J Wonsia)</i> \$350; <i>Adelaide Stone Mansion</i> \$20; <i>FEBC</i> \$44, \$300(AF).
FRI	7.00 am	Rev Tow & Rev Phee return	
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF;	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
	3.00 pm	LBC/YAF(Rev Tow)	
	3.30 pm	EBF/AF	(1) <i>Just want to thank God for His kindness and mercy in seeing me through my course the past 8 months. Indeed it is by His grace that I have passed the course. All praise and glory to our God Almighty. Enclosed is a love offering or rather thanksgiving. Please channel it to where it is needed most. (\$200) - By His Grace, A Lifer</i>
SUN	8.30 am	Water from the Rock (Rev Tow)	
	8.30 am	Chinese Service	(2) <i>Thanks be to God in whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. I'm ever so grateful to Him for seeing me through my exams and even now through my work. Please channel this to the Seets. (\$150)</i>
	8.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	
	10.00 am	Sunday School	<b>Congratulations</b> to Rev Carl Martin on his conferment of the D.Min. by Westminster Theological Seminary, USA! The Church Office is looking for a part/full-time qualified bookkeeper. Please call the office (2569256) for an interview with the Treasurer.
	11.00 am	Church Choir Practice	
	12.15 pm	AF	Verse for the Week: And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. Psalm 90:17
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	Sunday School Offering: \$327.60
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Bishan.
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	



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



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10 July 1994

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

8.30 am

Call to Worship	Elder Mahadevan
Opening Hymn	No. 49
Invocation-Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 78:1-22
Hymn	No. 87
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	No. 335
Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Text	Ex. 16:14-36
Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	The Raining Down of Manna (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
Closing Hymn	No. 302
Lord's Supper	
Benediction	

My dear Readers,

### Another Victory Thru Baptism

Last Sunday we testified how Dorcas Ang Lai Kheng through Baptism found release to attend Church and to eat food specially reserved for her, apart from the household idols.

The same day Loh Chee Kong was baptised, by special request. He witnessed how after Awana he was convicted of the sin of "wait-till-the-next-time," but when the next time came, it was still "wait till the next time." This waiting came from parental objection, so he got the pastor to see his dad and mum. Praise the Lord, it worked! Chee Kong's parents not only did not object but came to see their son's baptism. Being Chinese-speaking they were ushered to the Chinese Service after the son's baptism. It is our earnest prayer that salvation will come to the whole house.

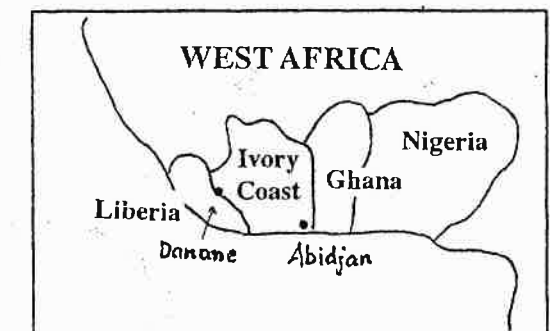
Then came the sermon. When the pastor was reading I Cor 10, "how that our fathers were under the cloud, and passed through the sea, and were all baptised unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea...", it began to drizzle, and from a drizzle to a heavy downpour. It seemed this was well-timed of the Lord for effect. The sermon went on to the end. In a matter of ten minutes the service was brought to a climax with the singing of "The Cleansing Wave." The congregation experienced a new "baptism" that brought them closer to the Lord and to one another. If there were murmurings they proved what the Bible says of the Israelites' failure under testing is true. "But with many of them God was not well-pleased for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not..." (I cor 10:1-6).

### Ivory Coast - Cote d'Ivoire

Ivory Coast, 322,000 sq km, is on the west African Coast between Liberia and Ghana. Population: 15,000,000. Commercial capital is Abidjan, 3,000,000 population.

Ivory Coast is one of the world's largest producers of cocoa, coffee and palm oil. It became independent of France in 1960.

There is religious freedom. The





Government is sympathetic to missions. Leadership for the Churches is the big bottleneck. Many denominations have one trained pastor for every 10-20 congregations. Protestants number 5.3% and Roman Catholics 20% of the population.

July 7, Rev Bob Phee and I fly South African Airlines to Johannesburg. We catch another plane the same day for Abidjan where we will be met by Joshua Wonsia. After a night's stay we travel some 300 miles northwest to our mission station Danane. There we will meet with the congregations and ordain our African brother, a BP minister. We return to Singapore the early morning of July 15. Pray for us. Thank the Lord for a love gift of \$250 from a Lifer to help our travelling expenses and for \$1,000 received after Tues. Prayer Meeting.

#### **Kemaman English Service Launched**

For details read report by Angelina Sin who accompanied our Maiden "voyage" Friday, July 1. Now that we are fielding one team every week for three Fridays in the month, we are sending a second team under Dr Jeffrey Khoo July 8. He is assisted by Lai Swee Huat, Galilean student at FEBC (guitarist) and two Africans, Leonard and Alex, both of Kenya. They'll sing a duet and give testimony of their salvation and call.

Kemaman provides her own pianist in a 14-year-old girl now in her Grade 8. We welcome other Gospel Teams to sustain this work in

Kemaman. I hear our Men's Fellowship and Maranatha are interested. "And the Gospel must first be published among all nations" (Mark 13:10) and then shall the end come. Hence our accelerated missions to the ends of the earth.

#### **Ordinations**

Meanwhile, we're glad to hear of more mission doors opened for Calvary BPC. In October Dr S H Tow will visit Sydney, Vancouver, Toronto and London. At Toronto he will inaugurate a BPC. In London he will ordain Mr Vincent Hee a BPC minister with the help of Dr Patrick Tan. Praise the Lord!

Calvary (Chinese) BPC has requested me to moderate the ordination of Pang Kok Hiong, missionary to Saipan, Lord's Day, August 7, '94, 8.00 am. This is in order that he may officiate baptism and the Lord's Supper with house churches that have been established in China after his converts had returned to their homeland.

Others who are due for ordination are Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Cheong Chin Meng, Wee Eng Moh, Das Koshy. Apostolic Mandate: "For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly..." (Titus 1:5,6).

- T.T.

#### **REPORT ON KEMAMAN TRIP**

by Angelina Sin

1 July 1994 is a significant and memorable date for both the Kemaman Life Presbyterian Church and Life BP Church in Singapore. It was the day of dual blessings as the long-awaited English Worship Service and Young Peoples Fellowship were both inaugurated.

A team of 10 led by our pastor, Rev Timothy Tow, left Singapore at 8 pm on Thursday by night coach headed for Trengganu. We thank God for a safe and comfortable journey through the often dark, winding and bumpy roads on the east coast of the Malaysian peninsula. We were expected to arrive at Kemaman at 4.30 am the next morning. Instead, we actually arrived at a record time of 3.45 am! While waiting for Rev John Ling to pick us up from the bus terminal, we were refreshed with hot drinks from a nearby coffee shop and even Korean sushi brought by ahFEBCer. Rev Ling came in good time and we were whisked to the church for a quick rest before the break of dawn.

The first English Worship Service of Kemaman Life Presbyterian Church at 10 am that morning was attended by about 30 to 40 people. Except for some worshippers from the Chinese Service, most of them were new to the church. Thank God for the timeliness of the English Service. Rev Tow gave the keynote message on *The Great Commission* to challenge the worshippers to go and preach the gospel to others and bring them to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our Korean FEBCer, Kim Sung Moo, presented a solo item *O Jerusalem* which was warmly received when Pastor taught the congregation this beautiful song. The three preachers for the subsequent weeks, Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Dn Jack Sin and Dn Yiew Pong Sen, were also introduced to the congregation. While the Worship Service was in

progress, a children Sunday School was conducted by Mrs Ling and Sis Ada. We had a wonderful time of fellowship together while having refreshments after the service.

The Kemaman Church treated us to a delectable dinner at a nearby restaurant. Thereafter, we returned to commence the Young Peoples Fellowship meeting at 8 pm. It was attended by slightly more than 20 brethren. Dr Jeffrey Khoo was the Lord's messenger and he spoke on God's Love. Those at the meeting were also challenged through a hymn to bring one friend with them the following week. The meeting ended promptly at about 9.30 pm. The team then prepared to catch the 10.30 pm Singapore-bound night coach. Our journey home was delayed and we arrived in Singapore at 7.45 on Saturday morning.

The weekly team to be sent from Life Church will have a full load of ministry in Kemaman, beginning with Worship Service and Sunday School at 10.00 am and Young Peoples Fellowship at 8.00 pm. Is there any among us who would like to share this ministry and go with the team occasionally? Please pray for the safety and ministry of these weekly preaching teams to be sent from our midst.

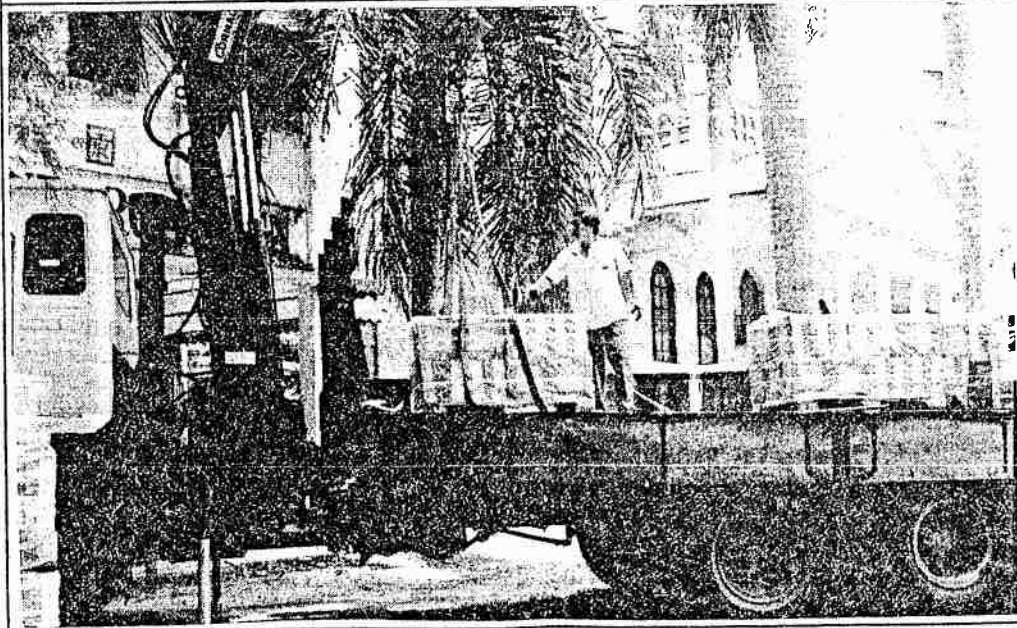


*Inauguration of English Service  
Life Presbyterian Church, Kemaman,  
July 1, '94*





APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 18 - 24, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$12,553.00
MON	8.30 am	FEBC Re-Opens Day of Prayer, Beulah Hse	OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations *\$12553, \$6000, \$1000, \$500, \$100, \$500, \$700, \$200, \$1100, \$500, \$300, \$213(Coinafon), \$300, \$107, \$1600, \$210(WF), \$300; Seets \$107; G Kutty \$400; Chinese Bibles \$200; Missions \$200, \$1000, \$500.
	7.30 pm	Combined F'ship Coordinating Committee Mtg	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Rev Phee video)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	(1) Thank God for His grace, mercy and especially for Jesus Christ. Small token of \$130 for China mission. (2) Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Please assign enclosed offerings \$215 and \$200 to missionary work in Thailand and Indonesia respectively. Thanks. (3) Whenever I return to the Lord 1/10 of my tithe, He never fails to give me 110/100 as your latest book shows. His lovingkindness is better than life and I shall yet praise Him. - Blessed Lifer (4) We deeply appreciate being able to stay at Life Church/ FEBC. Enclosed is our love-gift \$250 for Life, \$250 for FEBC. May the Lord bless and keep you. Ps 103:1,2. (5) Thankoffering for safe travel. (200).
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	
	3.30 pm	EBF	
SUN	8.30 am	Battle with Amalek (Rev Tow)	
	8.30 am	Chinese Service	
	8.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	
	10.00 am	Sunday School	
	11.00 am	Church Choir Practice	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	
NBC This Week. Fri Joo Chiat			
Verse for the Week: Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. Psalm 128:1			Children's Ministry Talk on 13/8/94, 7.30 pm FEBC Hall. Topic: <i>The Struggles of the Working Wife - How Can the Husband Help.</i> Speaker: Rev Philip Heng.
Sunday School Offering: \$388; Attendance: 318			



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



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"O worship the Lord in the  
beauty of holiness"

8.30 am

Call to Worship	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	I Cor 10:1-24
Hymn	No. 184
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	No. 324
Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Text	Ex. 17:1-7
Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	Water from the Rock
Closing Hymn	No. 340
Benediction	

My dear Readers,

"INTO ALL THE WORLD"

- S. & W. AFRICA (MARK 16:15)

"Underneath are the everlasting arms"  
(Dt 33:27)

No sooner had our airliner lifted her wings into the 2 am pitch darkness than came the steward's announcement, "Because of engine trouble we are returning to S'pore!" In the wee hours of the morning three Tour Coaches drove us on our way back -- to Imperial Hotel. We had a 24-hour delay, but a pleasant enforced rest.

Rom 8:28

At the big round table (Chinese style) Bob and I sat down to dine. As all other tables were taken, there came a Taiwanese family, father, mother, son, daughter to share our empty seats. "Welcome," I hailed our Chinese cousins. This broke the ice, so it gave us opportunity to witness.

Our South African Airlines originated from Taipei, so the plane had 70% Taiwanese on board. We learned in the conversation

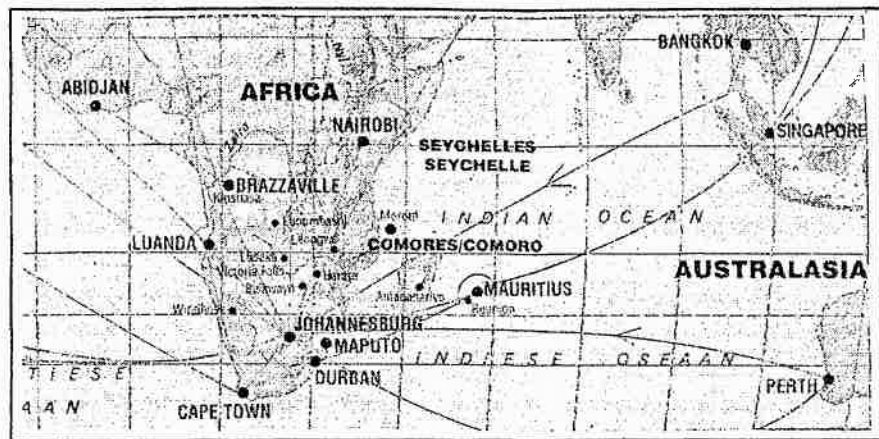
40,000 Taiwanese are now settled in South Africa. Our table friends had lived in SA for three years, but were now returned to their homeland in Taiwan. This outgoing trip to SA was for a short visit.

From such "weather talk" we got to conversing with the grown-up daughter in English. The young lady agreed with my observation she was joining the U in Taiwan. She had studied 3 years High School in S.A., so she had a good command of English. When I asked if she was a Christian, she said she was under Christian teaching for three years. She had a Bible. She used to believe in "Christianity," but now had "changed her mind." She believed rather in "Myself." Commented her father (though not a Christian), "Young people nowadays think very independently."

When the young lady wanted to know what made Christ so different from other religions I replied that sages like Confucius and Buddha all died and are buried. Christ died (not for Himself) but for our sins, so He could not be held by death. He rose on the third day in the same body he was crucified, never to die again, and gives everlasting life to those who trust in Him. Another great difference between Christ and man is He was born not of a human father but of a Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit. A quizzical smile, and there ended our conversation. But should trouble or death come, Jesus was the only Saviour. I had my last word.

Still Under His Care

When we flew out of S'pore the second time, two tyres blew up as the plane throttled into the sky. 10 hours later, after 5,300 miles in the air, we made a perfect landing, despite



the blown tyres. Several fire engines were on stand-by with flashing red lights. This confirmed our diagnosis. (This near-accident was reported by the press.) Many clapped hands for the happy landing, but we uttered a prayer of thanks to the Almighty.

#### Rent-a-car

The 24-hour delay completely dislocated our schedule. We missed the connecting flight. As the airline that connects us with Abidjan, Ivory Coast has only two flights a week, we were obliged to remain in Johannesburg till Mon. July 11. Fortunately SAA put us up at Holiday Inn at their own charges. "To kill time" we rented a car. Bob was driver and I "navigator." We visited the Gold Reef City which shows a typical village of colonial days alongside the mining works. We were taken underground to see the richest gold-mine in the world, now inactive. In gold-mining there are other minerals extracted alongside like silver, copper, uranium, etc. Nuggets are found on the earth's surface only. It is interesting to learn that Chinese coolies had played a part in gold-mining in the early days, not only in California and Australia, but also in S.Africa.

We drove also to Pretoria in less than an hour, which is the capital city. We went to the national zoo, founded at the turn of the century. Such an old zoo has nothing to show of the king of the beasts. Now we Singaporeans are

fortunate to have such a wonderful zoo that provides even night safaris. I wouldn't say we have the best zoo in the world, but one of world class, to be sure.

#### Worship

Sunday morning we found our way to a Presbyterian Church at Kempton

Park, nearest to our Airport Hotel. There the pastor, Rev Malcolm de Koch, brought an effective message from the 4th chapter of Jonah. Before the message there was a lengthy prelude of singspiration of modern songs and choruses, with various loud instruments, but no speaking of tongues. The congregation numbering over 100 fellowshipped over a cup of tea. The pastor and his wife had us for lunch, after which they kindly returned us to our hotel. We presented them our S'pore publications. He appreciated *John Sung My Teacher* because he had heard of him.

#### Scholarship

During our three-day stay in Johannesburg we were given each a room at Holiday Inn. This gave me the seclusion I needed -- the study of the Book of Daniel and the writing of the lectures as in the writing of Revelation for final publication. What I could not do in S'pore because of the Renovations and many calls, the Lord has enabled me to put to ink and paper. The title I've given to the new book is: *The Princely Prophet -- an applied commentary of the Book of Daniel*. Following the division of the Book in 12 chapters here are the subtitles:

- I. The Princely Prophet's Training
- II. Testing
- III. Testing of his Three Friends
- IV. The Princely Prophet Subdues: the Tyrant King
- V. The Tyrant King's "son"

VI. The Lions.

VII. The Princely Prophet's Vision of the Four Beasts

VIII. Of Ram and Goat

IX. Of the Seventy Weeks

X. Of God's Glory

XI. Of the Culmination of History

XII. Of Time and Eternity

(Lectures on Daniel will begin July 25 every Mon. Evening 7.30 - 9.20 pm at FEBC Hall.)

#### West African Marathon

Joshua Wonsia was at Abidjan Airport to receive us. As it was late afternoon he hurried us to the bus station to take the night coach to Danane, northwest, near the Liberian Border. The distance between Abidjan and Danane is like between S'pore and Kemaman. The buses are like 747s, five seats across, new and effortlessly powerful. The roads are amazingly straight and smooth. We encountered no hills.

Joshua has wisely rented a house in a refugee district (400,000 Liberian refugees have overflowed into Ivory Coast the last 4½ years). It looked like one predesigned, for its front hall measures 14'x28' yielding almost 400 sq.ft. (There's a side door opening into a garage.) The rent is US\$75. Here he runs a kindergarten of 73 and in a bigger building beyond over 100 are crammed in the Pr. classes.

A second front he has opened is at Dougolay 30 mins. by motor bike. In this farming district he is offered 1½ acres to build a church. S\$5,000 was given by a brother at Prayer Meeting. I've added US\$2,200 this visit to help it rise up quickly.

In the late afternoon about 300 people were gathered for the Ordination. Several fundamental Baptists pastors, outstanding in the Community, came to express their approval. I was asked to preach the Word. According to Titus 1, Ordination is commanded of the Apostle, and in this case it is a great necessity as in Crete. The candidate for ordination must be a matured person, with wife and children, a man of good character, of temperance, no drinker nor

wife beater, clean in money matters. Thirdly one of sound knowledge of the Scriptures, able to defend the Truth against heretics. All these qualities Joshua possesses. In the examination he convinced us that his knowledge of Scripture and theology is thorough. Bob gave the Charge.

Immediately he arose from the ordination Joshua baptised 13, mostly the French-speaking Ivorians. How wonderful that the Grace BPC he has established is reaching out to two countries, not only to refugee Liberians but also the French-speaking hosts.

Having done our job we hastened back to Abidjan by night coach. As we had a full day before catching the plane to Johannesburg-Singapore, we found clean and comfortable shelter at the SIM (former Sudan Interior Mission, now renamed Society for International Ministries), Rev & Mrs Tim Welch our hosts. As their rest houses are a regular service to visitors, to be viable, they have to be supported by stipulated gifts. And why not? To stay in a hotel would cost more, and not having the mutual fellowship of missionaries, far away from home. Outside the Mission compound are the hordes of poverty-stricken Africans and the squalor of mini shanty huts. (The Lord knew I needed throat protection so on the Lord's Day before we went a Life Church sister handed me a box of Strepsils, which has kept me from menacing infection.)

From Abidjan we took an African plane to Johannesburg where we refreshed ourselves at the same Airport Holiday Inn before the long haul of another 10 hours back to S'pore. We praise the Lord for His safekeeping all the way through. We thank the Lord for a country like S'pore!

*Yours obediently, T.T.*

**Missions on the March.** This Lord's Day Rev Peter Chua and Elder Aaron Wang of Sharon BPC and Kim Kah Teck, now preacher at Rawang, are in Kuching in the process of renting a corner shophouse, not far from their wooden church for a better witness. Kuching is capital of Sarawak, East Malaysia.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 25 - 31, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$18,237.00	
MON	8.30 am	Daniel (Rev Tow)	EXTN BLDG FUND II 2110)\$200. GRAND TOTAL: \$5,021,799.57.	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations *\$18237, \$340, \$880, \$1000, \$1000, \$100, \$100(a Sharonite), \$156(Coinafon), \$1000, \$100(Box), \$200, \$35, \$200, \$30, \$350, \$200; Seets \$100; Philippines \$50; Thailand \$50; I Coast \$1000, \$250; Missions \$24, \$1000; Hilltop \$50; Burma \$1200(Life Bk Centre); Pauline Lee \$300(AF); Batam \$450(WF); Stone Family \$300; FEFST, Burma \$500, \$90(Casket).	
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	(1) 'Thank God for answering my prayer. (\$150).	
	3.30 pm	EBF	(2) 'O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever.' Ps 118:1. To the Stone family, a mere \$300. All praise and glory be to His name. In His love.	
	7.30 pm	Filmshow If I Perish, FEBC Hall	(3) 'By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.' Heb 13:15. (\$1000) - Children's Ministry	
SUN	8.30 am	Holy Laws for a Holy People (Eld Lim Teck Chye)	Children's Ministry Talk on 13/8/94, 7.30 pm FEBC Hall. Topic: <i>The Struggles of the Working Wife - How Can the Husband Help.</i> Speaker: Rev Philip Heng.	
	8.30 am	Chinese Service	Sunday School Offering: \$296; Attendance: \$322.88	
	8.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship		
	10.00 am	Sunday School		
	11.00 am	Church Choir Practice		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
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	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service		
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson, Bt Timah; Fri Bt Balok.				
Verse for the Week: Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Psalm 36:5				
The Combined Worship Service will continue to be held next Lord's Day at 8.30 am.				



Ordination of Rev Joshua Wonsia at Dunane, Ivory Coast



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24 July 1994

"O worship the Lord in the  
beauty of holiness"

8.30 am

Call to Worship	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 6
Invocation-Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 8
Hymn	No. 247
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	No. 116
Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Text	Ex. 17:8-16
Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	Battle with Amalek
Closing Hymn	No. 335
Benediction	

### THE LEGACY OF JOHN SUNG'S WORK IN SINGAPORE

When Dr John Sung came to Singapore in August 1935 at the invitation of the Chinese Inter-Church Union, he came almost unannounced, like Elijah appearing solo on Mt Carmel. He had come to conduct two weeks of Revival Meetings at the Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church (Pastor Rev Hong Han Keng).

Spiritual life of the Chinese Churches in Singapore was at its lowest ebb. It was a Sunday Church-going Christianity without vitality. The souls of men and women brought up under a professional missionary leadership were languishing white to harvest (John 4:35).

John Sung came upon this scene like the Baptist of old. He denounced all who came to hear him for their sins, naming them one by one. He called for repentance. The main theme of his messages was the New Life, the need to be born again. He lifted high the

Cross whereon Christ died for our sins. The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, only, could cleanse us from sin, and grant forgiveness. The response was overwhelming. Hundreds repented in tears and confession of their sins.

John Sung continued to instruct his hearers, step by step, in the doctrine of sanctification and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. But there was no speaking of tongues. Neither did he stress Baptism's mode, for he declared he came not to baptise but to preach the gospel (I Corinthians 1:17). "More faith less water. Less faith more water!" From Singapore John Sung went to Malaysia and to Medan, Indonesia.

Returning from Malaysia and Medan, Indonesia, John Sung held a second campaign in late October 1935. Together with the 1,300 gloriously saved at the first campaign the total number of those born again through John Sung's first two Singapore campaigns netted 2,000.

A Church cleansed from sin and evil, we witnessed many who were delivered from tobacco and alcohol. Restitution of moneys stolen was another phenomenon. Feuding elders and deacons made peace with one another. A rich man Mr Gan who came with his three wives and their families was totally converted. He "paid off" his second and third wives, gave over his import and export business to his eldest son. He became a lay evangelist, and near the end of his life wrote a commentary on "Song of Solomon."

A revived Church was a singing Church. John Sung Choruses, 130 of them, were later enlarged to over two hundred. These remain an Auxiliary Song Book for many Chinese Churches to this day. If music is next to



technology according to Martin Luther, music is part and parcel of John Sung's sermons. John Sung would stir the hearts of his hearers by leading them to sing their theme choruses.



John Sung practised faith healing reluctantly at first in North China at the suggestion of an English Missionary because multitudes of the sick could find no medication. John Sung's style of healing was not like today's charismatic extravagance. In Singapore's first campaign, he preached 40 times at three sermons a day for 14 days. Each sermon lasted two hours. At the 41st session only one afternoon was given to praying for the sick. The last session was a testimony and farewell service.

Revival leads to fervent evangelism. Well over 130 preaching bands were organised for his converts. Each band, carrying a triangular flag, consisted of two or three or more. All who joined the Preaching Bands were consecrated at a special service. They promised to go out evangelising at least once a week, especially on Sunday afternoon. An Evangelistic League comprising all these bands was organised, headed by Miss Leona Wu his interpreter and successor. They held regular meetings every month.

Apart from the Preaching Bands, there were 85 who were called to full-time service. These also had their monthly meetings. Of the 85 a score has given themselves to the Lord to this day.

A more permanent legacy of the Revival was the founding of Chin Lien Bible Seminary by Miss Leona Wu and Miss Ng Peck Loan, May 14, 1937. Chin Lien Bible Seminary is

mentioned in the Singapore Year Book 1993. It has graduated hundreds during the last 57 years, more women than men.

The work of the preaching bands has resulted in gospel stations started. These preaching stations soon developed into churches, eg. The Presbyterian Church in Lim Chu Kang, Methodist Church at Bukit Panjang. The most outstanding is the Pasir Panjang Christ Church, an instant Church arising from the Revival Campaign. Mr Phoa Hock Seng, a school teacher, became lay preacher. He was ordained after WWII by Bishop D.A. Thompson of the Reformed Episcopal Church of England. (Mr Phoa was of the Anglican tradition.)

Another legacy of John Sung is the spirit of the Singapore Pentecost persevering in the lives of his young followers. One of them was Elder Peter Yap, interpreter of the Billy Graham crusade. Insofar as Bible Presbyterians are concerned, it is still burning brightly in the hearts of her founders, Rev Timothy Tow, Rev Quek Kiok Chiang, Rev Hsu Ching Tai (now in New York) and Dr Tow Siang Hwa.

One aspect of John Sung's spirit that has remained with the BPers is John Sung's stand against liberalism and modernism, having tasted its poison when a student at Union Seminary, New York. The spirit against unbelief in these John Sung followers led them to affiliate with the International Council of Christian Churches in 1948, to withstand the Ecumenical movement of the World Council of Churches.

*John Sung My Teacher* by Timothy Tow, translated into Chinese by Miss Ng Sang Chiew on the eve of the 60th Anniversary of the Evangelistic League (1935-1995) is a lasting legacy for the children of the Chinese Churches that invited him to Singapore, 1935.

"He being dead, yet speaketh." John Sung speaks all the more today to the English-speaking world through the many books on John Sung published by Far Eastern Bible College Press. These are obtainable from Life Book Centre. -T.T.

**FEBC REOPENED WITH DAY OF PRAYER** at Beulah House Mon July 18, '94. This year's intake of new students is the biggest, from the following countries:

#### AUSTRALIA

1. David Paauwe
2. Errol Dale Stone
3. James Sun, BA

#### INDIA

4. Bessy Geevarghese, BA

#### INDONESIA

5. Wiranto Gunawan
6. Yason Budiprasetya

#### KOREA

7. Hahn Sung Ho, *B.Bus.Adm.*
8. Mrs Hahn Eun Sil
9. Lee Hong Hee, *B.Eng*
10. Choi Ji Hyung
11. Lee Soo Jae

#### MALAYSIA

12. Chai Muei Huying
13. Tan Men Niek
14. Nancie Koo Hwee Keow

#### MYANMAR

15. Kareng Bawm Awn, *B.Vet.Sc.*

#### SINGAPORE

16. Jenny Woo
17. Hannah Yeo Tsy Ay
18. Sim Yeow Meng
19. Lim Jyh Jang, *BSc(Hons)*
20. Andrew Loh Kah Fai
21. Seah Seow Hock

#### THAILAND

22. Supattra Upama
23. Siriwan Lalidaphanchai
24. Sirithorn Cheepnirand

The total enrolment is 62.

Students who hold a Bachelor's Degree are enrolled in the Masters courses in the full-time.

The evening classes open to the public are taught by the principal - *Daniel, The Princely Prophet*, Mon 7.30-9.25 pm; *Christian Ethics*, Thurs 7.30-9.25 pm by Rev Bob Phee. Pray not only for our students but also for our faculty members, each one, that they will do their



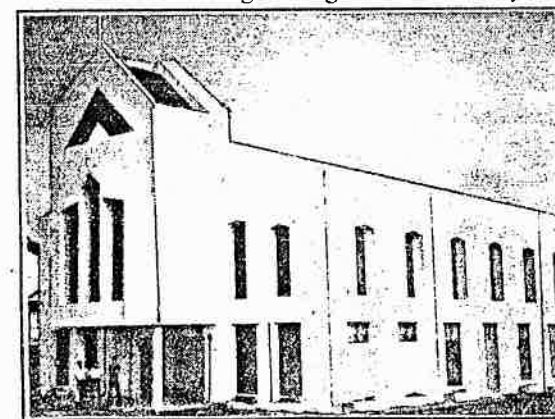
utmost for the Lord!

A new prospectus, 1994-97, 80 pages are free upon request.

By God's grace, FEBC students are drawn not only from the 8 countries mentioned above, but also from Kenya, Saipan, Philippines, Taiwan, China and USA. Most of these who graduate return to their homelands and establish churches after the pattern of the BPC. A case in point is Rev Joshua Wonsia whom we recently ordained. He now pastors a church in Danane, Ivory Coast and is building another on 1½ acres land given by a farming community at Dougolay. He has just baptised 13 of the French-speaking Africans. He also runs a kindergarten of 73 in his first church with a Pr. School of 100. He is 8-9,000 miles away from Singapore via Johannesburg, S.A.

Much nearer to us is Batam Island, Indonesia, half-hour from Singapore by speed boat. Here is built a handsome Church by Calvary BPC, ready for dedication Sun. Aug 7, '94 (see inset). This Church is the result of much hard work put in by Calvary BPC with the cooperation of Roska, Life Church missionary to Batam since 1989. Another FEBC graduate, Mr Kiantoro, is at present in charge of this new church. He is also due for ordination.

On Bintan Island, across Batam, there is Tanjung Uban where a Christian community is beginning to sprout. (The Pastor and Mrs Ivy Tow are on call to Tg Pinang next Lord's Day.)



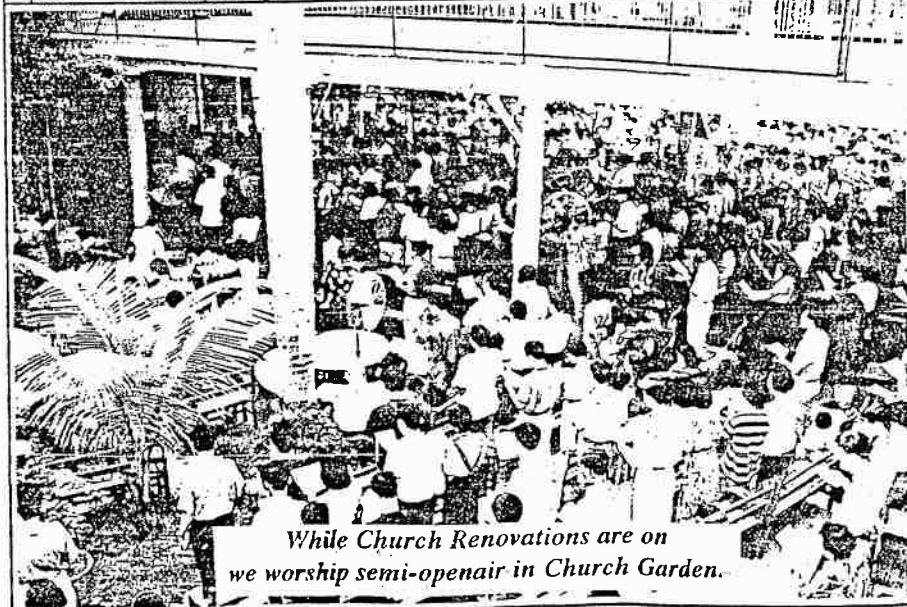


# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 1-7, '94)

MON	8.30 am	Daniel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev. Bob Phee)
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
	3.30 pm	EBF
SUN	8.00 am	Holy Laws against an Unholy People (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
	8.00 am	Rev Tow at Ordination of Pr Pang Kok Hiong, Cal-Pandan BPC
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse (Dr J. Khoo)
	10.30 am	Rev Quek Suan Yew, Lord's Supper
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	Korean Service
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NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.

Children's Ministry Seminar on 13/8/94. 7.30 pm FEBC Hall. Topic: *The Struggles of the Working Wife - How Can the Husband Help?*  
Speaker: Rev Philip Heng. All are welcome.



While Church Renovations are on  
we worship semi-openair in Church Garden.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$12,934.00

EXTN BLDG FUND II 2111) \$50. GRAND  
TOTAL: \$5,021,849.57.

OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations \*\$12934, \$50,  
\$300, \$300, \$500, \$200, \$500(LTF), \$550,  
\$5000(Sun Sch), \$3000(AF), \$200(SBC), \$611,  
\$10000, \$30, \$300(Pepsi); Andrew Kam \$956; Dn  
Yiew PS \$300; Hilltop \$200; Rev Colin Wong \$200;  
I.Coast \$100, SMS\$200; Seets \$200(Kel. Sawit); Rev  
G Kutty \$1500. Corringendum: \$200 designated to  
Renovations should go to Adelaide Stone Mansion.

## FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Words nor gift can express my gratitude to God for  
His faithfulness and mercy in my time of need. Praise Him,  
Praise Him... 'who forgiveth all my iniquities; who healeth  
all my diseases; who redeemeth my life from destruction;  
who crowneth me with lovingkindness and tender mercies'  
(\$400). - 'Always A Debtor'
- (2) I enclose herewith a small contribution to the church  
renovation fund, in gratitude to God for His love, mercy and  
blessings on me and my family. (\$35)
- (3) Proverbs 3:9 'Honour the Lord with thy substance, and  
with the firstfruits of all thine increase.' Enclosed is \$880 for  
the church renovations. - A grateful Lifer

Sunday School Offering: \$327.96; Attendance: 322

CATECHISM  
CLASS FOR  
BAPTISM will  
commence next  
Lord's Day at  
Beulah House,  
9.30 am.

Pray for Bro Yu  
Kowng Poi!

Verse for the  
Week: Thou  
shalt guide me  
with thy  
counsel, and  
afterward  
receive me to  
glory. Psalm  
73:24



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31 July 1994

"O worship the Lord in the  
beauty of holiness"

Call to Worship	8.30 am
Opening Hymn	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Invocation-Gloria Patri	No. 127
Responsive Reading	Psalm 19
Hymn	No. 256
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	No. 253
Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Text	Ex. 19:1-8, 20:1-20
Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	Holy Laws for a Holy People (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 255
Benediction	

## SIX FEBC GRADUATES FOR ORDINATION AND OUR INVOLVEMENT (TITUS 1:5)

1. The first was ordained July 13, '94  
Joshua Wonsia to pastor Grace BPC,  
Danane, Ivory Coast, who also heads a  
Christian School and Kindergarten. Joshua  
studied for one year at Shelton College, USA  
before transferring to FEBC where he earned  
his BTh after another four years of study.  
His wife Helen earned a Certificate of  
Religious Knowledge. They have spent two  
years in the field and baptised 29.

2. The second to be ordained is Pang  
Kok Hiong, BTh, of Calvary Pandan BPC.  
He graduated in 1992. He gave much time  
to missions, being involved in Batam,  
Thailand, China and now is missionary to the  
Chinese garment workers in Saipan. Many  
who have been won to Christ are further  
trained to return to the Mainland to start  
house churches. The place and date of his

ordination Calvary (Pandan) BPC, Aug 7, 8.00  
am (Chinese Service).

3. The third is Cheong Chin Meng, BTh,  
of Sharon BPC. Since graduation 1989, he  
has been serving in his home church and from  
1992 Preacher at Gospel Light Gospel Mission  
Lor 4 Toa Payoh. This is a branch of Sharon  
BPC and has a regular attendance of 25 and  
a Sunday School of 30. Place and time of  
Ordination: Life BP Church, Sept 11, 4.30 pm  
on the occasion of Sharon's 23rd Anniversary.

4. At the 20th Graduation Service of  
FEBC to be held at Calvary BPC's Sunset  
Gospel Hour 6 pm, Sep 18, '94 a special time  
will be given to the ordination of Dr Jeffrey  
Khoo to the teaching ministry.

To join in the Ordination will be Wee Eng  
Moh, BTh, who graduated in 1992.  
Preacher Wee Eng Moh had served at Shalom  
BPC and Maranatha BPC before branching out  
to found Berean BPC in 1992. Sunday  
Services are held at the Tampines Warehouse  
of Life Book Centre where Tabernacle BPC  
has also made her home.

Together with Wee Eng Moh will be Mr  
Prabhudas Koshy, BSc, BTh, MDiv who is a  
lecturer at FEBC and preacher of Gethsemane  
BPC. Bro Koshy has married Carolyn Tang  
and has a son. He is granted a Work Permit so  
there is no problem of his permanent  
residence. Gethsemane is worshipping at  
Shalom BPC, Pasir Ris.

The ordination of the abovementioned  
brethren in fact is overdue. All the more we  
are to heed the words of the Apostle to Titus,  
"...that thou should set in order the things that  
are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as  
I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

Apart from these six (except Joshua) who

are soon to be ordained, we are considering another six now serving in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. They are **Indonesia:** Dohar, Haposan and Agus, the Siregar brothers in Medan. Kiantoro in Batam. **Thailand:** Nirand Tamee (Chiangmai). **Malaysia:** Kim Kah Teck (Rawang).

#### MEDAN TRIP (20 - 27 Jun 94)

By Goh Chuan Sin

Our team of six led by Dn Ng Beng Kiong went on a mission trip to Medan on 20 Jun 94 after the Awana Bible Camp. None of us had any experience and as such, we felt very inadequate, not knowing what to expect of the church, the people, the weather and living conditions. We could only gather information through records of and verbal accounts from the previous Medan mission team which went in March this year. Most of us were also attending the Awana Camp and this meant that we could have only two meetings and little time left for preparation.

A timetable was worked out but we decided not to stick to it rigidly as we did not know the situation there. Each of us was to prepare two devotions for home visitations, one message and one testimony for evening and night programmes. We prayed and asked God to help us prepare whatever we could in Singapore so that we would minister to the needs of the people in Medan.

When we were there, what struck us most was that there were numerous churches in and around Medan. Sadly, it seemed to us that many Christians were nominal. That is, people are Christians because of their heritage or tradition; they do not

understand the gospel and are not born again. There is a great need for the people to be taught the doctrine of repentance and salvation to be born-again.

A lot of emphasis was thus placed on preaching against nominal Christianity. The following lessons were taught in Gloria BP Church: Five Points of Calvinism, Christian Walk: Prayer, Bible study, Evangelism & Workshop; and Marks of a True Believer. Two gospel rallies were also conducted based on "Are you a Wheat or a Tare" and "From Death Unto Life". The verses Mt 7:21-23 were used many times.

Bro Agus brought us to his mountain church where we spent the night there worshipping and fellowshiping with the believers. That night, there was a complete blackout on the mountain and it was raining heavily. We felt discouraged as we thought that not many people would turn up for the meeting. We prayed that the power supply would be restored. How touched we were when we saw people walking in the rain and mud, with the help of the moonlight making their way to the Church. The Church was filled to the brim! Do we still come to church despite inconveniences too? Seconds before the meeting started, the power was restored and the lights came on. The people clapped their hands, sang and praised God for what He had done.

Although we could only communicate with the people through broken English, somehow they were much encouraged by our presence and fellowship because we made them realize that they were not alone in their faith. We too were encouraged by their faith and love for the Lord. Though they may appear



weak in their Bible knowledge, their love and faith for God may be much stronger than many of us. Quite a number of the people we visited had been through hard times, such as poverty, sickness and death of loved ones. Theirs was a tested faith, tried by fire. What comfortable and sheltered lives we live!

The worship service on Sunday saw some of the people whom we had visited coming to Church. Thank God! The singing was heart-moving. A simple song presentation like "I'd Rather Have Jesus" by Bapa Siregar brought people to tears. Who says BP worship services are dull? It teaches us that services are dull when we do not come and seek God with purity and sincerity of heart.

Now that the trip is over, we have many things to thank God for. Thank God for the smooth passage through the customs. Zero hassle! Thank God for quick adaptation, good health and strength. Zero illness! Thank God for good weather whenever we needed it. Thank God that whenever there was a need to give an impromptu testimony, message or devotion, which were among the things we were most anxious about, someone was ready to give one. (To the next team to Medan, take note of this, they like testimonies especially.) This caused our timetable to be very flexible and without hiccups. Thank God for answering our prayers. Prayer is power! Thank God for Brothers Dohar and Agus who provided good translation on every occasion. Thank God also for the wonderful time of fellowship and the life-changing experience we had. Our God is real!

It is our prayer that the people we have ministered to will be faithful in their Christian walk and church attendance and that they will remember what they have learnt and grow in the faith. Pray for Bro Dohar and Agus as the work there is tough. Do encourage and support them.

#### KEMAMAN

Kemaman, not too long ago a fishing village, has mushroomed into Trengganu's second city because of discovery of offshore oil wells. People of all nations gather here to work also in the nearby refineries. The port of Kemaman has also gained new status.

A Mr Roger Wee had been praying God would revive the English Service of Kemaman Presbyterian Church. When we launched out July 1, '94, he was overjoyed. "God has answered my prayer," he exclaimed.

Together with the restarting of the English Service is also the revival of the Sunday School and the founding of a Youth Fellowship. That is the reason why we need a team of at least three to supply the pulpit and the other two meetings. (The Sunday School is held simultaneously with the Church Service).

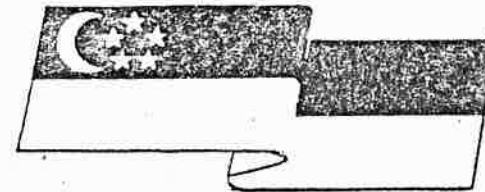
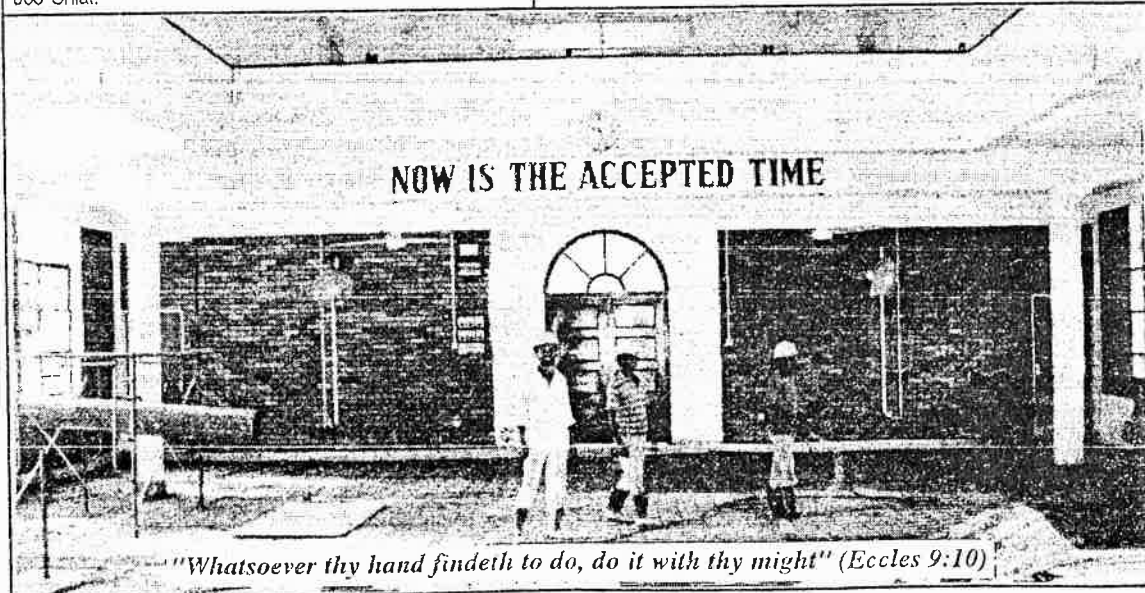
Deacon Jack Sin reported meeting an Australian helicopter engineer in the night coach he was riding to Kemaman. He is Dave Grant and comes from Cairns. He has a wife and two children. He was invited to our worship. Samuel of India went along, and he was delighted to testify for the Lord to three Indians at the Service. An American couple has started to come also to our Service. These from various nations now attending number 15. "For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zech 4:10).

A new development: The worship service has now changed to 8pm Friday to cater to more people. Friday morning many of them go shopping -- to Kuantan 30 miles south. This change of schedule, however, does not affect the smoothness of our travel timetable. We leave S'pore Thurs. 8pm by *de luxe* night coach, arriving Kemaman 4 am. We return from Kemaman Friday 10.30 pm arriving back S'pore 7 am Saturday. (We have clean and comfortable quarters on the premises of the Church Kindergarten for our evangelistic teams.)

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8).



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 8 - 14, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: *\$14,207.00	
MON	8.30 am	Daniel (Rev Tow)	EBF II. LOANS (67)\$900(MF).	
TUE	8.00 pm	No Prayer Mtg, National Joy!	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations</b> *\$14207, \$600, \$1068, \$50, \$200, \$2000, \$100, \$3000, \$900, \$100, \$50, \$100, \$1200, \$300, \$3000, \$1800, \$2400; <i>Missionary Fund</i> \$50; <i>Rev G Kutty</i> \$50, \$100; <i>FEBC</i> \$200; <i>Seets</i> \$50.	
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>	
FRI	7.00 pm	FEBC Board Mtg & Dinner	(1) <i>I praise the Lord and thank Him for all His mercies and grace. This gift is from the Lord. Please use the money as you deem fit in any mission work or to give to any needy missionary. The Lord bless you and keep you in His love and grace. Amen. (FEFST Burma \$500)</i>	
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF;	(2) <i>\$5956 - for Andrew Kam who has just gone back to Burma - to help him get a head-start in setting up his orphanage school.</i>	
	3.30 pm	EBF	<b>CATECHISM CLASS FOR BAPTISM</b> will commence today at Beulah House, 9.30 am. Pray for Bro. Yew Kowng Poi.	
	7.30 pm	Children's Ministry Seminar, <i>The Struggles of the Working Wife - How Can the Husband Help?</i> (Rev Philip Heng, FEBC Hall)	<b>Verse for the Week:</b> The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Prov 18:10	
SUN	7.30 pm	Rev Tow at Galilee AF	Sunday School Offering: \$393.80; Attendance: 330	
	8.00 am	Holy Tabernacle and Worship (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse (Dr J. Khoo)		
	10.30 am	Elder William Seah		
	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	Korean Service		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service		
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.				



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7 August 1994

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

	8.30 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Jack Sin	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 28	No. 49
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Neh 13:1-22	Psalms 90
Hymn	No. 328	No. 220
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 48	No. 137
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Ex. 32:1-10, 15-20, 26-28	1 Kings 11:1-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Holy Laws against an Unholy People (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	The Epitaph of our Life (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
Closing Hymn	No. 406	No. 457
Benediction		Lord's Supper

Singapura

T. Tow Samuel A Ward

1. O Fair-est Isle of Southern Seas, Thy waters are so blue: Wait by a balmy  
2. Our fathers came to this green shore, from many climes and lands: They found a richer  
3. On thee we've built a new city-First great port of the world: Let Right prevail and  
4. To-day we sail as one nation, Our flag is fly-ing high: May our Captain by

ocean breeze, Thy land is decked with dew. Sing-a-pural! Sing-a-pural! Thou  
life in store Beneath just ruling hands. Sing-a-pural! Sing-a-pural! Thou  
E-qui-ty. Not by might nor by power, Sing-a-pural! Sing-a-pural! So  
wise ac-tion Steer us with Com-pass nigh. Sing-a-pural! Sing-a-pural! Light-

fa-voured Isle of ease. God bless thee yet with Thine increase And peace from year to year,  
ha-ven of the free. God bless thee yet with Thine increase And peace from year to year  
may thy sons serve thee. God bless thee yet with Thine increase And peace from year to year.  
ship of li-ber-ty. Sail on un-to pros-pe-rity And peace a thousand years!

**FROM NATIONAL DAY TO INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS DAY**

This Lord's Day is our National Day in advance! Christians are to love their country no less, yea the more, than other citizens. This is according to Paul's injunction to Timothy, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Tim 2:1-3). So we pray for our President and all ministers every week, and the more on our National Day --- that we may continue to enjoy peace and live without hindrance in a Christian community in the realm. How come the prosperity of Singapore? Because of good government, and also by God's grace through the prayers of Christians. During the Japanese occupation of Singapore 1942-45 I still remember how requests were made to the Church to pray for Emperor Hirohito. No wonder he outlived all other heads of state by one generation!!

Now, Paul did not stop at praying for our government. He went further. Peace for Singapore is not to be selfishly enjoyed, but rather as a means to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth --- "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (v.4). For this reason we have not only joined the whole nation in celebration, but also decided to earmark every National Lord's Day's offering to accelerated International Missions. Your offering today, from both 8am and 10.30 will be channelled to where the need is greatest, inasmuch as we also render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. We pray that under the good Government of Singapore we may have free course, as always, to support our missionary work to the ends of the earth. Amen.

#### O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS!

At last things are beginning to look shipshape. Thank God, we are re-entered in the Lord's House in the beauty of holiness! Thank the Lord that we were enabled to renovate though we are still owing \$400,000 on Beulah House.

With Beulah House our cost of renovations will naturally increase. Nevertheless, our added facilities will also increase productivity. Productivity not only in economy but also spirituality.

We thank God that as the children of Israel willingly offered to build the Tabernacle under Moses, so have you done the same for both establishments at Gilstead Road. "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). To you who are zealous like David to build God a House and is reciprocally blessed in that God will bless David's house, this is our benediction upon you as you delight yourself in Him. "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Amen.

#### TANJUNG PINANG - AFTER TWO YEARS

The Lord called me to Tanjung Pinang Aug. 1973. It had been my field until two years ago. As I was too busy, I assigned it to Revs Bob Phee and Koa Keng Woo. Until then, Tanjung Pinang was still a sleepy hollow, but signs of life were beginning to appear.

What a difference from two years ago is this chief city of the Riau Islands, situated on the southwestern coast of Bintan Island (Bintan is over twice Singapore). No more those rickety mosquito buses, but brand new Indo-assembled soft-cushioned mini-vans. Swarms of new motor bikes zoom in and out, but it is a marvel there are few accidents.

Another difference from two years ago are the number of new buildings, mostly four-storey blocks that have sprung up, and hotels have come up like mushrooms. One that can match a four-star S'pore hotel is Bintan Beach Resort. Here we stayed for two days as guests of the Church. Hearing that we were God's servants, the proprietor gave 30% off which worked out to S\$50 per day, bed and breakfast included. (This special rate would be applied to Lifers, he said.) What was priceless were the constant sea breezes, day and night, for our hotel is situated right on the beach, surrounded by three seas. There is also an Olympic size swimming pool for you to cool off on a hot day. I'm telling you all this in case you need a quick getaway from bustling S'pore.

The return boat ticket is S\$73. And there is no more the delaying tactic of former days to rope in another passenger and yet another. Our boat left on the dot of ten and arrived Tg Pinang on the dot of twelve --- exactly 2 hours. When I first went to Tg Pinang in 1973, the old motor launch chug-chug, chug-chug 5 weary hours to make the trip. Two years ago, it took three hours, with plenty of queuing for jetty clearance. Now, it is more punctual than the airplane --- thus two hours flat!

The Church, founded by Rev Tan Peng Koen (now with the Lord) would make him glad were



now a second service (in Indonesian) Sunday afternoon. Many young people have embraced the Lord, so there is a strong Youth Fellowship that meets Saturday night. A new lady worker has joined the Church staff the last two years.

A zealous addition to the Church is Hendro's father. (Hendro came with us on the same boat to S'pore in order to join Chin Lien Bible School). Hendro's father comes to every Church meeting on a motor bike. He makes it a point to bring a non-Christian friend on the pillion to hear the Word. This friend is now on the verge of receiving Christ.

Another zealot is Deacon Kwan. Though in his late fifties he comes to the YF and sings in the choir. He went through many ordeals, one of them being the burning of his house in a kampong fire. He said to me, "I never doubted the Lord. I always look up to Him."

In cooperation with Life Church Chinese Service Tg. Pinang has established a branch at Uban. Uban, our new field for the last three-and-a-half years has been most productive. Our Chinese brethren and sisters under Elder Sng and Sister Ada have helped Uban to run many a VBS. The seven-member family of Mr Su (a former Chinese Temple governor converted in his sickness at Beulah House, now with the Lord) is the greatest trophy. We baptised the whole family short of the eldest daughter the last time.

Out of Tg Pinang has come Kiantoro. After five years study at FEBC he joined Calvary BPC as missionary to Batam. He is the pastor of the new BP Church at a new Estate to be dedicated

he alive today. There is the three storey building, but the auditorium on the ground floor which normally seats 150 is too small. As the Church is too small, they have

this very Lord's Day Aug 7, 1994. Interestingly a sizeable group of Calvary's Batam Church are from members of Tg Pinang. Kiantoro, being Tg Pinang born, visits the parents' home on and off. He is a regular supply to the pulpit at Kijang, 17 miles on the other side of Bintan Island. (Life Church had a share in Kijang in the very early days by contributing a sum to purchase a piece of land there.)

The Lord gave me this message to the Y.F. Saturday night, "Do You Know Your God?" There are two types of believers in God. 1. Those who believe a god they know not what, a dead god made by hands. 2. Those who believe in the living and true God (I Thess 1:9). He is our Creator, Redeemer, Provider, above all our loving Heavenly Father who is every near to help us. Greatest of all by saving us from death through Jesus His Son.

The second message, given Sunday morning, is "Why must we believe in Jesus?" Because, "it is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27). Without Jesus we will be condemned. Our text is Lk 16:19-31, the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man. Lazarus believes the coming of the Saviour in the preachings of Moses and the prophets and is saved. The Rich Man was too busy to hear the Gospel because of his riches, so he ended in Hades. Reader, where do you stand?

We returned to Gilstead Rd Sunday 6 pm, praising God that another weekend's work was done --- in Tg Pinang after an absence of two years.

#### Congratulations to Calvary BPC this Day of Triple-Happiness

August 7, 1994 will be a great Day to remember in the annals of Calvary BPC. We say this is their Day of Triple-Happiness.

1. The ordination of Preacher Pang Kok Hiong under the moderatorship of Rev T. Tow, founding pastor of the BPC movement.
2. The dedication of the newly built BPC on Batam Island, Dr S H Tow, the pastor of Calvary preaching.
3. The inauguration of Calvary BPC's Tengah branch under the moderatorship of Eld William Seah.

Onward and upward until Jesus comes. Hallelujah.



# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 15 - 21, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)
FRI		Rev Tow at Kemaman
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
	3.30 pm	EBF
SUN	8.00 am	God Blesses Every Willing Heart (Rev Bob Phee)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse
	10.30 am	Rev Paul Contento
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.15 pm	AF
	12.30 pm	Korean Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service

NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.

**Verse for the Week:** Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. Job 22:28

# Light in Darkness Cahaya Dalam Kegelapan



# SOLIDEO

# LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,937.00 (8.00 am); \$15,994.00 (10.30 am)  
**EXTN BLDG FUND II** 2112)\$200; 2113)\$1600; 2114)\$300; 2115)\$1012(Chinese Ser); 2116) \$3000.  
**TOTAL: \$4,595,540.31. GRAND TOTAL: \$5,455,170.82.**  
**OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations** \*\$4937, \$200, \$200, \*\$15994, \$500, \$100, \$664, \$50, \$200, \$400, \$100, \$150, \$30000(Chinese Ser), \$50, \$250, \$500, \$300, \$500(Keb. Indonesia); **FEBC** \$140; **I.Coast** \$300; **Missions** \$600; **Medan** \$150; **Hilltop** \$200; **Heng J S** \$170; **FEBC Dining Club** \$400(AF); **Dohar** \$50; **Saipan (Calvary BPC)** \$1000, \$550(WF); **Seets** \$200.

# FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) For the Church Renovations with thanksgiving. - LTF (\$500)
- (2) A small token to the Almighty God for the safe delivery of our baby girl. All praise and glory to His Holy Name. (\$200)
- (3) Thank God for the job which He has provided. A small token to express my gratitude toward God for His abundant grace and mercy in the wonderful salvation through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please apportion as follows - Church renovations \$200; Hilltop \$200. - Wretched sinner saved by his grace.

Established 1987, in Indonesia, the SoliDEO's chief aim is to glorify the Lord Jesus through music. SoliDEO means ONLY TO GOD. Hear these Indonesian Gospel Singers at Kebaktian Indonesia, FEBC Hall next week Aug 21, 4.00 pm. *Puji Tuhan!*

Sunday School Offering: \$474.27; Attendance: 336



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14 August 1994

"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. 8	No. 112
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 84	John 1:1-14
Hymn	No. 540	No. 125
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 364	No. 354
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Heb 9:1-15	Rom 8:14-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Holy Tabernacle and Worship	Adoption of Sons (Eld William Seah)
Closing Hymn	No. 189	No. 221
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

**GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN (Lk 8:38)**  
 In a letter to the pastor of Life Church, Rev Son Jung Chul of the Korean Church worshipping with us 12.30 pm every Lord's Day writes:

*Most of all we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to use your sanctuary every Sunday for Korean Service. We desire to express our gratitude for your generosity and sympathetic kindness that we can feel completely at home. We appreciate the time you allow us to use your premises for every other occasion. As a result we have grown and now we are celebrating the 14th Anniversary of our Korean church.*

*We have observed that you are endeavouring to renovate your sanctuary and other premises. Our Church Board have decided to participate in this project. Therefore we are enclosing S\$10,000 as an offering for this project.*

*Thanks again to you and your members who have prayed faithfully and cared for us and who have given generously for us. May 1994 be a year of experiencing*

*God's grace, enjoying His goodness and enabling others as God has gifted you.*  
 The Korean Church has been with us for 14 years. During this period we have received them with brotherly kindness and done all we can to accommodate them. This has moved them to reciprocate with a generous gift towards our Renovations which we acknowledge hereby. More precious are the words of grace from their hearts. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps 133:1).

One supreme law that governs users of the properties on either side of Gilstead Rd is whenever a room or hall is not in use and you have need of it for your group, use it freely to the benefit of all. No room or hall can be claimed by a group and kept under lock and key without being used. No dogs in our mangers! Every talent of space must be traded to gain spiritual profit for the Lord. Conversely, every light, fan, aircon, tap, must be switched off when not in use. Wastage of utilities at the Lord's House expense shows the user's heart attitude to the Lord. Those who love the Lord conserve. Those

who take the Lord lightly squander. Forgetfulness is no excuse.

The Korean Church has set the various fellowships and groups using the Church premises a noble example. Which fellowship or group has yet to send in a contribution to help pay a hefty bill? Yes, the Filipinas is the first to respond at the writing of this report. FEK is runner up thru Mrs Tan Hui Tin, new Board member.

However, giving is not in money only. Giving of one's time and energy is equally precious. As we prepared to return to the Church auditorium last week I was touched by AFers cleaning our gigantic green windows, young men carrying pews, two Deacons working for hours on end to make the Hall shipshape. But if you have not done anything yet for beautifying God's House, today is your chance, while you may. "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you..." (II Cor 9:7,8).

#### **Daniel Class Open to ALL**

While the first six chapters of Daniel are mostly historical with many spiritual lessons learnt by our applied commentary, the next six chapters are prophetic which are the "main dish" of the course. In order not to let this vital portion go by, we are opening our lecture hall to one and all. Just come in freely and listen. Lecture notes which will be collated at the end of the course will be printed into a book, like what we're now doing for Revelation --- "Coming World Events Unveiled." The name of the new book is "The Princely Prophet --- an applied commentary on the Book of Daniel."

Monday Aug 15, 7.30 pm, we'll visit the Princely Prophet who now subdues the Lions in their den. Thereafter we launch into Ch. VII to meet fiercer visionary beasts. Here we enter in the prophecies of the times of the Gentiles leading to the "eschatological complex" of these crucial last days. Those who studied Revelation the last semester will see things clearer than those who had not. This is the last call!

Latest books from the pastor's pen: 1. Recipe for Living a Happy Life; 2. William C Burns, Grandfather of Bible Presbyterians; 3. Counselling Recipes through 40 years Pastoring. Obtainable from Life Book Centre.

#### **Hear Rev Paul Contento Sun. Aug 21 at 10.30 am Service**

Yes, at 88, my good friend Rev Contento, is still actively preaching! Rev Contento is now visiting Singapore where, I understand, a Birthday Party is planned for him on his 88th year! Lifers and many BPers who knew him in the sixties will not want to miss such a friend of many happy memories. I urge you, old or young, to hear a most lively and joyous missionary of the old CIM school, still on fire for the Lord.

Rev Contento is particularly close to our Church. I first knew him when I was a student in Nanking, 1946-47. He was a young CIM missionary, married, with a little daughter. Mrs Contento would ride a bicycle with the baby girl seated in a cane basket. They were transferred from some upcountry station to work with Varsity students in the Chinese capital.

Soon after Mao took over continental China Rev & Mrs Contento were diverted to Singapore. That was about 1951-2. They rented a two-storey bungalow in Pasir Panjang that sat almost on the waterfront. It had a garden and plenty of space to hold youth meetings. After seven or eight years the Contentos were called to Saigon, Vietnam where they started a work, again with varsity students. They transferred the tenancy of their bungalow to us, which gave rise to Galilee BPC. That was June 1960.

When they returned to Singapore for a visit in 1962 we were honoured to have him lay the foundation stones for both FEBC and Life Church at Gilstead Rd. Rev Contento was most enthusiastic about FEBC's founding and he showed it with a monetary gift. At the stone-laying service, I remember he prayed God would raise another Moody or Spurgeon from the College to be.

From Vietnam the Lord led them to the Philippines and from the Philippines back to the United States where he has continued to serve particularly with Chinese and Vietnamese Churches to this day. A hearty welcome to Rev Contento to our pulpit next Lord's Day, 10.30 am.

#### **"The King's Business Required Haste" (I Sam 21:8)**

In haste the young David had to run for his life from Saul's haunting javelin. In haste David escaped Saul's long arm with "not an inch of iron," to use a Chinese proverb, in his hand. Thus when he came to the priests' city of Nob he had to beg for bread from Ahimelech's hand. Ahimelech the residential priest had no common bread, but the hallowed bread in the Tabernacle to offer. As David had not even "an inch of iron" in his hand he also ask for some weapon for self protection. Fortunately there was Goliath's sword kept in the Tabernacle. So he armed himself with his own trophy, "for the king's business required haste" (I Sam 21:8).

Using this proverb from David's mouth, let me remind my fellow ministers and other leaders of the Church that we are in serious, urgent business in the Lord's service. As it was in the beginning when the Church was launched by the Apostles who went everywhere preaching the Gospel, so it must be hastened at the end before He returns (Matthew 24:14), let us ask ourselves whether we are merely marking time, week after week? Or do we have a new spirit and a widened vision to extend God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth these very last days?

In this respect, let us thank God for Calvary BPC for inaugurating two new churches in one day (last week) --- a two storey Church seating 400 on Batam Island and an English Service using a former British Military Church at Tengah Airbase. The ordination of Pang Kok Hiong also on the same day as a missionary to Saipan and China was a greater event for here was a lively stone over the brick and mortar of a physical building.

In the hastening spirit of David, like running

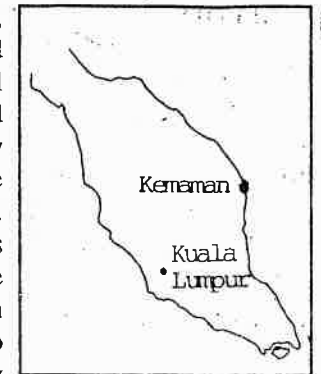
for our own lives, we are determined to fuel our Gospel outreaches and launch out for new ones everywhere while He tarries. Next Thursday, Mrs Tow and I will be on the Kemaman trail again, to resurvey with Rev John Ling the two months work our teams have done thus far.

During the FEBC mid-term break, Sept 5-8, the College will visit Singapore's two nearest Indonesian Islands, Bintan and Batam. We practise "Vacation Evangelism." In the course of our vacation trip, we will preach at four of our churches there --- Tanjung Pinang, Kijang, Uban and Batam. As for Batam, it is in answer to their request to a House Blessing as well as speaking on a Wednesday night Prayer Meeting. We shall encourage the hands of Roska and Kiantoro co-labouring there.

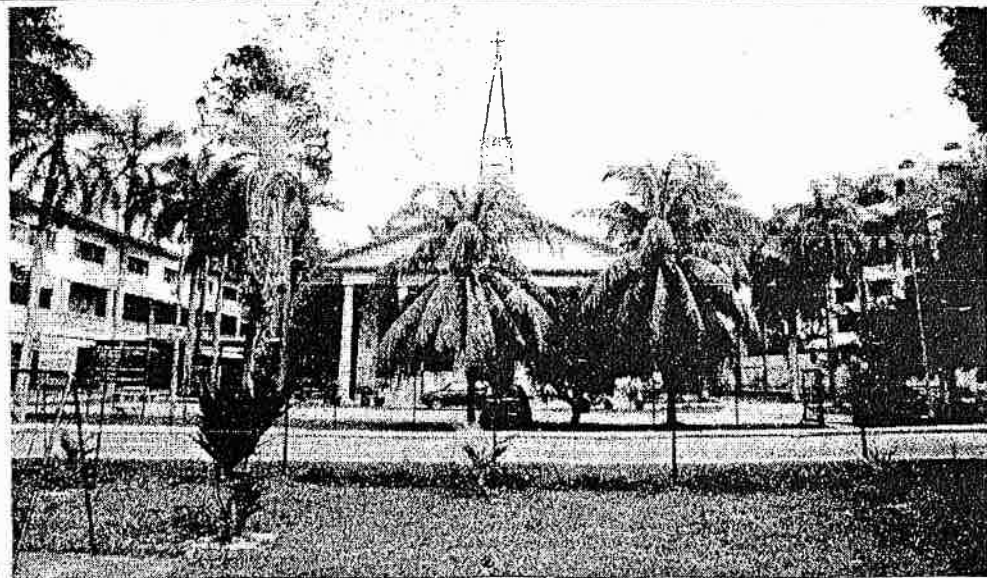
In our recent trip to Ivory Coast, W. Africa to ordain Joshua Wonsia, it was another hastening of the Gospel outreach.

We can be in the urgent business of the Lord by supporting with our funds. We can help by praying for those in the field, like Moses with uplifted hands, while Joshua fights for the Lord. Pray, forget not to pray for our far-flung churches and mission stations throughout Southeast Asia --- Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, India, Kenya, West Africa even those in England, Canada, USA. (Ed. note: Dr S H Tow will be on a world trip in October to inaugurate a BPC in Toronto and ordain (with Dr Patrick Tan) Mr Vincent Hee as minister of New Life BPC, London). Amen.

**"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE." Mk.16:15**



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 22 - 28, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)	*\$5,097.00 (8.00 am); \$13,643.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$200; Renovations</b>
THU 7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	*\$5097, *\$13643, \$1000, \$200, \$1450, \$100, \$50,
SAT 2.30 pm	YFALTF; 3.00 pm LBC	\$5000(FEK), \$10000 (Korean Church of S'pore);
3.30 pm	EBF	<b>Missions \$50, \$50; Rev G Kutty \$150, \$200, \$50;</b>
SUN 8.00 am	The Case Against Moses (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<b>Purchase of Aircon \$400; Africa \$400, \$200; China</b>
9.30 am	Sunday School	<b>\$400; I.Coast \$150; Errol Stone \$150; YAF \$60;</b>
9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse	<b>Burma \$200; Indonesia \$100.</b>
10.30 am	Rev Tow	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>
10.30 am	Chinese Service	(1) <i>A thanksgiving gift to thank God for journey mercies</i>
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>and good health bestowed on our children. Thank you God</i>
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<i>for all the blessings we have enjoyed and taken for granted.</i>
12.30 pm	Korean Service	<i>- A Lifer (\$100).</i>
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	(2) <i>A thanksgiving offering to God who forgiveth all</i>
3.00 pm	Thai Service	<i>mine iniquities and redeemeth my life from destruction.</i>
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<i>Praise the Lord for the great salvation thru my Lord and</i>
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	<i>Saviour Jesus Christ which often times I have taken for</i>
6.30 pm	Burmese Service	<i>granted. Please direct this offering to Medan mission</i>
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.		<i>(\$150). - Wretched sinner saved by his grace.</i>
Sunday School Offering: \$290.01; Attendance: 321		(3) <i>This is our humble offering to God. We would like to</i>
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col 3:15		<i>dedicate this offering to the Church Renovation Fund. We</i>
		<i>are grateful to Life Church for providing a space for us to</i>
		<i>worship as a fellowship. Praise be to God. - Filipina</i>
		<i>F'ship. (\$664)</i>



Life Church and Far Eastern Bible College  
seen from the lawns of Beulah House  
across Gilstead Road.



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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. 29	No. 71
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Dan 1:1-9	Heb 13:1-16
Hymn	No. 373	No. 333
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	No. 124
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Ex 35:4,5,21-29	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	God Blesses Every Willing Heart (Rev Bob Phee)	Message by Rev Paul Contento
Closing Hymn	No. 408	No. 236
Benediction		

## Light in Darkness Cahaya Dalam Kegelapan



### "By All Means Save Some" (I Cor 9:22)

This afternoon the Kebaktian Indonesia will present to us the *Solideo* (Only to God) Gospel Singers of Indonesia at the FEBC Hall, 4 pm sharp. Paul says, "By all means save some," and sacred music is one of them. In fact music is the handmaid of evangelism in John Sung's ministry. Do you have Indonesian friends or Indonesian domestic helps? Why not bring them to hear the Gospel Singers? This is one way of

familiarising them with our Church members. One way to bring them to Church. Let us pray the Lord to bless the Word sung that it will bring forth fruit in the hearts of the hearers.

The growth of our Indonesian congregation has been a slow and painful one. Today the young plant is beginning to shoot forth new leaves. Our attendance is heading towards forty. This is due to an influx of young students studying in Singapore who have found a spiritual home at Gilstead Road.

Though the Kebaktian has no ordained pastor, we have two FEBCers who are leading the service, with avuncular support from Elder & Mrs Charlie Chia. These two FEBCers are Elia Chia, BTh graduand and now taking further studies in the Chinese stream of SBC. The other is Yusniar of the women section. Both are gifted in music. As the Kebaktian has grown, so they need a room to store their belongings. Very timely, one of two rooms of the Chinese congregation is vacant, so it is given over to the Indonesian brethren. Currently seven or eight are preparing for baptism.

Our Indonesian Kebaktian is



not standing alone. Since 1970 the Lord has sent us to Indonesia. In the last two decades God has opened us a door that no man can shut. We are now recognised by the Indonesian Government to establish BP Churches throughout the length and breadth of Indonesia. To date we have helped Djunaidi to build a Church, School and Orphanage in Pontianak, W. Kalimantan. On his own he has established five more churches along the Kapuas River.

Our second field is North Sumatra. We have churches, schools, orphanage in Medan and Kuta Bahru.

The third field is nearby Bintan and Batam Islands --- Tanjung Pinang, Kijang, Tg Uban, and Orchid Estate, and the Shipyard, Batam.

Now, there is an Indonesian town Makassar by name renamed Ujong Pandang, which means "Distant Horizons." Inasmuch as Indonesia is an open field to us, let us set our sight on "Distant Horizons." Who will go for the Lord to the regions beyond? May the half dozen Indonesian students at FEBC be the first to hear this call. "By all means save some!"

#### Why are you not at the Catechism Class?

Every year we run two catechism classes preparing candidates for Baptism, the first at Easter and the second in October, our Church Anniversary month. This second catechism class has begun for two weeks and will henceforth be taught by Dr Jeffrey Khoo. I took the class last week because Dr Jeffrey Khoo was away preaching at Batam, and I was surprised to find so few there! Perhaps many were still not aware of the class having started? Now that this is made known by my write-up, there is no excuse!

When you have believed, you must be baptised by the command of the Lord, for he says, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved" (Mk 16:16). When you have believed, you have also repented (turned away) from your old ways of a sinful life, you verily need to be baptised! Peter says to the three thousand who

were "pricked in their heart," "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children..." (Acts 2:38).

Perhaps, some are withholding baptism from parental objection. The Lord says, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." (Mt 10:37). There may be other reasons. But Christ your Saviour is supreme. To be baptised is to be completely cut off from the world and yielded to His governance, protection and care." Hurry!

#### REV PAUL CONTENTO ON DR JOHN SUNG (Reprinted from Asian Awakening, p.133-34)

Dr John Sung had the power. "What power?" you may ask. He had the power spoken of in Acts 1:8: "You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

I began church planting on the China-Mongolian border of Ningsia province. After eight years of relentless, seven days a week itinerant preaching, people's hearts seemed as dry and barren as the sand dunes in the area.

Around 1933, we began hearing of a Bethel Band consisting of five very bright young Chinese evangelists having much success in bringing revival to many churches in the main cities of China. Christians were truly repenting of their sins, and the transformation in their lives made them strong witnesses to the unconverted.

The star revivalist was a Dr John Sung with a doctorate in chemistry from Ohio State University, who having had a deep spiritual experience and renewal of the Holy Spirit, threw his doctorate parchment into the sea on his way back to China. He was so dynamic and dramatic that people came to listen to him and not the others, so it was inevitable that the team eventually split up and Dr Sung campaigned not only in the cities of China but in most of the countries of Southeast Asia. Where he went churches were revived, teaching seminars were held and witnessing bands were formed. Pastors, elders, deacons came under conviction of sin, and when they confessed and changed, whole congregations were transformed.

In 1938, Dr Sung held a campaign in Kunming, S.W. China with the same results. Then he came out to Tali in West Yunnan where we were temporarily working. Because of a typhoon, few of the tribes came to the meetings, so he began with only fifty people in the audience. He was our guest for two weeks. He preached three times a day --- morning, afternoon and evening --- two hours each time. We met at meal times and engaged him in some conversations, but he ate sparsely and kept to his room until preaching time.

One day he told us he was going to pray for us missionaries. He said, "Come at two o'clock." We met and he asked us to kneel down. There was no excitement. I was not feeling anything, then suddenly he put his hands on my head and said, "In the Name of Jesus, be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Suddenly, I felt like an electric shock go right through me from my head to my feet. I began to tremble and the shock waves continued for some time. When we left the room, I did not tell anyone, not even my wife. But I knew that I was a changed person. Up until then I preached from a sense of duty, but now I suddenly loved to preach the Gospel. The church preaching hall open to the street was mostly closed because neither the missionaries nor the church evangelist cared to preach in it. Now I began to preach, and for three months preached everyday with much joy and pleasure in doing so.

The Word of God became more real and I could preach with a zeal I never thought I had in me. It is over 40 years since that experience, but even now, when my mind goes back to that experience, I feel a new urge to witness at every opportunity. It has been a

driving force in my life.

(Ed. note: Though now staying at the OMF (formerly CIM) Home in Pennsylvania, Rev Contento, 88, is still preaching in Chinese and Vietnamese Churches in the Baltimore, Philadelphia, N. York area. We welcome him most heartily to the Life Church pulpit today. Rev Contento laid the foundation stones of our Church and FEBC 33 years ago.

As to *John Sung My Teacher* by T. Tow, the Chinese translation of the same by Miss Ng Sang Chiew is now published by the Singapore Christian Evangelistic League and will be available at Life Book Centre.)



Mr Liu was brought to the Lord while staying at Beulah House the first time he came to Singapore two years ago. He was baptised at the Chinese Service before he returned to China. There he married his wife the former Miss Su. He introduced Christ to her. They came to Singapore Jan '94 to study. Further contact with the Church has led to Mrs Liu's decision for Christ. Photo shows her baptism at FEBC Morning Chapel, Aug 17, '94 the day of their final return to China.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 29 - Sep 4, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)	*\$5,941.00 (8.00 am); \$10,010.00 (10.30 am) <b>OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II</b> \$200, \$1500(FEK); <i>Renovations</i> \$220, \$50, \$300, \$350(LBC/YAF), \$105(Box), \$200, \$3000(FEBC), \$200, \$300, \$150, \$200 (from Chinese Sv); <i>Missionary Wk</i> \$150; <i>Dn</i> <i>Jack Sin</i> \$550; <i>Saipan &amp; other Msn</i> \$800; <i>Rev</i> <i>Colin Wong</i> \$200; <i>Rev Tow</i> \$2000; <i>YF</i> \$1100; <i>Eld</i> <i>William Seah for work at Tengah</i> \$2000; <i>I.Coast</i> \$100; <i>Burma</i> \$1200(Life Bk Centre).
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b> (1) <i>I just want to thank God for His grace, love and mercy for protecting me even when I backslided; and also guided and helped me to solve problems in my work. All praise and glory to His Name. Enclosed is an offering of thanksgiving. Please channel it to wherever needed. (\$500)</i> (2) <i>Thank the Lord for blessing me in my study in Advanced Diploma of Software Engineering in Japan- Singapore Institute of Software Technology. An award of \$400 was received and I'm returning it to Him. All glory to Him. Amen. (\$600)</i> (3) <i>'God never moves without purpose or plan when trying His servant and moulding a man.' Praise be to God for trials in life to shake me out of complacency and to purify me (Job 23:10). Though the testing is not over, I know the Lord will make a way for me, for He knoweth my frame. (\$130)</i>
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC	
	3.30 pm	EBF	
SUN	8.00 am	The Tragedy at Kadesh Barnea (Dr Lim Teck Chye)	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse	
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pie-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	
NBC This Week. No NBC this week.			
Sunday School Offering: \$526.50; Attendance: 346			
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. John 12:26			



The founder of Yangon BP Church is preaching the word of God. The topic is "God's love so great." John 3:16



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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. 260	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 32	Psalms 23
Hymn	No. 359	<i>My Wonderful Shepherd</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 131	No. 276
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Num 12:1-15	Matt 6:19-34
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Case Against Moses</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Higher Moral Values</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 400	<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow...</i>
Benediction		

### PM AGREES "MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE" (Mt 4:4)

The Straits Times of Monday Aug 22 reports, "The Prime Minister last night made the preservation of traditional moral and family values a key theme of his National Rally Speech, and announced several measures to strengthen the family unit... Non-economic factors were also crucial, a sense of community and nationhood, a disciplined and hard-working people, strong moral values and family ties..."

Citing the US and Britain experience, he noted that they too, up till the 1960s, were disciplined and conservative societies which held the family as a key pillar. But now they had serious social ills such as broken families, teenage mothers, illegitimate children, juvenile delinquency and violent crimes. Many families there no longer had the man as the head of the household.

Singapore was also changing, he said, with more people preoccupied with materialism and individual rewards. Popular culture, television and consumerism were eroding traditional values.

He said there were three lessons Singaporeans must learn

to avoid the British and US malaise:

- they ought not to indulge themselves and their families, especially young children and teenagers.

- Compassion can be misguided. He cited welfare as an example, adding that the sense of compassion must never remove that spur that made people work and pay for themselves.

- Family values should be defended and strengthened. He noted that in the US, parents could be jailed for disciplining their children, criminals got away with light sentences and there was no longer a sense of shame.

He said governments which tried to take over the duties of fathers by supporting unmarried mothers had only caused the proportion of children born out of wedlock to skyrocket. The Government's view here was that the man should be responsible for the child he fathers.

Concluding, he warned that if Singapore society lost its traditional values, it would lose its vibrancy and decline.

"These values are tried and tested, have held us together, and propelled us forward. We must keep them as the bedrock

values of our society for the next century."

Now, the message our PM gave was shown on TV Sun. night Aug 21. There was hearty applause from the audience, including Mr Lee Kuan Yew. We would add our fullest support for our leader's stress on **moral values, family ties, sense of community and nationhood**. All these are taught in the Bible, the Word of God given not only to the Christian Church but to the whole world. There was a day when "Britannia ruled the waves," and that was when Queen Victoria told the Empire that she ruled by the Bible. Why are Britain and America gone to the dogs today in morality? Because they have discarded God's Word in favour of man's philosophy. No more are the X Commandments to be displayed in schools nor prayer allowed in America. British schools teach the young there are two ways of sex. (I heard it on BBC.)

Let it be known one of the traditional values Singapore inherits is Christianity brought her by Christian Missions under British rule in the heyday of British power which was Bible-guided. It is the Bible that teaches the purest of **moral values** (X Commandments are a summary of all Biblical ethical teaching), the sanctity of the family in honouring parents that promises long life (V Commandment) and sex as a sacred gift from God for husband and wife (Heb 13:4). All extramarital sex is immoral. It is St Peter who reminds Christians to honour all men (I Pet 2:17) so **the sense of community**, to honour the king (nationhood).

We shall join Singapore in nation building and show our loyalty with pride. But, not neglecting the Christian's duty to all mankind with the preaching of the Gospel. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the

truth" (I Tim 2:1-4). In respect of St Paul's teaching on loyalty, we also expect our Government to remember what Christian missions have brought to Singapore and to give free course to the Singapore National Churches in their duty to missions. Yes, "Man shall not live by bread alone" (Matt 4:4).

#### **"TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ... ISRAEL" (Matt 10:6)**

While Trengganu on the Malaysian East Coast is blooming because of oil, Christianity is wilting, and going to seed without a gardener. To this situation was Rev John Ling directed by God's Higher Hand two years and two months ago. The Presbyterian Church which had both an English and Chinese Service years ago had totally closed down. The sheep were scattered.

To revive the Presbyterian Church at Kemaman, 350 miles north of Singapore in Trengganu State, John rounded up the wandering sheep of the Chinese congregation, so there's now a regular attendance of 25 out of a membership of 35.

When he got the English Service started July 1, '94 with assured support from Life Church, 3 weeks out of 4, there has been a good turnout of the English speaking. The English-speaking members of the congregation, numbering a score are coming regularly. Two American couples from the Oil Enterprises have begun to attend. Then there are some Indians. But now we are working on the Koreans of Hyundai.

After two months it was felt that we should return to Kemaman to discuss how we could improve the services. First, we have changed the worship on Fri. morning to 7.30 pm by consensus of the congregation. The morning hours see them rather going out shopping --- to Kuantan. The YF is shifted to 4.00 pm and the "Sunday School" to 10.00 am, also for better results.

We welcome our Men's Fellowship's Sept 7-9 Vacation Tour to Kuantan-Kemaman-Dungun, timing their worship at Kemaman Friday night. Your presence will boost the spirit of the English

congregation. While it will be Dr Jeffrey Khoo's turn to speak, we would appreciate some testimonies of salvation from MF.

There were 24 at the English Service at our visit, Aug 19. One American couple was there. Before the evening service Rev Ling drove us in the Church van to Dungun where only one family of six attended. Wong Chin Woon, FEBC 4th years student, preached in Mandarin.

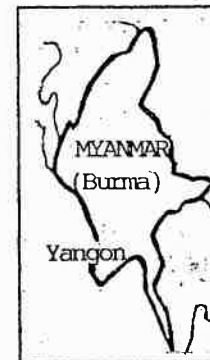
As Chin Woon is also fluent in English, we have arranged with him to preach a series of 4 messages at the Kemaman Church, late Nov to Dec culminating with the Christmas Eve Service, Dec 23. But he and his wife Srithorn need stay only 3 full weeks. Because he is Malaysian and can drive he will be an all-round help to Rev John Ling. There are clean and comfortable quarters inside the Church Kindergarten complex. We've decided to add a fridge to the Kitchen Diner. This is the latest for the Oct-Dec. quarter programme.

Our going to Kemaman is first to revive a church that had died. Jesus says, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt 10:5,6). So help us God!

#### **ANDREW KAM OPENS YANGON BPC & ORPHANAGE**

"Indeed I have not too many words to say except our God's goodness and mercy. I can see our God's guidance. Actually I had no place to stay on the day I arrived back to Yangon. But thank God some of my friends met me at the airport and I stayed in one of my friends' house 25 miles from Yangon. I stayed there for one week. While I was staying there without ceasing I prayed for the place where I would start the ministry.

God gave me a very big and very nice house in



Dagon new town. Now I rent this house and am staying here. So today I can say this is our God's will and His direction. Because I have been praying very hard to get this kind of place to start the ministry when I was in Singapore. And now our God let me stay here and worship Him here.

There is no Christian in this place. All are very strong Buddhists. I am the only Christian in the whole town. Anyway I thank God for sending me here among the Buddhists so that I can have a lot of time to share the Gospel to many people. Our God is so good and showed me His purpose. I asked Him to start the ministry among the Buddhists and now He brought me here among the Buddhists.

Last Sunday 31 July 94, we have the first service. I invited my old friends. There were about 200 people at the (opening) first day. I invited a Baptist pastor to preach. I felt very happy and I got a lot of encouragement on that day.

I like the B-P stand (doctrine). So now I have given the church name --- YANGON BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH --- I will keep the true doctrine and the holy way of worshipping.

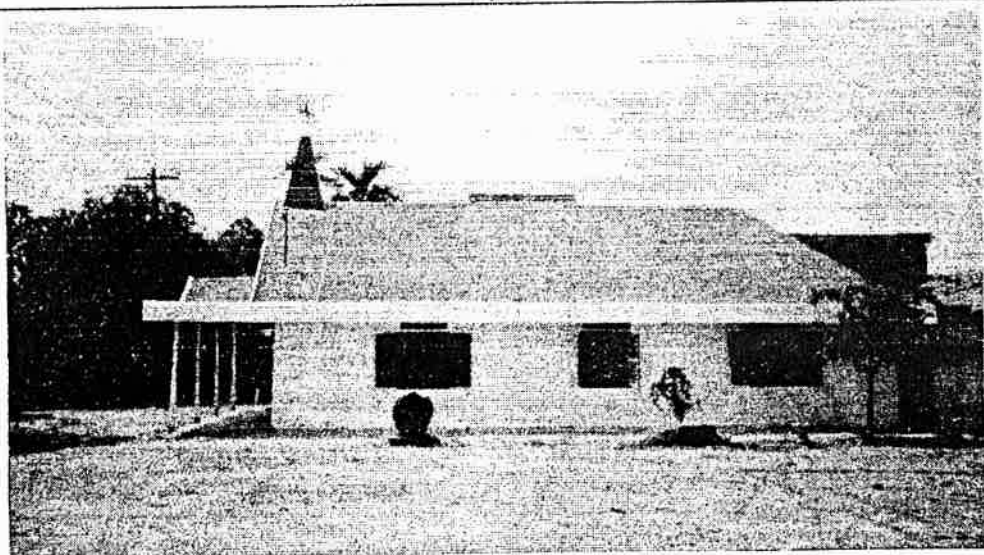
I am very glad to write this letter and let you know about this news that "There is a new Bible Presbyterian Church" in Burma. This is the fruit of the tree of Far Eastern Bible College in Singapore. So, I would like to say that Far Eastern Bible College is the spiritual mother of Yangon Bible-Presbyterian Church.

At this moment I have five orphan children and another 7 persons will come from the villages next month. So it will be 12 orphans and 12 church members! From next Monday I will start the evangelistic work, so please pray for me, for this program."

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Tel: 54144



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 5 - 11, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	8.45 am	Pastor Tow & Team leave for Riau Mission Tour	* \$5,802.00 (8.00 am); \$10,355.00 (10.30 am)	
	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$611, \$50; Renovations \$5802, \$530, \$10355, \$200(YF), \$1000, \$56(Box), \$150, \$2000, \$700(YAF), \$1000, \$50(thru Rev Tow); Missions \$50; China Mission \$500; Yangon BPC \$200; Adelaide Stone Mansion \$10; I.Coast \$300; Jack Sin \$50; Philippines \$50; Thailand \$50; Seets \$240, \$200(Sunday Sch); Nirands \$600; Dohar \$50; RPG Postage \$100; Kemaman \$100.</b>	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg ((Eld Mahadevan)	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>	
THU	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	(1) <i>My humble tithes to my Lord God for His grace and blessing upon my family. (\$150)</i>	
SAT		Rev Tow at Calvary-Jaya Anniv.	(2) <i>Offering \$200 for FEBC. Thank God for sustaining me daily.</i>	
	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC	<b>Mr Tow Tan Guan, 60, father of Mei Lin of AF, passed away suddenly Aug 27. Funeral at CCK Protestant Cemetery Tue. 30 was officiated by the Pastor. "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live." (John 11:25)</b>	
	3.30 pm	EBF; 4.00 pm AF	<b>Verse for the Week:</b> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10	
	4.30 pm	Women's F'ship 16th Anniv., FEBC Hall		
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Murmuring Results in Wandering</i> (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse		
	10.30 am	Rev Bob Phee		
	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	Korean Service		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon BPC Anniv. Thanksgiving Service & Ordination of Pr Cheong Chin Meng		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service		
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.				
Sunday School Offering: \$312.37; Attendance: 312				



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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. 18	No. 121
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Heb 3:7-19	Matt 9:18-38
Hymn	No. 323	No. 126
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 348	No. 381
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Num 13:1-2, 26-14:1-9;	Lk 13:31-14:5
Pastoral Prayer	22-24	
Sermon	<i>The Tragedy at Kadesh Barnea</i> (Dr Lim Teck Chye)	<i>What is the Spirit of Pharisaism?</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 331	No. 266
Benediction		Lord's Supper

### "MINISTRY OF IMPLEMENTATION"

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

In military language Paul was commander of advance troops capturing new territories, but he needed those who backed up the rear to consolidate and organise the gains of conquest. Many things are on the agenda of administration, local officers of government are to be installed. We saw how after Singapore was conquered by the Japanese, civilian officers had to come in to take over government of the occupied territories, while the army moved on.

In Paul's voyage to Rome (4th Missionary Journey) the ship that took them westwards had to take shelter in Crete at a place called the Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea. Because of stormy weather much time was spent there. But Paul did not sit idle. He, like John Sung ever on the go, had held Gospel meetings in many townships. In order that the Church be properly organised, he left Titus behind to "set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

Since 1972 Life Church has been in touch with Medan and North Sumatra. After 22 years, there have developed three Churches, 2 kindergartens, 1 Pr. School of 500, 1 orphanage, and now a new Gospel Station to the Chinese by Dohar. One on the agenda not implemented is the formation of a Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia. This has been discussed, but seemed hard to materialise.

My purpose in going to Medan last week was to answer the brethren's request to help them solve outstanding problems. In view of the fact that our BPC in Indonesia extends to Batam, and as Roska was already in Medan save Kiantoro, we had everyone gathered in Medan to have a full, open discussion.

At long last the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia is to be launched! Dohar is appointed principal, Haposan, Agus, Glorya lecturers. The Institute will be established at Bethany BPC where Haposan has adequate premises. The School he is running will offer a tithe from its income for the support of the Institute.

The next item for implementation is the ordination of Dohar and

Haposan, and eventually Kiantoro for Batam.

Another item that comes into view is the extension of the BPC movement to Jakarta. The eldest son of the Siregars, a doctor, is domiciled in Jakarta. Bapa Siregar, if the Lord wills, can go there and Agus follow suit. Many nominal Christians in Jakarta are thirsting for the Gospel, which is flowing freely from our BP witness.

By way of mutual encouragement, to Haposan is opened a door to universities and to the National radio and TV stations --- to preach the gospel, freely, without hindrance. This ends my report on the "Ministry of Implementation" to North Sumatra last week, Aug 25-26, '94. Pray that the Lord will guide and provide that His Kingdom will march on throughout the Archipelago. Amen.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Galilee BPC in the ordination of Simon Nagarajan and to Sharon BPC of Cheong Chin Meng, both on the Lord's Day, Sept 11, '94.

Dr Jeffrey Khoo of FEBC, Wee Eng Moh of Berea and Prabhudas Koshy of Gedsemane will be ordained at FEBC's 20th Graduation Service, Calvary Pandan BPC, at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Sept 18, '94, 6.00 pm.

On the happy occasion of the 10th Anniversary of Calvary Jaya BPC, Sept 10, '94 Pastor and Mrs Tow are specially invited to their Thanksgiving Dinner. Under the theme "Striving together for the Faith of the Gospel" Pastor Tow was invited to deliver the message. We praise the Lord for Calvary having an English as well as a Chinese Service. When in K.L. worship at Calvary Jaya BPC, 7 Jalan 17/1, 46400, Petaling Jaya. Tel & Fax 03-7567134; Tel. 03-7582185.

#### "Vacation Evangelism" --- a new dimension in Mission

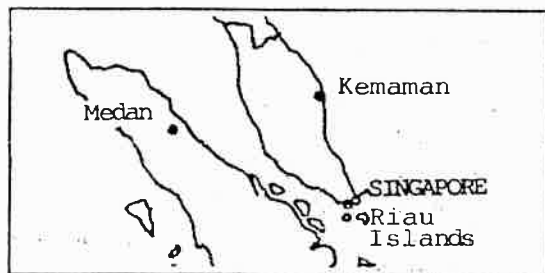
Taking a vacation by yourself can be quite costly. "Cheaper by the dozen," we have two tour groups going out during the September mid-term break.

One, consisting of 45 FEBCers and Lifers, is venturing out by boat to Bintan and Batam of the Riau Islands. We will be visiting Tanjung

Pinang, Kijang, Tg Uban and Batam. The date is Sept 5-8. At each of the towns we visit we are arranging for a special gospel meeting, except Uban. At Uban we will visit the Church and the Su family especially, for they were brought to the Lord and seven baptised while staying at Beulah House and worshipping at our Chinese Service. Every national group of our FEBC students is expected to render a Gospel song in their own language. The preachers are Rev Peter Chua, Dr Jeffrey Khoo and Pastor Tow. At Batam there will also be a house blessing apart from the Evangelism night. From Life Church will be presented 2 Chinese Study Bibles and one KJV Study Bible to the local pastors. Also 12 Chinese Bibles for the 4 Churches visited.

The second group is under the auspices of the Life Church Men's Fellowship. They will travel by chartered night coach to Kuantan where they'll put up for one night. They'll visit Trengganu up to Dungun and perhaps Kuala Trengganu, but time their joining the English Service of Kemaman Church Fri. Sep 9, 7.30 pm, at which they will present a song and give testimonies. As they hear the "Singapore House" there needs a refrigerator they will install one as a gesture of their support for the Kemaman outreach. The visits by our Singapore teams have greatly inspired the local English congregation to do more for the Lord.

Vacation Evangelism is our new dimension in missions. But we have been practising this every time we visited the Holy Land. Our presence in worship and preaching to the Palestinian Church has blessed them as well as ourselves. More such evangelistic tours organised by the Church will spur the extension of God's Kingdom.



#### Christians in the Holy Land a Dwindling Community

According to Canon Riah Abu El Assal, 57, Archdeacon of the Jerusalem Diocese of the Evangelical Episcopal Church, Christians represented 35% of the Holy Land's indigenous population in 1950. Now, they are a dwindling community of 2.5%.

Christians in Jerusalem have dropped from 28,000 to 7,000, while in Bethlehem Muslims have now outnumbered Christians. All these have resulted from war and bloodshed. While 1.7 million Palestinians, Muslims and Christians remain in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, another 2.5 million have left --- Muslims to refugee camps in Palestine and other Arab countries and Christians to Europe, N. & S. America and Australia.

No wonder whenever we visit Baraka BPC in Bethlehem, the brethren there welcome us with open arms. Your gifts have greatly encouraged their hearts!

"Israel a Great Nation" is a Gospel pamphlet written specially for the Jews. Why not mail them to your Jewish friends and to those who still remain in Singapore. Did not St Paul say the Gospel is to the Jews first? (Rom 1:16). Plenty at the Church Entrance.



#### A Zest for Living

*I have a zest for living  
As I greet each day with song,  
For I have His hand to guide me  
And feel His love all day long.*

*Life has so many challenges  
That come to us each day,  
So face each one squarely  
And do not turn away.*

*God has given us so many gifts,  
But sometimes deep they lie.  
They always can be found  
If only we will try.*

*There are so many countless things  
That you can find to do  
With this wonderful life  
That God has given to you.*

*So don't waste your time  
On little worthless things  
And soon you too will find  
The zest that living brings.*

*Octogenarian Sylvea Wong*

When in Canada, after October '94, you are cordially invited to worship at:

Calvary BP Church  
7975 Hurontario St  
Highway 10 at Steeles Ave,  
Brampton, Ontario.

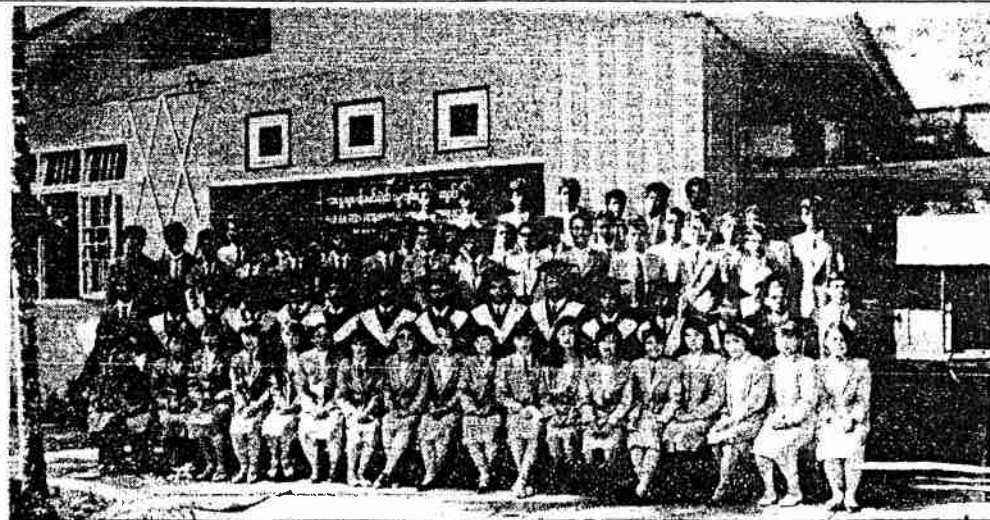
Contact Daniel Chew, tel: 905-335-8234.

When in London, contact:

Rev Eric Kwan  
New Life BPC  
66 The Greenway, Colindale,  
London NW9 5AP

Tel: 081-200-4873 & Vincent Hee 081-9611-549

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 12 - 18, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)	*S\$5,617.00 (8.00 am); \$13,807.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II</b> \$200(Box), \$830		
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	(Chinese Service), \$1600; <i>Renovations</i> \$180, \$100,		
SAT	2.45 pm	Combined Fellowships Conference	\$165, \$220, \$348(Coinafon), \$500(Keb. Indonesia),		
SUN	8.00 am	Beware of False Prophets (Rev Bob Phee)	\$1000, \$500; <i>Yangon BPC/Orphanage</i> \$200, \$50;		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<i>I. Coast</i> \$200; <i>Batam</i> \$600(WF); <i>FEBC Dining Club</i> \$400(AF).		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	(1) <i>I have a small request - that you pray for me. I have</i>		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>been feeling guilty since yesterday. I could have brought</i>		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>my friend a believer yet to be converted - to watch the</i>		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<i>filmshow "If I Perish." I could have, if I just sacrificed a</i>		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	<i>little of my time. But I didn't, because of my selfishness. I</i>		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	<i>could have arranged my other appointment later so that I</i>		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	<i>can accompany this friend to watch the show that may</i>		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<i>edify her. Pastor, there's this guilt inside me, I hope I will</i>		
	6.00 pm	FEBC Graduation & Ordination Service, Calvary-Pandan BPC	<i>not lose this hunger for souls. I now seek God for</i>		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	<i>forgiveness. Pastor, pray for me.</i>		
NBC This Week. Wed/Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bishan.			(2) <i>Kindly channel the money to the Renovation Fund.</i>		
Sunday School Offering: \$405.95; Attendance: 322			<i>May the new adornment of the church enable it to be more</i>		
Verse for the Week: In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge. Proverbs 14:16			<i>conductive and effective for the Lord's work. (\$450)</i>		
Expresgram to Jess and Nirand. In response to your request we are available the week Nov. 17-23. Will baptise Lord's Day Nov 20. Please advise.			<b>For convenience of Busy Bishan.</b> Life Book Centre has opened a branch at Blk 503, Bishan Central, Bishan St 11, #01-454, S'pore 2057. Tel. 353-7366. "The sower soweth the Word" (Mk 4:14) and we sell Bibles and good Christian books to spread the same Word.		



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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"			
	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 93	
Invocation-Gloria Patri			
Responsive Reading	Psalms 95	Psalms 96	
Hymn	<i>Our Best</i>	No. 68	
Announcements			
Offering & Hymn	<i>Caleb says...</i>	No. 425	
Offertory Prayer			
Scripture Text	Num 14:26-45	Jn 15:1-10	
Pastoral Prayer			
Sermon	<i>Murmuring results in wandering</i>	<i>Believer's Relationship with the Lord</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	
Closing Hymn	No. 114	No. 399	
Benediction	Lord's Supper		

### THE STORY OF DR JOHN SUNG'S DAUGHTER

By Xiao Wen, translated by Billy Ching  
in the *Challenger*, Aug '94

Sister Song Tianying was the eldest daughter of John Sung (Song Shangchich). When she was young, she enrolled in Rev Chia Yuming's seminary. One morning, Rev Chia announced that the seminary was joining the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM). At noon, on the same day, Sister Song, together with about half of the students and teachers, moved out of the seminary. They wanted to break all ties with the school and Rev Chia. Soon thereafter, these students and teachers were arrested one by one and given harsh sentences. Sister Song received twenty years in prison.

During this period of time, the large influx of classified material of a highly technical nature from the Western countries necessitated the use of individuals fluent in their languages. Thus the Public Security Bureau (PSB) gathered together all labor camp inmates with knowledge of a Western language and required them to translate secret documents in addition to receiving labor re-education. Sister Song was assigned to translate atomic technology materials from

English to Chinese.

After the Third Plenum of the Eleventh Party Central Committee in December 1978, the labor camp cases were reopened. Sister Song was acquitted of all charges and restored to good standing, despite her insistence in holding fast to her "religious beliefs." Under a new policy on intellectuals, she was treated as a "retired cadre" and was provided a small room in a dormitory for former labor camp inmates in Baoding, Hebei Province.

Immediately after her release, Sister Song resumed her ministry. According to our sources, she had very close ties with churches in Hebei, Xinjiang, Shandong, and Anhui Provinces. She visited these churches regularly to strengthen the fellow members of the Body. In late July, 1990, she went to Zhangzhou, Fujian Province, to visit her aunt (the wife of her father's elder brother Sung Shangher) who was over 90 years of age. She was asked to share and teach in local house church meetings.

On the first day, she spoke to about twenty workers twice at the residence of Xu Birui. But the news spread quickly, and on the second day, more



than 200 people came, filling the little house to capacity. Reluctantly, the meetings were relocated to a meeting place in Huaqiaoxincun (Overseas Chinese Village). On the third day, a few hundred people came. Among the attendees was Mr Fei Kuanghua, who hailed from the same village as Sister Song. He enjoyed the sharing so much that he, unfortunately, told Mr Chuang Chingcheng, a preacher of TSPM.

Shortly after 9 am on July 27, police vehicles from Zhangzhou's Public Security Bureau arrived and surrounded the meeting place. PSB's Political Security Section Director, Lu Kunshan, took the microphone from Sister Song and declared that all house churches were illegal organizations and that it was unlawful to meet, speak, sing hymns, read the Bible, pray, or tell others about the Gospel outside the TSPM churches. He also told the crowd that Song Tianying, being an itinerant evangelist, was a criminal on the run.

Then, Zhangzhou's Religious Affairs Bureau Section Director, Mr Weng, began to speak (in paraphrase), "Everyone has freedom of religion; everyone has freedom to believe in God in his heart... But every religious follower must insist on the Four Basic Principles. (The four "musts": must submit to the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, must uphold Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought, must support the people's democratic dictatorship, and must keep to the socialist road.) One must follow the TSPM path and stand behind the patriotic religion..." While the two section directors were lecturing the people, Sister Song was taken away in a police vehicle.

The PSB later told us that Zhanzhou's PSB Police Chief Chen Yuyuen, a section director, and an assistant director presided over Sister Song's hearing. They ordered her to provide a full and clear account of her "crime." Sister Song replied (in paraphrase), "I did not commit any crime. I have been imprisoned in a labor camp for twenty years. I do not mind if you jail me a few more years. You may kill me or

slaughter me as you please." Then she kept silent. Police Chief Chen became so furious that his entire body trembled. After denouncing her as a ruffian, he ordered that she be imprisoned.

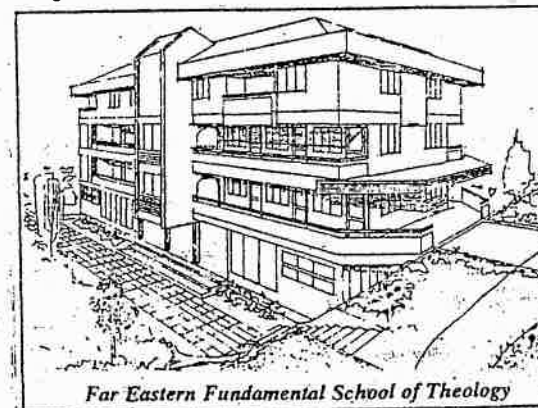
At the same time, the residences of Xu Birui and his eldest son, and the various meeting places, including the location in Huaqiaoxincun, were searched. A portion of the wiring and the electric meters, electric fans, cassette recorders, microphones, amplifiers, about 300 cassette tapes, desks, chairs, about 300 benches, several hundred Bibles and hymn books (including those printed by the TSPM), and reference books were confiscated. The PSB considered them tools for criminal activities.

The TSPM provided a great deal of help to the PSB during the hearings of Sister Song, Xu Birui, and Xu Birui's eldest son. TSPM Secretary, Wu Entien, participated in the hearings (he was situated in a section director's office which was next door to the deposition room). Several months later, preacher Chuang Chincheng was promoted and ordained by TSPM Bishop Ding Guangxun. Chuang was also promoted as the vice president and secretary while Wu Entien was promoted as vice chairman and Sister Song was jailed for forty-four days.

During her imprisonment, Sister Song was ill-treated. She slept on an uneven concrete floor with her head on the commode, was frequently and repeatedly bitten by mosquitoes and insects, ate meals comprised mostly of unthreshed rice grains, and was constantly interrogated. Because of the physical torture, Sister Song became very frail (which may have been responsible for a series of heart attacks later on). However, she earned appreciation, respect, and friendship from her fellow inmates. For example, Sister Song prayed earnestly for a young inmate who had refused to eat for a week in an attempt to commit suicide. With Sister Song's help, this female inmate repented and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. When Sister Song was ultimately released, not one inmate was willing to part from her.

At noon on September 8, 1990, the PSB notified the local house church that Sister Song was to be released from prison at once and ruled that they must pay for Sister Song's meals given during her imprisonment. After the fine was paid, the PSB took Sister Song under guard to the railroad station and ordered her to leave Fujian Province immediately. Ignoring the PSB's prohibition, approximately a dozen members of the Body managed to rush to the railroad station to bid her farewell. Sister Song shook her hands warmly upon her departure and told the Zhangzhou house church not to worry. She informed them that during her ordeal, she never said anything against the Lord or against the brethren, nor did she betray one single fellow member of the Body.

She wrote her last letter to the house churches on December 27, 1992. She gave them Psalm 25:12, Luke 9:62, and Luke 10:41-42 as New Year's presents. On the following day, she suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized for two months. She left the hospital on February 28, 1993, but ten days later she suffered yet another heart attack and was again hospitalized. Shortly after 10 am on March 17, 1993, Sister Song went Home.



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**TELEGRAM from Rev Robert Thawm Luai**  
Referring my letter of July 13, 1994, para-4, concerned divisional administrative officer has issued construction permission on August 31, 1994. Praise the Lord. We are now waiting for

## Likes and Dislikes

*We all have likes and dislikes  
That's natural, we know; but  
When you can't like Someone  
Try not to let it show...  
Disguise your inner feelings  
Be friendly and polite  
You too have faults and feelings  
You can't be always right  
Though someone may annoy you  
By what they say and do  
They too may be feeling  
The same way about you  
Perhaps you're wrong about that person  
Things are very strange  
Circumstances alter, life moves on  
And people change  
So do not be too hasty  
To condemn or to offend  
The one you dislike so much  
May prove to be a friend...*

*"There hath not failed one word of all His  
good promise."  
1 Kings 8:56*

*Octogenarian Sylvea Wong*

Bro Yew Kowng Poy went home to the Lord Sat. Sept 3. Funeral on Sept 7 was officiated by the pastor at CCK Protestant Cemetery and attended mostly by members of both WF & MF of Life Church.

Municipal's work permit, that will take not more than two weeks. No more obstructions can prevail. Hopefully we can lay up foundation before September Twenty. Earth work, tents and necessary workshop for construction have been completed. Please wait for my detail and progressive report which will follow soon. FEFST is running smoothly so far.

# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 19 - 25, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)
	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)
SAT	2.00 pm	Jonathan Tan Poon Chin & Seetoh Choy Fong Wedding (Rev Tow)
	2.30 pm	YF/LTF
	3.30 pm	EBF
	5.00 pm	Choy Chee Yean & Chua Beng Wan Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	God's Appointed Successor (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
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	6.30 pm	Burmese Service

NBCThis Week. Fri Bt Batok.

Sunday School Offering: \$311.30; Attendance: 313

**Verse for the Week:** Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).



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## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,138.00 (8.00 am); \$11,034.00 (10.30 am)

**OFFERINGS FOR: Renovations** \$100, \$200, \$100, \$300, \$200, \$120(Box), \$100; **Transworld Radio-Gospel Broadcast** \$800; Seats \$10, \$50(YAF); **Adelaide Stone Mansion** \$100; **I.Coast** \$200; **Saipan** \$100; **Lim Jyh Jang** \$100; **Yangon BPC/Orphanage** \$50; **Burma** \$50; **New Life Church** \$1000; **Rev Colin Wong** \$100; **Mission** \$8; **Nirands** \$50(YAF); **Andrew Kam** \$50(YAF); **Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia** \$400.

## FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) *Thank God for many blessings. Please channel \$200 for church renovation.*
- (2) *Tithes to the Lord. Thank God for His providence! (\$500)*
- (3) *Please designate this offering to the following parties - church renovations \$1000, African missions \$400, China missions \$400, George Kutty \$200. Thanks to God for looking after His children every step of the way and for His tender mercies which are new every morning. We often take these for granted.*
- (4) *I thank God for his guiding hands, mercy and daily provision. - His grateful child*

**Life Church 44th Anniversary  
Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 15,  
'94 at 6.30 pm & 7.30 pm respectively.  
Tickets for the Dinner can be  
purchased next Lord's Day.**

## Far Eastern Bible College

announces

the 20th Graduation Service

and

the Ordination of

Jeffrey Khoo, Prabhudas Koshy, Wee Eng Moh

at

Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (Pandan)

Lord's Day, September 18, 1994, 6.00 pm



Refreshments following ceremony.



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18 September 1994

## "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. 364
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Acts 20:17-38	Lk 24:13-32
Hymn	No. 532	No. 119
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 118	No. 523
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 18:9-22	Lk 14:7-24
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Beware of False Prophets (Rev Bob Phee)	High Road or Low Road
Closing Hymn	No. 255	No. 245
Benediction		

## ONWARD FEBC SOLDIERS

The September 5-8 midterm break saw 45 FEBC students and faculty on a "Vacation Evangelism" sea-safari to the Riau Islands of Bintan and Batam. As the term goes, it was a twofold venture --- to give both students and faculty a well-earned outing and during this journey to preach at two Presbyterian and two Bible-Presbyterian Churches, viz. Tanjung Pinang and Kijang, Tanjung Uban and Batam. A video made of the trip was an eye-opener to Life Church Prayer Meeting last week. A special feature of this "Vacation Evangelism" is the presentation of Gospel songs in the tongues spoken by our students --- English, Chinese, Thai, Korean, Indonesian which impressed the Islanders. The son of Bro. Hahn from Korea who played the violin was another attraction. At the new Batam Church where Rev Bob Phee, leader of the mission preached, eight hands were raised to receive the Lord. This first-time "Vacation Evangelism" is so rewarding that it will henceforth become an annual event.

The Kemaman Gospel teams headed by faculty and Senior

Students since July, have attracted graduates now serving in B-P Churches both in Singapore and Malaysia to join in the weekly crusade. Logically more should spring from the Malaysian scene. When we attended the 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving of Calvary Jaya BPC last week, we "recruited" new volunteers from FEBC graduates serving in the K.L. sector. For them to go to Kemaman would entail only half the time and energy we spend from Singapore.

In the tradition of FEBC students from foreign countries establishing first an Indonesian Service at Life Church 1982, a Thai Service was formed 1983, a Filipina Fellowship 1986, a Burmese Service March 1994, and now a Kachin Fellowship on Sept 11, 94, meeting once a month at Beulah House, Lord's Day, 5.00 pm. This Kachin Fellowship, being Burmese, adds to the Burmese Service attendance which follows at 6.30 pm. As the Burmese peoples are mostly Buddhists, it is our prayer that converts be made of expatriates in Singapore.

At the 20th FEBC Graduation to be held this evening 6.00 pm at Calvary Pandan the following will pass

out of the College into the fields. They are:

1. Prabhudas Koshy (MDiv)  
Pastor, Gethsemane BPC
2. Shin Yeong Gil (MDiv)  
ThM candidate, Korea
3. Irene Sugianti Kusnadi (MRE) Preacher,  
Mamangga Besar Christ Church,  
Jakarta, Indonesia
4. Elia Chia (BTh)  
Preacher, Indonesian Service, Life  
Church
5. Geoffrey Indiazzi Lidodo (BTh)  
Pastor, Africa Inland Church, Kenya
6. Koh Lian Hau Desmond (BTh) Pioneering  
work in Woodlands Reformed Baptist  
Church
7. Lee Hyo Chang (BTh)  
Missionary candidate to China
8. Lee Young Lyong (BTh)  
MDiv candidate, Korea
9. Georgekutty Skariah (BTh)  
MDiv candidate, FEBC
10. Kim Kah Teck (BTh)  
Preacher, Rawang BPC, Johore, Malaysia
11. Ong Hock Khee (BTh)  
Staff Worker, Galilee BPC
12. Wong Siau Yong Anne (BTh)  
Staff Worker, Maranatha BPC
13. Low Peng Hock Edward (DipTh)
14. Choi Hee-Suk (DipTh), Korea
15. Low Peck Lay Angela (DipTh)
16. Song Jun Ah (DipTh), Korea
17. Eduardo Villaceran Morante (DipTh)  
Visiting Preacher, Bethany BPC,  
Melbourne
18. Kam Lian Khup Andrew (DipTh) Director,  
BPC & Orphanage, Yangon, Myanmar
19. Lee Yuet Lan Pauline (DipTh)  
Church Administrator, Shalom BPC

20. Lim Hwee Noi Janet (DipTh)  
Asst. Secretary, Life BPC
21. Lim Shu Ping Serene (DipTh)  
Staff Worker, Calvary (Pandan) BPC
22. Moo Fu Kang (DipTh)  
Preacher's wife, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
23. Yumi Sakashita (DipTh), Japan
24. Chan Sakuljaroenlert (CertRK)  
Preacher & Missioner, Siam Lahu BP  
Church, Thailand
25. Ho Koon Hong Roland (CertRK) Ministry  
Staff, Zion BPC
26. Cheah Fook Meng (CertRK)  
BTh candidate, Protestant Reformed  
Seminary, USA

27. Ho Geok Fong (CertRK), Singapore
28. Lee-Kang Min Ji (CertRK), Korea

To be ordained Ministers of the Gospel are Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Prabhudas Koshy, Wee Eng Moh. As for Wee Eng Moh he is pastor of Berean BPC worshipping in Tampines with Tabernacle BPC (Ronny Khoo) at the Life Book Centre Warehouse, while Dr Jeffrey Khoo heads the Kemaman Teams and will henceforth administer the Lord's Supper at Marantha BPC.

To facilitate the transportation of FEBC students, a lover of God has presented the College a minibus, which is open to Life Church groups. It is hoped that permit to enter Malaysia would be obtained (do pray) so our Gospel Teams might travel more expeditiously to such stations as Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban, Muar, Rawang, etc.

Life Book Centre is under management of Paul Wong another FEBCer. It has a branch at Funan Centre. From this month, a second outlet is opened at Blk 503 Bishan Central, Bishan St 11, #01-154 S'pore 2057. Tel. 353-7366.

Rev Robert Thawm Luai was a graduate student for a term at FEBC, 1986. He is founder of the Myanmar Ev. Presbyterian Church with 3,000 members, 1983. With help from Life

Church, he founded a Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology in 1987. Two batches totalling 28 students have graduated, and a third batch some time this year. As the student body has grown to 70-80 they are constrained to build a four-storey building incorporating a Church auditorium. Rev Thawm Luai hopes to become independent of our support by building up a strong church from which logical, local finances must come. Meanwhile let us pray for the Myanmar project that it might be consummated by 1996! (Building operations have begun at last.)

The latest FEBC graduate extending the Gospel to Myanmar is Andrew Kam at his orphanage of 12 alongside the Yangon BPC at Dagon new town. Amen.

### Letter from Dohar (Sep 9, 94)

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a great joy to inform you that your recent visit to Medan has become a real blessing to us. I see that this is the Lord's appointed time for us to cooperate and to establish the Bible Presbyterian Church in Medan and in Indonesia. As I believe you know that our meeting concluded with some vital decisions:

1. The founding of the Bible Institute (FBII)
2. The Church Policy is decentralisation.
3. The cooperation among the BP ministers to hold fast to the Word of truth and to help one another in the ministry.

I am very pleased with these decisions. In relation to this I would like to discuss with you about the founding of the FBII. In that meeting you appointed me to be the principal so I accepted it, and I in return, get hold of you to be our advisor and sponsor to found this school of prophets. I believe your experience in FEBC is just the knowledge that we need in the founding of FBII. Based on this I accept the challenge. Now without delay, our Bible



School that we started a month ago is being incorporated into the Bible Institute, commencing with 3 students. Perhaps a few more students will be added according to Agus and Haposan's candidates. The total number of students will be informed to you later.

As to publication for the FBII, we will print a handbook. It will be in Indonesian and in English. We need your advice and also your support. Right now the students who stay in our home need funds, and other expenses need funds. If God has entrusted this to us, I believe He will surely enable us and help us to establish the FBII and to run it accordingly.

Glorya as treasurer is ready to be a good steward in the ministry of this Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia (FBII). To God be the glory forever. Amen.

### The Orphanage

Our plan to start the orphanage in our home has not been fully realized yet. This is due to our uncompleted building. We dare not accept any child at present. Once our building is completed, we surely welcome them into our orphanage.

In spite of this, during this month, the Bible school students that come from the village, they stay at our home, and eat in our home. So orphanage is one ministry that we consider glorifying God. Could you support this orphanage? May the love of God be manifested to the fatherless and the poor ones.

### The Progress of the Gloria BP Church

We thank God that the Church is improving step by step. We know this is because of the often visitation from the team (Missionary Fellowship) to Medan. It is very encouraging to us here, the brotherly love shown by the team. By God's grace we have been able to start the Gospel Station in town among the Chinese about 3 months ago. There are a lot of things to be done in Medan. My heart's desire is to preach the gospel to everyone including the Chinese in Medan. My prayer is God may move this people to lighten the burden of bringing the gospel of salvation to the heathen.



# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 26 - Oct 2, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)
SAT	11.00 am	Lai Seng Kwoon & Lim Suat Pek Wedding (Rev Tow)
	2.30 pm	Edmund Wong & Mabel Koh Wedding (Rev Tow)
	2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
	3.30 pm	EBF
	7.30 pm	Filmshow <i>All the King's Horses</i> (Sanctuary)
SUN	8.00 am	Reward for Faith and Loyalty (Elder William Seah)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	Korean Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service

NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.

Sunday School Offering: \$408.25; Attendance: 302

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$6,220.00 (8.00 am); \$9,531.00 (10.30 am)

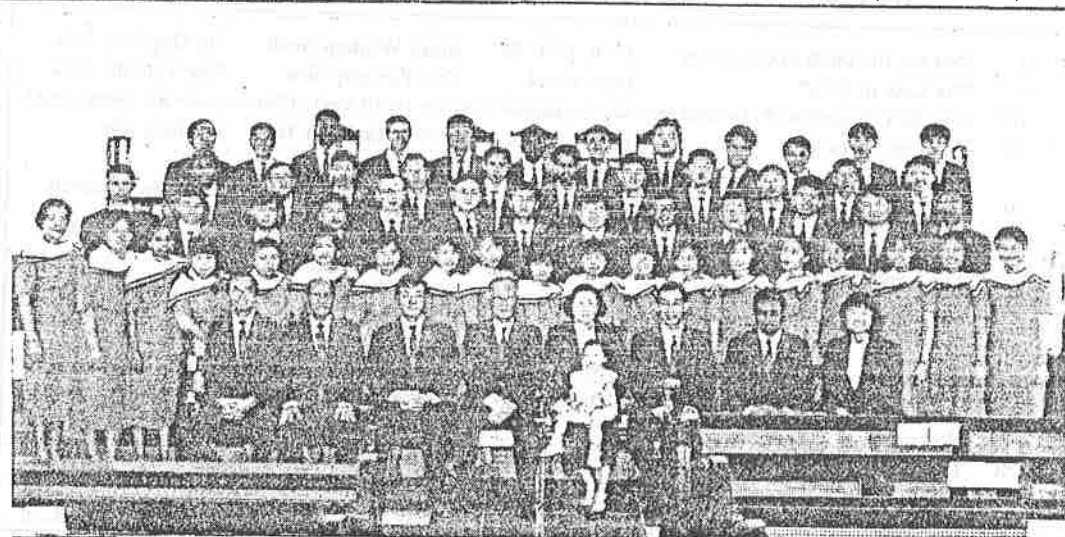
**OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II** \$500, \$50, \$300;  
**Renovations** \$100, \$300, \$1270 (Combined F'ship  
Conf), \$10; \$15000; **Rev G Kutty** \$240, \$600 (LBC);  
**YF** \$20; **Missions** \$50; **AirCon** \$400; **Medan**  
**Orphanage** \$250, \$1138, \$500; **FBII** \$500, \$400.

## FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) *I would like to express my appreciation for your deciding to support me as a student at FEBC. I am truly grateful for this opportunity to study God's Word in a school which believes that the Bible is none other than our Creator's voice. May I be a fruitful and productive investment for you as I do my best for the Lord. To God be the glory.*

Life Church 44th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 15, '94 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, \$10 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.

**Verse for the Week:** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (1 John 2:17)



Faculty and Students, FEBC (1994)



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25 September 1994

## "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. 31	No. 270
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 18:1-30	Lk 9:49-62
Hymn	No. 411	<i>He is my Friend</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 352	<i>To Ujong Pandang</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Num 27:15-23	Lk 14:16-24
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>God's Appointed Successor</i> (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	<i>Why not S'pore but Ujong Pandang?</i>
	No. 440	No. 285
Closing Hymn		
Benediction		

## TO GOD BE THE GLORY

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31). "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever" (Shorter Catechism No. 1).

When 60 students of FEBC sang the College Anthem, "O Father Thou Almighty art, Who made the heavens and earth and seas" before 1,000 wellwishers from near and far, the Hall of Calvary was filled with His glory!

When Faculty and Directors took the oath of allegiance to the Word of God, in the words of Dean Burgon of Oxford, glory was seen on every face that loved the Sacred Scriptures:

*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.*

In these days of widespread denial of His Word, the latest being sidwinder stings from Walter Kaiser's O.T.

hermeneutics who says the Virgin Born Son is Hezekiah and NIV Study Bible's Isaiah's son by his second wife, the oath taking was an opportune moment to anathematise these doctrines of devils (1 Tim 4:1).

When Dr S H Tow, pastor of the host church spoke on "All the Counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), he stepped on the toes of BPs who have departed from the original separatist stand of Life the Mother Church, but in the fearless declaration of the Truth, the power and glory of the Lord was felt even by witting or unwitting compromisers. As an institution of theological learning FEBC must dissociate from such as Fuller and Grand Rapids Baptist Seminaries now stretching their tentacles into Singapore. The glory of God, let it not depart from the 7,000 BPs who have not bowed the knee to the Baals of so-called scholarship, and lip service to the ICCB (which has no truck with Fuller, Regent or Grand Rapids).

The glory of God upon devout teaching of God's Word to a new generation of young people from 14 countries, resulting in the graduation of 28 in two years, was enhanced with the ordination of Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Prabhudas Koshy

and Wee Eng Moh. Dr Khoo now heads the Gospel Teams to Kemaman, Koshy is pastor of Gethsemane BPC and Wee Eng Moh of Berean BPC. To them was the charge given in the words of our Lord to Peter, "Lovest thou Me more than these" and "by what death he should glorify God" (Jn 21) --- that their pastoral ministry is a life-long ministry (for there are so many quitters after a decade or so) and a love-long ministry (for many serve not of love but for lucre's sake).

To the glory of God, FEBC's global commission, which must be accelerated as His Coming looms nearer each day, has resulted in a Bible College movement. FEBC graduates are the mainstay of the Bible College of East Africa (Rev Mark Kim); Bible School founded by Rev Michael Koech (Kenya); Far East Fundamental School of Theology (Rev Robert Thawm Luai, Burma). Then there is the Charles Seet couple helping out at the Hilltop, Philippines and now, the founding of the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia, Medan. The traditional offering taken at Graduation is totally designated for Medan where the Siregar Families are. (The principal and wife are visiting Medan Sept 29, 30 for the Inauguration of the FBII, as well as in the viewing of another property for another BPC, etc.)

"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).

To the glory of God, Dr Tow Siang Hwa is soon to visit the brethren in Sydney, many BPs in Vancouver, inaugurate a BPC in Toronto and ordain Vincent Hee in London (with the hand of Dr Patrick Tan).

As we reflect on the 28 graduates and the three ordained plus another three a month or so before them [viz. Wonsia (Ivory Coast), Pang Kok Hiong (Saipan), Cheong Chin Meng (Gospel Light BPC)], what are they to the needs of a hungry world? So, we have often challenged elders who are retired from secular

work to join us in the harvest field. One we often pray for the Lord's Spirit to be upon him is Elder Khoo now in Melbourne. As he is returning "on furlough" we are glad to hear of Eld Chia Kim Chwee's willingness to go Downunder to take his place. We rejoice to report another Life Church elder similarly involved, and that is Elder Edmund Tay at Rehoboth, the 6.00 pm English Service at Farrer Rd and Dunearn junction, with support from Men's Fellowship.

To the glory of God and with a view to strengthening the Baraka BPC, Bethlehem and our Palestinian brethren, we are killing two birds to go on a 6th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Mar 8-22, 1995 via Egypt, Sinai, Negev the Southern Desert, to Jerusalem and Galilee. We must visit Petra this time on the way back, for Ammon, Moab and Edom in Jordan are of special eschatological significance as discovered in our study of Daniel 11:41, "He (*the Antichrist*) shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon." In the deserts of Petra we see Mt Hor where Aaron died. Seeing all these places where great events took place in sacred history, shaking the hands of Palestinian Christians to encourage them in the faith, is our philosophy of Study Tour in the Bible Lands. Living stones and not dead stones. To God's glory and not to man's glory. Amen.

### The Sanctity of Sex and Family

This is a new series of messages to be preached at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan BPC. "Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

May we describe this as a prolonged Marriage Counselling Class. For the month of October, I shall speak on *God's Plan for Man, Choosing but not too Choosy!*, *The Sobering Seventh* (Oct 2, 16, 23). Dr Lim Teck Chye stands in Oct 9 on *Momentous Awakening of Life*.

Other messages following are *Single But Not Lonely* (Rev Quek S Y), *Sodom Comes Alive* (Dr S H Tow), *Model for Men* (Dr Jeffrey Khoo),

*Forgotten Family Altar* (Dr Patrick Tan), *Honouring Father and Mother* (Dr S H Tow), *No Cane No Gain?* (Rev Quek S Y), *Strong Like Samson!* (Rev Stephen Khoo), *"Chaste Virgin Without Blemish"* (Rev Quek S Y), *Unto Us A Son Is Born* (Dr S H Tow).

### A LIFER OF PRINSEP ST. DAYS WRITES PASTOR

Thank you very much indeed for continuing to send me the Church newsletter so faithfully over the years. It is very encouraging to hear you describe congregations of 40 or so as being small -- here congregations of 4 or 5 is not uncommon, and many would have found congregations of 40 or more encouraging. The newsletter for many years has been my only link with the Life BP Church as I did not keep in touch with Old Lifers for a long time.

I am writing to let you know that I am looking forward to the ordination of Vincent Hee in the new Life BP Church in London. I am an occasional visitor to their church in Willesden Green and am aware that Vincent Hee is being prepared for a full-time ministry to take over from Rev Eric Kwan of New Life BP Church, Woodlands. I am looking forward to seeing your brother Dr S H Tow although I do not know if he remembers me. I had the pleasure of meeting Rev Patrick Tan when he was here earlier this Spring and I look forward to renewing old acquaintances

again. I am only sorry I was not able to meet you when I was last in Singapore -- you were abroad in the previous 3 occasions I was in Singapore.

Let me just say a few words about myself as I seem to have disappeared off the face of the earth since leaving the Life Church in Prinsep St. (*before 1962*). Like many other young people I came here to study but after I had received my degree I decided to stay on as I thought then that this was quite a good country to live in. I then got a job working for the British Civil Service and have recently retired from them after 27 years.

As I am still young and healthy enough to remain active I have since then been doing various jobs - computer database, tour guide etc. and am currently doing a minicab job taking people to and from London Airport.

I have renewed acquaintances with Old Lifers and saw among others: Revs Philip Heng, Patrick Tan etc. (I think you were then in Israel.) The New Life BPC here has a congregation of about 20 people and all of them are very nice and friendly. They are certainly deserving of support from their present churches in S'pore and especially of New Life & Calvary. Please let me know if you are ever around this part of the world. It would be a pleasure to meet you again and a privilege to have the opportunity to entertain you.

Chong Jit Loi

### MESSAGES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1994 (8.00 AM SERVICE)

Theme: *The Law of Moses, the Law of Jesus*

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
OCT	2	Reward for Faith and Loyalty	Deut 1:31-38	Elder William Seah
	9	The Law of Life*	Deut 4:1-4	Rev Timothy Tow
	16	<i>Life BPC Combined Anniversary &amp; Baptismal Service (9.30 am) (Chinese Service same time)</i>		
	23	The Law of Love	Deut 5:6-21; Matt 22:35-39	Rev Quek Suan Yew
	30	The Law for our Children	Deut 6:4-9	Rev Jeffrey Khoo
NOV	6	The Law of Marriage	Deut 7:1-6	Rev Quek Suan Yew
	13	The Law of Victory*	Deut 7:12-26	Rev Stephen Khoo
	20	The Lesson of Hunger	Deut 8:1-6	Rev Bob Phee
	27	Is Gratitude your Attitude?	Deut 8:7-20	Rev Jeffrey Khoo
				Dn Tan Nee Keng
DEC	4	Why Given to Hospitality?	Deut 10:17-22	Dr Lim Teck Chye
	11	Attached to One Place of Worship*	Deut 12:1-14	Rev Stephen Khoo
	18	Forsake not the Levite	Deut 12:17-19	Rev Jeffrey Khoo
	25	<i>Life BPC Combined Christmas Service (9.30 am) (Chinese Service same time)</i>		
				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

(Oct 3 - 9, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF
	3.30 pm	EBF
SUN	8.00 am	The Law of Life (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class at Beulah Hse
	10.30 am	Elder Chia Kim Chwee
	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	Korean Service
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service

NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok, Bishan.

### LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$4,030.00 (8.00 am); \$11,250.00 (10.30 am)

**OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$50, \$100; Renovations \$2500, \$100; FEBC \$50; FBII \$100, \$200; Adelaide Stone Mansion \$10; Medan Orphanage \$100; J Wonsia (I.Coast) \$100.**

### FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) *The Lord has been very gracious and merciful unto me despite my waywardness. Yet time and again, I have forgotten the manifold blessings and strayed away from God. Recently I was troubled by career problems and the Lord once again showed His goodness to me in granting my request in a special way. Enclosed is a thanksgiving offering for the Church Renovation Fund. (\$1000) - By an undeserving sinner.*

(2) *This \$200 is our humble love-offering to aid the church renovation. The YF has been much blessed by Life Church all these years. Praise be to God. - Life Church YF*

(3) *Had been having a hard time learning humility and meekness. thank God for showing me all my pettiness, fretfulness, quarrelsome and overbearing attitude. Indeed, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips" (Is 6:5). Though I'm a far cry from attaining godliness, I know that the Lord will bring to pass what he had begun in me. Jesus never fails! (\$190).*

Sunday School Offering: \$384.55; Attendance: 286

**Life Church 44th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 15, '94 at 6.30 pm & 7.30 pm respectively. Please purchase your tickets early.**

**Verse for the Week:** Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.  
I Chron 16:11

FEBC Faculty and Director's Oath-taking on the Word of God (Ps 63:11)



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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. 211	No. 37
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Prov 11:1-14	Ps 63
Hymn	No. 311	Lead me gently
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 567	Lord, here I take my cross
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 1:31-38	Lk 14:25-35
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Reward for Faith and Faithfulness (Eld William Seah)	At the cost of family and self
		Lord's Supper
Closing Hymn	No. 227	Here I take my cross
Benediction		

### MINISTRY OF GOSPEL MUNITIONS (both software and hardware)

Paul likens the Christian life and walk to that of a soldier: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:11-18). In modern terms the whole armour of God is made up of both software and hardware. In supplying this software and hardware there had risen since the dawn of modern missions such organisations as

SPCK = Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge, the Bible Society, Christian Bookrooms etc. In the fifties, I used to visit the SPCK at Orchard Road from which I got my copy of the Common Prayer Book and KJV Bibles. But alas, the SPCK is no more seen or heard. This is a blow to the Ministry of Gospel Munitions.

Soon after I became your pastor in Oct. 1950 I felt the need of starting our own bookroom. Our Church to come would need much ammunition in our warfare with the enemy. This did not materialise until Gilstead Road was built in 1963. The end room of the L-annex now housing the Church-College Computer Room under Roger Kok was where we operated our bookroom. Owing to lack of management this embryo bookroom died an early death.

In 1976 the pastor revived the bookroom on his own with a capital of \$1,000! Stephen Kuan FEBC graduate joined him as sole manager and salesman. By God's grace it continued on for over three years under a Church Committee. After it ground to a halt, it was privatised in Sept 1979. The book business was given over to Paul Wong.

Inasmuch as the Christian

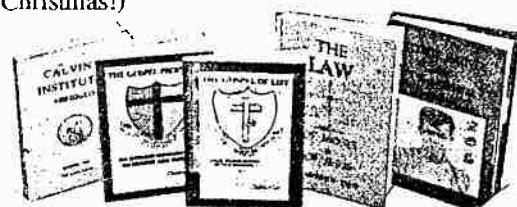




life and work is a warfare, the ministry of Gospel munitions is also a daily fight with Satan our enemy. From 1979 to this day it is an uphill climb, a constant struggle to keep going. The pastor can understand this since the Lord

had graciously called him to start Life Book Centre. That our Bookroom has persevered to this day is "of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" (Lam 3:22). The Lord has kept it alive because the Ministry of Gospel Munitions is a vital link in the Christian witness to the world. It not only supplies the spiritual needs of Church members but also students and faculty of FEBC, yea, even those of other theological institutions and Christian friends from other denominations. In the selection of good and sound books our manager has an edge over others in that he is theologically trained. Our Book Centre promotes the KJV which is hard to find in other bookrooms. The JESUS SAVES Clock is our copyright.

Since this Ministry of Gospel Munitions supplies ammunition to Christian soldiers, yea, even to the whole army, it needs our support. (Moreover it is run for our immediate convenience.) How can we support it? By patronising it, by advertising it, by praying for it, that it remain faithful and loyal to Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, Captain of the Lord's Army. For example, Christmas is coming soon. If you need Christmas cards or Christmas gifts for this holy season, why go outside to buy from other bookstores, when you can patronise your own? Without your support, it is harder to keep going! (A side thought, give Christian books this Christmas!)



BOOKS BY TIMOTHY TOW



This photo was taken in Sept 1986 at the inauguration of Air Bemban Bible Presbyterian Church and Kindergarten. From left to right standing are Miss Ng Sang Chiew, Mrs Tow Siang Yeow, Mrs Froude, Mrs Ivy Tow, Dr Patrick Tan, Rev John Ling, Dr Tow Siang Yeow, Rev T Tow, Eld Chia Kim Chwee and Eld Edmund Tay. Two "corner" terrace houses with the wall of partition removed yield 600 sq ft for the Church Hall, which on weekdays is turned into 2 classrooms for the kindergarten. Notice the cross that stands high in the middle of the enlarged house church. To the right of the signboard "Tadika Bor Ai" is a sizeable playground for the children. Here are installed swings and seesaws.

Last Sunday, Sept 28 which was Air Bemban's 8th anniversary Elder Sng Teck Leong drove me to speak at their commemoration service. As Air Bemban 3 miles north of Kelapa Sawit, is under the supervision of the latter, Miss Sang Chiew presided. It was a joy to see one hundred old and young gathered on this happy occasion. It was wonderful to hear the kindergarten children sing and recite Psalm One with action. The Christian kindergarten now has

an enrolment of 66. During the years 5 young people from the YF have been baptised. The Lord's Day Service sees an attendance of 15-20. Eld Sng visits Air Bemban every month to deliver God's message (in conjunction with Kelapa Sawit). He sits on their session.

Air Bemban was bought 8 years ago by Life Church as a gift to Kelapa Sawit. It is one of 11 Bible-Presbyterian Churches stretching from south Johore to KL the Malaysian capital.

Other BPC's are Kulai Besar, Kelapa Sawit, K S Tamil, Muar, Rawang, Bukit Gambir, Ulu Tiram, Calvary Jaya, Taman Sri Melati, Peace BPC. (Bukit Batu has a 25,000 sq ft property for sale.) Rev John Ling at Kemaman and Dungun is not forgotten! Calvary Jaya is now registered with the Government.

### Message from the Haze

*The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars;  
Yea the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.*

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*The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire  
The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness.*

(Ps 29:5,7,8).

Forest fires swept 700 miles of Australia's eastern seaboard not long ago. Now they burn in South Sumatra and Kalimantan, belching smoke that becomes a blanketing haze on Singapore and Southern Malaysia. This is God speaking to a self-sufficient, affluent people, without God, but with the \$ swimming in their mind. Money is the god of Singaporeans. This arrogant spirit has crept into the Church. And though the HAZE has thickened to dangerous levels no one seems to care.

But when forest fires swept the cedars of Lebanon, King David sensed it was God speaking to His people. And we have also heard.

We suddenly realise how frail we are. We remember what Peter has said, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Peter 3:10).

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (II Peter 3:11,12).

Let us set not our affections on earthly things but rather on things above. "This world is not our home, we're just a-passing through!" Why not give yourself to full-time service?

*The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness;*

*The LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests:*

*And in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.*

*The LORD sitteth upon the flood;*

*Yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.*

*The LORD will give strength unto his people;*

*The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

(Psalm 29:8-11)

### Message from Medan

The Haze spreads to Medan!

Sept 30, 94 saw over 30 gathered at Bethany BPC, Medan to witness the Inauguration of Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia. Mr Dohar Siregar, the principal welcomed the guests, and Bapa Siregar expressed his joy. Pastor Tow, quoting II Tim 3:16 reminded the students of the lessons they would be learning would benefit them far more than their going through secular school study. This gives them everlasting life while the other to earn a livelihood. (Offerings at FEBC 20th Graduation totalled \$6,533.90 --- all to Medan.) Seven students, including a University graduate were enrolled.

# APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 10 - 16, '94)

MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall
	7.45 pm	Women's F'ship, Baulah Hse
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF; 3.00 pm LBC
	6.30 pm	44th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner
SUN	9.30 am	Anniversary Thanksgiving & Baptismal Service (Rev Tow)
	9.30 am	Chinese 29th Anniversary Service
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.30 pm	Korean Service
	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
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service

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

Sunday School Offering: \$466.36; Attendance: 328

Register your child for infant baptism by Tue, 11 Oct, with the Church Office (Tel: 2569256).

Specially printed envelopes for your offerings are available at the Church Entrance.

## LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\*\$5,309.00 (8.00 am); \$15,125.00 (10.30 am)  
**OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II** \$50, \$300, \$29(Box), \$795(Chinese Ser), \$500(Keb Indonesia); **Church Renovation** \$50; **I.Coast** \$200, \$100; **Medan** \$100, \$50; **Chinese Bibles** \$30; **Africa Mission** \$150, \$34(Box); **Myanmar Orphanage** \$50, \$200, \$150, \$100; **Adelaide Stone Mansion** \$1000; **Errol Stone Family** \$150; **Sharon BPC** \$200(Box); **FEBC Dining Club** \$5, \$400.

## FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) *By the grace of God, this small cheque includes my first month's salary. I'm truly indebted to God for the job he has given to me. I'd be grateful if you could allocate the gift as follows - Pastor Tow \$2000, Youth F'ship \$1100.*

**Verse for the Week:** His work is honourable and glorious; and his righteousness endureth for ever. Ps 111:3

**Life Church 44th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 15, '94 at 6.30 pm & 7.30 pm respectively.** 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.



Inauguration of the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia at Bethany BPC, Medan, Sept 30, '94. The faculty is comprised of the whole Siregar family, Dohar, Hapasan, Agus, Gloria, all FEBC graduates, and Bapa.



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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. 295	No. 38
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Deut 5:1-22	Lk 12:49-53
Hymn	X Commandments	No. 362
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	Living for Jesus	No. 468
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 4:1-10	Acts 17:1-9
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Law of Life and Happiness	Turning the World Upside Down (Elder Chia Kim Chwee)
	Lord's Supper	No. 466
Closing Hymn	While the days are going by	
Benediction		

## FROM MEDAN TO YANGON

A Word from Mr Dohar, Principal of Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia

It is great pleasure for me to welcome you all to this great occasion, the opening day of FBII. May God bless this school of prophets and its vision.

It has been my desire to start the Bible Institute patterned after FEBC. The desire grew in my heart because it is so difficult to find one theological school that is sound in doctrine in Indonesia, especially in Sumatra. Almost every theological school that we have is either under ecumenical/liberal church or under the Charismatic Church.

The spirit of apostasy, of falling away from the truth, is sweeping over the Indonesian Churches. The new leaders in the Church are graduates from liberal theological schools or Charismatic schools. The result is devastating. No wonder the majority of the Church in Indonesia are either under the ecumenical movement or under the Charismatic movement. Only the minority, such as Gereja Santapan Rohani. GPPI, and Reformed Evangelical Church of Indonesia are making a stand. Unless we do something to guard the truth through the FBII, the

whole Church will be carried away by the flood of Ecumenism, and modernism and Charismatism.

When Rev Tow came to visit us recently, and we decided to start the FBII, I felt that this was the right time to do great things for the Lord. Rev Tow appointed me to be the principal. I take it as a challenge to materialise my desire. Here as the principal of the Institute I must declare that Old Time Message of Rev Tow for the FEBC to be THE SAME Message for the FBII today. "While standing firmly on the infallible and inerrant Word of God, we are Reformed, Calvinistic and Premillennial in our theological position."

The Westminster Confession of Faith and Calvin's Institutes are the two subjects I had learned from FEBC that interest me the more. These must be included in the curriculum. The FBII also takes the separatist stand from modernism and ecumenism. "Holding forth the Word of life" is our motto.

It is truly a great honour for us to have Rev Dr T. Tow and Mrs Tow present with us today to open this FBII. Their love for us, for the cause of the Gospel, will flow to FBII.

Let us therefore pray more

earnestly so God may use and bless FBII to train faithful men and women to be labourers in His vineyard. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

#### Latest Developments in Yangon

My dear brothers and sisters, by the grace of God and your prayers here I am doing very well for the Lord our God. God's wonderful work is shown in my ministry in Burma. There are 40-65 people attending Yangon Bible Presbyterian Church every Sunday service at 10.30 - 11.30 am.

Myanmar is a strong Buddhist country. It is considered as the darkest country in the world. It is very hard to bring the Light of God upon Myanmar.

I can do nothing at all. Even I am not worthy to be His servant. I know nothing. But today because of your love and your prayers for me God is using me to do His work in Myanmar. And now I am preparing to go to my old village where there are 700 houses. The reason I am going there is to start another Bible Presbyterian Church. I will name the new B-P Church in my village *Grace Bible Presbyterian Church*. I will be there for 7 days, from 27 Sep to 4 Oct. I praise the Lord that now one more B-P Church will grow in Myanmar. Therefore my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I earnestly request you --- "Please, please pray for me continually" so that our God's wonderful help comes upon my life and I can be one of good example to the servants of God.

I really thank God and you for your kindly help for my ministry in Myanmar. I received your love gift of S\$1406 through Rev Thawng, one of the Burmese FEBC students. I received it on Saturday, 10 Sep 94. I believe it is really from the Lord. So I must use it for the Lord. Here all the orphans are very happy staying together with me. Now through your love gift, I can have the Sunday school teachers for them.

I am very happy and joyful to serve the Lord because I have real brothers and sisters in Him who are working together with me for the Lord. Whatever I do in Myanmar for the Lord is not

only my work for Him, but also you are doing together with me in Myanmar.

Happy are those who are concerned for the poor; the Lord will help them when they are in trouble. Psalm 41:1.

#### How the Temple Was Renovated

"And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD. And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD. So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada." (II Chronicles 24:8-14)

The prophet Malachi says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not

open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

## REST

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me,  
all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest...

*Rest for bodies that are weary  
Rest for souls in deep despair  
Sweet assurance of His presence  
Even in a world of care*

*Blessed rest in times of trouble  
Peaceful harbour in the storm  
In the midst of dark depression  
Rest and safety in His arm.*

*When the heart is heavy laden  
Trust the One that loves you best  
For He knows about each  
heartache*

*In His love is blest heart rest  
Toils of life may make you weary  
When you do your very best.*

*Place your head upon your pillow  
As He gives you sleep and rest  
When life's sun is quickly setting  
And you pass that final test  
His amazing grace will take you  
To that final place of rest.*

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Hear Dr Lim Teck Chye on *Puberty at Sunset Gospel Hour*, Calvary BPC tonite 6 pm! and Pastor Tow on *Choosing, but not Choosy* Oct 16.

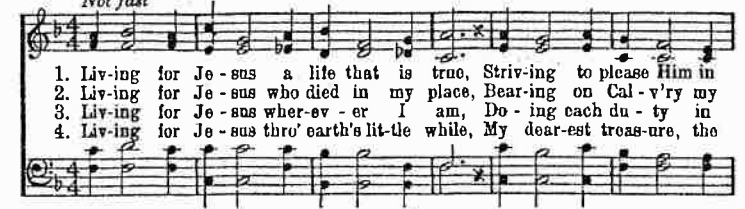
*Has God a Plan for Your Life?* 64 pages by T. Tow is just out of the press. Available from LBC at \$3.00.

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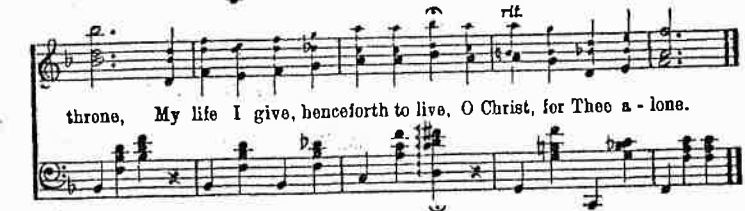
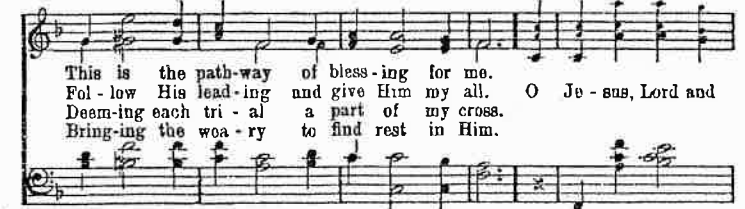
## Living for Jesus

T. O. CHISHOLM  
Not fast

C. HAROLD LOWDEN



\* CHORUS Unison. Slower



Pray for the Ordination of Dohar and Haposan in Medan, Nov 29, '94.

Elder & Mrs Khoo return from Melbourne Oct 12 and Rev & Mrs Stephen Khoo Oct 19 from USA.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 17 - 23, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	7.30 pm	Daniel (Rev Tow)	*\$5,043.00 (8.00 am); \$15,260.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II</b> \$1500, \$100, \$200,	
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	\$100, \$50; <b>Missions</b> \$800, \$50; <b>Medan Orphanage</b>	
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	\$20; <b>Yangon (Andrew Kam)</b> \$50, \$550(WF);	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC	<b>Myanmar Orphanage</b> \$50; <b>Rev Paul Kim</b> \$100;	
	3.30 pm	EBF	<b>Indonesia Bldg Fund</b> \$1000; <b>Hilltop</b> \$1000; <b>Loan</b>	
SUN	8.00 am	The Law of Love (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	<b>to EBF II</b> \$450(MF); <b>Medan Bible Inst</b> \$264; <b>Dn</b>	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<b>Jack Sin</b> \$200; <b>Rev Jeffrey Khoo</b> \$200.	
	10.30 am	Rev Stephen Khoo	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	(1) <i>My humble offering to the Lord for having spared</i>	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>me from injury and material damage when my car skidded</i>	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<i>in the rain on a Sunday morning on my way to Church.</i>	
	10.45 am	Rev Tow at Maranatha BPC Anniv.	<i>A Grateful Lifer (\$200)</i>	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	(2) <i>Thank you Almighty Lord for answering all my</i>	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	<i>prayers for my son and for blessing him. 'Enclosed please</i>	
	1.30 pm	AF/YAF Combined Mtg	<i>find \$100 for the renovations of Life BP Church in</i>	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	<i>Gilstead Rd and another \$100 for the Stone Mansion in</i>	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<i>Adelaide, Australia. Praise the Lord.</i>	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	(3) <i>Thank the Lord for a caring Pastor and Session</i>	
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr	<i>members who are always sensitive to the needs of Lifers.</i>	
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	<i>Enclosed is my second instalment for the new aircon. (I</i>	
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok, Bishan.			<i>was pleasantly surprised to find it had already been</i>	
Sunday School Offering: \$326.75; Attendance: 318			<i>installed last Lord's day!)</i>	
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22			(4) <i>Thanksgiving for the birth of our son Martin Choo -</i>	
			<i>for missionary work \$1000.</i>	



With Eld & Mrs Khoo after preaching at a  
Sr. Citizens' Home in Melbourne, May 1994.  
Hai Seng is first on left.



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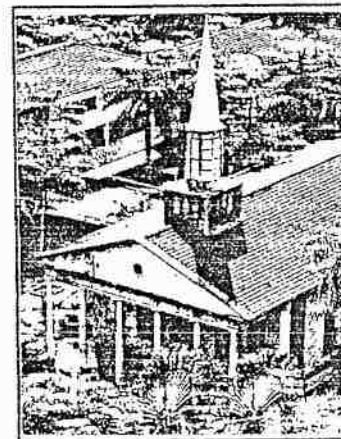
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17 October 1994

My dear Lifers,

### THOUGHTS ON OUR 44TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Did you ever notice that every Anniversary of a BPC is celebrated as a Thanksgiving? This



is patterned after America's annual Thanksgiving which falls on the 4th Thursday of November in commemoration of the Pilgrim Fathers her spiritual ancestors. During the severe winter of their coming in the Mayflower 1620, half of their number of 102 died. When God delivered them with a good harvest the next autumn, they worshipped in Thanksgiving.

When Life BPC was founded on Oct 20, 1950 we were a handful of 30 with children numbering 50. We worshipped at 144 Prinsep St. on the premises of Say Mia Tng, our Mother Church. As we took a separatist stand with the International Council of Christian Churches in opposition to the World Council of Churches, and as our Mother Church was "roped" into the Ecumenical Movement, we went "forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach" (Hebrews 13:13). Under His protecting hand, we began to take root. The memory of the Pilgrim Fathers led us to hold Thanksgiving the next year. 44 years have flown since, and who could have imagined that

the Lord would prosper the BPC movement to the ends of the earth?!

What we should commemorate on this Day, first of all, is our individual salvation --- "but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10:20). Thus, in David's Thanksgiving List, the first item is his sins being forgiven, and secondly his being healed by the Lord from all his diseases. Then he remembers some traumatic event(s) in his life that could have killed him, and after this God's lovingkindness and tender mercies in supplying his physical needs. As a Righteous Judge the Lord has delivered him from his enemies who tried to implicate him. He remembers the miracles God has wrought through Moses, and His ever pardoning grace, etc etc. As we lovingly recollect the goodness of our Father in heaven, how shall we not give thanks?

**"The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance" (Ps 16:5)**

These words of David again remind us of God being our Possession. If we have God, we have everything! David's share of the Land of Israel is the best, even Mt Zion, the



king's palace in Jerusalem. "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places" (Ps 16:6). In measuring the landed property to each Israelite family, by lot, some get better portions than others. David the King got the best.

Did you ever thank the Lord that He has given us a double portion at Gilstead Road? A "husband and wife" property in the Church and College complex at 9 and 9A Gilstead Road, and since May 1989, No. 10, Beulah House, the former Eye Clinic? You who enjoy Beulah House especially --- the inmates, FEBC students and Chinese friends, the various Fellowships, S.S., Koreans, Thais, Kachins, yea, passing-through guests from every corner of the earth?

Let us thank God for having completed all Renovations on both sides of Gilstead Road. As some bills have yet to come by approval of the Quantity Surveyor, we have this report of payments made thus far:

1. Architect, Q. Surveyor, Surveyor .....	\$ 8,545.00
2. Roof and floor tiles .....	44,419.00
3. Siong Kiat Builders .....	253,611.04
4. Electrical Contractors .....	35,075.00
5. Beulah House, etc. ....	55,355.00
6. Girls Dorm Renovations .....	9,100.00
7. Window Curtains throughout .....	9,896.00

(Estimated \$100,000 still owing)      \$416,001.04

### "I have a goodly heritage"

What is Life Church's "goodly heritage"? It is not so much in the properties physical but rather the spiritual. At Gilstead Rd on both sides there are held at least 10 services every Lord's Day in seven languages --- English, Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, Thai, Filipino, Burmese. Week days, we see the dorms occupied by 60 students with their wives and children. The Far Eastern Kindergarten has an enrolment of just under 200. The Life Book Centre opens long hours to serve the Church and community. On Tuesday Night there's the Prayer Meeting, Mon and Thur evenings the FEBC classes. Then there is the Ministry of Hospitality that shelters passing through

missionaries, pastors, Christian friends and Indonesian members, especially from nearby islands and elsewhere. Through the Hospitality Ministry we have baptised at least a dozen thus far. Beulah House is a gospel 'kelong' whereby the fishers of men find a good catch. In this respect we're glad to report Hendro, the boy who lost his leg, is now enrolled at Chin Lien Bible Seminary (with a scholarship from our Chinese Service).

Life Church English Service which is the main body occupying these premises is the Gospel Dynamo House that sends missionaries to Thailand and Philippines [the Chinese Service supports Indonesia (Uban) and Malaysia (Rawang)]. We also support Bible Colleges, Orphanages in Burma and Indonesia, etc, etc. Our latest outreaches are Medan, Yangon, Malaysia (Kemaman) and with Sembawang, Ivory Coast. We are not oblivious of the invaluable services rendered by Elder & Mrs Khoo, missionaries par excellence to Melbourne, Bethel BPC. Yes, all these spiritual endeavours are our "goodly heritage" from the Lord of Missions. (Eld and Mrs Chia Kim Chwee will serve two months in Melbourne, Feb - Mar, 1995.) Rev and Mrs Stephen Khoo, who are returning from USA after one-and-a-half years residential study will join us at Life Church and FEBC.

This is our 44th Anniversary. Did you realise when we reach 2000 AD we will be 50 years old, should the Lord tarry? These are momentous years ahead of us. What is ahead we can never know, but the trend is perilous (II Tim 3:1). The recent manoeuvres of Saddam in the Euphrates Valley should remind us once again of the climax of history that must be consummated from there to Armageddon, yea, even Israel. 2000 AD draws us to look up to His glorious appearing! "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (II Peter 3:11,12). - T.T.

### INFANT BAPTISM

01. Choo Boon Yong, Martin  
s/o Mr & Mrs Johnny Choo Oh Leng
02. Koh Sze Mei, Deborah  
d/o Mr & Mrs Kenneth Koh Geok Tong
03. Lau Jia Ming, Jaime  
d/o Mr & Mrs Michael Lau Hwai Keong
04. Law Dewan, John  
s/o Mr & Mrs Law Shing Yee
05. Lee Sen Jet, John  
s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Hock Chin
06. Phang Yi Chen, Joshua  
s/o Dr & Mrs Jonathan Phang Siung King
07. Tan Zhi Wei, Joel  
s/o Mr & Mrs David Tan Boon Keong
08. Teo Wei Shan, Evelyn  
d/o Mr & Mrs Richard Teo Gee Chee
09. Tham Shi Hui, Clara  
d/o Mr & Mrs Tham Peng Wai

### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Liu Liwen, Mark      *Student*
02. Ng Wing Kwang, Norman      *Student*

### TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

03. Tan Tek Soon, Garry      *Ind. Design Engr*
04. Wong Sy Vui, Edward      *Credit Officer*

### BAPTISM

05. Cheong Wah Onn, Adrian      *Student*
06. Chia Puay Lee, Lily      *Student*
07. Chionh Beng Hock, James      *Coordinator*
08. Gala Elizabeth      *Maid*
09. Gani Atmadiredja      *Student*
10. Kang Khiang Whatt, Ronnie      *Businessman*
11. Kwok Pak Yuen, Katherine      *Clerical Offr*
12. Lai Seng Kwoon      *Accountant*
13. Lim Chwei Ling      *Student*
14. Lim Ngerng Siang, Sharon      *Bank Offr*
15. Tan Chong Hee, Nicholas      *Police Offr*
16. Tan Jun Ming, Bevan      *Student*
17. Tan Khon How      *Engineer*
18. Tan Mei Jun, Bernice      *Student*
19. Thong Jiunn Yew      *Student*
20. Toh Sock Har      *Technical Offr*
21. Yap Chwee Pheng, Eliza      *Teacher*

### INDONESIAN SERVICE

#### BAPTISM

01. Deborah Wenny Inggriani      *Student*  
Hermawan
02. Eron Young Gouw      *Student*
03. Hermawan Sutantio      *Student*
04. Jumiatur      *Maid*
05. Kezia Luciana Laksmono      *Student*
06. Nunuk Kristiani      *Maid*
07. Ruth Peggi Varianti Hernawan      *Student*
08. Willy Gunawan      *Student*

(We praise God for 6 being baptised at the Chinese Service, including one from Mainland China.)

#### Letter on John Sung My Teacher

Thank you very much for writing such an insightful book on Dr John Sung's remarkable life and faith. I bought a copy of the book after attending the musical by Mt Carmel BP Church. It is such an engrossing read that I finish the book in 5 hours! (my flu worsened as a result but worth it). My only regret is not knowing/taking the trouble to find out about this man's life. Having attended Pandan BP Church for 2 years, I have heard his name being mentioned with much fondness too many a time by Dr Tow S H. I know the reasons why now.

There is always talks that Asians lack a modern hero in general, a Christian here in particular. Your book narrates a man whose intellectual ability outshines the Americans, who worked hard, and saved his money, who achieved scholastic success and fame --- and yet threw everything away to serve the Lord. In a way, I envy you, sir, to be able to meet him in your youth whilst later generations like ours, could only read your book. God bless you.

Harold Fock

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 24 - 30, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	* \$33,165.00 (Anniv. & Baptismal Ser.)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renovations</b> \$100,		
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics (Rev Bob Phee)	\$100, \$100, \$200, \$100, \$10, \$1000, \$250, \$1000,		
FRI	9.00 am	FEK Concert Rehearsal	\$10, \$1000, \$100, \$200, \$100, \$40, \$200, \$2000,		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	\$350, \$200, \$200, \$100, \$750, \$10, \$500, \$50,		
	3.30 pm	EBF	\$500, \$800, \$270, \$70(Box), \$200, \$1600; <b>Beulah</b>		
	7.30 pm	Filmshow <i>John Hus</i> , Sanctuary	<b>Renovations</b> \$50, \$100, \$6117.56 (offerings from 29		
SUN	8.00 am	<i>The Law for our Children</i> (Rev Jeffrey Khoo)	BP Churches for Life BPC Anniv.), \$120, \$100,		
	9.30 am	Rev Tow at Grace BPC	\$100, \$500, \$440, \$5000, \$300, \$250, \$400, \$200,		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	\$60; <b>Rev George Kutty</b> \$20; <b>Missions</b> \$250;		
	10.30 am	Dn Jack Sin (Reformation Sunday)	<b>Children's Choir</b> \$200; <b>Bethel BPC Bldg</b> \$50;		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	<b>Medan FBH</b> \$150; <b>Aircon</b> \$400; <b>EBF</b> \$100; <b>FEBC</b>		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<b>94 Semester Dinner</b> \$500(AF); <b>FEFST</b> \$900;		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<b>Yangon BPC/Orphanage</b> \$900; <b>Rev Thawng Nei</b>		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	<b>Bil</b> \$200; <b>China Mission</b> \$30(Box).		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	(1) <i>My humble offering to the Lord for having spared me</i>		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<i>from injury and material damage when my car skidded in the</i>		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	<i>rain on a Sunday morning on my way to Church. A Grateful</i>		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	<i>Lifer</i> (\$200).		
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.			(2) <i>Offering for church renovation or any other church</i>		
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3			<i>projects. Thank God for answered prayers. To God be the</i>		
			(3) <i>Thank God for His blessings</i> (\$100).		
			(4) <i>Glory be to God! Thank you Lord for not hurting</i>		
			<i>myself seriously! Chinese Bibles</i> \$30.		



Rev Wee Eng Moh (coat and tie) with  
Bereans after Ordination  
on Sept 18, '94



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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	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 40	No. 19
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	II Cor 4:8-18	Psalms 122
Hymn	No. 319	No. 119
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 48	No. 137
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 5:6-31;	Psalms 100
Pastoral Prayer	Matt 33:35-39	
Sermon	The Law of Love (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	Loving God (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 255	No. 118
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

### 1994 Year of Renovation, Year of Rejuvenation

In my message to you last Lord's Day, I noted the milestones of progress of Life Church ---

- I 1950 Inauguration at Prinsep St.
- II 1962 Move to Gilstead Rd. Establishment of FEBC.
- III 1983 Building of New Life at Woodlands.
- IV 1990 Acquisition of Beulah House.
- V 1994 Renovation of Church, College & Beulah House.

1994 is not only our Year of Renovation but also Year of Rejuvenation! By God's Grace this Rejuvenation has first been vouchsafed to your pastor. For, he testified with Caleb to the congregation, "I am as strong this day as I was" --- 44 years ago. The pastor can but humbly reconsecrate himself to the Lord's Service. "As my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in" (Joshua 14:11).

Why do we say "war" with Caleb? That we are a Bible-Presbyterian Church is from the polemical stand we took in the very beginning. By God's grace the 20th Century Reformation Movement of the International Council of Christian Churches was introduced to our shores through my

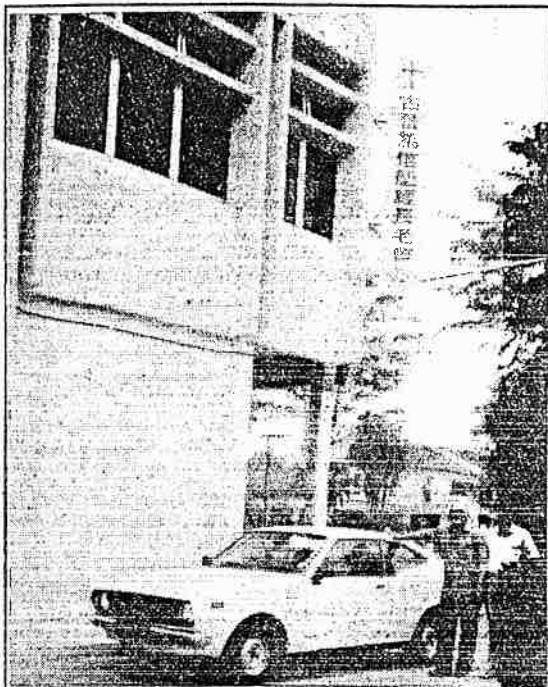
training at Faith Seminary, USA and association with its founder Dr Carl McIntire. And the Lord has given us victory upon victory.

But alas! Compromise set in in 1988, as a result of which, the BP Synod was dissolved and Churches realigned. Nevertheless Life Church has stood firm with Calvary, and it is upon these two main churches that God Almighty has graciously opened door after door of Gospel Advance. Besides, there is FEBC that has now attained vigorous manhood, and is the "SAFTI" in the sending of trained warriors into the field.

From this year of Rejuvenation, there is added to the pastoral staff Rev Stephen Khoo, just returned from the States after one-and-a-half years of residential study. He will be assisting our Pastor and resuming Dean of Students, FEBC. By residing in the Second Parsonage he will increase the availability of pastoral service and relieve me in time of need. He will release us for service elsewhere whenever we are called.

Rev Djunaidi was supported by us 1977-87. He became financially independent thereafter, since his orphanage





*The Chinese characters mean: Bible Presbyterian Church, Kuching. Djunaidi and Bong with the Church car.*

and school attained self-sufficiency. Now, in his evening years, he has felt God's call to strike out again. He was an evangelist in his younger years, a helper of missionaries.

As there is now through communication between Pontianak (capital of West Kalimantan) and Kuching (capital of Sarawak), and the latter has a great need of the Gospel in Chinese, Djunaidi is prepared to make frequent visits to Sharon Rose BPC, Sharon BPC's extension to Kuching. He is willing to become our Roving Missionary with partial support from us. He will give us a monthly report. There is no better Gospel investment than in a Spirit-filled man.

The inauguration of the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia in Medan is now widely known. It has seven students, one of whom is an university graduate. The next step is the ordination of Dohar and brother Haposan. This

will expedite the Gospel and Church planting in Indonesia. Hitherto this has been the "monopoly" of Father Siregar, and he is now gone for a season to Jakarta where his eldest son, a doctor, is domiciled. He has an urge to establish a BPC in the Indonesian capital. Though 82 he is in good health to join our Rejuvenation Programme.

**The ordination of Dohar and Haposan is scheduled for the 10.30 am Service, Lord's Day, Nov 27, 1994.**

Then, there is Dr Goh Seng Fong to rejoin the FEBC now that he has obtained his D.Min. from Tennessee, USA. He will not only teach an evening class but also provide leadership in missionary evangelism. He is leading a mission to Medan Dec 19-26 with members of LBC, Leong Yew Hoong assisting. Presently Dr Goh is lodged at Life Church.

Last but not least is our Book Centre, rejuvenated with a fountain of Christian books flooding in from USA and UK. *Has God a Plan for Your Life* is LBC's latest publication of the pastor's writings.

#### **Maranatha BP Church**

Maranatha BP Church was founded in Oct 1990 on the premises of St George's the former military Church, a relic of the British regime. The occupancy of the

spacious building at the foot of Alexandra Hospital, Changi was negotiated by Dr Patrick Tan with the Military Christian Fellowship, of which he was founder. In line with the policy of Life Church's Decentralisation Programme, a group of Lifers struck out to our Island's easternmost corner, where it was still sparsely populated.

But things have drastically changed after four years. All along the highway leading to Maranatha and Changi Village, high-rise HDB flats are being built at a relentless pace. In the not distant future, Maranatha will be the Church serving this new housing estate, since Church land is scarce and its price exorbitant. It is around \$3.5 million on a 30-year lease.

Meanwhile out of Maranatha has branched Berean BP Church to worship at Tabernacle BPC under the shelter of LBC's warehouse at Tampines. Rev Wee Eng Moh is their pastor. As for Maranatha it continued to persevere from year to year. As other Lifers moved up to Pasir Ris and other localities nearby, these have naturally gravitated to Maranatha.

Elder George Tan is chairman of the managing committee, which comprises Thomas Liaw (Secretary), John Hoe (Treasurer), Teo Gim Thong, Herbert Gwee, Yeo Yuen Kee, Mrs Audrey Yeo, Tan Peng Hui, Benjamin Heng, George Skariah and Anne Wong. Miss Anne Wong is staff worker. George Skariah is FEBC student preacher. Rev (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo now administers the Lord's Supper. The Church organist is Mr Benjamin Heng. A young adult fellowship that was formed May 7 '94 has now become a vigorous arm of the Church. The Sunday School has an attendance of 15

and the Sunday congregation numbers around 45. The regular speakers at Maranatha are Rev Peter Chua, Rev Ronny Khoo, Elder Chia Kim Chwee, Elder Lim Teck Chye and Dn Jack Sin.

Pastor Tow is the Anniversary speaker today at Maranatha and his subject is "Why is every BPC's Anniversary a Thanksgiving Day?" Today is a Big Day with the Life Church Choir, the WF



### **"DEEP IN GOD'S WORD"**

*Deep in God's Word there is hidden,  
Such wonders, I gasp to behold,  
The purpose of God, and the mysteries,  
The Spirit of Truth doth unfold.  
Hidden behind words so common,  
Yet plain to the heart that will look,  
Are the treasures of Truth and His glory.  
They're here in my wonderful Book.*

*Over, and over and over again,  
I read, and the pages are new.  
I sing in my heart and I praise Him,  
And behold what the reading will do.  
Old, tho the same old "story,"  
The Gospel, the Good News from God.  
It warns all my soul with its kindness,  
Seeing, now, the dark road I once trod.*

*My mind is so eager to study,  
My heart is so slow to believe,  
But here on the page it is written,  
And the Spirit leads me to receive.  
How can I ever stop seeking?  
The profit is greater each day.  
And I find it is Christ I discover,  
As I meditate, study, and pray.*

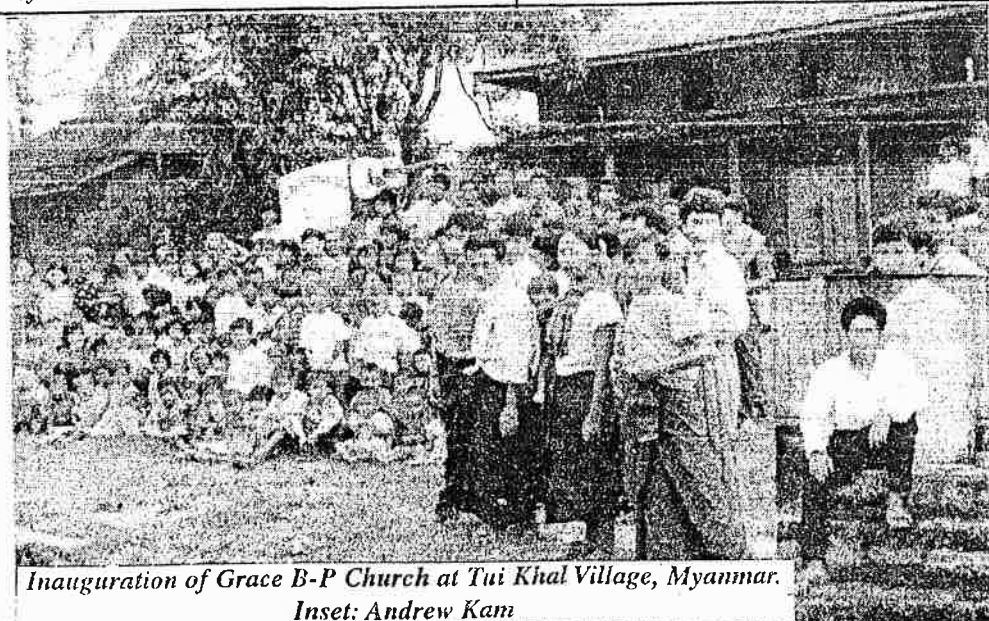
*I find that the fullness of Spirit,  
Is the fruit that God wants me to bear.  
The "much fruit" which pleaseth the Father,  
Is Christ manifest everywhere.  
His virtue, His Person, His glory,  
The blue, and the red, and the gold,  
The wonder that I am beloved ---  
All this, in my BOOK, I behold.*

Gertrude Grace Sanbom

and MF also joining our daughter Church in their celebration. The Church worships at 10.45 am. A special invitation is extended to 8.00 am worshippers to join those who are coming up in buses. St George's Chapel is located at 63 Cranwell Road, Spore 1750 (to be exact). Meet all the old folks at home!

-T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 31 - Nov 6, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	\$6097.00 (8.00 am); \$8283.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renovations</b> \$200,	
THU	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	\$150, \$800, \$200, \$300, \$500, \$220(Coinafon),	
FRI	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	\$300; <i>Beulah Renovations</i> \$100, \$58(Muar BPC);	
SAT	2.30 pm	FEBC Exams Begin	<i>Maranatha BPC</i> \$50; <i>Children's Choir</i> \$618; <i>Rev</i>	
	2.30 pm	FEK Concert	<i>Tow</i> \$1000; <i>Rev &amp; Mrs Ronny Khoo</i> \$200; <i>EBF II</i>	
	2.30 pm	Sembawang BPC Wedding	\$300; <i>Myanmar Orphanage</i> \$60.	
	3.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>	
	3.30 pm	EBF	(1) <i>I was recently involved in a three-vehicle accident.</i>	
SUN	8.00 am	<i>The Law of Marriage</i>	<i>My daughter and mother were with me. The other car</i>	
		(Rev Quek Suan Yew)	<i>and taxi were full of passengers; many of them children.</i>	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<i>By the supreme grace of God, no one was injured. How</i>	
	10.30 am	Rev Joshua Daniel, Lord's Supper	<i>wonderful is the Lord we worship. It is with a humble</i>	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>and deeply thankful spirit that I offer unto Him who</i>	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>art the source of all we have, an offering of gratitude</i>	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<i>for His abundant mercies. Please direct it to the</i>	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	<i>mission field with the greatest need.</i>	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	<i>- A Grateful Lifer (\$200)</i>	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	(2) <i>Please channel my offering to the children's choir as</i>	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<i>children are a blessing from the Lord. Praise God from</i>	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	<i>whom all blessings flow. - A Lifer/Mother (\$618)</i>	
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	<b>Sunday School Offering: \$240.70; Attendance: 309</b>	
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.				
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> O Lord God of hosts,				
who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to				
thy faithfulness round about thee? Ps 89:8				



Inauguration of Grace B-P Church at Tui Khal Village, Myanmar.  
Inset: Andrew Kam

From this far-off village, Andrew has brought  
11 orphans to Yangon, so the Orphanage  
now has 22 children.



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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	Dn Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	<i>This is my Father's...</i>	No. 32
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Mk 12:28-34	Isaiah 59:9-21
Hymn	No. 399	No. 335
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 244	No. 301
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 6:4-9	Gal 1:1-12; Phil 1:27
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Law for our Children</i> (Rev Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Our Spiritual Debt to the Reformers</i> (Dn Jack Sin)
Closing Hymn	No. 471	No. 432
Benediction		

### REFORMATION UNENDING

Though the Manchus were toppled in the Revolution led by Sun Yat Sen in 1911, the Father of the Chinese Republic issued a clarion call to his followers: "The Revolution is not yet finished, let comrades struggle on" (革命尚未成功, 同志仍须努力).

What was true of the Chinese Revolution is true of Protestantism today. The Protest that Martin Luther made against the corruption of Rome resulted in the 16th Century Reformation. There was widespread overturning of the old Church. But counter-Reformation forces retaliated while the Reformation sat at ease. Modernism and liberalism set in, with a spirit to return to Rome, culminating in the Ecumenical movement. This movement was organised as the World Council of Churches in 1948.

As God had raised a standard in the 16th Century in the person of Martin Luther, so did He a new standard bearer in Dr Carl McIntire, founder of the International Council of Christian Churches, also in 1948.

It was in the cold wintry month of January of that year that I arrived in Faith Seminary, Wilmington, Delaware. That was

the first time I ever heard of the Church's apostasy and the need of a 20th Century Reformation movement. We needed to protest again as Martin Luther had protested for the revival of the Church. My heart was strangely warmed. I was fired with a zeal to play a little part in the ICCC movement. I wrote to Quek Kiok Chiang my former colleague in the S'pore Government about this noble cause. He responded just as enthusiastically and we invited the President of the ICCC to visit Singapore in 1949. The 20th Century Reformation movement had established a beachhead in the Lion City.

For 40 years I was involved in the 20th Century Reformation movement that spread around the world. ICCC Congresses were held on every continent, yea, even in South America (which I attended in 1958), in Africa and Australia. I was president of the Far Eastern Council from 1968-88. Though we did not attend the Congress immediately after 1988, we were invited by the President of the ICCC to return in 1993 (where I lectured on the Life and Works of John Calvin, which was given out in a 64-page "chocolate" booklet).

Although the Far Eastern

Council is holding a meeting in India, Jan 1995, we shall not be there for various reasons. Nevertheless, our hearts are in the struggle for the Faith of our Fathers, and we continue to stand for the 20th Century Reformation cause, in close cooperation with the leadership of Calvary Church. Indeed, a new beacon is raised by Dr S H Tow my brother in the Banner and RPG Bible-reading note books.

In order to keep the spirit of the Reformation cause both of 16th and 20th Century alive, we celebrate Reformation Sunday at the end of October every year. For that is the approximate date when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church of Wittenburg. Borrowing Sun Yat Sen's couplet, we must sound the clarion call to our members anew, "The Reformation is unending, Let Christian soldiers keep up the fight."

One effective means to keep up the fight is Far Eastern Bible College where the principles of the Reformation, yea, even Separation from the Ecumenical Movement, are taught. "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

To carry on the fight deeper and further, the Faculty of Far Eastern Bible College, with the help of world-renowned fundamental Bible scholars, are resolved to work out a 21st Century Reformation KJV Study Bible. Its purpose is to kill the Snake hidden in a host of seemingly respectable Study Bibles where the

Virgin Birth of our Lord, eg. is subtly undermined. These Study Bibles sweetly suggest the Virgin Birth of Isaiah 7:14 to be primarily fulfilled in Isaiah's second wife, and subsequently in our Lord Jesus Christ. What double talk from the forked-tongued, slithering Old Serpent who first deceived Mother Eve. The fact is the Snake is nestling in the NIV Study Bible, in Ryrie Study Bible and KJV Evangelical Study Bible at Isa 7:14. Nevertheless, two recent works, The King James Study Bible and the KJV Parallel Bible Commentary keep clear of the modernist leaven of Isaiah's second wife while the good old Scofield Ref. Bible stoutly states throughout this century: "The prophecy is not addressed to the faithless, Ahaz, but to the whole 'house of David.' The objection that such a far-off event as the birth of Christ could be no sign to Ahaz, is, therefore, puerile. It was a continuing prophecy addressed to the Davidic family, and accounts at once for the instant assent of Mary (Lk 1:38)." We say Amen to Scofield and repudiate the 3 said Study Bibles nestling the Snake at Isa 7:14 as deadly leaven. "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened" (1 Corinthians 5:6,7).

And, we believe rather in St Matthew, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that Isaiah's prophecy at 7:14 is fulfilled only in the Son of God, Kaiserian hermeneutics notwithstanding (Walter Kaiser says the Virgin Birth is fulfilled in Hezekiah).

Then, the Flood that destroyed the whole earth under heaven is now taught in the NIV Study Bible especially to be a local flood. But we trust rather the divine commentary by the pen of St Peter that it was a global Flood: "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was (*not Mesopotamia*), being overflowed with water,

perished: But the heavens (*far beyond our planet-globe*) and the earth (*vis-a-vis the heavens*), which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire "against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Peter 3:5). Are these local situations or global? yea, supra-global dimensions!

We have mentioned just two locations where the Snake is hidden in God's Word. O beware of that sidewinder sting as you "walk through the Bible." As Paul points out snakes in the grass Hymeneus and Alexander by name to Timothy we will expose every so-called Study Bible (rather Satan's Bible) that nestles cobras, no matter how small, that the faithful may not be stung unawares. So help us God.

In devotion to the sacred cause, a faculty member has pledged a first sum of S\$5,000 towards the printing of the projected 21st Century Reformation KJV Study Bible. Amen. (Who will be next? Who will pray for us?)

Bring your Hainanese friends to the following Hainanese Sunday Services:

1. Holy Grace Pres. Church, 10 am/2 pm  
408-B Upper East Coast Rd (1646)  
Tel: 2411154/4483346
2. True Way Pres. Church, 1.45 pm  
156-B Stirling Rd (0314)

Miss Shirley Chew, 36, went home to the Lord Friday morning, Oct 28. Vigil service was held at Casket Co. Blk 37, 575 Sin Ming Drive Sat. evening. Cortege leaves Sin Ming Drive for CCK Lawn Cemetery today after short service at 2 pm, Pastor Tow officiating. Shirley is remembered by the floral offerings she has brought weekly for the last several years. Deepest condolence to her beloved Mother and brother. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev 14:13). Congratulations to MI Horeb BPM on the occasion of their 6th Anniversary Nov 6, '94.

## BELIEVE

*Believe in your full-time ministry for God  
No life is useless and no day is bored  
Although God has a purpose for our lives  
Many are discouraged and everyone cries  
All hearts can break, they're fragile as glass  
But God will mend them and they shall last  
Those who are faithful are noble at heart  
And no life is a loss when God has a part.*

*The Lord is guiding you  
He'll lead you with a loving hand  
Each step along life's rocky road  
We'll find His blessings yet untold  
Just place yourself into His care  
And without fail, you'll find Him there  
Shed doubts and fears, along the way  
Trusting in His power we'll ne'er go astray  
Your pocket will always hold a coin or two  
He'll supply your need, He'll prove to be true  
Believe in your full-time ministry for the Lord.*

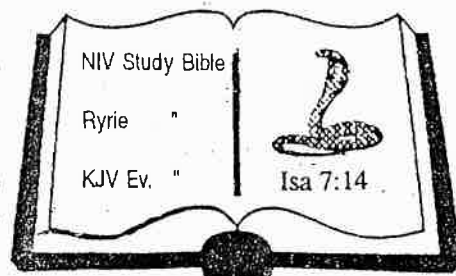
*Octogenarian Sylvea Wong*

*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. (Isaiah 55:6,7)*

*Three Special Meetings with  
Rev Joshua Daniel*

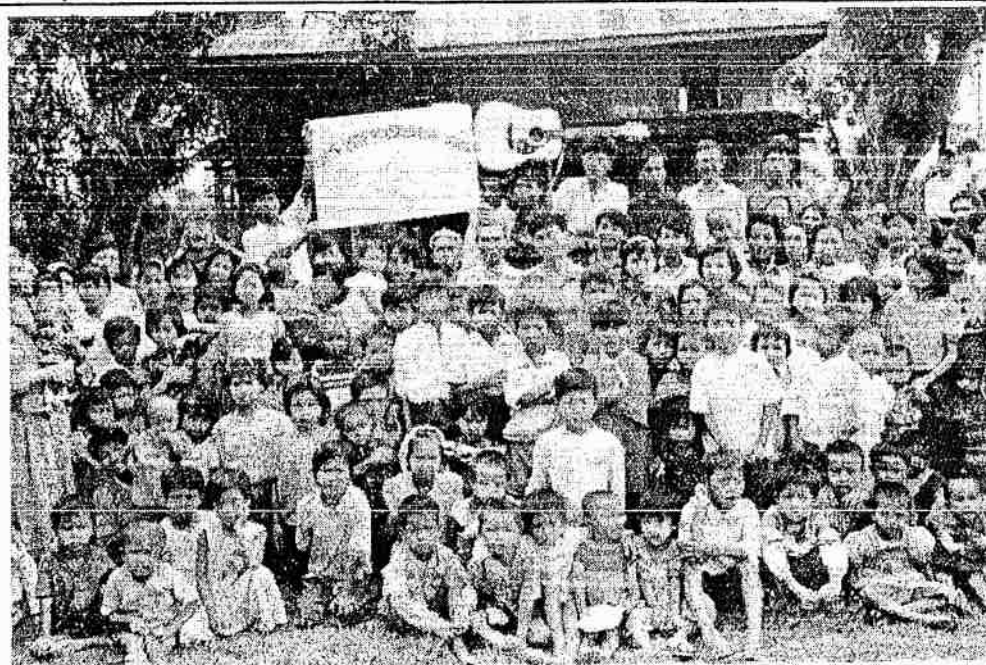
*Pres. of Laymen's Evangelical Fellowship  
International*

1. Lord's Day, Nov 6, 10.30 am.  
Life BP Church.
2. Lord's Day, Nov 6, 6.00 pm.  
Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary (Pandan).
3. Tuesday, Nov 8, 8.00 pm.  
Life Church BPC Prayer Meeting.





APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 7 - 13, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON	7.30 pm	The Princely Prophet, Daniel Exam	\$3978.00 (8.00 am); \$8875.00 (10.30 am) <b>OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renovations</b> \$100, \$150, \$1000, \$500, \$120(Casket), \$10, \$69(Box), \$500, \$50(YAF); <b>EBF II</b> \$300, \$1500(FEK), \$100(Life Bk Centre); <b>Rev George Kutty</b> \$150, \$700(Life Bible Class); <b>Stone family</b> \$100; <b>Rev John Ling</b> \$100; <b>Seets</b> \$20; <b>Missionary Fund</b> \$50; <b>Rev Colin Wong</b> \$150; <b>Yangon Orphanage</b> \$150; <b>Dohar(Medan)</b> \$50; <b>Thailand Land</b> \$300; <b>Beulah Renovation</b> \$100(Zion BPC); <b>FEBC Dining Club</b> \$131 (AF/YAF). <b>Reform. Bible</b> \$100, \$200, \$1000, \$258(New Life YAF) (for Reform. Bible, please channel to FEBC!).
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	
THU	7.30 pm	Christian Ethics Exam	
FRI	6.00 pm	FEBC End-of-Semester Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b> (1) <i>Thank God for the manifold blessings and guidance during my daughter's recent exams. She achieved excellent results. To God be the glory. (\$50)</i> <b>Verse for the Week:</b> Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chronicles 29:12
SAT	7.45 pm	Combined MF/WF Mtg, Beulah Hse	
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	
	3.30 pm	EBF	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b> (1) <i>Thank God for the manifold blessings and guidance during my daughter's recent exams. She achieved excellent results. To God be the glory. (\$50)</i> <b>Verse for the Week:</b> Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chronicles 29:12
SUN	8.00 am	The Law of Victory (Rev Stephen Khoo, Lord's Supper)	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b> (1) <i>Thank God for the manifold blessings and guidance during my daughter's recent exams. She achieved excellent results. To God be the glory. (\$50)</i> <b>Verse for the Week:</b> Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chronicles 29:12
	10.30 am	Chinese Ser. (Rev Goh Seng Fong)	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b> (1) <i>Thank God for the manifold blessings and guidance during my daughter's recent exams. She achieved excellent results. To God be the glory. (\$50)</i> <b>Verse for the Week:</b> Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chronicles 29:12
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b> (1) <i>Thank God for the manifold blessings and guidance during my daughter's recent exams. She achieved excellent results. To God be the glory. (\$50)</i> <b>Verse for the Week:</b> Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chronicles 29:12
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
	6.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sembawang BPC Anniv.	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b> (1) <i>Thank God for the manifold blessings and guidance during my daughter's recent exams. She achieved excellent results. To God be the glory. (\$50)</i> <b>Verse for the Week:</b> Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chronicles 29:12
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	
		NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok, Joo Chial.	
		Sunday School Offering: \$344.50; Attendance: 328	



42 families from Andrew Kam's village came to hear the Gospel at Andrew's family house where Sunday Services are held.



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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. 95	No. 235
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	I Cor 6:14-18	
Hymn	No. 355	While the Days...
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	O Come Unto the Lord...
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 7:1-6	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Law of Marriage (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	Rev Tow Rev Joshua Daniel
Closing Hymn	No. 475	O Come Unto the Lord... Lord's Supper
Benediction		

### JOSHUA DANIEL writes:

We live in the times of streamlined management methods and well oiled organizational machinery. We like to think that we can improve vastly even upon God's wisdom. This is nothing but unpardonable conceit.

Businessmen that run their business superbly are voted into leadership and church boards, and they feel certain that the church will be run thereafter on a very fine financial basis. Businessmen may know how to run their business; but the Living God knows better how to run His church. In fact, it is a great misconception to think that we are running and managing the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible says, "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5). Let us notice the order. The people were first established in holy living. In the 15th chapter, the council of the church, decreed that they 'abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication.' Here was God's regimen to practise holy living. Communion with God would not be possible if these men would once again turn to idolatrous practices or fornication. When any

church cleanses itself and begins to walk in obedience to God, there will be blessed increase. Then all focus of attention will be upon the ways and means to exalt the Living Saviour. When your heart is full of the desire to glorify Jesus, then many distractions and frivolous and foolish vanities will be just kept far from you. Your spirit is in touch with God and your soul becomes sharp to seek the lost. Thus it automatically follows that sinners are continually transformed and churches too spring up in new and hard areas and soul winning activity extends even to remote and hitherto unreached places.

It is most unfortunate that most people imagine that it is money which does God's work. I must emphasize that this is not true. On the contrary, as money and an abundance of things come into one's possession, more and more, his spiritual life often takes a nosedive. Money can build buildings. Money can build costly monuments, and money can build impressive tombs. But money can never change the heart of one sinner. When people in the East see large numbers of men and women turning to Christ, or follow

Christ, they immediately jump to the conclusion, that there must be a lot of money behind it all.

The Lord Jesus Christ did His work without even possessing on His person the money to pay off the taxman. He had to send Simon Peter to cast a hook in the sea and to collect the coin from the fish which he first caught. Peter and John went to pray in the temple with hardly a coin in their pockets which they could give to the lame man who lay at the gate of the temple. 5000 men got converted that day as a sequel to the miracle that took place in that lame man and the preaching of God's word which followed.

Yes, God gave manna to His children daily according to their need. Today, we need daily a fresh measure of faith, love and holiness and then we shall see daily souls being added to the kingdom of God. A stalemate in any department of Christian life and activity is dangerous, unnatural and very disastrous. If we do not gather in the Bread of Life every day at the feet of Jesus, the warmth of love and the fire will burn low and we don't reach out to souls daily. Our prayer will lose its ardour and our whole spiritual machinery will get rusty and even unusable.

#### Andrew Kam Writes to Pastor

Dear Sir, as I have said in the previous letter, I went to my old village last two weeks ago. Indeed I have planned to stay there for 7 days only. But unfortunately I got malaria and I was seriously sick for a week when I arrived there. By the grace of God, after one week I became better and I could start sharing the Gospel to my fellow villagers. I praise the Lord and thank Him for helping me in all I have done in my village. After sharing the Gospel for six days, on the seventh day 2.10.94 Sunday, I could start the "Grace Bible Presbyterian Church" in Tul Khal village. 42 families became the Grace B-P Church members in Tul Khal village on that day. I praise the Lord and give thanks for showing me His wonderful guidance and help upon me in the ministry. I am also thankful to you for your concern and prayers for me. I believe whatever work I have done for the Lord in Myanmar is not because of my ability but because of your prayers and mine.

Dear Sir, this time I brought 11 orphans to Yangon and now I am staying together with 22 orphans. They are about 8-13 years. They are very poor orphans. They do not have extra clothes and slippers to put on. Their lives are very pitiful. Now they will go to school and they may need school fees. So dear Sir, I would like to request you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Please consider this

orphanage ministry in Myanmar as yours too.

Dear Sir, with confidence in God's mercy and help here I bring my prayer items:

1. Please pray for the children's health. They become sick one after another.
2. We are praying to buy the land and build the Grace B-P Church in Tul Khal village. The church building will be finished in March 1995. The cost will be Ks500,000 or S\$7,000.
3. We are praying that our God will send the regular sponsor for the poor orphans Ks50,000 or S\$700 per month.

These are my prayer items. I am hoping the answer from the Lord according to His own will. Therefore, dear Sir, please pray for me too.

Ed. note: "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).

#### Life Crosses

*We call them afflictions  
And we wonder and fret  
We think we're not loved  
And we get quite upset  
But God permits crosses  
To give loved ones a chance  
To show that they love Him  
And His glory to enhance  
Our crosses are blessings  
That come in disguise  
God's love and God's purpose  
Let's try to recognise  
No easy task confronts us now  
As we weave the memories of love  
And through the soul's weeping  
Life grows strong again  
Octogenarian Sylvea Wong*

Sample Page **JUDE** 21st Century Reformation KJV Study Bible

Jude is one of the shortest epistles of the New Testament—only 25 verses (cf. 2 Jn = 13, 3 Jn 14, Phlm = 15). Although a brief epistle, it packs alot of teaching. Like chilli puddi, it is small but powerful. It is polemical in tone. Verse 3 is the key verse: "ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Maxwell Coder aptly calls it, "The Acts of the Apostates." The Acts of the Apostles presents the GROWTH of the TRUE Church; the Acts of the Apostates predicts the DEATH of the FALSE Church in the end times. The order of the books in the New Testament interestingly charts the history of the Church: Gospels—APOSTLES—Epistles—APOSTATES—Revelation = The SEED of the Church—The GROWTH of the Apostolic Church—The INDOCTRINATION of the Apostolic Church—The DECLENSION of the Apostatic Church—The DEATH of the Apostatic Church. The evil nature of the end-time apostates are given in verses 4,8,10,11,12,13,16,19. The world is not getting better and better towards an utopia but getting worse and worse towards Armageddon (Rev 16:16).

#### CHAPTER 1

1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he

1:1a The author is the Apostle Jude, also known as Lebbeus or Thaddeus, who was a brother of James, the son of Alphaeus (Lk 6:16, Acts 1:13). John Calvin held this view.

1:1b A proof text for Calvinism's fifth point—Perseverance/Preservation of the Saints (Jn 10:28-29, Rom 8:35-39, 2 Tim 1:12). "Once saved always saved." One who has been truly called, and sanctified will not and cannot lose his salvation because Christ preserves him. This is comforting to know in the midst of rampant apostasy when so-called "Christian" leaders are falling away from the faith by attacking the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why are they doing this? The only conclusive answer is that they were not saved in the first place. Those who really belong to Christ will never apostatise.

1:3 This contention for the faith is spiritual warfare. It has nothing to do with guns and grenades (contra Liberation Theology of the World Council of Churches; cf Jn 18:36). The Christian is called to defend the faith against all forms of unbelief and apostasy by means of the Word of God which is the Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17). The battle is going to be a long drawn affair. It is agonising work involving a constant, consistent, and continual struggle for the purity of the Church and her Message. One should not expect to find overwhelming support from the general populace. When a person believes in the Holy Bible and obeys it, he goes against the philosophy and praxis of a God-denying and Gospel-hating world. Persecution in the form of

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 14 - 20, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON	FEBC Vacation Begins	\$5,803.00 (8.00 am); \$13,974.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renovations</b> \$50,
WED 8.00 pm	Session Mtg	\$200, \$100, \$12; <b>EBF II</b> \$300, \$1600,
FRI	Pastor & Mrs Tow leave for Thailand	\$851(Chinese Ser.), \$120(Casket Co), \$400(Keb.
SAT 2.30 pm	Emmanuel Baptist Church Wedding	Indonesia); <b>Dn Jack Sin</b> \$50; <b>Lim J J</b> \$50, \$300;
2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	<b>China Mission</b> \$500; <b>Yangon Orphanage</b> \$150,
3.30 pm	EBF	\$600, \$130, \$100; <b>Reformation Bible</b> \$200.
SUN 8.00 am	<i>The Lesson of Hunger</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>
9.30 am	Sunday School	(1) <i>Thank God for saving me from a would-be serious</i>
10.30 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat	<i>accident in which a glass panel (1m x 0.5m) fell from the</i>
10.30 am	Chinese Ser.	<i>top of the bookshelf while I was sitting right below it,</i>
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>packing some things. The glass piece fell in such an angle</i>
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<i>that it missed my head by barely a few inches and only hit</i>
12.30 pm	Korean Service	<i>my right thigh, bruising it. Due to the carpeted floor, the</i>
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	<i>glass did not shatter nor break at all! Thank God for His</i>
1.00 pm	AF	<i>bountiful mercies and gracious protection towards me! All</i>
3.00 pm	Thai Service	<i>praise and glory be to God! - Grateful</i>
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	(2) <i>Any of the missionary couples abroad - just a small</i>
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	<i>token - Rev C Wong, Dearams, Seets, Mr Liu (Beijing)</i>
6.30 pm	Burmese Service	<i>wherever the need is greatest. Just to thank God for</i>
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.		<i>taking brother Ben out of hospital. Psa 40:4 (\$20)</i>
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. (Hebrews 13:14)		Sunday School Offering: \$416.04; Attendance: 331



Young People's meeting in the spacious  
compound of Life BP Students Centre,  
Chiang Mai



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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. 440	<i>Eternal Father...</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	1 Jn 5:1-13	Jn 10:1-29
Hymn	No. 435	No. 532
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 387	<i>O Be Careful Little</i>
Offertory Prayer		<i>Tongue...</i>
Scripture Text	Deut 7:12-26	MI 5:37
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Law of Victory</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo)	<i>Don't speak like a</i>
	No. 441	<i>Snake!</i>
Closing Hymn	Lord's Supper	<i>O Be Careful Little</i>
		<i>Tongue...</i>
Benediction		

My dear Lifers

### "The King's Business Required Haste" (I Sam 21:8)

These words by David to Abimelech the priest while fleeing from Saul are often quoted to remind ourselves of the urgency of God's work. When the home front is stabilised, we need the more to go out to "set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders in every city" (Titus 1:5). This was part of our agenda (the ordination of Dohar and Haposan) the last time we visited Medan to inaugurate the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia (there are now 6 students studying). We discussed a suitable date, and we were planning on going back.

In the meantime, when Dohar came to attend the 44th Anniversary Thanksgiving, it was proposed that the two brothers should come to S'pore for the sacred occasion. The date of ordination of the Siregar brothers is scheduled for the Lord's Day (10.30 am service) Nov. 27. We invite the Indonesian Kebaktian to come and witness. Both Dohar and Haposan were trained at FEBC and received the B.Th., while Dohar had returned for a refresher course for one semester.

"The King's business required haste." One young lady from Guangzhou staying at Beulah House had to return in a hurry last week. Before she left (with prospect of returning) she was given the Gospel and prayed for, which led her to receiving Jesus on the spot. Hallelujah, praise the Lord, what joy to see one sinner come to repentance! Not only this young lady, three other boarders, two from China and one from Malaysia, also have received Christ. To them are given a Chinese Bible each. The ministry of hospitality at Beulah House leads to souls being harvested by the Gospel Kelong, one by one!

"The King's business required haste." So we brought Joshua Daniel to Calvary Pandan Sunset Hour. As he pointed out that Sodom was in each listener's heart than at some geographical location, many were convicted. It has been concluded with the revivalist preacher that he should hold a revival campaign at Calvary some time in Feb. 1995. "O the good we all may do, while the days are going by."

In our recent decision to produce a 21st Century Reformation KJV Study Bible,



we are targeted to complete this work by 1997. O Lord, it is only by Thy Spirit that we are enabled to do it.

"The King's business required haste." We are visiting Chiang Mai where Jess and Nirand are serving (Life BP Student Centre) to baptise 6 catechumens. This is after an absence of 1½ years. We need to consolidate and form a Church and look into the ordination of another of our FEBC graduates.

"Self help, with God's help is the best help." Our missionaries there have by their initiative bought a new piano. This will aid the Gospel work immensely inasmuch as "Music is next to theology" (Martin Luther) and music was part and parcel of preaching with John Sung. We commend their initiative also in starting a Building Fund which now has topped 150,000 baht. This is worth nearly S\$10,000. Several designated sums for Chiang Mai Land we shall bring along to boost their local effort. If anyone will add to this we shall be glad to transmit together.

Now, we are not alone on the N. Thailand trail. Our AF has been preparing for a year to visit them a second time 2-10 Dec. I hear they will assist in the running of a Bible Camp. As for Medan, Rev Goh Seng Fong will be leading a team from Life Bible Class 19-26 Dec.

Not forgetting Hilltop, Philippines, there's a sizeable group from Calvary BPC attending their Dedication Nov. 30, 1994. From Life Church are three young leaders, Dr David Cheong, President of the Missionary Fellowship, Wee Hian Kok and Chan Ngiap Koon. Sorry we cannot go because of our appointments here but we send our warmest greetings through the Trio and to the Seets also.

The Nov-Dec Vacation will see Bro & Mrs Wong Chin Woon stationed for a month at Kemaman while Rev & Mrs John Ling go on a China Tour with Rev & Mrs Koa Keng Woo. Rev Djunaidi also on the team is chief spokesman in "Vacation Evangelism."

On the Burma front, we praise God for

Andrew Kam's founding of an orphanage and of starting a Grace BPC in his home village Tui Khal, many days journey from Yangon. As for the long heralded 4-storey Bible College building Rev Thawm Luai is planning to build, there is a last minute hitch that has hindered its launching. This is one item for much prayer. We do look forward to visit Burma 1996 to coincide with the building's completion.

"The King's Business Required Haste" has prompted us to get the study of Revelation published by Christmas '94. Pray that the Lord will help us to deliver the goods in good time. The title: *Coming World Events Unveiled*. - T.T.

#### WF

by Sylvea Wong

Women's Fellowship is one of the pillars of the church. Look around you at the worship service. Female worshippers outnumber the men.

We are daughters of Eve, and we want to make an impact for our Lord. There is strength in numbers. We are familiar with the illustration of a glowing coal left by itself in the fireplace. How it grows cold and dies out quickly. But put a whole bunch together. They ignite one another and stay on heating a longer time. So likewise, let us encourage and strengthen one another in our walk with God.

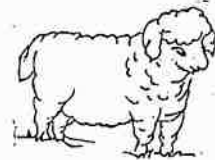
He has given us the capacity to nurture the young, provide a secure loving family environment, and be helpmeets to our husbands. Women can learn from one another. On the spiritual side - how do I reach our loved ones for Christ? Am I too old to attend Sunday School? What areas of service are open to me? etc. Though we are not in the forefront, yet we can make a difference.

*There is no greater blessing  
Than understanding godly friends,  
Who are there in time of trouble  
And on whom we can depend.  
Though there are faults in us to find,  
They love us still just the same.  
O the good that women can do ---  
The Love of Christ in Jesus' Name.*

#### MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE

(John 10:27)

"And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers" (John 10:5).



A rejoinder to the commentary on Isa 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." This prophecy on the Virgin Birth of Christ has been devoutly believed by the whole Christian Church from the Apostles to the days I was a student at Faith Seminary USA (insofar as our present controversy is concerned). We believe it was a direct prophecy on the Immaculate Birth of our Saviour, because God's Word through the Apostle Matthew says it under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Mathew related how when Joseph had misgivings about Mary's pregnancy that the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matt 1:22,23).

Now, since the proliferation of study Bibles the last decade, there has come a new chorus of commentators overriding the Apostle Matthew. As if the translation on "virgin" as "young woman" to demote the Mother of our Lord is not enough, by a new twist of hermeneutics, the Virgin now refers rather to Isaiah's second wife (never so stated in the Bible) and in a remote sense to the Virgin Mary.

One of the latest double-talkers is the KJV Evangelical Study Bible which in the study notes says, "Almah (the Hebrew word) is used here. Its use in the context covers two cases. One has to do with the wife of Isaiah and her newborn son (Isa 8:1-4). Isaiah's wife was a virgin when she was married. Of course one supposes that an unmarried female is a virgin. The second case covers the virgin Mary..."

What a subtle attack, a sidewinder attack on our Lord is made by the commentators of the KJV Evangelical Study Bible headed by Harold Lindsell. What double talk of Isaiah's wife fulfilling the prophecy while in the unmarried state and then she was no virgin when she was married. So she conceived after she had intercourse with her husband. How then could she fulfil the God-dictated condition that the Virgin conceive as a Virgin? (We hit the cobra on the head.)



Satan's tactic of causing Eve to sin was double talk. Satan first says, "Yes" and then he questions, "Has God said?" Then, NO! When Satan teaches a Bible class, it is yes and no, no and yes. Jesus says, "But let your communication (speech) be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (when he puts a doubt, that makes his evil a Devil).

"My sheep hear my voice" (Jn 10:27). "And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."

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As to the **21st Century Reformation Study Bible**, contacts are being made in Singapore for its printing. Cheques for the R.B. to be made in the name of Far Eastern Bible College (total received about \$2,000).

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TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$8,293.00 (8.00 am); \$10,290.00 (10.30 am)		
WED	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renovations</b> \$300,		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	\$350, \$1516.20(Maranatha BPC); <b>EBF II</b> \$611,		
	3.00 pm	Perth Voon & Diana Koh Wedding (Rev Tow)	\$300, \$100, \$200; <b>Yangon Orphanage (A.Kam)</b>		
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Is Gratitude Your Attitude?</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	\$100, \$200, \$350, \$50, \$500, \$500, \$260, \$100;		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<b>Missions</b> \$50, \$300; <b>Church Choir</b> \$100; <b>E Stone</b>		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Ordination of Dohar and Haposan Siregar)	\$100; <b>FEBC (Ref. St. Bible)</b> \$200, \$350, \$200,		
	10.30 am	Chinese Ser.	\$1000; <b>Thai Mission</b> \$190.50; <b>Philippines</b>		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<b>Mission</b> \$190.50; <b>JRPG</b> \$85.80; <b>Dn Jack Sin</b>		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	\$100; <b>FEBC Dining Club</b> \$400(AF).		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	<b>Corrigendum:</b> \$600 designated for Yangon		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC	<b>Orphanage</b> was given by Women's F'ship.		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	(1) <i>Thank God for Rev George Kutty for his ministry</i>		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	<i>amongst the refugees in Rhode Island. May he use</i>		
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service	<i>this small amount wisely for the refugees that God's</i>		
NBC This Week. <i>Wed</i> Bt Timah, Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Bt Batok, Joo Chiat.			<i>kingdom may be further extended. May the Lord help</i>		
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> For thou art my			<i>and enable me to give even more for the Gospel's sake.</i>		
rock and my fortress; therefore for thy			(2) <i>This is but just a token of my thanks and praise to</i>		
names sake lead me, and guide me. Ps 31:3			<i>the Lord for the love, providence, protection and grace</i>		
<b>New Bibles</b> are being placed in the pews			<i>shown unto an undeserving sinner. If it is fitting,</i>		
during service. Please do not take them away.			<i>kindly apportion it as follows - Stone Family \$100,</i>		
<b>Sunday School Offering:</b> \$369.49; Attendance: 309			<i>Reform. Bible \$200, Yangon (A. Kam) \$200.</i>		



These girl students of a total of 74, predominantly men, are a profile of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, 6D Nanthani St., Insein, Yangon, Myanmar. For latest news on the launching of the 4-storey College building, see inside.



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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	Dn Jack Sin
Opening Hymn	No. 82	No. 41
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 119:97-112	Ps 49
Hymn	No. 414	No. 407
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	<i>I'd Rather Have Jesus</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 8:1-6	Mark 8:36
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Lesson of Hunger</i> (Rev Bob Phee)	<i>The Question of Profit and Loss</i> (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)
Closing Hymn	No. 259	No. 567
Benediction		

My dear Lifers

### "Many Sons Starve a Father"

This Chinese proverb describes a big Church like ours. Compare it with a small Church like Maranatha where everybody has a job to do. Everybody knows everybody. As they all pull together, the attendance is up.

Here at Gilstead Road everyone is relaxed. Since there are so many people, the job will be done by someone all right. But "nobody knows nobody." As a result the Lord suffers. Like a father starved of many sons. The attendance drops. This I observed last Lord's Day at the 10.30 am service.

We can see this phenomenon in other areas of our Church life. For example: Sunday School attendance. There was a time we were approaching 400. Last Sunday 331. Take another case, the Chinese Service. There was a time we were heading towards 190. Last Lord's Day the attendance was 149. As to offerings, the trend is steady and strong, like the S'pore dollar, and not the green back. The Lord be praised. And yet, what He desires of you and me is not the gift, but the giver. He desires our heart. Once I met an old Lifer of Prinsep St. days. A queer fellow, this is what he said when I

urged him to come to Church, "Can I give you \$25, but don't bother me!"

The pastor is the peon of the Church. He is willing to do anything, any time, on call all the time. He receives calls practically everyday in matters of counselling. Last Lord's Day evening, a Lifer now worshipping at New Life called me to go to Sin Ming Estate (where the funeral parlours are) to pray for a Roman Catholic friend who just passed away. For no priest could be found to pray for his soul. He requested me to go. Well, I replied I could not for another reason. We BP pastors (though I know of one who communicates with the dead after he gave up BPism) do not pray for the dead (for it is too late), but for the living. This is one case I couldn't attend to.

But every member has also a role to play. What role? Your regular Church attendance is the first thing you can do. Like charcoal adding to charcoal, it warms up the service. And I can name you another half dozen. But the second step is to come to prayer meeting. Without going to the third and fourth steps, I will dwell on the Prayer Meeting as the meeting of meetings.

All the problems of the Church, all our personal problems, will be solved if we humble ourselves and come to pray. That is the pattern set for us by our Lord Himself. If He the Son of God needed to pray "a great while before day" (Mk 1:35) before He went out preaching and healing, how much more we! "O, that's pastor's job," did I hear your mumbling? That's the pastor's job, and yours too.

We have a Revival Campaign scheduled between Calvary BPC and Rev Joshua Daniel for Jan 18-22, 1995. We who have introduced the evangelist to Calvary, are we not involved? Surely, we will encourage all Lifers to come to the meetings, but we must start to pray. Weekly, we receive four or five prayer requests on the blue cards. There's one from the Chinese Service having a Gospel Night on Dec 17 and another from LBC for a Parents' Night on Dec 3. These two special Gospel Meetings need the Church's concerted support, and it cannot be done without prayer. (Of course, we do not go to sleep after prayer [or during prayer] but go out to bring the unsaved in.)

Someone would ask me pray for her son, but she doesn't care to come to Prayer Meeting. Do you think such a lukewarm request will be heard? If you have a problem don't just phone the pastor, "Pray for me." You come to seek the Lord with earnest plea at Prayer Meeting yourself. Unless you mean business, why should the Master bother?

Our prayer meeting is around 90-100. If the whole FEBC Hall is filled to 200, what a flame of new energy will be seen and felt!

The Father's family is a big family at Life Church, with many sons and daughters, but he can be starved of our filial love if every son or daughter is thinking, it is the duty of the other one. Will many sons starve a father? - T.T.



The College closed for the Christmas vacation after a day of spring cleaning Nov 14. We reopen Tues. Jan 3, '95 at 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at Sembawang BPC Hqrs, 13 Bright Hill.

Four students who completed their studies are Leonard and Alex of Kenya, Priscilla of Myanmar and Conrad of Tabernacle BPC, Spore. The first three are soon returning to their homelands. Alex will teach at Bible College of East Africa; Leonard returns to Independent Presbyterian Church, Africa; Priscilla to Yangon, Myanmar; Conrad will serve at the Indonesian Service, Life Church. There are double the number of graduands enrolling in Jan 95, who hail from Spore, Indonesia, Korea, Australia and Pakistan. The tide of congestion is steadily rising in our dorms!

Dr Goh Seng Fong and Rev Stephen Khoo will lecture in the Evening Classes. Dr Goh on *Thessalonians* and Rev Khoo on *Esther*. A compulsory course of one credit hour will be taught by the Principal on the *Story of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore*, tracing its main root to the modernist-fundamentalist controversy in U.S. resulting in the founding of the BPC of America. (The lecture notes will be printed in a book.)

The newly acquired College minibus is available to all Life Church groups, especially for gospel trips to Malaysia. Pastors and preachers of brother BPCs who wish to visit Kemaman, please contact Dr Jeffrey Khoo.

As to the 21st Century Reformation KJV Study Bible, two Books, Jude and James are to be completed by next week. Pray for us! All contributions for the Reformation Bible should be directed to Far Eastern Bible College.

#### REV THAWM LUAI FAXES

I hope you have already received my cable of November 11, 1994 by this time. Municipal work permit was obtained on November 9, 1994. Praise the Lord!

We are going to lay the foundation stone on November 18, 1994, Friday morning at 9-10 am. Now all necessary requirements by the authorities have been completed. What lies ahead of us is to begin the construction without loosing any single day. I am going to sign final contract agreement with professional Engineering Company Limited on November 14, 1994 which will cover the whole project, and target to finish and be handed over to me before end of December 1995. Referring to my letter of July 13, 1994, para 3, the total amount I have to sign with our contractors is K.27.6 million. God willing we would like to dedicate the building early 1996 (perhaps January or February). This is our prayer that God would surely open the way for you to be present at this dedication service.

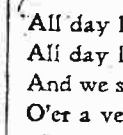
We are now fully engaged with full operation and we need your earnest prayers and special concern.

**Ed. note:** This long-awaited announcement of the starting of operations on the much-publicised Four-Storey College Building of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology is surely greeted by every lover of God with Hallelujahs. With delay of nearly a year, prices have gone up, fortunately, by about 12%. The new estimate is S\$380,000. In Spore the cost would be 6 times. (The 4-storey College is the same in area as Life Church Auditorium minus the 6-pillar porch.) Here's the Lord's exhortation: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thy hand to do it." As 1996 is Visit Burma year the FEBC Principal is planning a package tour with the view of attending the Dedication, best during Chinese New Year. Register early, limited to 45 persons. This will include visiting Andrew Kam's Orphanage and Yangon BPC. Rev Thawm Luai's telephone: 005-95-1-41123.

**Motorists Beware!** The Traffic Police booked some of us last Lord's Day for double parking and blocking free movement. The parking along double yellow lines is accountable to begin with. There is space in the big car park of 26 Dunearn Road next door. Please comply! (We will do our best to increase parking facilities.) The Beulah Lawn is to be converted for Sunday parking. Sincerely,



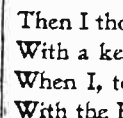
I met God in the morning,  
When my day was at its best  
And His presence came like sunrise  
Like a glory in my breast.



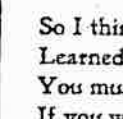
All day long the Presence lingered.  
All day long He stayed with me.  
And we sailed with perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.



Other ships were blown and battered  
Other ships were sore distressed.  
But the winds that seemed to drive them  
Brought to us a peace and rest.



Then I thought of other mornings  
With a keen remorse of mind,  
When I, too, had loosed the moorings  
With the Presence left behind.



So I think I know the secret  
Learned from many a troubled way.  
You must seek God in the morning  
If you want Him through the day.

Ralph Cushman



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 28 - Dec 4, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$5,572.00 (8.00 am); \$9,431.00 (10.30 am)		
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Church Renovations \$8;</b>		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 pm LBC/YAF	<b>Reform. Study Bible \$120, \$1000, \$200; EBF</b>		
	2.30 pm	Lau Shun Yin & Loo Siok Ming	<b>\$4542, \$100, \$56(Box), \$100(Mt Calvary Bapt. Ch);</b>		
		Wedding (Rev Tow)	<b>Yangon Orphanage \$50, \$50, \$50; Missions</b>		
SUN	8.00 am	Why Given to Hospitality? (Dr Lim Teck Chye)	<b>\$150, \$100; FEBC Student \$50; Nirands \$300,</b>		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<b>\$300; G Kutty \$300; Rev Colin Wong \$150;</b>		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	<b>China \$30(Box); Chiang Mai \$700; RPG \$300;</b>		
	10.30 am	Chinese Ser.	<b>FEFST, Burma \$500.</b>		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	(1) <i>The YF is extremely grateful to the anonymous donor who gave \$1100 to the YF. We thank God for the generosity and love of this Lifer in support of the Lord's work and people. The YF Ex-Co decided that it would not be right to keep this blessing from God to ourselves. Hence we decided to give our love-offerings to the following areas: Church renovation \$350, KJV Study Bible \$350, Burma orphanage (under Mr Andrew Kam) \$350. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the anonymous donor, and above all, to God for sustaining Life Church and the YF for so many years. - YF</i>		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	(2) <i>Please accept this my tithe for: church renovations \$300, missionary work \$300.</i>		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	6.30 pm	Burmese Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.					
<b>Verse for the Week:</b> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 1 John 5:3					
Sunday School Offering: \$272.89; Attendance: 322					
Tel: Rev Stephen Khoo 2545326					



The baptism of Nirand's maid and a young mother with her two babies, plus 4 children aged 8 to 12 converted at the Children's Club.



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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. 34
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 145	1 Pet 5:1-11
Hymn	No. 400	No. 390
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 453	No. 419
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 8:7-20	John 21:15-19
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Is Gratitude Your Attitude? (Rev Jeffrey Khoo)	Constrained by Love
		Ordination of Siregar Bros.
Closing Hymn	No. 418	No. 451
Benediction		Revs Dohar & Haposan

My dear Readers,

### What is the Costliest Thing? EXPERIENCE!

Included in our baggage was one box of Life Church books (i.e. from the pastor's pen), RPGs, Burning Bush, etc and one leather-bound KJV Study Bible (not Evangelical KJV S B which says the Virgin who should conceive firstly was Isaiah's wife, and secondly the Virgin Mary). The leather-bound KJV Study Bible comes with a plastic protective jacket which is included in the sale price.

At the revolving belt, in vain did we wait for our box of books to appear. But there was another box about the same size as our box containing our books which we did not recognise. Suddenly, a Thai officer came to us and politely pointed to this new box. He asked for our luggage counterfoil, and it tallied.

When we opened this new box upon arrival at our Mission House, lo and behold, a number of our books, including the plastic protective jacket for the leather-bound KJV Study Bible were missing. The KJV Study Bible was there, and lo and behold, its leather cover was torn by about 2 inches.

Then it dawned on us, a Security officer in the S'pore Airport had done this. He was examining even the Bible for drugs!

Why was the Security Officer suspicious? The fault was ours. As we thought books were not valuables, we did not mark the box with our name and address in Thailand. An unmarked box gave the Security Dept the jitters! Perhaps drugs? Something fishy? If they tore the Bible leather cover, they must have cut open the plastic protective jacket also. Not to add insult to injury, they kept the plastic cover. But of the samples of books they detained (our new box was considerably lighter) there were the twin books, *Has God a Plan for Your Life* and *Recipes for Living a Happy Life*, messages of salvation and sanctification preached at Genting Highlands, 1994 and '93. Rom 8:28. May the security officer or officers who should read them discover the Medicine of Life that heals all our soul's diseases.

### Overdue Visit

This second pastoral visit to Chiang Mai is not 1½ years after the first. It is 2½ years! It frightens me --- how time flies away from our short life

on earth.

As the night of our arrival was the last day of the Water Festival, the city was festooned with myriads of coloured lights. Like Chinese New Year in the old days, they fired crackers, some of which sounded like canons! They lighted torches all along the River, and planted row upon row in the connecting canals. This was a celebration to honour the water god. Without water a nation will be impoverished, yea, will die. Without water for the thirsty soul, how Thailand is in the throes of spiritual famine.

### Prayer includes Praise, Thanksgiving and Testimony

Jess (the driver) and Nirand with two children came to fetch us to the Mission House, just in time to speak at their Friday night Prayer Meeting. Six Thai women came. My message was on how our Church Prayer Meeting should be conducted. Speaking from Luke 17:11-19, the Story of the Ten lepers, we pointed out: (1) Prayer to the Lord Jesus is the best cure. All ten lepers were healed. No better place to go on Prayer Meeting Night than the Church Prayer Meeting. As proven in Life Church, many have found salvation. (2) Praise must follow Prayer, for it is the "fruit of our lips" (Heb 13:15) that bring glory to Jesus. (3) Praise is thanksgiving through our mouth (money is from our hands), and "whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Ps 50:23). The Samaritan was the only one who returned to thank the Lord and praise His Name. Those who at Life Church Prayer Meeting thank the Lord publicly also praise His Name. (4) Praise is the best testimony, as Jesus told the lepers to show themselves to the priest who would certify them. Testimony strengthens the faith.

After the Prayer Meeting, it is their practice to take an offering for the Building Fund. Most of the six Thai women gave their mites. This seems logical. However, Lifers are not behind in spontaneous thanksgiving. Oftentimes, after the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, grateful

hearts will put into the pastor's hand an envelope containing money or cheque, for answered prayers. "God loves a cheerful giver."

Immediately after Prayer Meeting, we handed Nirand the designated offerings from Life Church, AF, and from an Elder, as well as from Elder of another BPC. This boosted their BF to over 220,000 baht, praise the Lord! 16.5 baht = S\$1.00.

Another business transaction was the signing of 8 baptism certificates for the 8 catechumens who were prepared for the Lord's Day, Nov 20. In view of this increase to the sheepfold, the question of Nirand's ordination was brought up. April 1995 would be a suitable date, in S'pore.

Monday morning the Nirands drove us to the Golden Triangle. At a vantage point on the Mekong River we saw Laos on the opposite bank and Burma beyond a tributary of the Mekong. At Mae Sai we were amazed to see a new 4-storey Baptist Church. From Mae Sai we crossed a bridge to enter Tachlek, which is Burma, paying US\$5 per person. I crossed into Burma nearly a decade ago and it was a dreary village. Today it is booming with multistorey concrete buildings, for times have changed --- Burma is catching up. This reminds us of the Gospel work in Burma under Thawm Luai and Andrew Kam. In due time we will reap.

*- Yours obediently, T.T.*

### INDONESIA OUR SAMARIA

"... ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

From S'pore our Jerusalem we have advanced to Malaysia our Judea, and since 1971 to Indonesia on Samaria and thereafter beyond Indonesia unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The progression of missions in Indonesia were:

1. Pontianak (West Kalimantan) 1971
2. Medan (North Sumatra) 1972
3. Tanjung Pinang (Bintan) 1973
4. Batam 1989
5. Tanjung Uban (Bintan) 1990
6. Door opened to all Indonesia 1994



Missionaries we now support are Rev Djunaidi (Roving Ambassador), Dohar and Glorya (Medan), Bapa Siregar and Agus (by Galilee), Roska (Batam), Mr & Mrs Chia Jung Kong (Uban by the Chinese Service).

West Kalimantan became self-supporting in 1987. North Sumatra has 3 churches. Dohar's Church runs a Kindergarten of over 60 children and is still in the course of building an Orphanage. Haposan is self-supporting and has himself built a 3-storey concrete house partly with our help. It houses classrooms for the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia. Agus and Bapa Siregar take care of Kota Bahru mountain church. Roska has helped Calvary BPC all along besides holding a Sunday Service at Batamas Shipyard and building two wooden Churches. Mr and Mrs Chia Jung Kong are serving at Tanjung Uban, Bintan island with the support of our Chinese Service.

The latest developments are the Government of Indonesia's full recognition of the B-PC, so that, if we could, we should advance to Ujong Pandang, Sulawesi. Ujong Pandang means Distant Horizon, a good name for our missionary outreach. And next to this, the founding of the Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia last September. There are 6 full-time students.

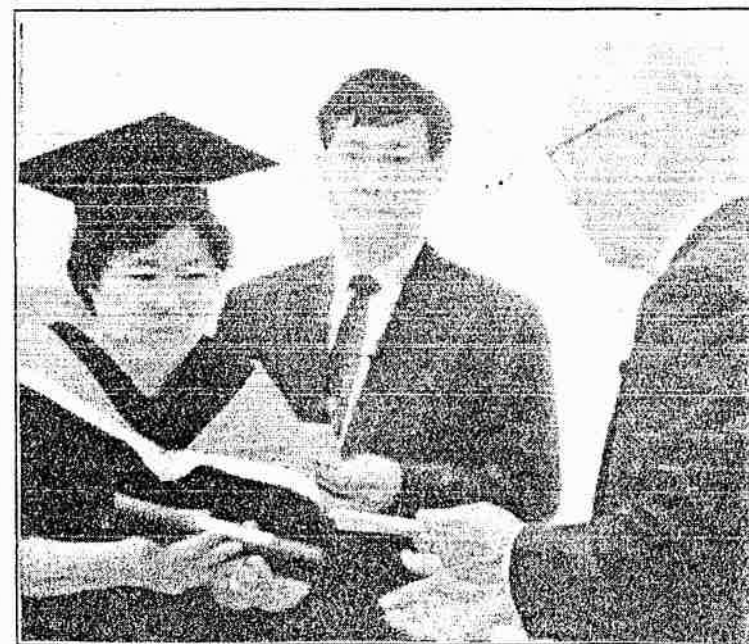
A greater force for Indonesian Missions are a host of other Indonesian graduates of FEBC.

These have returned to their home churches in Sumatra, Kalimantan, Java, or are furthering their studies in S'pore and America. Several now enrolled at FEBC assist at the Indonesian Service of Life Church every Lord's Day, 4 pm. An Indonesian couple, the husband with a degree in music, will join FEBC in January.

As for North Sumatra where 3 BPCs are flourishing, the ordination of the Siregar brothers, Dohar and Haposan is long overdue. This brings to mind Paul's injunction to Titus, "For this cause left I thee in Crete that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." Hence the ordination service of the two brothers at the 10.30 am service today! This brings up to 8 the number of ordinands in 1994. One more to the laying of hands is Nirand scheduled for April 1995.

With the instituting of the Masters programme, more and more with the Bachelor's degree are joining FEBC. Photo shows Miss Irene Kusnadi of Jakarta receiving her MRE after 2 years hard work. She returns to Jakarta to serve in her church with 2000 membership.

*- T.T.*



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 5 - 11, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$5,081.00 (8.00 am); \$14,125.00 (10.30 am)		
WED	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Reform. Study Bible \$100; EBF \$20; Andrew Kam \$100, \$50; Dn Jack Sin \$50; FEBC Dining Club \$400(AF); Yangon Orphanage \$700, \$2000; FEFST \$200(Pepsi).</b>		
THU - SAT		LTF Retreat	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>		
FRI	7.45 pm	Women's F'ship, FEBC Hall	(1) <i>Thank God from whom all blessings flow. Please assign enclosed offerings equally to Thailand and Philippines mission work, Praise God. (\$381)</i>		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 pm YAF	(2) <i>For wherever there is a need. I would like to thank the Lord for blessing my son, Jonathan with good results in his recent school exams. Praise the Lord! (\$100)</i>		
	2.30 pm	Lee Kian Chye & Chua Joo Ang Wedding (Rev Tow)	(3) <i>Just a note to thank the church for the prayer support. 3 weeks ago I asked for prayer for my CT scan on the nose as the doctor thought there was a growth but in the end the result showed that it was just an extra piece of bone and it was nothing serious. this offering is given from a grateful and thankful heart to God who is merciful and kind. (\$200).</i>		
	3.30 pm	EBF	(4) <i>My belated tithes to the Lord. May the Lord be with my son and his classmates in their missionary trip to Sabah in Dec 94. (\$150)</i>		
SUN	8.00 am	Attached to One Place of Worship (Rev Stephen Khoo, Lord's Supper)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Stephen 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	Korean Service			
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship/SBC			
	1.00 pm	AF			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	4.45 pm	Burmese Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok.					
Claim your lost items at the church entrance today.					
Sunday School Offering: \$302.55; Attendance: 303					



The Church Hall with newly-acquired Russian piano in Chiang Mai. Pray for 10 AFers there this week to help run their annual church camp up the mountain.

Verse for the Week: And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear. Isaiah 65:24



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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. 75	No. 564
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Rom 12:9-21	Psalm 145
Hymn	No. 405	No. 295
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 261	Ninety and Nine
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 10:17-22	Luke 15:1-10
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Why Given to Hospitality? (Dr Lim Teck Chye)	Jesus Yearns for You
Closing Hymn	No. 459	No. 266
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		

### CONSTRAINED BY LOVE

(Message delivered Nov 27, '94 at the Ordination of Dohar and Haposan)

Text: Jn 21:15-19

Today is a doubly happy day. It is the ordination of Dohar and Haposan, the Siregar brothers from Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia. This is the climax of a series which began with Joshua Wonsia, Ivory Coast in July this year. Next was Pang Kok Hiong, Calvary missionary to Saipan. Then came Cheong Chin Meng of Sharon BPC. Following closely were Jeffrey Khoo, Das Koshy and Wee Eng Moh at the 20th Graduation Service of FEBC in September. With Dohar and Haposan's ordination today we have a bumper crop of eight for the year 1994. Praise the Lord for all these young men, the chosen of the Lord, who are given keys of the Kingdom, to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper.

What is essentially required of our ordinands? In the good tradition of the Apostle Paul instructing Timothy to commit to faithful men who should be able to teach others also, modelled after our Lord's three years with His disciples, we have given these men a basic training of four years, and more. This may be called "head-knowledge." To make sure that

their doctrine is firmly established as has been taught them at Bible College, we examine them again. They must pass a written as well as an oral examination. We thank God that they have not forgotten what was inculcated in them. They have matured in the doctrines they had learned through years spent ministering to the flock.

Now they are to be accepted for life into the pastoral ministry. If we liken their probationary period in the pastoral ministry as the engagement period, today's ordination is wedding day whereon they publicly declare their life-commitment to the Lord. They have to answer with Peter three times, making trebly sure that they will follow their Lord, like a wife her husband. As in the marriage vow, which says, "for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish and to obey, till death us do part..." This is "heart-knowledge."

Entering the pastoral ministry is like getting married to the Lord. Now what are the ingredients of a successful, happy marriage? First let us state what shall never be and second what it shall be.



One, as one must not marry under infatuation ie to be affected by an intense fondness or admiration which passes away under changing circumstances, "out of sight, out of mind," one cannot serve the Lord by a momentary attraction. Hence, the Lord would not receive into the Apostolic College those who never counted their cost. In Luke 10 there is one prospective disciple who said he would follow Jesus anywhere he went. Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." When Far Eastern Bible College was founded in September 1962, we had three students, two young ladies and a young man. When we opened the classroom door all we had for furniture were a high stool and three kindergarten chairs. We had bedrooms but no beds. But we had six army beds offered by Chin Lien Bible School. Borrowing a pick-up from my friend, I took that young man to Chin Lien Bible School to help transport the six beds. Immediately a dark pall fell over his otherwise chubby face. For the whole afternoon as we worked to put the six beds into the dorms, his lips were clammed tight like an oyster. This young man left FEBC after one year. Though he finished his study in another College and served his home church, he lasted only nine months. He became a businessman, but soon the Lord took him. Evidently, he was disillusioned. Count the cost, if you are entering the full-time ministry.

A second negative point to consider in marriage is: one must not marry for money. King Solomon says, "If a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be condemned" (Song of Sol. 8:7). Yet, there are many who marry for the sake of money, for the sake of a good life. In Paul's association with other servants of God, he met not a few of the money-minded. In Rom 16:18 he says, "For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:18). In Phil 3:18,19 he reiterates, "For many walk, of whom I have

told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, (Calvin adds, "whose religion is their kitchen") and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."

Has God called you to the ministry? Then choose to serve in that Church that follows the truth which may pay you less, than another Church which pays more but deviates from the truth. Money is a great hindrance to loyal service in the Lord. How many are not in Church today but in the world chasing money.

The third and last point, negatively speaking, is you should never marry for fame and power. This was the attitude of Judas Iscariot. When our Lord gave the Five Thousand miracle bread to eat and Judas had a part to distribute the bread standing high above the crowd, he shouted, "Wonderful, wonderful, praise the Lord." The next day when those who had eaten the miracle bread came back for more, Jesus refused their request. Judas was totally crestfallen. How he desired his Master would do as he wished --- give more so he could be No. 1 in Jesus' kingdom. As the crowds left Jesus on foot, Judas left Him in his heart. Jesus remarked of Judas, "Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" How many a servant of the Lord enters the ministry with the prospect of a big church, big salary, glittering with high degrees after his name. But when called to do common jobs around the Church these would spurn their co-workers. I had a student who returned to S'pore to serve in Life Church with a high degree. We held a VBS and as co-workers we had to drive the Church vans to ferry in the kids. After one outing, he snorted, "This is not my job." Serving the Lord, not on the Lord's term, but his. It is like a wife, who instead of serving the husband makes the husband serve her. By way of recapitulation we must not enter the ministry without counting the cost. We must not be conditioned by money. We must not think of power or position.

Now on the positive note. What must one committed to the Lord's ministry do? The

positive and most positive ingredient in his commitment is love. "Lovest thou me more than these?" Let me ask our candidates for ordination today. What is it that impels you into the Lord's ministry? It is not even by the noble sentiment of saving the lost. It is not out of a humanitarian spirit. You are here for only one reason and that is the dying love of Christ, who gave Himself to pay for the penalty of your sins, has overwhelmed you. You are surrendered to do His bidding by His overpowering love. This was Paul's experience on the Damascus Road. This was Peter's understanding on the shores of Galilee. Though Judas defected to become the Traitor, Peter vowed, "Lord, to whom shall we go, thou hast the Words of eternal life." Though Peter denied the Lord three times out of weakness of the flesh, he learned the lesson of repentance three times over. Thereafter he never deviated from the Way of the Cross. He died for His Master after a life of incessant service to the very end. Can you say that? Will you pray the Lord to strengthen you, every one of you to serve him lovingly to the very end?

*"For love is strong as death..."*

*Many waters cannot quench love,  
Neither can the floods drown it."*

And what our Saviour requires of us is that first love, ever warming, never cooling first love. Every one of us here, not only the two ordinands, must reciprocate this love to our Lord and Saviour. "We love him, because he first loved us" (I Jn 4:19). Amen.

#### 21st Century Reformation KJV Study Bible

Dr Arthur Steele is our US coordinator. So far he has enlisted Dr John Battle, president of Western Reformed Theo. Seminary, Drs Ed Oliver, Morris MacDonald, Gary Parker, Howard Carlson, Carl Martin, Chris Linch. I have personally contacted Dr Carl McIntire to honour him, being leader of the 20th Century Reformation for the last half century. He would contribute to write on some books.

Locally we have the fullest backing of Dr S H Tow and Calvary BPC, Life BPC and the Faculty of FEBC. Philippines is represented

by Rev Dan Ebert, translator of the Palawano N.T. and by Charles Seet our graphic artist. Personally my first write-up is on Revelation. Dr Steele is working on Daniel. Dr Jeffrey Khoo has completed Jude and James. The fight is on --- 1997 is our target-date. Pray for us! Pray that Dr Whitcomb might spare the time to join us.

One supreme hermeneutical principle: Any commentary that gives two interpretations reminds us of the Snake's forked tongue e.g. there is only one fulfilment to Isaiah's prophecy on the Virgin Birth --- the Immaculate Son of God, Jesus. To superimpose on Jesus the Son by Isaiah's so-imagined second wife is double talk. It comes from the Snake. "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (Matthew 5:37).

#### MY LIFE B-P CHURCH

*Octogenarian Sylvea Wong*

*There is peace within my church  
A peace so deep and calm  
That when my heart is troubled  
It's like a soothing balm.*

*There is life within my church  
A life that surges on  
Filling the empty places  
When older ones are gone.*

*There is glory in my church  
At every time of year  
Christmas, Easter and weddings  
To fill our hearts with cheer.*

*So ever attend your church  
And add to its increase  
For in Him you'll find solace  
In Him eternal peace.*

Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said unto me,  
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

To allay the fears of those who think Beulah Lawns will be concreted, our formula is simply to spread 4 ins. of granite over the field and "steamroller" it. While the green grass will continue to blanket it, the hardened surface will carry the load of parked cars --- once a week. It is a beautiful compromise.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 12 - 18, '94)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON - THU	Calvary Pandan Teens Camp	\$4,752.00 (8.00 am); \$15,036.00 (10.30 am)
MON - FRI	SBC Camp	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Reform. Study Bible</b> \$100;
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<b>EBF</b> \$250, \$1600, \$250, \$670(Chinese Scr.),
WED - SAT	Sembawang YF Camp, Beulah Hse	\$104.10, \$200, \$450(Keb Indonesia); <b>Beulah</b>
SAT 3.00 pm	YF/LTF Gospel Rally, FEBC Hall	<b>Renov.</b> \$200(Hope BPC); <b>Surish</b> \$50; <b>Missions</b>
3.00 pm	LBC/YAF	\$50; <b>Dohar/Haposan on their ordination</b> \$800;
3.30 pm	Sunday School Christmas Party	<b>Rev Ronny Khoo</b> \$100; <b>Thailand/Philippines</b>
6.00 pm	Christmas Gospel Service & Dinner (Hokkien/Cantonese), FEBC Hall	\$670; <b>Renovation of room</b> \$100(SBC); <b>Seets</b> \$100,
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Forsake not the Levite</i> (Rev Jeffrey Khoo)	\$100; <b>G Kutty</b> \$200; <b>China Mission</b> \$150; <b>Yangon</b>
9.30 am	Sunday School	<b>Orphanage</b> (A.Kam)(in memory of late Shirley
10.30 am	Rev Tow	Chew) \$2000; <b>FEFST, Myanmar</b> \$500, \$100, \$50;
10.30 am	Chinese Service	<b>Thailand Land</b> \$500.
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	(1) Orphanage at Yangon under Andrew Kam.
12.30 pm	Korean Service	'Thank God for strength, good jobs and bonuses.' -
12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	JAFer (\$50).
3.00 pm	Thai Service	(2) Thank God for good results in my final exams in
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	school. Praise His holy name. - A grateful son.
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	(3) A thanksgiving offering of \$618 to praise God
4.45 pm	Burmese Service	because He has promised that He will never leave us
No NBC This Week.		nor forsake us. All glory to His name.
Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Tay Bec Heng for the birth of a baby girl, Kezia on Dec 7 weighing 6 lbs 43 ozs.		(4) A gift for the 21st Century Reformation KJV Bible
Sunday School Offering: \$464.50; Attendance: 306		and may the Lord bless, encourage, and sustain the
		faithful translators.
		<b>Verse for the Week:</b> 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 Corinthians 8:9)
		<b>RPG Quarterly Issues.</b> As of January 1995, RPG Notes will be printed quarterly ie in three-month blocks. Readers are requested to take good care of their copies so as to last out the three months, and longer.
		<i>Ordination of Haposan and Dohar (inside) on Nov 27, '94 at Life BP Church.</i>



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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. 19	No. 46
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 122	Psalms 91
Hymn	No. 262	No. 565
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 137	No. 120
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 12:1-14	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Attached to One Place of Worship (Rev Stephen Khoo)	Rev Dan Ebert III
Closing Hymn	No. 421	
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Lifers,

### "EVANGELISE OR FOSSILISE"

Any effort in evangelism should receive the concerted support of the whole Church! There will be two evangelistic meetings Saturday Dec 17.

The first one is held under the auspices of YF and Life Teens Fellowship at 3 pm. The Lord's messenger is Dn Ong Eng Lam. Let all our youth groups join in to bring some unsaved, non-Christian, friends to the meeting. Let the whole Church pray for the speaker and the hearers.

The second one is planned by the Chinese Service. It will be held at FEBC Hall 6 pm. The preacher is Rev Chang Shi En in Hokkien, to be interpreted by the Pastor into Cantonese. This is a wonderful opportunity to lead the seniors of our families who are not English-speaking to Christ. Personally I have asked our mason to come and he has promised also to bring a friend! Let the Church again pray for this evangelistic effort and let the adults join in to bring someone in! Please pray for both speaker and interpreter to be moved of the same Spirit. May the Lord cause some souls to be saved.

### A heathen gives \$100 to the God of our Church

Our mason employs an Indian assistant. This Indian

assistant had fallen from a high building a year or so ago. He was in a coma for a week. He could have died. Our mason prayed (in his own way to the Heavenly Grandfather), and he revived. He went back to India to recuperate.

This time he is back. He has been working with our mason for over a month at Beulah House, and now on the College L-Block. When he got his pay last week he reverently brought \$100 to thank our God for sparing his life. (I had spoken to him previously about JESUS being the living and true God.)

A lady after Church last week thanked the Church for praying for her son at Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting. Her son has repented and is reading the Bible. She gave \$50 in thanksgiving.

One special feature of our Weekly are the thanksgivings expressed on the back page. These, I'm sure, have inculcated in casual readers the worship that is due to the Almighty. Or do we take God for granted? Do we ever think how much we owe Him?

### Do Something Good for Jesus this Christmas

This is the Christmas Season that the world

celebrates for its own sake, in pleasure and revelry. For us His children we cannot celebrate Christmas without doing something for Him worshipfully. Let us think of the needy. Let us give a portion of the much we receive at Christmas that it be channelled to worthy causes. Let us not withhold good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of our hand to do it.

#### Call from Vietnam

A Vietnam pastor who has heard much of our Church desires our fellowship. He has invited the Pastor to visit his Church. This contact is through Mr Michael Lim our good friend who has a managerial post in Ho Chi Minh City. To Vietnam we must go in His good time. Our desire is to see the Church there revived! One way of doing this is to introduce good books to them. Many Vietnamese Churches are Cantonese-speaking. - T.T.

#### Highlights of Rev Dohar's Report

*By Dohar Siregar*

##### I. Bible Presbyterian Church of Indonesia Is Registered

We thank God for He has answered our prayers. BP Church of Indonesia is now registered nationally. It is a sign of God, that the door is opened wide to preach the gospel to the whole land of Indonesia. This has brightened our vision for missions.

##### II. Fundamental Bible Institute of Indonesia Started

The FBII was also started this year. Rev Tow and Mrs Tow came to inaugurate the FBII on the 30th September this year, commencing with 6 full-time students and a good number of part-time students. This Bible Institute plays an important part in the development of the Church. All of us are glad and doing our best for the Bible Institute.

##### III. God's Mercy and Blessing to Gloria BP Church

God has been merciful to us these 2½

years. He has blessed our Sunday Service with regular attendance 20 - 30 people. And also our young people meeting with 30 - 40 people. Now we have 150 - 180 attending Sunday School. Recently we started Junior Worship Service with an attendance of 20. There are now five Sunday School teachers plus my wife and me to serve in Gloria BP Church. Three of them are the students in the Bible Institute.

God is also blessing our kindergarten. We have 60 children enrolled this year. Through the children we can approach the parents and witness to them. Every Saturday we give gospel story to the children, and some of the parents come to hear the gospel story too.

Our church is also opening a Chinese

outreach in town. Last August we started renting a church for the Chinese ministry. A good number of High School students are attending the Chinese Service. This has been going on for over 3 months. Most of them come from Buddhist background. It is amazing that five of them have accepted Jesus to be their personal Lord and Saviour. For this Chinese ministry we need transport. We are praying for a second hand minibus so we can send the girls to their home after service. It costs us something to open this Chinese outreach, but I value that is worthy.

Our church also has a burden to open the orphanage. Not long after we started the Sunday School at the new building, the owner of the house next to the church offered us to buy his property. This is just like Beulah House and Life Church. So in a wonderful way God gave us this house, but we have to pay it by instalment. As we see that the land is big enough for the orphanage, 12m x 23m, so we thought of starting the orphanage. But because the house is small 9m x 5m only, so we have to build the empty land on the back 8m x 12m and on the left side 10m x 6m. We plan to build up to the second level.

As the Lord moves the hearts of the people back in Medan, they offer us the cement sand, and stones, so we started to build the foundation. Also from Life Church in Singapore, they send us gift for the orphanage, and I used them all for the building. Even my allowance I used them for the building of the orphanage. I just hope that the building can be completed next



*Pray for the Siregar Family. Others not in this picture are Bapa Siregar the father Rev Wesly, Augus, Glorya and Mariana, all in full-time service.*

#### HE WILL SAVE YOU

*Octogenarian Sylvea Wong*

*In the quietude of midnight,  
Or in the early dawning hour,  
I can feel His mighty presence,  
And His all-sufficient power.*

*Whether in a midlife crisis,  
Or when life's sunset is near,  
I'm assured He is beside me,  
And I have no cause to fear.*

*Let not your heart be troubled,  
Neither let it be afraid!  
For He who gave His lifeblood  
Will save you for His own sake.*

*All you have to do is ask Him,  
And His grace will see you through.  
No matter how impossible  
The problem will be solved for you.*

year January because there are 7 children now waiting to come in. I hope you can pray for us God will provide us the fund to complete the building. I also take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have contributed to the orphanage in Medan.

##### IV. Life Bible Class Visit Medan in December 19-26

We also thank God for the team - LBC headed by Rev Goh Seng Fong coming to help us to conduct the Bible Camp and Evangelistic Meeting - combined for the three churches. Please pray for us and for each member of team. May God bless their ministry in Medan.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 19 - 25, '94)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$4,413.00 (8.00 am); \$8,413.00 (10.30 am)		
FRI		Christmas Carolling (MF & WF)	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Reform. Study Bible \$100;</b>		
SAT	8.00 pm	Combined Christmas Eve Service	<b>EBF \$611, \$60, \$50, \$60; Yangon (A.Kam) \$100,</b>		
SUN	9.30 am	Combined Christmas Service	<b>\$200, \$150, \$100; Medan \$150; Missionary F'ship</b>		
	9.30 am	Chinese Service	<b>\$270; Bibles for China \$100; I.Coast \$100; Rev</b>		
	9.30 am	No Sunday School	<b>Ronny Khoo \$200; Seets \$10; RPG \$110;</b>		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<b>Thanksgiving \$140; Chiangmai \$100; Thai</b>		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	<b>Mission \$100; RTD \$50; Hope BPC \$130;</b>		
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	<b>Thailand Land \$300; Dn Yiew Pong Sen \$300;</b>		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	<b>Missionary Fund \$50; Church Renovation \$100;</b>		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	<b>Medan(Dohar) \$50.</b>		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Christmas Service	<b>FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:</b>		
	4.45 pm	Burmese Service	(1) <i>Praying with you that the Lord may bless all who</i>		
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok.			<i>are involved with the production of the 21st Century</i>		
<b>Infant Baptism, next Lord's Day, 9.30 am.</b>			<i>Reformation Bible with wisdom and inspiration from</i>		
Parents who wish their infants to be baptised			<i>His Spirit. In times like these, we can hardly find a</i>		
please inform Church Office by Tue, 20/12,			<i>good study bible. All praise and glory to the Almighty</i>		
giving child's name, parents and date of			<i>God. (\$100)</i>		
birth.			(2) <i>This is a token of my thanks and praise to the</i>		
(3) <i>Truly thank God for good grades obtained</i>			<i>Lord for His love, protection, providence and grace</i>		
<i>for my recent exams. He has shown me how to</i>			<i>shown unto an undeserving sinner. The Lord has</i>		
<i>do my BEST and let Him do the REST. May</i>			<i>answered my prayers and comforted me when I was</i>		
<i>my humble offering be used for the extension</i>			<i>down. And blessed my friends and myself with good</i>		
<i>of His Kingdom. (\$50) - A Lifer.</i>			<i>results. I pray that, we Christians, will set our mind</i>		
Sunday School Offering: \$407.60; Attendance: 291			<i>to achieve the best to glorify the Lord's Name. (\$50)</i>		



**Verse for the Week:** Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Eph 6:6

*After the Baptismal Service in Chiang Mai, Nov 20, '94 this young Thai lady who works at the Swedish Embassy and has been introduced to the Gospel asks the pastor, "Since my parents are Buddhists, can I serve both Buddha and Jesus Christ?" Of course the answer is, No! Pray for educated Thais who are beginning to seek the Truth.*



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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. 152	<i>Till the Whole World Knows</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	John 3:1-21	Matthew 1:18-25
Hymn	Love of God	No. 165
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	165	<i>In the Bleak Mid-Winter</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Deut 12:17-19	Zech 7:1-10
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Forsake not the Levite (Rev Jeffrey Khoo)	No different from the World?
Closing Hymn		
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

### "TILL THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS"

Situated in a global city like Singapore, Far Eastern Bible College, one MRT station from Orchard Road, is accessible to students from every part of the world. Apart from 14 nations represented at the College, one new country that will be added to the list next January is Pakistan (Rev Philip Heng).

As students from distant countries join the College so have come invitations from newly-opened nations to the Pastor, to visit and help, for example Vietnam and Canada (Toronto) and probably Vancouver. The 6th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next March is not just to see the Land, but positively to give succour to the work there (Baraka Conference Centre and Baraka BPC). We must keep up our spirited expansion of God's Kingdom, "till the whole world knows." As we're ready to go to Vietnam, so should we think of Cambodia, yea, even Laos. (Burma is building in earnest --- the 4-storey Bible College for the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology and Andrew Kam's Orphanage and B-PC at Tui Khal Village.

James Sun, FEBC'er from China, has left for Melbourne

and has been taken on the Bethel Church Staff. His wife and daughter will be joining him this Christmas. Eduardo Morante, having served several months there, is returning next January. Welcome home! Perhaps God has an opening for him in S'pore too. Wong Chin Woon who is finishing 3 weeks' stint at Kemaman, will return for another semester before graduation. Will he fill Kelapa Sawit's vacancy? (Miss Ng Sang Chiew is taking long leave.) There is a great door of opportunity for hardy graduates of FEBC, not softies.

Insofar as ordination is concerned, there is the ninth in Nirand (N. Thailand) and 10th in Kim Kah Teck (Rawang, Malaysia), 1995.

As for new enrolments for next Jan. we forecast between a dozen and fifteen, the largest mid-year intake. Several are married and have children. By God's provision we will give them all accommodation to help facilitate their study. Meanwhile the Library has been added to it 350 sq ft of newly-tiled floor space with 3 new book shelves glass-enclosed. Also 3 more new shelves will be dovetailed into the three green-and-white Church window-recesses,

making a total of six. This will take in another 2,500 books that are coming in the pipeline. (If you have any surplus theological books, why not send them to FEBC Library?)

For FEBC evening classes, Rev Stephen Khoo will teach 2 hours *Esther* Thursday night. The principal will teach one hour *History of the BPC Singapore* and one hour *Acts of the Apostles*. The FEBC will offer the cream of teaching for these evening classes, without let up.

The Ministry of Hospitality through Beulah House sees a constant stream of visitors from near and far. This Christmas we will receive an American missionary family of eight from Jakarta and next March a N.Zealand couple. Our houses "being made of rubber," we can happily stretch them. Welcome!

"Till the Whole World Knows" will see its ideal most effectively fulfilled when the 21st Century Reformation KJV Study Bible is, D.V., consummated Dec 1997. Pray for us for we cannot go on without the support of God's people around the world. Dr Arthur Steele is our coordinator in USA.

As we celebrate Christmas we think of the **Virgin Birth of Christ**. Only a Snake which has a forked-tongue can double talk. Here is the KJV Evangelical Study Bible footnote on Isa 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

"7:14 a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son. Before we can understand this verse, we need to consider two Hebrew words. One is *bethulah* and the other *almah*. The former means virgin, and the latter an unmarried female. *Almah* is used here. Its use in this context covers two cases. One has to do with the wife of Isaiah and her newborn son (Isa. 8:1-4). Isaiah's wife was a virgin until she was married. She was no longer a virgin when married. Of course, one supposes that an unmarried female is a virgin. The second case covers that of the virgin Mary. She was a virgin before the conception of Jesus. And she remained a virgin then because Joseph was not the father of Jesus. The Holy Spirit was. (sic) Stated another way, Isaiah's wife

was no longer a virgin when she conceived; Mary was still a virgin *after* she conceived for she had not yet known a male. Interestingly, the Septuagint translates *almah* by the use of the Greek word *parthenos* which means virgin. And Matthew uses the word *parthenos* for Mary's case. The word *almah* thus covers both births involved in this prophecy and we learn that Mahershalal-hash-baz, the son of Isaiah, had a human mother and father and his birth was a natural one. Jesus, on the other hand, had a human mother but not a human father. His birth was supernatural. *Almah* allows for both prophetic words."

What double sweet talk. Though the KJV Evangelical Study Bible pays such beautiful homage to our Lord, it has made Isaiah's wife the principal object of fulfilment, putting Mary remotely second place. It is like a man professing how much he loves his wife, while he is keeping a mistress outside. Jesus says, But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. **We believe the Isa 7:14 prophecy on the Virgin Birth can be fulfilled exclusively by Mary only and not by any other** as declared by Matthew, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit: Matthew 1:20-23 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: 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: for he shall save his people from their sins. **Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**" Matthew never knew anything about Isaiah's wife, nor Isaiah's second wife, according to NIV Study Bible. "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing (Evangelical?) but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Devilangical)!

Do we celebrate Christmas also for our own pleasure?

God's people, just as carnal and thoughtless

as the world? That was Israel during her days of exile in Babylon and we in moneyed Singapore? Hear what the prophet Zechariah says, "And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity... Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart" (Zechariah 7:6-11).

**Sadly, Honesty our Black Doggie has left us for the Lord took her, Tues night, Dec 13, '94.**

But man is no better. Solomon says, "I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again" (Ecclesiastes 3:18-20). If we end our reading of Scripture at this point, we may adopt the Epicurean spirit, "Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die" (1 Cor 15:32). Hence evolutionists, even great scientists, end up nowhere. For we are like the animals. So they also contract AIDS and even revel in it.

But Solomon does not end with his first observation that man is no better than a dog. After his whole discourse is over he concludes that as for man, "his spirit goeth upward" versus "the spirit of the beast that goeth downward" (Eccles 3:21), so he is answerable after death to God. **"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil"** (Eccles 12:14). So says the Apostle to the Hebrews, with the added hope of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb 9:27-28).

## *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.*

*Today 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 every heart.*

*Blessed Christmas from  
Octogenarian Sylvea Wong*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 26, '94 - Jan 1, '95)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$9,169.00 (8.00 am); \$15,568.00 (10.30 am)	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF	<b>OFFERINGS FOR: Reform. Study Bible</b> \$500,	
	3.00 pm	YF/YAF Thanksgiving Anniv.	\$500(YAF); <b>Christmas Offering</b> \$100, \$1000, \$50;	
	8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Watchnight Service	<b>EBF</b> \$150 (Sembawang BPC YF), \$200 (Calvary	
	10.45 pm	Life BPC Watchnight Service	BPC Teens), \$200; <b>Seets</b> \$250, \$500, \$200(Sunday	
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Stephen Khoo	Sch); <b>Yangon Orphanage</b> \$100, \$200, \$500;	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<b>Burma Mission</b> \$50; <b>Missions</b> \$1000; <b>RPG</b> \$400,	
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	\$1000; <b>FEBC Students</b> \$400; <b>Rev/Mrs Jeffrey</b>	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	<b>Khoo</b> \$500; <b>Nirands</b> \$500, \$300; <b>Chinese Bibles</b>	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	\$50; <b>Lim J J</b> \$250; <b>Bibles for China</b> \$400; <b>Rev G</b>	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	<b>Kutty</b> \$300; <b>Missions</b> \$2000; <b>Children's Ministry</b>	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service	\$500; <b>China Mission</b> \$431; <b>Batam</b> \$530(WF);	
	12.30 pm	Filipina Fellowship	<b>Thanksgiving</b> \$1500; <b>Thailand Land</b> \$500; <b>Medan</b>	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	<b>Orphanage</b> \$500.	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	Rev Colin Wong sends greetings to all Lifers	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	for a Blessed Christmas and New Year!	
	4.45 pm	Burmese Service		
NBC This Week. Wed Bl Timah, Henderson.				
<b>BAPTISM</b>				
01. Ng Wing Kwang, Norman (Student)			04. Lok Qian Hui	
<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>			d/o Mr & Mrs Lok Kwok Wah	
01. Cai Xin Hui, Melissa			05. Low Qiao Ting, Charmaine	
d/o Mr & Mrs Melvin Chua Seng Teck			d/o Mr & Mrs Vincent Low Siang Tuan	
02. Lee Si En, Sarah			06. Tan Ruiqi, Sarah	
d/o Mr & Mrs Francis Lee Kek Gee			d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Boon Hing	
03. Lim Songqi, Shawn			07. Tan Yi Wen, Amos	
s/o Mr & Mrs Lim Ching Wah			s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Boon Wah	
			<b>Verse for the Week:</b> Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10,11	
			<b>Andrew Kam</b> <b>Orphans Learning God's Word in Yangon.</b>	



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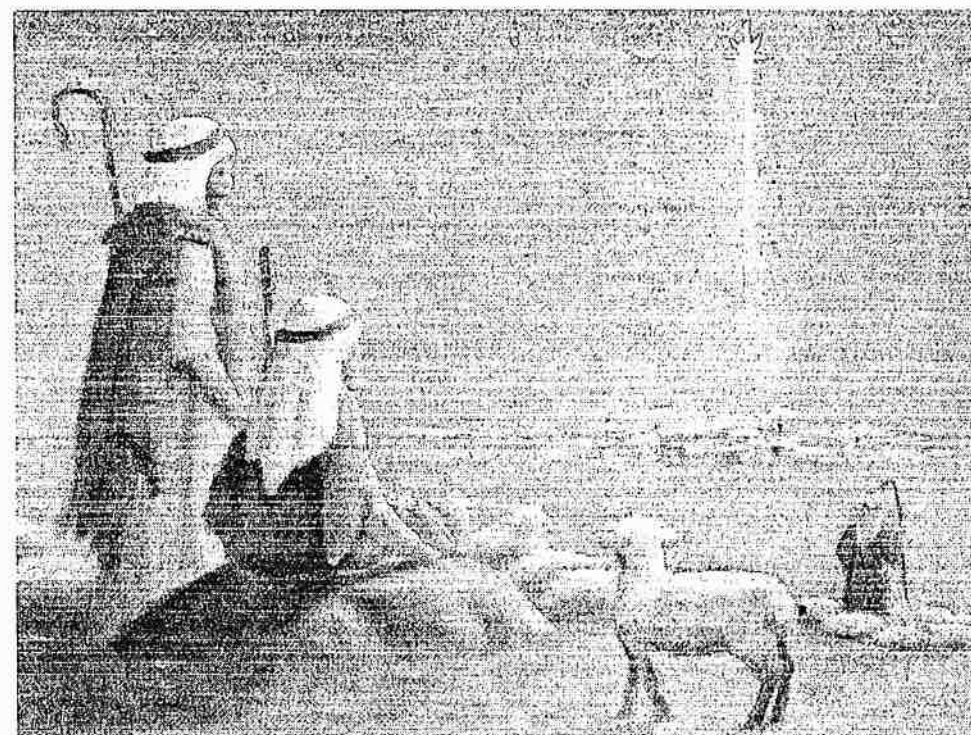
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25 December 1994



*My dear Lifers,*

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This year's Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, so we are doubly blessed! Rev Stephen Khoo is the Lord's messenger. Let me also share with you *Blessed Christmas Prayer from Sylvea Wong*, p.3.

There are certain Churches that stay away from any celebration of Christmas for a number of negative reasons. As for us we have commemorated this Crowning Event of the year from the beginning, and the Lord has blessed us with increasing blessings. So let us

come and worship Him, and like the Wisemen, present our gold, myrrh and frankincense. These precious offerings were timely to help Joseph and Mary pay their way to Egypt as they fled Herod's sword. Today, our Lord is ascended on high. And He is coming soon to judge this wicked world and save us to heaven. He does not need our gifts, but He desires that we use them on the least of His brethren, the poor, the needy, those in want in lonely places. In so doing, He says, we are personally serving Him. Your Christmas offerings will be channelled to an increasing number of the worthy needy in our midst and on missionaries



labouring afar off, on every worthy cause.

### Near Christmas Gospel Meetings

Our two Gospel Meetings, one to young people under the auspices of YF and LTF and the other to the Hokkien-Cantonese speaking under the auspices of the Chinese Church choir, were a great success. Deacon Ong Eng Lam spoke to the young and two indicated publicly their receiving of the Saviour. Rev Chang Shi En spoke to the Hokkien-Cantonese, and there was a turnout of 180 or so. The elderly heard the Gospel attentively and thereafter joined in a buffet dinner. Let this be the beginning of a new, good tradition.

In countries like Indonesia, Christmas is the best time for Gospel Meeting. From Haposan I learnt how crowds would gather to any Church function and what better opportunity to tell the Good News of the Saviour's coming to earth.

### Changed Hindu Charm for the Cross

Our Indian assistant to the mason has worked on our premises, on and off, for some years. Two weeks ago he suddenly brought \$100 to the Lord. For he had recovered from a severe fall from a three-storey building. He was in a coma for a week. He knew that our God saved him.

To show his faith in the Lord Jesus, he bought a gold cross and attached it to the gold chain he was wearing, on which there was a Hindu charm. When we explained to him that Jesus and Hinduism do not go together, he quickly removed that Hindu ornament. He displayed prominently the Cross. Though he could understand little Hokkien, nevertheless he came with Mr Goh our mason. Elder Sng, hearing this, gave him a Tamil Bible that lately came into his possession. Oh Lord, save that Indian assistant! He is a Tamil.

### New Car Park Ready for Christmas

In order to meet the increasing number of cars during Christmas, we hastened to turn Beulah Lawns into a car park. Last Sunday over 40 cars found a new haven, safe from the forbidding double-yellow lines outside the sanctuary.

Nor is the lush green grass killed by heavy concrete slabs. Our method is to have four

inches of granite spread evenly across the lawns and have them "steamrolled." As the little pebbles are pressed together but not cemented over, the chinks in between allow the grass to raise their green blades. Now that the rains keep on coming the green blades shoot up very cheerily. In no time our car park will become green as before! Another asset in this innovation --- it costs but a fraction of using the usual, perforated concrete slabs. Now did you notice the slabs sink into the ground where the soil is soft, and put you out of balance? Our method keeps you on even keel.

Besides the car park, we've constructed two fish pools, a big one at the House Entrance, a small one down the hill slope. We have spruced up the garden as you can see. If you have any potted plants to spare why not send them to Beulah House?

We need some for the corridor troughs barren and empty at 9A.

Far Eastern Bible College reopens Tues. Jan 3, '95 with Day of Prayer at 13 Bright Hill, valuable property of Sembawang BPC (Rev Bob Phee). Sitting on top of a hillock it commands a

panoramic view pleasant to the eyes except for the staring towers of heathen temples. This valuable property since acquisition has appreciated 2-3 times!



Our new students hail from S'pore, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Australia, Korea (last but first in numbers). We want to thank an Uncle for giving the FEBC Family a Christmas treat for, "he felt led by the Lord." God bless the work of his hands.

We want to thank the Lord and Life Book Centre for the scheduled publication of *Coming World Events Unveiled*, 144 pgs, a Study of the Book of Revelation. Priced at \$6 it is a gift from Life Church to every member, brought to your door. Give one copy to your unsaved friend to save a soul! Help yourself to a copy at the Church Entrance as you leave after Service today!

Finally, pray for us as Mr Michael Lim has planned a Gospel Campaign in Vietnam during Chinese New Year, for that is the only time we can spare, FEBC being in full swing at dawn of 1995!

Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

### MESSAGES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO MARCH 1995 (8.00 AM SERVICE)

Theme: The Church of Christ

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
JAN	1 New Year Message		Rev Stephen Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
	8 The Universal Church*	Eph 5:25-32	Rev Stephen Khoo	Dn Ong Eng Lam
	15 The Local Church	Acts 2:42-47	Rev Jeffrey Koo	Dn Jack Sin
	22 The Mission of the Church	Matt 28:18-20	Rev Stephen Khoo	Dn Wee Chin Kam
	29 The Maturity of the Church	Eph 4:11-16	Rev Quek Suan Yew	Dn Geoffrey Tan
FEB	5 The Fellowship of the Church	Heb 10:24-25	Rev Stephen Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
	12 The Function of the Church*	1 Cor 12:1-11	Rev Stephen Khoo	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
	19 The Discipline of the Church	II Thess 3:6-15	Elder Lim Teck Chye	Dn Tan Nee Keng
	26 The Prayer Life of the Church	Eph 6:18-20	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat	Dn Ong Eng Lam
MAR	5 The Leadership of the Church	I Thess 2:1-11	Rev Stephen Khoo	Dn Han Soon Juan
	12 The Testimony of the Church*	Matt 5:11-16	Rev Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Jack Sin
	19 The Expansion of the Church	Acts 13:1-5	Rev Bob Phee	Dn Wee Chin Kam
	26 The Destiny of the Church	I Cor 15:51-58	Rev Timothy Tow	Rev Timothy Tow

\*Lord's Supper

Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim 4:2).

### BLESSED CHRISTMAS PRAYER



*This season, Lord, we turn to prayer  
To lift all people to Thy care  
Regardless of their race or creed  
We realise a common need  
Grave problems loom to bring unrest  
Disturb intentions of our quest  
For peace on Earth where love should reign  
To know Thy joy instead of pain  
That cultural differences have brought  
Consuming lives as wars are fought  
We realise that sinful race  
Must turn its gaze to seek Thy face  
And that thy presence and Thy power  
Shall light the way in this dark hour  
This season of Nativity  
In Thy Son's Advent may we see  
The Cross, A Beacon as The Star  
Beaming His message near and far  
Come all ye weak, cast all your care  
On Him, who bears your faintest prayer  
Let Season's Gift live now on earth  
To truly celebrate His birth!  
For God so loved, His Son He gave  
To human kind the world to save!*

Blessed Christmas from  
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