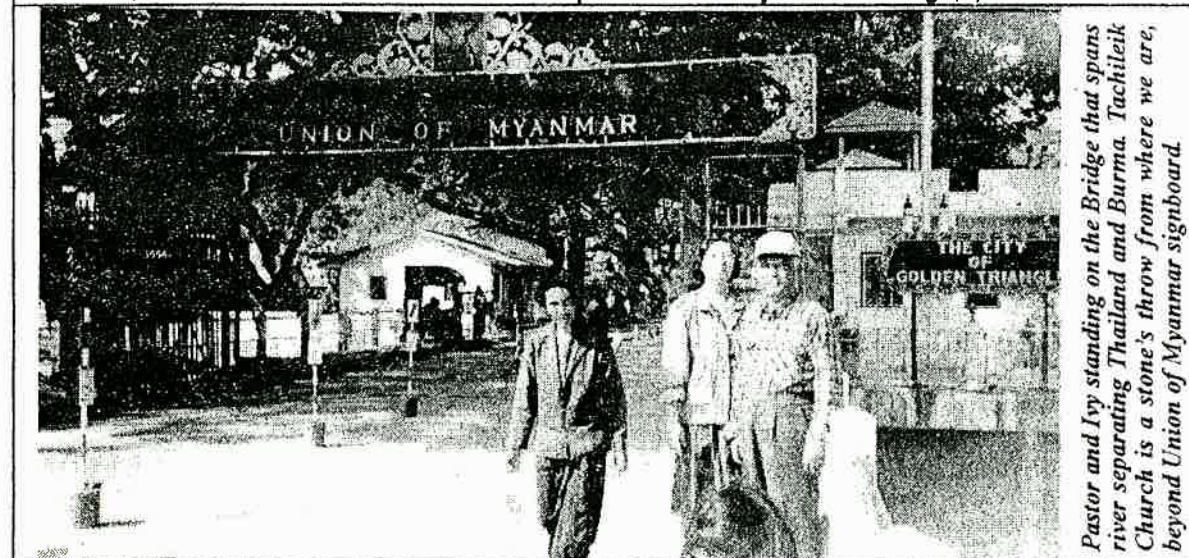


APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 6 - 12, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	5.00 pm	Rev Stephen Khoo leaves for USA	\$9,407.00 (8.00 am); \$18,716.00 (10.30 am)		
	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)	OFFERINGS FOR: Mersing \$59.15, \$200, \$300, \$2000, \$500, \$40, \$1000, \$2000, \$200, \$50, \$50, \$800, \$300, \$1000;		
TUE	7.30 pm	Prayer Mtg	Agape Clinic \$100; Yangon Orph \$100; Church Choir \$200;		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)	Lim JJ \$300, \$200; Seets \$200, \$500, \$500; Rev Tow \$200;		
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Rev Stephen Khoo \$200; Dr Jeffrey Khoo \$200; Yiew PS		
THU	7.30 pm	Family Ministry (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	\$200; Chinese Bibles \$100; Baraka BPC \$50; Rev Djunalid		
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall	\$500 (Chinese Senior Members); Batam \$200(LF).		
	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE OFFERINGS: \$20,763.00		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	OFFERINGS FOR: Mersing Project \$100, \$1000, \$100, \$100;		
	2.30 pm	Ted Chan & Sharon Yong Wedding (Rev Tow)	Setsuko \$500; MsF \$100; Deborah Mae Singing Ministry \$50; Children's Ministry (Pre-Jr Worship) \$100;		
	6.00 pm	AF Anniversary, FEBC Hall	Medical trip in 1997 (MsF Medical Mission) \$400.		
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Grace BPC 21st Anniv.	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SUN	8.00 am	The Source of Temptation (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)	(1) We would like to thank God for the provision of our daily needs over the past year and keeping us together in the marriage (through difficult times too). Thank God for His bountiful blessings despite our shortcomings. Enclosed offering is designated for the Mersing Project. All praise to God! —A couple		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	The Burning Bush Vol 3 No. 1 is available for collection at the FEBC Bookroom.		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	Life B-P Church Directory 1997 Preview. For any amendment, please fill in Updating Form and drop it at the Church reception counter or fax 2506955 or email: rogerkok@pacific.net.sg.		
	10.00 am	Rev Tow in Kuching	Lee Lit Miah wishes to thank the pastors and church members for their gifts and condolences during her recent bereavement.		
	10.30 am	Dr Lim Teck Chye	Sunday School Offering: \$1,287.35		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Colin Wong)			
	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/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Ser; 4.45pm Burmese Ser.			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.					
Verse for the Week: Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. Psalm 86:11					



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5 Jan 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 86	<i>Blow Ye the Trumpet</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Prov 3:1-13	Rom 8:28-35
Hymn	No. 432	<i>All Things Work</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 445	<i>Bring All the Tithes</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 1:1-12	Eph 5:14-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Testing of Faith</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo)	<i>How much of God's</i> <i>Will do you know?</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 441	No. 421
Benediction		Lord's Supper

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"For unto whomsoever much is given,
of him shall much be required" (Lk 12:45)

This saying of our Lord can be fittingly applied to us Singaporeans. Our nation is favoured in a special way with good government and natural benevolences. This is double advantage over those who may have good government but meet with disasters, such as typhoons, floods and earthquakes. And others who may be naturally endowed but plagued with bad government, resulting in strikes, uprisings and civil war.

Speaking for the Church, we cannot become complacent, and look in to our own sufficiency. Much is required of us especially as we have been spiritually blessed. Don't you think that we who have been pampered with goodies from His All-complete Plan of Salvation should share the Gospel with our neighbours to begin with?

The recent evangelistic mission to North Thailand under Eld Tan Nee Keng supported by Rev Khoo and 11 others, so that succour is further extended to Tachileik by a self-paying laity, is exemplary. Now there is another advance of Lifers to

another country that needs help, and that is Vietnam. This outreach is headed by Dr David Cheong (with Rev Colin Wong) and we should all uphold them in prayer.

By way of example, there is a Dr Lee of Korea who visited Yangon and Thawm Luai's Bible College and Church last September. Out of his own pocket US\$4,000 was distributed to 4 areas of the Burmese work. I understand this lover of missions is visiting Burma again with Lee Young Lyoung (now returned to FEBC for his MDiv) in the new year. Dr Lee is a debtor to the Gospel. As he has received so much from the Lord, so he is grateful to return a portion according to the law of receiving are giving.

What is your response? To you who have received much from the Lord through Life Church and so have liberally returned, here is God's blessing: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor 9:8). Like the Sea of Galilee which has only one outlet in the lower River Jordan, but God sends much more than the outlet by

supplying her through the Upper Jordan plus numerous other streams. But there are those who hoard to themselves, as in the days of the Prophet Haggai, of whom the Lord remarked, "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6).



FEBC reopened Friday Jan 3, 97 with Day of Prayer at Beulah House. 9 new students were added to the student body: 1 from Vietnam, 2 from Singapore, 1 from Thailand and 5 from Korea. This brings the total to 3 figures.

Evening classes begin Monday 6 with the principal teaching Minor Prophets (B), Dr Jeffrey Khoo the Westminster Standards on Wednesday and Dr Goh Seng Fong Family Ministry on Thursday. —T.T.

Letter to Pastor from a Beulah Lodger now returned to China

Dear Pastor Tow,

I am Wu Huei the girl from Harbin, China who stayed in Beulah House when in Singapore. I want to thank you very much.

When my student pass expired June 28, 96 I had to return to China.

Before this there was a Chinese Trading Co. that got registered in Singapore. They wanted me to work for them and applied for me an employment pass. As I thought I would return soon to Singapore with this pass, I left for China with a return ticket without saying goodbye. Contrary to my expectation my employment pass was refused.

I look back with nostalgia the time I spent at Beulah House, the sweet fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters, the peace and harmony, the conducive atmosphere, but above all the faith in God that lifted me up, that gave me security. Through the Church I tasted the deep love of God. I then decided to trust Him all my life.

After returning to China, I have preached the gospel to my loved ones and friends, and some have joined me going to Church. When my First

Aunt learned that I had become a Christian she was delighted. She praised the Lord over and over again for my Christian faith. . . .

I am trusting the Lord in everything, and I pray frequently. I had hoped to return to Singapore in October and get baptised by you. But now I cannot, so I got baptised at a Chinese Church here. I am deeply indebted to you for your past guidance. When I was in very straightened circumstances, you helped me. You taught me to work and study hard. I began to sense that God had guided me to you and your Church. My spirits have been revived like the return of spring. Now that I have left you I realise my great loss. How I love to see your Church again and hear you preach.

May God bless you and your family. Take care!

—Girl from China, Wu Huei

Note: Wu Huei is the 6th China Lodger at Beulah House to be baptised. Praise the Lord! Her address:

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The Woman Taken In Adultery (John 7:53 - 8:11)

An inspired account of John's Gospel proving Jesus Christ as Light of the World

The story of the woman taken in adultery in John 7:53-8:11 is called the *pericope de adultera*. Modernistic scholars have attempted to remove this whole passage from the Bible. According to Westcott, "This account of a most characteristic incident in the Lord's life is certainly not a part of John's narrative." Not only has it been said that the *pericope de adultera* was not a part of John's Gospel, both Westcott and Hort insisted that the story "has no right to a place in the text of the four Gospels."

The Westcott-Hort based NIV has this misleading statement concerning the authenticity of John 7:53-8:11: "[The earliest and most reliable manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have John 7:53-8:11]." What are these so called "earliest" and "most reliable" manuscripts which do not have the *pericope de adultera*? They are Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus, both 4th century manuscripts. Those who reject the *pericope de adultera* do so on a

presuppositional bias that these 2 codices which omit it are superior manuscripts.

Are the above codices really reliable? One will do well to remember that these are the same 2 codices which attacked the doctrine of the Trinity by removing the *Johannine Comma* (1 John 5:7f). According to Dean Burgon, a godly and renowned Bible defender of the last century, the codices Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are among "the most corrupt copies in existence." Burgon wrote, "I am able to demonstrate that every one of them singly is in a high degree corrupt, and is condemned upon evidence older than itself" (for a full discussion, refer to John William Burgon's *The Revision Revised* [Collingswood NJ: The Bible For Today, 1981 reprint], 548 pp). Although the above two codices may be "earliest" they are by no means "most reliable."

There is abundant evidence in support of the authenticity of the *pericope de adultera*. John 7:53-8:11 is found (1) in many Greek uncials and minuscules mainly of the Majority or Byzantine text-type, (2) in the ancient versions or translations: Old Latin, Vulgate, Syriac, Coptic, Armenian, and Ethiopic, and (3) in the writings of the Church Fathers: Didascalia, Ambrosiaster, Apostolic Constitutions, Ambrose, Jerome, and Augustine.

Jerome (AD 340-420), the translator of the Latin Bible called the Vulgate, said this about the *pericope de adultera*: "... in the Gospel according to John in many manuscripts, both Greek and Latin, is found the story of the adulterous woman who was accused before the Lord." Jerome considered the *pericope* genuine, and included it in his Vulgate.

Self-styled textual critics who arrogantly say: "This text has no place in Scripture; I will never preach from it!" should rather heed these wise words of Calvin: "it has always been received by the Latin Churches, and is found in many old Greek manuscripts, and contains nothing unworthy of an Apostolic Spirit, there is no reason why we should refuse to apply it to our advantage."

It must be noted that if John 7:53-8:11 is removed from the Gospel, it leaves a vacuum between the words "out of Galilee ariseth no prophet (7:52), and "Then spake Jesus again unto them" (8:12). In 7:40-52, we find the private dialogue and debate among the Jewish populace,

and between the temple servants and Pharisees over Jesus' identity; whether He was the Moses-like Prophet (Deut 18:15) or not. Jesus was out of the picture at that time. It is thus quite awkward to introduce Jesus so abruptly in 8:12 where it is recorded that He spoke to them "again." Jesus in verses 12-16 was teaching what is righteous judgment. The *pericope de adultera* provides the link between the two episodes. Jesus taught them "again" because He had already begun teaching the people before he was interrupted by the scribes and Pharisees (8:2-3). Jesus' "light of the world" discourse clearly fits the context of the *pericope de adultera*. The Jewish religious leaders had failed to exercise righteous judgment because in condemning the adulteress, they failed to judge themselves for they were equally sinful (8:7-9). Jesus' judicial and yet merciful treatment of the adulteress clearly demonstrates that He alone as the light of the world is the true and perfect Judge (8:12).

The divinely inspired account of the woman taken in adultery rightfully belongs to the Gospel of John. Let us not hesitate to use it for our encouragement and comfort.

Recommended reading: John William Burgon, "The Woman Taken in Adultery: A Defense of the Authenticity of St John 7:53-8:11," in *Unholy Hands on the Bible*, ed Jay P Green (Lafayette: Sovereign Grace Trust Fund, 1990), F1-16; and Edward F Hills, *The King James Version Defended* (Des Moines: The Christian Research Press, 1984), 150-9.

—Jeffrey Khoo

Ed. note:

"When in doubt consult another specialist."

This happens all the time with patients. When a second opinion is sought which contradicts the first diagnosis, and the second is right, it saves much expenditure of time and money, even life itself.

The NIV injects a doubt against the sacred text at Jn 7:53-8:11. Doubting their doubt, we consult the NKJV. Rebutting the NIV at this point, its footnote adds, "They (i.e. Jn 7:53-8:11) are present in over 900 manuscripts." Eh? Who doubts whom? And which of the two is right? "For we can do nothing against the truth but for the truth" (II Cor 13:8). (Another article for the 21st Century Reformation Polemical Bible Commentary.)

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MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)
TUE	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Fishermen of Christ)
	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
THU	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7.30 pm	Family Ministry (Dr Goh Seng Fong)
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF
	2.30 pm	Andrew Tee & Stacy Gng Wedding (Rev Tow)
	2.10 pm	Dr David Cheong & Medical Team depart for Vietnam via VN740
SUN	8.00 am	Listen, Receive and Practise the Word (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House
	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/Filipina F'ship/SBC
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Ser; 4.45pm Burmese Ser.
NBC This Week. Wed Bishan, Bt Batok.		
Verse for the Week: O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Psalm 31:23		
Rev Colin Wong's pager 97059414.		
		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
		(1) I want to thank God for His faithfulness, His leading and His providence. I thank God that victory comes from Him alone and I will continue to "seek Him first," and commit all my ways unto Him. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. A small token of my love for Him because He first loved me. —His obedient child (\$150).
		(2) Especially for the Mersing Project. May the Lord continue to bless this project, and most importantly, that this project is pleasing before God. —A Lifer
		Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.
		Sunday School Offering: \$674.50



This photo was taken on New Year's Day, 1997, after Korean Students and their families paid respects to the principal and his wife at their house. Married students reside at Beulah House and single students at 9A.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Han Soon Juan	Eld Tan Nee Keng
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Mt 4:1-11	Psalms 29
Hymn	No. 255	No. 74
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 244	No. 445
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 1:13-18	I Chron 16:7-36
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Source of Temptation (Rev Colin Wong)	Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (Eld Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 401	No. 25
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

On the first day of study of this new semester, at the first chapel hour, we were favoured with a powerful message from Rev Pang Kok Hiong, FEBCer '89, missionary to Chinese garment workers on the Island of Saipan. Saipan is 100 miles north of Guam in the Pacific Ocean. Kok Hiong is married with two children. He has been in Saipan now for five years. He baptised over 200 in the last two years. We have requested him to write out his message, *My Seven-compartment Survival Kit in God's Service* for publication in the Burning Bush.

The students joining FEBC this semester are all matured students. You all know Bee Choo of the Chinese Service, for a good number of years teaching in the Sunday School. Next, also from S'pore, is a young man converted from drugs and recommended strongly by Robert Yeo of Helping Hand. Joe is Assist. Project Coordinator. Our Vietnamese student is his pastor's assistant and lectured English in the University. Of the five Korean students one is a pastor of 9 years' standing. His wife is studying alongside him, etc. (Lee Young Lyong who returns for his MDiv will shortly go with Dr Lee of Seoul to establish a more permanent work with Thawm Luai in

'Church planting.)

This Lord's Day sees us descend out of the blue on Kuching, capital of Sarawak, E.Malaysia. Our going there is to take back the Mission Church we started Aug 1984, which has been under Sharon's mandate through the years.

As Sharon is English-speaking and Mr Bong, preacher of the Mission Church, is Chinese-speaking, it seems best for Life Church Chinese Service finally to adopt this work. To orientate this work for greater efficiency, we are flying early this Lord's Day morning and returning tonight.

We have two graduates in Kuching, viz. Tram an Iban who is now pastoring a big church, and Marilyn, assistant in an Anglican Church. Another FEBCer in Kuching is Jo Young Chun, Korean pastor who also runs a bookshop, selling our books. To kill two birds, we will bring along one big box of new supplies from FEBC Bookroom. Pray that the Gospel outreach of our graduates in Kuching will bear more sweet fruit.

When Dr & Mrs Steele taught in FEBC some years ago, we brought them to Kuching and beyond to the interior to see the country of

the Dayaks.

For the immediate future God has undoubtedly commissioned us to Mersing on the East Coast of Malaysia. The preliminary plans are on display, but are undergoing further refinement. Once finalised we will submit them to the Johore Govt. and apply for change of use of the Mersing property, from farmland to building land.

We paid over S\$400,000 for the land, tax, brokerage, survey and for the lawyer's services. Our accumulating building fund is just over S\$0.6 million. We do not believe in any other form of generating income than by the Lord's command, "Bring ye all the tithes."

Under dispensational teaching, there is a common erroneous notion that tithing is for O.T. and not for N.T. Our Lord, do you know, supports tithing?! Moses' Law is Jesus' Law! In Luke 11:42 Jesus says to the Jews, "But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Here our Lord teaches us, that justice and love of God is more important than tithing. Nevertheless, tithing is to carry on and not to be left out.

Jesus came to fulfil and not to do away with the Law He gave to Moses. He even paid the tribute money for Himself and Peter with the coin found in the fish's mouth (Matt 17:24-27).

Last Lord's Day, a new worshipper dropped a cheque for \$5,000 into the Offering Box. She wrote, "This is to make up my tithing for 1996." God bless her according to His promise in Malachi 3:10,11. "No tither is the poorer and no non-tither is the richer." Giving in Life Church, through the Beulah exercise, becomes a happier and happier experience, because God blesses every cheerful giver with more and more pleasant surprises. —T.T.

THANKSGIVING IN ACTION

(Reprinted from Challenge & Missions, Life B-P Youth F'ship)

Thanksgiving primarily springs from the heart. Thus David, "the man after God's own heart," writes in Psalm 103, "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." A self-satisfied man, rolling in money and wealth, like the rich man towering

over Lazarus the beggar, is arrogant and proud. Such a man, whose heart is never converted, not only does not give thanks, but is full of complaints against God and man. Therefore, for thanksgiving in action to happen, one must realise one's wretched condition and cry to God for mercy and salvation. One must be delivered from one's miserable plight of eternal death unto life everlasting through the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is when one is born again into God's Kingdom that one knows how to give thanks.

David knows how to give thanks because he has tasted the sweetness of God's salvation and deliverance from danger and death, yea, even death beyond the grave. A lady we've met in Melbourne this time received us as angels (we are God's servants) because she has experienced deliverance from both physical and spiritual death. Young Lifers, you know how to give thanks because you have been taken out of darkness of sin and transported into His marvellous light.

Praise. In unison with David's self-exhortation to bless His Name, Paul urges us to "offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name" (Heb 13:15). This we happily practise at Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting at Testimony Time when young members who have passed examinations, even driving tests, praise the Lord before the Lord's people, etc. Everyday when the Lord helps us out of a difficult situation, such as providing a space to park our car, do we say, "Praise the Lord"? "Thanksgiving in action" through constant praises in our life makes us grateful Christians, not grumbling ones.

Worship the Lord with our substance. For, remember, "it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth . . . And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods (*even covetousness which is idolatry*) . . . ye shall surely perish" (Dt 8:18, 19). Do we bring an offering, devoutly and worshipfully, to the Lord on Sunday when we come to Church or tip Him with one dollar? One tenth of our income belongs to Him, whether in the O.T. or N.T. which is the measure we owe Him, and when we withhold this, Malachi charges that we rob God (Mal 3:8). This comes from unthankfulness and a selfish heart. Why do

Lifers give hilariously whenever there is a need? Because, having given in the past and having been blessed manifold by the Lord, such as in the Beulah House campaign, they enjoy giving! This is "thanksgiving in action" in the support of God's work and enterprise.

Doing good. Which is "to communicate," i.e. to give to teachers of God's Word by those who are taught (Gal 6:6). We thank God and we must not forget to thank our fellowmen. For have not our teachers blessed us?

Remember the poor (Gal 2:20). So, we apportion our Christmas offerings not only to worthy, needy members among us but also to those outside of Life Church, to other BPs and to missionaries and missions beyond. This is "thanksgiving in action" on the horizontal plane in conjunction with giving to God on the vertical.

"Remember the poor" is another form of "thanksgiving in action" (Gal 2:10). So we also give of our Church offerings to charitable organisations who write us for help, like the Helping Hand and Breakthrough Missions which you have read in the Weekly. Whenever anyone comes to our Church for help, it is our practice never to turn him away without giving him something, even to let him take a good bath by supplying him with soap and towel! Amen.

—T.T.

Modern Critics Deny Part Played by Satan and Angels in Jesus' Temptation

Matthew's Account: Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into

an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

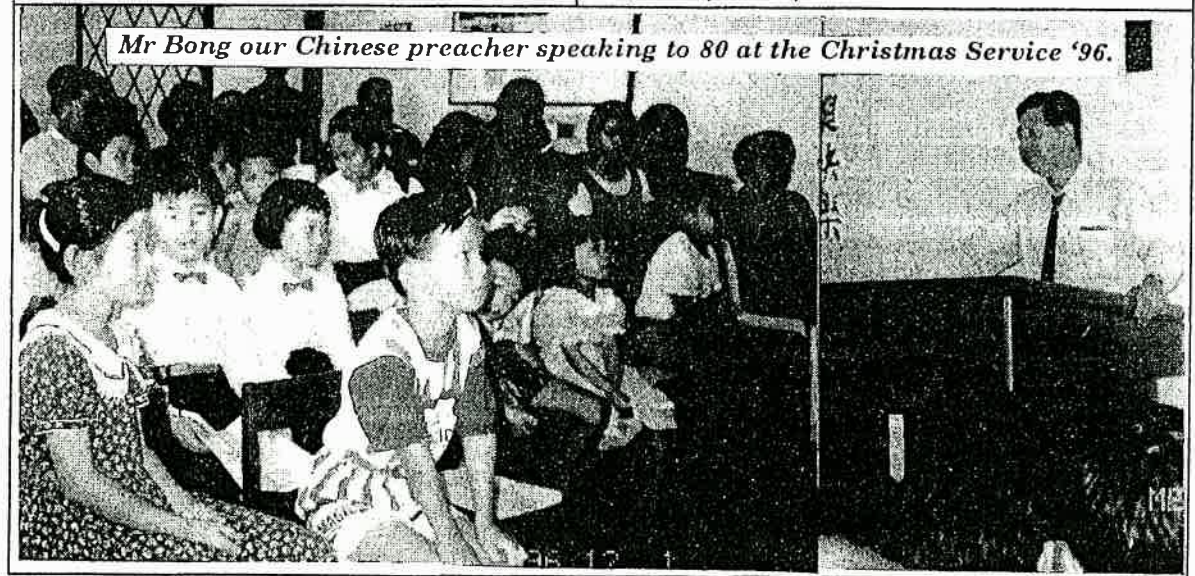
Abingdon Bible Commentary hisses:

This wilderness experience of Jesus, occurring as it does immediately after the baptism, and prior to the public ministry, is essentially a testing of him to ascertain what methods he is going to adopt to realize his ideals. To reach the real meaning of this incident we must get behind its symbolic phraseology. All the early Christians believed in a personal devil whose chief business it was to accuse and slander men: hence the name Diabolos, "the slanderer." The evangelist himself conceived of this incident as objectively enacted, but we must regard it as a profound spiritual experience of Jesus expressed in symbolic language.

If the tempter is merely symbolic, then Satan never played a part in the temptation. And the temptation of Eve in the Garden of Eden was also symbolic, so there was no serpent-Satan combination to bring mankind's downfall. Hear what Peter says about temptation: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (1 Peter 5:8,9).

Since these critics deny the personality of the Devil, they must logically end up denying the personality of angels. In Mark 1:12, 13 where it is stated "and the angels ministered unto him," the critics say, "The angels may very well symbolize the forces of righteousness and purity that are ever present in the arena of the soul's struggle; the word **ministering** in the N.T. means often to nourish or support with food. The evangelists probably think of the Lord as being sustained, like the Israelites in the wilderness (Neh 9:15) or like Elijah (1 Kings 19:5) by supernatural supplies. On the other hand, since "angel" may also mean "messenger," it is probable the maintenance was brought by human hands. Lord, open the blind eyes of the critics to see Satan and angels are real personalities in the spiritual realm — these modern Sadducees of unbelief. —T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 20 - 26, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)	\$6,584.00 (8.00 am); \$14,680.75 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: 21CRB \$240; Mersing Project \$20, \$300, \$611, \$6000, \$1000, \$500(Kebaktian Ina); Vietnam Msn Team \$300; Rev Colin Wong \$50; Jess Lim \$400; Bee Choo \$100; Seets \$150; Life Bible Sch, Kenya \$500; Mr/Mrs Phillip Heng \$200; Roska's piano/computer \$1000; Drug rehabilitation project in P'pines \$200; Chinese Ser \$120(Boxes); Missions \$1000; Dn Yiew PS \$1000; FEBC \$2000; Batam \$50(LF).		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Family Ministry (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	(1) Thank God for His grace and mercy. God, please continue to lead me and guide me, and have mercy on my family, lead them to your kingdom.		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	(2) Attached is a gift for the Lord's work in Tachileik and Mersing. I want to thank and glorify God for His grace, mercy and compassion shown unto me—even His saving grace through the blood of His son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. (\$4000)		
SUN	2.30 pm	Fishermen of Christ F'ship Wedding	(3) This is a thanksgiving offering for how the Lord has seen me through my job thus far. I also want to thank God for blessing me spiritually through YF. In giving an offering for the Mersing Project, it's my prayer and hope that many more people will continue to be blessed by fellowship activities. "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Prov 3:9). —a YFer		
	8.00 am	Favouritism—Violating the Royal Law (Rev Colin Wong)	(4) Thank God for love and many blessings upon me. This tithe is for expansion of God's kingdom. (\$1000)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	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/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Ser; 4.45pm Burmese Ser.			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.					
Verse for the Week: <i>Fear not . . . I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.</i> Genesis 15:1					
Sunday School Offering: \$1,048.50; Attendance: 364					
Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.					
Rev Colin Wong's pager: 9705 9414.					



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

Call to Worship	8.00 am	10.30 am
Opening Hymn	Eld Geoffrey Tan	Rev Tow
Invocation-Gloria Patri	No. 318	<i>The Lord Our God</i>
Responsive Reading	Psalm 46	Psalm 40
Hymn	No. 131	<i>My Jesus, as thou wilt</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 414	No. 440
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 1:19-27	I Sam 13:19-14:3;
Pastoral Prayer		6-15; 20-23
Sermon	<i>Listen, Receive and Practise the Word</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>The Superiority Complex we need</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 447	No. 441
Benediction		

FEBCERS' FOUR-PRONG ADVANCE IN SARAWAK

Last Lord's Day we flew to Kuching to take back the BP Mission Station which Life Church opened in 1984 and thereafter committed to care of Sharon BPC (Rev Peter Chua). We thank God for Sharon's faithfulness all these years as foster-mother. The reason for returning the station to Life Church is the difficulty in communication between English-speaking Sharon and Chinese-speaking Kuching. The ideal arrangement is that Life Church Chinese Service oversee the work.

Mr Bong Boon Chong the Chinese preacher in Kuching had three years' Bible School, one of whose teachers is Rev Djunaidei. For this reason Rev Djunaidei agreed to oversee the Kuching station and to administer the Lord's Supper there bimonthly until his recent mishap.

But this work was begun by Rev & Mrs Kim Kah Teck, both FEBC graduates, and they did yeoman's service there the first six years. They left behind a wooden church built in the



squatters quarters. They also brought half a dozen to Church. These form the basic membership of the Church. They are our first prong of advance for the Lord.

Through Rev Kim was introduced Marilyn a young Dayak girl to study four years at FEBC. Marilyn returned to Kuching after graduation. Through her fervency in Sunday afternoon door to door evangelism she has established a flourishing church at the 10th mile from town. From a nucleus of four families a hundred is now attending the Church every Lord's Day. Near a road junction the people themselves built a wooden church. A few yards away from the Church they put up a wooden cabin, so she could serve the congregation living in their midst. Through her winsome ministry she brought two families of a heterogeneous faith totalling eleven to the Lord. Having declared their allegiance to Jesus, they are now baptised. This is the second prong. And this is a real powerful one because Marilyn serves the Lord with gladness as a loving daughter and not as a sulky servant always grouching for "rights." (Marilyn deserves to join us on the 8th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.)



The third prong of advance for the Gospel in Sarawak is Tram Epoi. Having studied four years at FEBC he left for his homeland to pastor a church of SIB (Borneo Evangelical Mission). In a few years it has grown to 700. He is now elected District Superintendent. Tram is married with two children. He plans to return to FEBC in April to complete his thesis to qualify for BTh. (He was privileged to go to Holy Land with us.) And, he is sending his wife's younger brother, 20, also called of God, to join FEBC, July 97.

Last but not least of the four FEBC prongs is Rev Jo Young Chun. He is a well-qualified Korean pastor who studied over a year at FEBC. When a door was opened to him to Kuching, he hastened to enter it. Married with two children he left us to found the one and only Korean Church for Kuching. Today his congregation

numbers 40 including children. He stays in a big house with low rent at the 7th mile from Kuching. Nevertheless their church is sited at a strategic location. He joins Tram often to go to the jungle area to preach to Dyaks in their longhouses.

Rev Jo also runs a bookstore which carries all the books penned by the FEBC principal. He said he has sold 300 copies! When we went that Lord's Day to take over the BP mission station from Sharon, we brought along two boxes from FEBC Bookroom containing Willmington's Bible Guides and copies of the Parallel Bible Commentary, etc. These commentaries sharpen the fourth prong not only to expedite evangelism but also to refute modern critics of the Bible. From Kuching Tram and Jo have made sorties into Indonesia, south of the border, yea, even to Pontianak where Djunaidi lives. Pray for the Gospel Advance in the whole Island of Borneo. Pray that the Chinese Service will head up our Station in Kuching that she may be challenged to further advance for the gospel in these last days. (An immediate succour to Bong the Chinese preacher is the acquisition of a good used minibus [S\$16,000] to "bring them in". Kuching has little public transport, so the work has been limping along on its own. Members of the Chinese Service are challenged to give to this minibus. It is proposed that the offering of the Chinese New Year Service, Fri. Feb 7, be channelled to the Kuching Van Fund.) —T.T.

Did Jesus Walk on the Sea or Wade Through the Water?

Quoting "rationalists of the last century" the Abingdon Bible Commentary denies the record in Matthew 14:22-33 as follows:

During the night a storm arose and the wind became very contrary, so that the disciples made little progress. In the fourth watch (between 3 and 6 am), when the light must have been very dim, Jesus saw they were in difficulties. The fourth Gospel account would seem to mean that Jesus walked over four miles on the lake. The explanation suggested by the rationalists of the last century was that Jesus was really walking by the edge of the lake (the Greek for *upon* could be rendered *by*) but seemed to the men in the boat to be walking on the sea; the storm drove the boat almost to the shore, so that Jesus waded to them through the water and calmed their fears.

Our rebuttal: By "the sleight of men and cunning craftiness" (Eph 4:14), by a wave of their magic wand, hey presto, they pluck Jesus out of the boiling sea, to wade through the water in the shallows *by* the seashore. In anticipation of such trickery the Holy Spirit moved Mark

and John also to witness to the power of the Son of God over the law of gravitation, over the winds and the waves.

Even if the Greek for *upon* could be rendered *by*, the context shows Jesus otherwise, "but the ship was *now* in the *midst* of the sea" (Matt 14:24). Mark's account is in greater detail: "And when even was come, the ship was in the *midst* of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking *upon* the sea, and would have passed by them. But when they saw him walking *upon* the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: For they all saw him, and were troubled. . ."

Last but not least is John's testimony, "So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking *on* the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid."

All three witnesses say the ship was in the midst of the sea. Even if the ship was driven to the shore there was no possibility of Christ wading in the water because the sharp drop of the shoreline into deep water of the Sea of Galilee is well known. In all our seven pilgrimages to the Holy Land, we have never missed visiting Galilee. All along the shoreline



where Jesus frequented there was little shallow water to be seen.

What silences the rationalists further is the very personal experience of Peter trying to walk on the sea. He did all right at first, but when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried, saying, "Lord, save me!" Like the monkey-god having only 72 tricks in his sleeve, and Peter's sinking into the sea simply exhausts the critics bag of deceptives. The Abingdon Bible Commentary peters out at this point. It gasps, "The story of Peter, which is only found in Matthew, is possibly a Christian midrash or acted parable, in which the apostles character is illustrated — his proud impulsiveness, full repentance, and restoration. . ."

But our question to the rationalists is, whether Peter's episode is recorded in only one Gospel or three, the inclusion of it here is to show Jesus was not wading in shallow water but walking in the midst of the lake, far away from land, and Jesus had saved Peter from drowning. The physical facts are basic to the spiritual lessons. Without the miracle of Jesus walking on the sea trebly attested, the lay reader would easily be taken for a ride by the rationalists' double talk.

Now, while Jesus' walking on the sea is replaced by wading in the water by the critics, they are quite silent on what happened after Jesus and Peter got into the boat: "And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. They that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth Thou art the Son of God." Whether is easier, to walk on the sea or to cause the boisterous sea to calm? The critics dare not deny Jesus' power over the boisterous waves, for if they do they have to explain the miracle of the stilling of the storm on another occasion after He was awakened from sleep—which they never did! They are at their wit's end corner. The monkey-god is, sorry, limited to 72 tricks. Did Jesus walk on the sea or wade through the water? You have the answer. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth" (II Cor 13:8).

—T.T.

Continue to pray for Rev Djunaidi, after an operation and returned to AMK Hospital.

Pray for Miss Ong Soo Kheng now at TTSH Ward 4, bed 8, recuperating from a fall while on her way to Life Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 27 - Feb 2, '97)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON 7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)	\$7,815.00 (8.00 am); \$12,386 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: 21CRB \$69.40(US\$50), \$1388(US\$1000);
WED 7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)	Mersing Project \$300, \$1000, \$611, \$300(JSM), \$30(YAF/YF),
THU 7.30 pm	Family Ministry (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	\$200, \$1130, \$724(AF); MsF \$50; Yiew PS \$50, \$100; YF \$50;
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Missions \$500, \$120; Needy ministers of God \$110; Rev
SUN 8.00 am	Faith—Dead or Alive? (Rev Colin Wong)	Stephen Khoo \$200; O'seas Missions \$480; Kuching
9.30 am	Sunday School	Church \$200; Rev Djunaidi \$200; Life Bible Sch, Kenya \$50;
9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	Rev Colin Wong \$100; Children's Ministry \$710; Burma
10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	Orph \$26. "God loveth a cheerful giver."
10.30 am	Chinese Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	(1) Glory be to God! Thank you Lord for
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	helping me to find my tablets which I left at the
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	bus stop. Chinese Bibles (China) (\$100); Baraka
12.00 pm	Burmese Service	Church Israel (\$50).
12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	(2) A Thanksgiving offering to praise and
3.00 pm	Thai Service	thank God for His countless blessings and
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	mercies. Please channel my gift of \$710 for the
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	Children's Ministry. —A Lifer
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok.		(3) Thanking God for every good and perfect
Verse for the Week: <i>Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord which he will shew to you to day.</i> Exodus 14:13		gift according to His holy will. \$110 for needy
Sunday School Offering: \$719.00; Attendance: 364		ministers of God. —a Yfer
Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.		(4) Thank God for daily sustenance, for never
Rev Colin Wong's pager: 9705 9414.		losing sight of His sheep. May we consecrate
		our lives to Him. Mersing BP Youth Camp
		(\$500).
		Second 21 st Century Reformation Missions
		Conference (June 2-6, 1997). Camp
		registration for Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca
		begins today. Priority registration for Lifers
		ends 9 Mar 97.



Tachileik's New Year mission trip to Patawng Village, another Ev. Presbyterian Church on the Burma-Thai Border.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 18	No. 216
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 55:1-12	Psalm 51
Hymn	No. 255	<i>God be merciful to me</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 111	Roman Verses 34,35
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 2:1-13	Rom 6:14-23
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Favouritism—Violating the Royal Law</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>A moment's pleasure—a lifetime's censure</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 227	No. 401
Benediction		

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Life Church has a great reservoir of power and that is in you! Both spiritual power and economic power. Spiritual power in her full-time ministers and lay leaders. Economic power in every earner, with good dividends from business, with good salary from full employment.

Those who serve in the Church full-time must give their best with humble and loving heart. Those who are prospered with riches must "remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Dt 8:18). It is power, both spiritual and economic, to be touched by the weekly testimonies of grateful givers to the Lord in the Offering Bags Column. God bless you all and many who also have given silently. Your designated gifts are sustaining those on the frontlines. With half of a 4-figure offering designated for Tachileik we are remitting S\$2,500 c/o Thawm Luai.

In our trip to Kuching a fortnight ago, we discovered the Chinese work there sorely needs a van, a good second-hand one for only S\$16,000. Now, we also have Ranto, FEBCer (1986), with 3 young children, willing to meet a great need at Tg Piayu, Batam — answer to Roska's prayer. Just S\$200 a month will keep him going in the work of the Lord. With your

contribution to the Gospel effort, we are conquering new territory for His Kingdom. Kuching and Tg Piayu are new advances for 1997!

In no time we'll be on our 8th Pilgrimage, 50 minus two. One ministry that sweetens the place we visit is to bring succour to the missionaries and brethren. We want to thank ex-pilgrims who remember Baraka, who pray for the peace of Jerusalem. "They shall prosper that love thee" (Ps 122:6). Above all, Eld Khoo works out this our slogan, "Do something good for Jesus everyday. Do something good for Jesus wherever you go."

Jesus says, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (Jn 9:4). As the afternoon shadows lengthen in our short earthly life, it is imperative for us in our setting sun to hasten with His business. In this respect, we are striving to reprint Jason Linn's *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo* and *Calvin's Institutes* Vol. I Bk 1 & 2; Vol. II. Bk 3 & 4 (Abridged, 600 pages) by end of this July, thanks to good help from an FEBCer. Pray for us, and also for the Polemical Bible Commentary, to be ready by Dec 29, 1999!

**"When the enemy shall come
in like a flood,
The Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a
standard against him" (Isa 59:19)**

If you read *The Singapore B-P Church Story* you will know why we are a Bible-Presbyterian Church. We are a fruit of the 20th Century Reformation Movement (International Council of Christian Churches) in its controversy with the Ecumenical Movement (World Council of Churches). The two councils were and still are arrayed, one against the other, in every doctrinal and ecclesiastical issue.

When the RSV (Revised Standard Version) came out in the early fifties, our Council stood against it for its unfaithful translation — by modernist theologians. We stood firm on the KJV and have remained loyal to the God of the KJV to this day.

With the dissolution of the BP Synod in 1988 those younger leaders who began to veer from the KJV now breezed along merrily with new versions, such as the NIV. One of them, Editor of Antioch Letter, espousing the NIV, has risen to attack the KJV. Under caption of *The KJV has the worst personalities on its record* (which is a wild statement), he writes,

We constantly hear remarks that attack the people who translate other versions. These personal attacks have gone unchallenged for too long. I do not know the translators personally, nor do I think it relevant. But it is time that the KJV only people know that their beloved version is named after King James I of Britain. This man is recognized by church historians to be a homosexual in the later part of his life. He did many evil deeds like confiscating the property of Sir Walter Raleigh for his homosexual lover Carr. At the grave risk of raising the fearsome ire of the KJV people, can I suggest that the KJV should be called the Bible that is pro-homosexual because its patron was a homosexual?

Our Reply: There are two grave errors in making such a statement

(1) "that the KJV should be called the Bible that is pro-homosexual because its patron was a

homosexual." Let the reader decide for himself.

(2) "We constantly hear remarks that attack the people who translate other versions. These personal attacks have gone unchallenged for too long. I do not know the translators personally, nor do I think it relevant." **Our Reply:** Where (we say) there is no relevance between King James I's alleged homosexuality and the KJV, there is plenty of relevance between Bible translators and the versions they produce. For "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" (Ps 24:3,4).

In this connection, we challenge the editor of Antioch Letter who insinuates that the KJV be called "the Bible that is pro-homosexual" to tell us sincerely whether its translators appointed by King James I are also pro-homosexual, or they are men beyond reproach. This is a relevant matter.

But as for two Anglican Churchmen, Westcott and Hort who used *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus* to attack the *Textus Receptus*, on which the KJV is based, we abhor them for their unclean hands and impure heart. These two, jointly or individually, by their own pens have denied or assailed:

- (a) the doctrine of the inspiration of Scripture
- (b) the Genesis record of the Creation and the Fall of man
- (c) the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His eternal pre-existence and Godhead, His Messiahship, and His sinlessness
- (d) the substitutionary atonement of Christ and redemption by His blood
- (e) the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
- (f) the Second Coming of Christ
- (g) the doctrine of Eternal life
- (h) the reality of Heaven and Hell
- (i) the personality of the Devil.

Westcott and Hort BELIEVED IN:

- (a) the inherent goodness and perfectibility of man
- (b) the Darwinian theory of Evolution
- (c) the Universal Fatherhood of God

(d) the ultimate salvation of all men

(e) the efficacy of water baptism for Regeneration

Shall these two who have denied in toto "the Lord that bought them" (II Pet 2:1) be trusted to determine for the Church of God what was the true text of God's Word?

For the said editor to say, "I do not know the translators personally, nor do I think it relevant" is most irrelevant.

"He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night" (Job 5:13,14).

—T.T.

The message of the Word of God contained in the King James Version has been altered in many modern Bibles to accommodate to the ever changing findings of historians, translators, and social scientists. We have steadfastly resisted any attempt to subject the Word of God to the vagaries of any current state of knowledge, culture, or political whim. In this connection, no attempt has been made to revise King James language to conform to recent secular trends—gender neutral language, for example—and other ephemeral forms of social correctness. In such matters, the *KJ21*[®] updating staff has found the model of abiding correctness and appropriateness in the perdurable pages of the King James Version.

—21st Century King James Version

Are the Last Twelve Verses of Mark Really Mark's?

—Jeffrey Khoo—

"The most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20" so says the NIV superscript. Its Study Bible goes on to say, "serious doubt exists as to whether these verses belong to the Gospel of Mark. They are absent from important early manuscripts and display certain peculiarities of vocabulary, style and theological content that are unlike the rest of Mark. His Gospel probably ended at 16:8, . . ." Here is another NIV attempt at scission.

We affirm the authenticity of the last 12 verses of Mark together with Dean J W Burgon who wrote a scholarly 350-page defence of those celebrated verses. Burgon argued that the codices Sinaiticus and Vaticanus which are said by many to be "most reliable" are actually "most corrupt." Burgon wrote, "Recent Editors of the New Testament insist that these 'last Twelve Verses' are not genuine. . . I am as convinced as I am of my life, that the reverse is the truth. . . I insist, on the contrary, that the Evidence relied on is untrustworthy,—untrustworthy in every particular. . . I am able to prove that this portion of the Gospel has been declared to be spurious on wholly mistaken grounds."

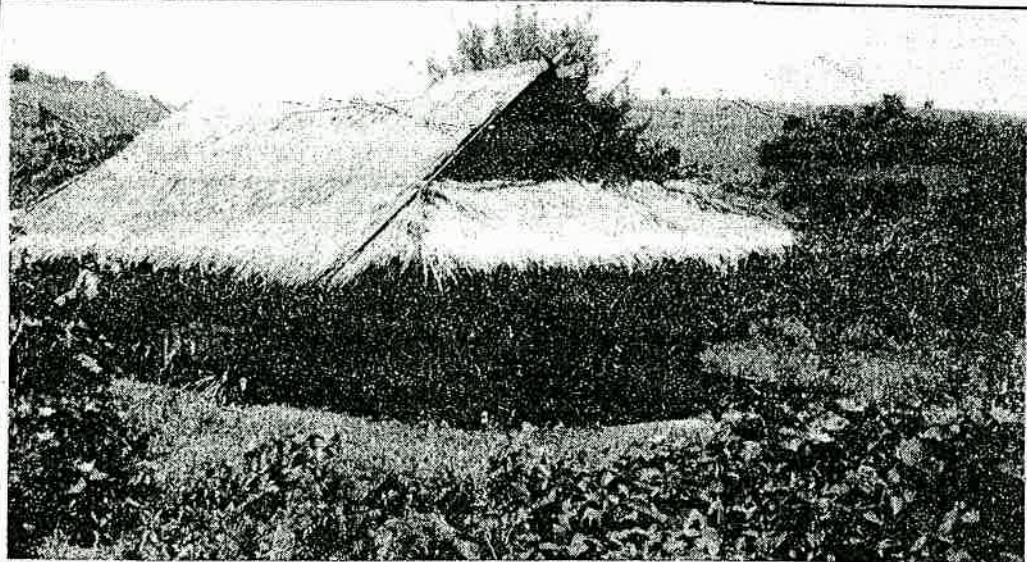
Furthermore, there is abundant manuscript evidence supporting the authenticity of Mark 16:9-20. E F Hills wrote, "They [Mark 16:9-20] are found in all the Greek manuscripts except *Aleph* [i.e. Sinaiticus], and *B* [i.e. Vaticanus], . . . And more important, they were quoted as Scripture by early Church Fathers who lived one hundred and

fifty years before *B* and *Aleph* were written, namely, Justin Martyr (c. 150), Tatian (c. 175), Irenaeus (c. 180), Hippolytus (c. 200). Thus the earliest extant testimony is on the side of these last twelve verses."

How about the allegation that the last twelve verses are non-Markan because of the difference in literary style? Metzger, for instance, argues against the last twelve verses due to 17 words therein not found in the rest of Mark. Such an argument is often fallacious because it wrongly assumes that an author has only one uniform style of writing, or has a limited or restricted vocabulary. In any case, Burgon, after a careful comparison of Mark's first twelve verses with his last twelve verses, concluded, "It has been proved . . . on the contrary, the style of S. Mark xvi. 9-20 is exceedingly like the style of S. Mark i. 9-20; and therefore, that *it is rendered probable by the Style* that the Author of the beginning of this Gospel was also the Author of the end of it. . . *these verses must needs be the work of S. Mark.*"

Recommended Reference: John William Burgon, *The Last Twelve Verses of Mark* (Oxford, London: James Parker, 1871, reprinted in 1983 by The Bible For Today); D A Waite, *Dean John William Burgon's Vindication of the Last Twelve Verses of Mark* (Collingswood, NJ: The Bible For Today, 1994); and Edward F Hills, *The King James Version Defended* (Des Moines, IA: The Christian Research Press, 1984), 159-68.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 3 - 9, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)	\$5,759.00 (8.00 am); \$14,063.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg/Korean Chorus, Sanctuary	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Mersing</i> \$250, \$500, \$50, \$20, \$200, \$50, \$200, \$25(Thai Ladies), \$100, \$300(Pepsi); <i>Rev Djunaidi</i> \$200, \$100, \$500; <i>Robert Peh</i> \$100, \$120, \$200; <i>Missions</i> \$500; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$150; <i>Rev Ronny Khoo</i> \$250; <i>Chinese Bibles</i> \$52; <i>Elder Khoo PK</i> \$100; <i>Life Bible School-Kenya</i> \$50; <i>Ong Soo Kheng</i> \$500; <i>Medan-Dohar</i> \$50.		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	8.00 am	Pastor & Mrs Tow depart for Chile	(1) The Lord of Hosts is with us, The God of Jacob is our refuge. Thank you Lord for your care and your love for my family and I throughout last year. Please continue to watch over us. Chinese bibles \$52; Mersing \$50.		
	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	(2) Thank you gracious Heavenly Father for granting my family and I a peaceful n' joyful 1996. For thy mercy n' showers of blessings. Please use this small token for the extension of Thy kingdom (\$500). Praise God from whom all blessings flow. —A Grateful Servant		
FRI	8.00 am	Chinese New Year Service	(3) I thank God for mercies and grace upon my family and I. Enclosed cheque S\$4000 (\$1000 for pastor and \$3000 for church work) is my token contribution. "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies" (Ps 25:10). Amen. —A thankful Lifer		
SAT		F'ship Groups on CNY visitations	Second 21st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997). Camp registration for Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca begins today. Priority registration for Lifers ends 9 Mar 97.		
SUN	8.00 am	<i>The Perils of the Tongue</i> (Rev Colin Wong)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
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	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
No NBC This Week.					
Verse for the Week: <i>Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid . . . for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6</i>					
Sunday School Offering: \$619.20; Attendance: 360					
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2 Feb 1997

"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. 18	<i>Day and night...</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 34	John 4:13-30; 39
Hymn	No. 301	No. 468
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 136	Roman Verses 36,37
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 2:14-26	Rom 7:1-6
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Faith—Dead or Alive?</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>One Woman with Two Men?</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 323	<i>Lord, here I...</i>
Benediction		Lord's Supper

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

No sooner has Christmas '96 subsided than Chinese New Year blooms around us. Chinese New Year brings with it the good old custom of family reunion. New Year's Eve finds the three-tier family gathered around the table, overflowing with flesh and fowl. 'Tis the time of eating a hearty meal together.

Chinese New Year's Day sees the younger generation all decked with new clothes go round visiting grandparents, uncles and aunts, who in happy response bestow on them "hong baos," red packets bristling with new dollar notes.

The good tradition of the Chinese Church is to begin the New Year with a Thanksgiving Service. Are we no better than the heathens who go to the temple to worship and offer thanks to their gods?

Two decades ago our Chinese Service started Chinese New Year Worship. Immediately the English congregation took to it like duck to pond. That was a good sign of devotion to the Lord. Ever since, both Chinese and English Lifers have come together in one house, early at 8 o'clock, to worship. The Service is strictly timed for one hour. After Service members of both Churches, especially the young, fan out on their annual rounds.

Our speaker this year is Rev Chang Ker Foo, M.Eng., M.Th. He is younger brother of Rev Chang Shi En, newly elected principal of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. Ker Foo is

academic dean. Rev Ker Foo is well known to us, for he has been a regular speaker at the Chinese Service. Interpreter into English is Deacon Ong Eng Lam. Mrs Lee is chairman.

Every Chinese New Year's Thanksoffering goes to missions. This year it is decided to channel to the Kuching Van Fund. The B-P Mission Church in Kuching sorely needs one because there is little public transport service. The van will expedite the Gospel as fast as the wheels can spin above the Chinese preacher Mr Bong's weary legs. For S\$16,000 you'll get one which in Singapore might cost S\$61,000! A new one in Singapore, I understand, costs 6 figures. Chinese New Year falls on Friday Feb 7.

Feb 6, 8.00 am will see us leave by United Airlines for Santiago, Chile, S.America. We are scheduled to attend the 15th Congress of the ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches), Feb 12-21, '97. I am slated to speak on "Calvin Alive" and before that on "Frontier Missions" to the Conference of the Independent Board for Foreign Missions, Feb 9. En route we're given a free stop in Hong Kong. This affords us a chance to visit Mrs Jason Linn, Beng Kiong and cousin Esther Fu.

Before Chinese New Year, however, Dr Lee of the Pure Presbyterian Church will have arrived from Korea. We

welcome him to stay with us. From Singapore in the company of Lee Young Lyong he will fly to Rangoon to meet with Rev Thawm Luai. He is doubling up on his one-man mission to succour the outreaches of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Burma of which Thawm Luai is Gen-Secretary. Dr Lee is an elder. Surely he is setting elders a good example.

Rev John Ling came to S'pore for medical check up. He was given a clean bill of health. He came to visit me. We discussed our Kindergarten's registration. More important, how we should start an English Service (Bible Presbyterian Fellowship) on our property to tie in with our regular visits to Kemaman. The proposed service should be held Saturday evening, so the same preacher to Kemaman can speak the next night at Kuantan before returning to S'pore by night bus, arriving back early Sunday morning.

Kuantan is 110 miles north of Mersing. Kuantan and Mersing will be a good combination in the service of the Lord.

With the Lord's blessing on FEBC's annual Gospel Campaign, the College has caught the vision to double up. So this will be a bi-annual effort. 20,000 Gospel tracts are being



printed and as many invitations to be distributed together to residents in the vicinity of Church and College. The date of the Gospel Meeting is Mar 8, '97. The Lord's messenger is Rev Tan Eng Boo, pastor of Grace B-P Church. Pray that the Lord's servant will be filled with His Spirit and for souls to be won into His Kingdom.

Mr David Marshall, when telling his life story to Straits Times some years ago, disclosed how reading the King James Bible made him proficient in English—though he was a Jew. He revered the Old Testament which is the Jews' Holy Scripture.

We are pleased to see the publication (1994) of a 21st Century King James Version in answer to the proliferation of new versions hostile to the KJV during the last three decades, beginning with the RSV. "When the enemy shall come in as a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isa 59:19). We heartily recommend this 21st Century KJV for your parallel reading, while our Bookroom negotiates with the publishers. The 21st Century KJV can

serve as a glossary version to the KJV so that when you come across one of the 600 obsolete or archaic words, there is the new word that gives you the meaning in modern English. It saves you time looking up the dictionary.

The **KJ21®** is unique among modern Bibles in that it is closer in language to the original King James Version than any Bible published in the 20th century. Unlike all other modern Bibles, it alone retains the power, beauty, poetry, and lofty language of the glorious King James Version, while at the same time is presented in a state-of-the-art format.

Readers of recently published versions of the Holy Bible tend to be unaware of the unsurpassed, indeed unequaled, power, beauty, and majesty of King James Bible language. Read what literary critics and authorities have said about the King James Version: Prof. Charles A. Dinsmore, for many years professor of literature at Yale Divinity School, in his great work *The English Bible as Literature*, spoke of "the unique and sovereign greatness of our Standard English Version," saying:

"It is unlike any other book in our language, and in charm and power is above them all."

Prof. William Lyon Phelps, educator, essayist, and longtime professor of English literature, said in reference to the King James Version:

"Priests, atheists, skeptics, devotees, agnostics, and evangelists, are generally agreed that the Authorized Version of the English Bible is the best example of English literature that the world has ever seen."

Social and literary critic H.L. Mencken, rarely extravagant in his praise, said:

"It is the most beautiful of all translations of the Bible; indeed it is probably the most beautiful piece of writing in all the literature of the world."

The translators of the Revised Version of 1881 had this to say about the King James Version:

"We have had to study this great version carefully and minutely, line by line; and the longer we have been engaged upon it, the more we have learned to admire its simplicity, its

dignity, its power, its happy turns of expression, its general accuracy, and we must not fail to add, the music of its cadences and the felicities of its rhythm." . . .

The unique and nonpareil status of the King James Version, both as the authentic Word of God and as the summit of literary excellence, has prompted the publishers of the **21st Century King James Version** to undertake the task of updating this magnificent and inspired work for your use and inspiration in the 21st century, now shortly upon us. We appreciate that this is a huge, nay, an awesome task, and one to be undertaken in all humility; and you, our readers, will want to know how we have accomplished it.

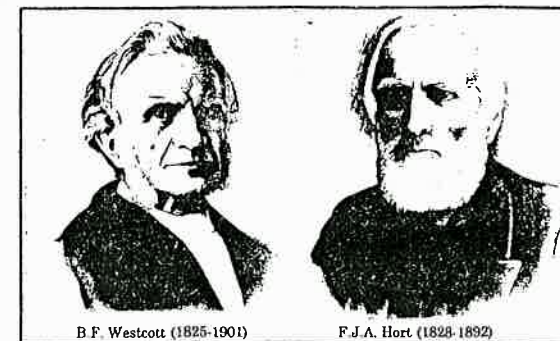
Firstly, we want to assure you that in our updating efforts no passages in the King James Version have been omitted, as is the case in some contemporary versions, and that all wording changes have been made for compelling reasons only.

For your ease of reading, we have replaced obsolete and archaic words by the most exact modern synonyms, painstakingly chosen so as to insure no change in meaning. For example, the word **gins** has been replaced by **traps**; **bewray** by **betray**; **stablish** by **establish**; **dehort** by **dissuade**; **reins** by **inmost being**; **minish** by **diminish**; **wist** by **knew**; **listed** by **pleased**; **carefully** by **intricately**. These are only a few examples among many.

Also, where the meaning of words has changed since 1611, the original words have been replaced by the most exact current equivalents. For example, the word **carriage** in the King James Version means **baggage** today. Likewise, **meddle** means **mingle**; **quit** means **acquit**; **convince** means **convict**; **prevent** means **precede**; and **conversation** means **manner of living**.

WESCOTT AND HORT, "ESTEEMED" BIBLE REVISERS, EXPOSED

How can you trust Westcott and Hort, both avowed NECROMANCERS, an abomination to the Lord (Dt 18:11,12), to deal with the sacred text of the Greek Testament? (Today's modern versions NIV, RSV, NASV, LB, NLB, etc. are all based on Westcott and Hort.)—"Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and



bitter? . . . so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh" (James 3:11,12).

In "New Age Bible Versions" by G A Riplinger (1993) AV Publication, Box 388 Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262, Westcott and Hort are exposed to be among the fathers who founded the Ghost Club in 1850. It was "to investigate ghosts and all supernatural appearances of effects, being disposed to believe such things really exist."

In the company of "our esteemed Bible revisers" were Charles Darwin, Sigmond Freud, CG Jung, all enemies of Christ. Westcott's son writes of his father's lifelong "faith in what for lack of a better name, one must call Spiritualism." As for Hort, his son acknowledged, "Hort seems to have been the moving spirit of . . . The Bogie Club, as scoffers called it, [it] aroused a certain amount of derision and even some alarm, it was even born too soon."

When I was a student at Faith Seminary 1948 we were brought up under the Westcott and Hort tradition in the determination of which was the correct Bible Text. The KJV was subtly being undermined. Did our teachers know of the two "esteemed" revisers to be not only liberals and modernists but also necromancers, whom the Lord hates? Satan is a master of Deception. So we were sold to these stooges of Satan. But now the truth is out!

Is your church using NIV which is based on Westcott and Hort? Tell your leaders the truth that is now being announced to the whole world. If they refuse to repent of their blind use, your duty is to leave them for those who use KJV, that has preserved God's Word intact for the last 4 centuries. The tide for KJV is now turning. Hallelujah!

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 10 - 16, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	6.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	\$6,404.00 (8.00 am); \$15,188.00 (10.30 am)	
	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>EBF II</i> \$1249(Chinese Ser); <i>Mersing</i> \$100, \$100, \$180, \$20, \$230, \$1000, \$103(Boxes), \$250, \$120, \$120, \$2250, \$100, \$300, \$50(YF/YAF Anniv), \$200(YAF); <i>Rev Djunaids</i> \$300, \$300, \$100; <i>Missions</i> \$150, \$200; <i>Sunday Sch</i> \$30; <i>Children's Ministry</i> \$20; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$300, \$300, \$200(Boxes); <i>Robert Peh</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$300; <i>Yiew PS</i> \$50, \$150; <i>Beulah Hse</i> \$150; <i>Missionary Fund</i> \$50; <i>MsF</i> \$50; <i>China Mission</i> \$160; <i>YF</i> \$50; <i>Rev Tow</i> \$300; <i>Rev Stephen Khoo</i> \$150; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$150, \$100; <i>Seets</i> \$150; <i>Batam</i> \$130, \$50; <i>Chin Woon</i> \$250; <i>Bee Choo</i> \$50, \$300; <i>Kenya Bible College</i> \$100; <i>Kuching Mission Van</i> \$16000.	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
WED	7.30 pm	<i>Westminster Standards</i> (Dr J Khoo)	(1) Praying still, not just for peace in this Land of God, but even more for the salvation of Israel, both Jews and Palestinians. Praying, waiting earnestly for the natural olive branches to be grafted back into their own olive tree (Rom 11).	
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Family Ministry</i> (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	(2) Enclosed is a cheque for my 1995 tithes. Please distribute it as you see fit, but my personal interests/concerns are related to mission work in China and/or with children (\$1500).	
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah Hse	(3) A thanksgiving gift to God for His bountiful mercies and grace towards us (\$1,500).	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Second 21 st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997). Please register with full payment at the Camp Registration Office on Sundays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.	
SUN	2.30 pm	JSM Wedding		
	8.00 am	<i>Wisdom—Earthly or Heavenly?</i> (Pastor Jack Sin)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House		
	10.30 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye		
	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		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC		
	1.30 pm	AF		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
NBC This Week. <i>Wed</i> Bt Timah, Henderson.				
Verse for the Week: <i>Fear not . . . yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. 1 Samuel 12:20</i>				
Sunday School Offering: \$720.95; Attendance: 239				



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9 Feb 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Tan Nee Keng	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 38	No. 93
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Prov 15:1-12, 23-28	Psalms 51:1-17
Hymn	No. 419	No. 173
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	No. 309
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 3:1-12	1 Pet 1:13-19
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Perils of the Tongue</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Red: Salvation's Colour</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 414	No. 288
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

EXCERPT FROM DR MCINTIRE'S INVITATION TO THE ICCC 15TH WORLD CONGRESS, FEB 12-21, 1997, SANTIAGO

The ICCC is going to have its 15th World Congress bringing together representatives of believing churches which now are in membership with 602 denominations. All over the world the faithful are coming together and this is the word that will encourage us all.

Here is a list that now travels the world:

1. Christmas, 1995, saw the NEW YORK TIMES in its Sunday magazine say that all that was true about Matthew and Luke was that a baby was born. There were no angels, shepherds, wise men, a manger, the killing of infants, the trip to Egypt, none of these things happened. They were made up stories and of no value.

2. At Easter, the world got it again. The three weekly world publications, TIME, NEWSWEEK, and US NEWS and WORLD REPORT all featured Jesus on their front cover, but in their story they all said that Jesus was never raised from the dead. They reported the finding of the Jesus Seminar professors who all affirm that there was no supernatural Jesus. TIME said that the dogs ate His body. NEWSWEEK also had His grave empty but His carcass was eaten at the foot of the cross.

3. Again the NEW YORK TIMES, August 22, 1996 came

with a feature on the front page saying, you did not have to believe in Jesus, the pagan religions would get you to heaven. This developed a whole new activity of dialogue where the two parties or more sit down and find the Holy Spirit in some measure in every religion. Christianity is a dead religion and Jesus was only a false prophet.

4. There has been an assortment of Bible translations including the Living Bible, as they call it, and TIME magazine, September 9, devoted an exposure of the latest edition of what they call the New Living Bible, which claims that it will replace the King James and displays what has happened to the Lord's Prayer. It presents the prayer as given by Jesus to his Disciples in Matthew 6, by adding the word Mother. It reads, "Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be thy name, your dominion come." Here is an addition, not made by Christ, and it certainly destroys any right that this Bible is the Word of God. This is the result of the demand of the ecumenical women, that they be able to pray to God as mother . . .

To live in these days and see these things now being promoted and advanced and accepted does and must arouse the true believers with their church. . .

Bible Revisers must be Guided by the Spirit of Truth, be sure of the Truth

Whether Westcott and Hort, "esteemed Bible revisers" had the Truth or not, judge ye by their words. The following are taken from their correspondence preserved in their biographies:

Westcott

1. In the evening I go with Tom to the wizard; but he does not dare to perform before us. (Vol I, p.9)
2. Refers to evangelicals as "dangerous" and "unsound." (Vol I, pp 44,45)
3. New doubts and old superstitions and rationalism, all trouble me. . . I cannot determine how much we must believe; how much in fact is necessarily required of a member of the church. (Vol I, pp 46,47)
4. In speaking of heretic Dr Hampden, he says, "If he be condemned, what will become of me?" (Vol I, p.52)
5. I reject the word infallibility of Holy Scriptures overwhelmingly. (Vol I, p.207)
6. I look at the *Christian Observer's* condemnation of my heresy. (Vol I, p.241)
7. The idea of La Salette [appearances of the Virgin] was that of God revealing Himself, now, not in one form, but in many. (Vol I, p.251)
8. All the questionable doctrines which I have ever maintained are in it. (Vol I, p.290)
9. I shall aim at what is transcendental in many people's eyes. . . I suppose I am a communist by nature. (Vol I, p.309)
10. Truth is wonderfully large. (Vol I, p.333)
11. The truth seems to me to be so overwhelming vast and manifold that I shrink from drawing any outline except provisionally. (Vol II)
12. Life and truth grow more and more mysterious. (Vol II, p.61)
13. He sometimes with much seriousness professed to be drawn to beer. (Vol II, p.178)
14. His zeal in the cause of pure beer involved him in a correspondence which was published in the newspapers in the later part of 1893 and his picture together with some of the following words spoken by him was utilized for the adornment of the advertisement of a brewer of pure beer.

My idea is that they might have a public house which good beer alone would be sold. . . I consider pure beer to be an innocent and wholesome beverage. . . (Westcott's letter to Brewer's Soc. Vol II, p.218-219)

Hort

1. Referring to bibliolaters, he remarks, "The pure Romish view seems to me nearer and more likely to the truth than the evangelical." (Vol I, pp.76-77)
2. Protestantism is only parenthetical and temporary. (Vol II, p.31)
3. Hort refers to "the common orthodox heresy: Inspiration." (Vol I, p.181)
4. If you make a decided conviction of the absolute infallibility of the New Testament a *sine qua non* for cooperation, I fear I could not join you. (Vol I, p.420).
5. English clergy are not compelled to maintain the absolute infallibility of the bible. (Vol I, p.454)
6. Evangelicals seem to me perverted. . . There are I fear still more serious differences between us on the subject of authority, especially the authority of the Bible. At present many orthodox but rational men are being unawares acted upon by influences which will assuredly bear good fruit in due time if the process is allowed to go on quietly, but I fear that a premature crisis would frighten back many into the merest traditionalism. (Vol I, p.400)
7. I am also glad that you take the same provisional ground as to infallibility that I do. (Hort's letter to Lightfoot, Vol I, p.424)
8. My doubts about infallibility remain. . . Lightfoot wants you to take Hebrews, if it does not go with Benson (Ghostly Guild). (Vol I, p.222)
9. This may sound cowardice—I have sort of a craving that our text should be cast upon the world before we deal with matters likely to brand us with suspicion. I mean a text issued by men who are already known for what will undoubtedly be treated as dangerous heresy will have great difficulty in finding its way to regions which it might otherwise hope to reach and whence it would not be easily banished by subsequent alarms. (Hort's letter to Westcott regarding their writing other things.) (Hort p.445)

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. Isaiah 8:19,20

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

By God's grace we have done our bit for the 20th Century Reformation movement. I caught on the spirit of McIntire—to separate from the old apostate Church connections, from modernist missionaries, from Romanism and Charismaticism. We stood firm on the King James Bible against the RSV, the first unfaithful modern translation coming out in the early fifties.

Our Reformation witness took us to many battle fronts, many countries. Throughout the years the Lord has sent us to five continents, even to South America. Now we are heading there again. Please pray that we might "deliver the goods." That some impact might be made on the Spanish and Portuguese speaking peoples.

Now, a new phenomenon has arisen in the Church world. It is the proliferation of scores of new Bible versions. But the alarm must be sounded, "There is poison in the pot." There are at least 50 Study Bibles mushrooming from these new versions, and most of the new versions are based on the treacherous Westcott-Hort foundations, not to talk of their subtle undermining of the Truth. For example, here is NIV Study Bible's commentary on Isaiah 7:14 on the Virgin Birth of Christ. It reads:

sign. A sign was normally fulfilled within a few years (see 20:3; 37:30; cf. 8:18). *virgin.* May refer to a young woman betrothed to Isaiah (8:3), who was to become his second wife (his first wife presumably having died after Shear-Jashub was born). In Ge 24:43 the same Hebrew word ('almah) refers to a woman about to be married (see also Pro 30:19). Mt 1:23 apparently understood the woman mentioned here to be a type (a foreshadowing) of the Virgin Mary. *Immanuel.* The name "God is with us" was meant to convince Ahaz that God could rescue him from his enemies. See Nu 14:9; 2Chr 13:12; Ps 46:7. "Immanuel" is used again in 8:8,10, and it may be another name for Maher-Shal-Hash-Baz (8:3). If so, the boy's names had complementary significance (see note on 8:3). Jesus was the final fulfillment of this prophecy, for he was "God with us" in the fullest sense (Mt 1:23; cf. Isa 9:6-7).

I leave it to you who love the Lord to judge.

This prophecy is directly fulfilled in Matt 1:22,23 "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." To put it fulfilled in Isaiah's second wife is a hiss from the snake. To make its fulfilment finally in Jesus is to stab our Lord with a kiss. The donkey Jesus rode into Jerusalem was never ridden by anyone before Him. This teaches a lesson. And how can "Immanuel" (the God-Man) be another name for Isaiah's son?

What is needed today is a grand exposure of these modern scribes, with their hidden poison pens. The undermining of the KJV by Westcott and Hort, has been given a good airing of late.

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him" (Isa 59:19). The standard God has raised today is Dr D A Waite, Ph.D., Th.D. Since 1971 he has been founder, president and director of the *Bible for Today*. From 1978 he has been president of the Dean Burgon Society. He is heard on 25 stations on a 30-minute weekly radio programme in USA. He has written many books in defence of the KJB and republished Dean Burgon's 500-page masterpiece, *The Revision Revised*, refuting the W&H's false Greek Text and Theory.

Dean Burgon's declaration on the Word of God is adopted by FEBC in her graduation exercises wherein the Directors and Faculty are required to a solemn oath-taking as follows,

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.

On the opposite page are W&H's doubts on the Bible's infallibility. Whom would you believe?
—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 17 - 23, '97)			CHINESE NEW YEAR SERVICE OFFERINGS: \$5,617.00
MON	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Mersing</i> \$2000, \$150(Coinafon), \$219(Boxes), \$100(YF Camp 96); <i>Kuching BPC Van</i> \$100; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$500; <i>Suresh</i> \$50.
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg/Korean Chorus, Sanctuary	
	11.59 pm	Pastor & Mrs Tow return, UA 897	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
WED	7.30 pm	<i>Westminster Standards</i> (Dr J Khoo)	\$7,931.00 (8.00 am); \$13,790.00 (10.30 am)
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Family Ministry</i> (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>EBF II</i> \$1000; <i>Mersing</i> \$80, \$100, \$350, \$300, \$500, \$100, \$5000, \$1000, \$89(Children's Msty), \$2000(Kebaktian Ina 15 Anniv); <i>FEBC Gospel Rally</i> \$500; <i>Bee Choo</i> \$100; <i>Tract Ministry</i> \$20, \$50; <i>Rev Djunaidi</i> \$200, \$130; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$200, \$100; <i>MsF</i> \$300, \$200; <i>Salpan</i> \$700; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$60, \$1000; <i>Seeto</i> \$150; <i>Misslons</i> \$50; <i>Kenya BPC Bldg</i> \$100; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$250; <i>Nirands</i> \$200; <i>Rev Stephen Khoo</i> \$100; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$50; <i>Kuching</i> \$190; <i>Rev Tow</i> \$100.
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah Hse	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
SAT	2.00 pm	William Tan & Christine Teo Wedding, Rev Tow	
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	(1) \$50 for the Tract Ministry. Most of the tracts provided are well chosen and thought-provoking. Very suitable for evangelistic purposes. May the Lord continue to bless this ministry of the Church.
	7.30 pm	Prize-Giving for Tract Writing Competition, FEBC Hall (Rev Tow)	Verse for the Week: <i>Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Psalm 46:2</i>
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Warning Against Worldliness</i> (Rev Tow)	Second 21 st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997) at Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office (Sun : 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Mon-Fri : 9:30 am to 5:30 pm).
	9.30 am	Sunday School	
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	
	10.30 am	Rev Colin Wong	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	
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	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.	
NBC This Week. <i>Fri</i> Bishan, Bt Batok.			
Sunday School Offering: \$1326.50; Attendance: 372			
Mr Bong Boon Chong's tel. is Kuching 0208-2362305.			



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn George Tan	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 44	No. 66
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 34	Rom 1:18-32
Hymn	No. 38	No. 255
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 91	No. 392
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 3:13-18	Exodus 32
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Wisdom—Earthly or Heavenly? (Pastor Jack Sin)	The Sin of the Golden Calf (Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 353	No. 64
Benediction		



CALVIN'S CLOCK OF THE SEVENFOLD WILL OF GOD

Message delivered by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow to the 15th World Congress of the ICCC, Feb 12-21, 1997, Santiago, Chile.



The subject originally assigned to me for the 15th World Congress of the ICCC was "Calvin Alive." When the ICCC convened in Geneva in 1950 for its 2nd Congress, we laid a wreath on Calvin's tomb. Though he is dead for 433 years, his theology is alive. Like Abel who offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, he being dead yet speaketh (Heb 11:4).

Yes, Calvin is alive today and he speaks most eloquently through his 1650-page masterpiece "The Institutes of the Christian Religion." He spoke to my heart through an elective course on the Institutes taught by Dr John Sanderson in the heyday of Faith Seminary, 1948. I became immediately an ardent disciple of the Great Theologian. During the summer of 1948 I read the four books of the Institutes right through, with the help of Chambers

Dictionary, the best for theological terms.

After my graduation from Faith Seminary and we founded the Far Eastern Bible College in Singapore, we taught Calvin's theology as one of the core subjects in our curriculum. In 1975 we made an abridgement of the first two books. By July 1997 we are endeavouring to have the abridgement of all the four books printed in one Volume of 600 pages. If you desire a copy of the complete works, please print your name and address clearly with the Congress Office, and we shall mail it to you.

Now, from the study of Calvin's Institutes, in which he, of all theologians, probes most deeply into the mysteries of God's decrees, I would present it more graphically as Calvin's Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God. A clock tells time by its three hands, the hour hand, the minute hand and the second hand. But these are out-workings of the mechanism beneath the face of the clock. The moving hands are simple to read, but not the inner workings of the clock.

In this brief study of the complex will of God from Calvin's teaching, we can classify them under four headings:-

I. The General – 1. Preceptive, 2. Desiderative

II. The Specific – 3. Directive, 4. Cooperative, 5. Punitive and "Chastitive" (*Chastitive* is a new word we've coined from the word *chastise*)

III. The Extraordinary – 6. Permissive

IV. The Predetermined – 7. Decretive

1. Preceptive comes from the word *precept*, i.e. command, moral instructions. God's commands, moral instructions are given to us in an open Bible. The more Bible we read the more we know of His holy will for our lives. The Bible is a torchlight to shine on our pathway through this dark world here below (Ps 119:105). It is a road map to guide us to our destination (Ps 119:35). Calvin believes in verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, infallible and inerrant, in the strongest possible terms. In Book I Chapter VII, para 1 of his Institutes he says, "It is only in the Scriptures that the Lord hath been pleased to preserve His truth in perpetual remembrance. It obtains the same complete credit and authority with believers, when they are satisfied with its divine origin, as if they heard the very words pronounced by God Himself."

2. The second aspect of His general will is His Desiderative will. When Jesus gave us Jn 3:16 he was offering the whole mankind His saving grace. It is of His character, loving and merciful, to desire all men to be saved. "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek 33:11). Now, the hyper-Calvinists will retort that God's love is only to the elect. So Jn 3:16 is directed to the elect, not to all mankind. Those who so say try to out-Calvin Calvin. For if

you read Calvin's commentary on Jn 3:16 he says God's saving grace is extended to the whole world. But not all will believe. Here comes Augustine's famous diction, "Sufficient for all, efficient for the elect." To say Jn 3:16 is offered only to the elect is like holding a grand Christmas sale with a proviso "Only buyers need enter"! Are you a Christian? Believe in Him now and you will be saved, elect or no elect. Indeed, if you truly trust Him, love Him, you are elect (Rom 8:28).

II. The Specific Aspect of God's Will may be delineated in three main parts. 3. The Directive, 4. Cooperative, 5. Punitive-Chastitive. The Directive may be seen in Abraham's command to his servant to go back to his country in Mesopotamia to get a bride for Isaac. So the servant went. And when he went at the command of his master the Lord blessed him with quick success. He found Rebecca with little trouble, and he testified, "I being in the way, the Lord led me" (Gen 24:27) This blessing of God we call His Cooperative will, No. 4 of His Sevenfold Will.

Conversely, when Balaam the Gentile prophet was tempted by the Moabite King Balak with sevenfold honours to curse Israel, and he was minded to go, God permitted him, but to his death. When we deliberately go against God's Will which is already revealed, we are justly punished — this is the Punitive will of God, No. 5 on the list. A corollary to God's Punitive will is His chastisement. His "Chastitive" will against David for his sin is a corrective from a loving father. So David was taught a grim lesson, but he did not go into perdition like Balaam. Those punished under God's Punitive Will are lost. Those under His paternal chastisement are spared. A father's cane is a sugar cane.

III. The Extraordinary refers to God's Permissive will. Normally God will not allow Job to be hurt. Since Satan's accusation of Job

insinuated that God's servant loved Him because of material gains, God permitted Satan to take away all his possessions including the lives and properties of his ten children. Job underwent the test and came out with flying colours. Satan was defeated. Now, when God permitted Satan to bring misery to Job, He purposely permitted from His Omnipotence. He did not permit because He was too weak to resist Satan like an old indulgent father giving way to his wayward son. How do we react when God allows troubles to overwhelm us? Let us say with Job, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him" (Job 13:15). Calvin is most emphatic on suffering for Christ's sake. His emblem is a hand holding a heart with these words, "My heart I offer to You, Lord. Promptly and sincerely." God's Permissive will is No. 6 of His Sevenfold will.

The 7th and last aspect of God's will is the deepest, like the mechanism of the clock. It is the Predetermined or Decretive will. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that our birth, death and marriage or singlehood are predestinated of God. So is our salvation. If God did not elect us to be saved before the creation of the world, we would not be saved. Now when He planned to save us, it was entirely "according to the good pleasure of His own will" (Eph 1:5). Nor did He choose us because He foresaw we would be better than others. This is proved by Paul's statement on Esau and Jacob: "(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated" (Rom 9:9-13). Thus we are saved by grace, through faith, not of works lest any man should boast (Eph 2:8,9).

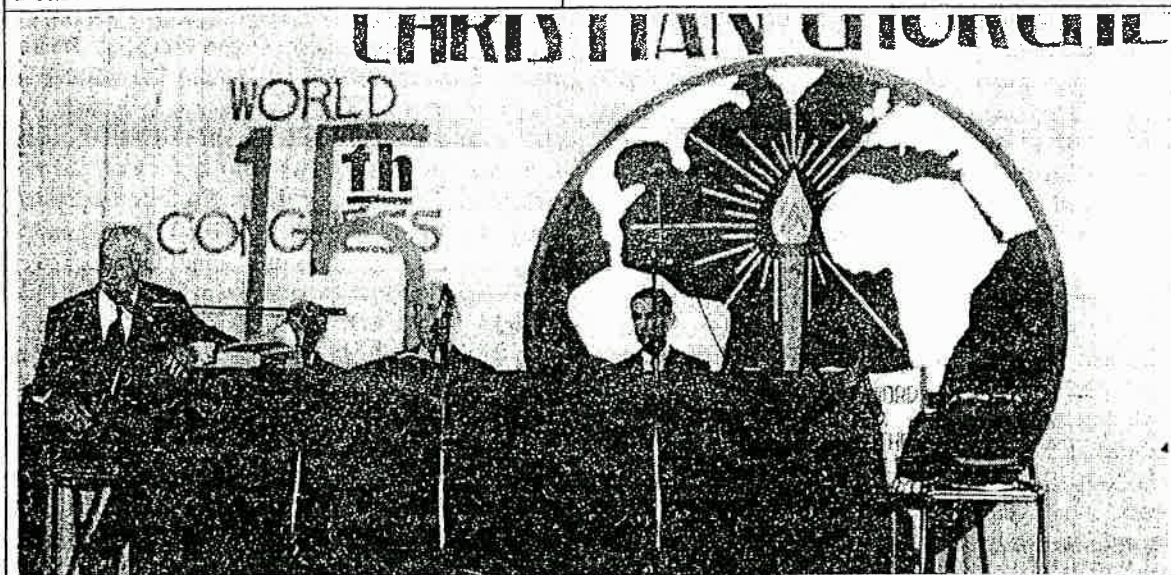
The most difficult question to answer is, what about the lost? Did God also predestinate them? Most certainly, or else how can he be

God Almighty, All-knowing, All-present? Although God had predestined the lost, the loss of the lost is due to themselves. God is not author of sin. Let us illustrate with a moot question familiar with law students. Suppose I invite you to my Birthday Party. On your way to my party, you step on a banana skin and break your kneecap. Am I answerable at law? The verdict is No. Law judges on the immediate cause, not the remote cause. So does Divine justice. Thus Jesus says of Judas, "The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born" (Mk 14:21). The matter of predestination never crossed Judas' mind. The reason why he betrayed Jesus was his hatred of the Lord for His not assuming kingship to fight the Romans (Jn 6:15). His motive in serving the Lord was materialistic. Oh, how he would become His Prime Minister! As he parted company with his Lord, Jesus said of him, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray Him" (Jn 6:71).

Calvin clearly sees the blame in the reprobate to rest on themselves. In Book III Chapter XXIV para. 17 of his Institutes titled, "Election Confirmed by the divine Call. The Destined Destruction of the Reprobate Procured by Themselves," he concludes: "The doctrine I maintain still remains unshaken, that the reprobate are hated by God, and that most justly, because being destitute of His Spirit, they can do nothing but what is deserving of His curse."

This completes our very brief study of Calvin's Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God. This is a synopsis of His teaching from a comprehensive study of the Bible. For a fuller study, I offer you my book on the *Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God*. "Calvin Alive." Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 24 - Mar 2, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)	\$7,331.00 (8.00 am); \$14,891.25 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Mersing</i> \$400, \$100, \$50, \$100, \$20, \$300, \$1410, \$71, \$110(Coinafon), \$100, \$500; <i>Baraka Bible Conf Centre</i> \$100, \$300(Safety in Travel); <i>Seets</i> \$100, \$300, \$600; <i>Djunaldi</i> \$100, \$50 \$360; Tract Ministry \$20; <i>Extn of God's Kingdom</i> \$500; <i>Yiew PS</i> \$275; <i>Children's Choir</i> \$500; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$100; <i>Kemaman BPC</i> \$50; <i>Setsuko</i> \$100; <i>Nirands</i> \$200; <i>Kenya Bible College</i> \$12, \$10; <i>Sunday School</i> \$50; <i>Rev Paauwe</i> \$787.77(S Harlem); <i>Kuchling Van</i> \$50(Boxes); <i>JJ Lim</i> \$300(Boxes).		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Family Ministry (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	(1) "Heal me, O Lord and I shall be saved for thou art my praise" (Jer 17:14). The Lord is very gracious to me and my family. He has seen me through a very successful surgery. The growth was detected early and it was not malignant. During the surgery, my blood pressure was under control and my health was good. There were no complications and I recovered speedily. Please channel this love gift to Rev Djunaidi. (\$200)		
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Second 21st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997) at Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office (Sun : 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Mon-Fri : 9:30 am to 5:30 pm).		
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah Hse	Rev Djunaidi was discharged from hospital Feb 12 and is now recuperating in daughter's home in Djakarta. Also pray for Miss Ong, now at AMK Hospital.		
SAT	2.00 pm	Richard Lee & Lau Ley Yen Wedding, Rev Tow			
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF			
SUN	8.00 am	Planning without God (Mr Charles Seel)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
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	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Bl Timah, Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$779.10; Attendance: 381					
Verse for the Week: <i>In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.</i> Psalm 56:4					



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Call to Worship	8.00 am	10.30 am
Opening Hymn	Rev Tow	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Invocation-Gloria Patri	<i>Day and Night...</i>	No. 4
Responsive Reading	II Sam 22:1-25	John 14:15-31
Hymn	<i>O my God...</i>	No. 243
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	<i>Lord, here I take...</i>	No. 247
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	II Sam 21:15-17	Psalms 85
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Serving the Lord with King David</i>	<i>Revival—The Answer to a Lifeless Church</i> (Rev Colin Wong)
Closing Hymn	<i>O My God...</i>	No. 235
Benediction		

FOR THE WORD OF GOD AND FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST—TO THE END

When the 14th Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches in Philadelphia 1993 was ending, and a call was made for the 15th to convene in Santiago, Chile, Feb 12-21, 97, I had my doubts. I was least prepared when Dr McIntire, ICCC President, wrote me late 1996 to speak on Calvin at the 15th Congress. When I received another invitation from Dr Le Roy to speak at the Conference of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions immediately preceding ICCC, I had no doubt the Lord was calling.

To travel to the uttermost part of the earth at such an expense of time and energy cannot be justified without the equivalent input. As all Latin America is Spanish-speaking except for Brazil which is Portuguese, I asked Dr McIntire if the chocolate book we had written for 1993, *A Glimpse of the Life and Works of John Calvin* might be translated for the Spanish-speaking world, he heartily agreed. He found no better a person than Dr Nadir Carreno, Presbyterian Minister and President of the Latin American Alliance of Christian Churches, for the job. 3,000 copies in the image of the chocolate book are now printed and distributed!

As United Airlines offered us a free stop at Hong Kong and

we desired to see Mrs Jason Linn, retired in a Senior Citizens Home in Kowloon, we flew Feb 6, eve of Chinese New Year. The Lord provided a home away from home at cousin Esther Fu's high view condominium, 34E Garden Rd, HK. When we came out of HK Airport we were pleasantly surprised to be met by Kim Jae Eun and her devout Christian parents. They had come specially to treat us to a Welcome Thai Dinner the same night! Jae Eun is an exemplary student of FEBC. After earning her BTh, 1996, she returned to HK where she got a job as assistant to the pastor of the biggest Korean Church. (There are 12 Korean Churches in HK.)

The next day we went to see Mrs Jason Linn in high spirits, when to our great disappointment, the Matron said she had departed Dec 27, '96. After second thoughts we praised the Lord for releasing her from her labours (Rev 14:13). In 1929 she accompanied her husband as missionaries under Dr R A Jaffray of the CMA for darkest East Borneo to the Dyak head-hunters. They spent 15 years in the hinterland and converted 3,000 before leaving at end of WWII. The annual Christmas gift we had brought for her can best be used to reprint Jason's *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo*.

Though our break in Hong Kong was brief, it worked marvellously on Ivy who was

plagued by a cough that sent her to the doctor three times. There's a Chinese saying, "Change water and earth" which means a change of environment and climate is a natural cure for the chronic sick. The coolness of HK suited her. With continuing rest, flying all the way through temperate countries and with plenty of leg room provided by United Airlines, she was 90% cured upon arrival in Santiago!

But here comes an unhappy note! Her suitcase was missing! Immediately this thought came to chide us. We had taken things for granted. We did not pray for the safe arrival of our suitcase. Nor do we praise the Lord always for every good gift from above. Romans 8:28. Happily the next day the Airport informed us our luggage was stuck at the Interchange at Denver, and would catch up with us the following day. Praise the Lord, UA had our suitcase delivered to our hotel.

While our suitcase was left behind, 4 boxes of books including 100 copies of Dr S H Tow's *In Defence of the KJV Holy Bible* have come intact. Is this not a sign of the Lord's blessing upon our crusade against Satan's latest attack on the Bible by spawning new versions with their more subtle "Study Bibles"? We have discovered only of late, after contact with Dr D A Waite, PhD, ThD that these modern versions are based on Westcott and Hort who attacked the Received Text on which KJV is founded. Westcott and Hort were Anglican Churchmen from Cambridge, Greek scholars. But they were liberals and unregenerate men who blatantly assaulted the fundamentals of our faith. They were co-founders of the Ghost Club, Necromancers hated of the Lord (Deut 18:11). How could these two men who attended seances with the Devil handle the sacred Word of God? Their friends were Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung. Now, the NIV which is most popularly used today against the KJV, based on W&H, have hypocritically assailed the Bible at such passages as the story of the woman taken in adultery and the last 12 verses of Mark. The passages, verses and words scissored by the NIV amount to I and II Peter! If only one page of your Bible is accidentally torn away, can you happily use it? It is with tears that we now warn Church leaders attending the ICCG Congress. We pray that every copy of Dr S H Tow's *In*

Defence of the KJV Holy Bible will open the eyes of these leaders, that God's people will return to the Bible they have used for 4 centuries. Insofar as Singapore is concerned we are calling for a 21st Century Reformation beginning with a rejection of all crooked versions and Study Bibles, of which NIV is the best selling.

At the close of the Missions Conference a call was made to Rev Paauwe to succeed Dr Le Roy as Gen. Secretary of the Independent Board. This is an important matter for prayer.

The 15th Congress found no better venue than an ancient mammoth high school. For accommodation we are happily lodged at Hotel Verde, 10 blocks from the school, US\$59 for 3 persons per night.

In spite of great inconvenience, leaning his heavy weight on a walking stick, Dr McIntire is still mentally alert and in full control of the meetings. Credit must be given to Rev Dr K C Quek who plays second fiddle as Exe. Sec. Dr J C Maris, Gen. Sec. with office in Holland, booms majestically though in his advancing years. Equally powerful in voice and rhetoric is Dr Nadir Carreno, president for S.A. His wonderful wife, sons, daughters and grandchildren, playing trumpet, cornet, piano and singing in the choir are a formidable support to the patriarch.

The Congress is being enlivened with an orchestra and spirited singing. With a cool breeze and open corridors, flanked by luxuriant bowers, sitting long hours in a garden atmosphere did not tire us. The messages, devotional or polemical, up to end of the first week, when we have to take leave, are well prepared and challenging.

Latin America was the first to come under the ICCG aegis when our first regional conference was held here 1949. It has come full circle with this 15th Congress in Santiago. The 4th Congress in between, was held in Rio de Janeiro, 1958.

The ICCG was raised of God to offset the World Council of Churches. Though the ICCG started out small, it has persevered in the strength of the Lord. The WCC though mighty and powerful has ground to a halt. The WCC is the modern Babel which means Confusion.

Having attended the Lord's Day Services Feb 16, we now head back for good old Singapore (Prov 27:8). —Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

JEFFREY KHOO ANSWERS PETER ENG

During your pastor's absence from Singapore, Peter Eng wrote against our stand on KJV, which was ably answered by Jeffrey, as follows:

Peter Eng's diatribe against the B-P/FEBG position on the KJV demands a response. Is Peter Eng's rejoinder to the January 26 bulletin of Life Church so irrefutable? A superficial reading may lead one to think so. There are really a number of logical and factual flaws in Peter Eng's argumentation.

Firstly, he has set up several "straw men" (imaginary faults created by the writer himself) in his argumentation. These are found in points #1 (on "inerrancy" of a translation??? which we never said), and #3 (on "inspiration" on KJV??? which we never claimed).

Secondly, there are errors in logic. One is #4—where he insists that the homosexuality of King James (alleged but not convincingly proven) affects the translational accuracy of KJV. King James did not even translate a single word of the KJV! Further, how does the alleged homosexuality of King James affect the doctrine of separation?? Theology is not based on man but on God and His Word. The other is #5 where he says he is unable to refute the errors of Westcott & Hort (WH); something which can be easily done if he knows his theology, yet pontificates over the KJV issue!! and insists he is interested in defending the truth! The writer appears to be blind to his bad logic here.

Thirdly, there are factual errors. These are #2—on the Textus Receptus (TR) being an edited version of a few manuscripts. This is a half-truth, the few manuscripts [5 to be exact] represent the 80-90% of the 5,000 manuscripts, primarily of the Majority Text [MT] type). And #5b—that the modern versions are not based on WH. He is here either naive or evasive. Let Peter Eng answer this question: On what text then did the modern versions base their translations if not WH? On the TR? The only other available printed editions of the Greek text are the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament (UBSGNT) and Nestle's which are basically anti-TR, non-MT, pro-WH. The UBSGNT acknowledges that its committee carried out its work "on the basis of Westcott and Hort's edition of the Greek New

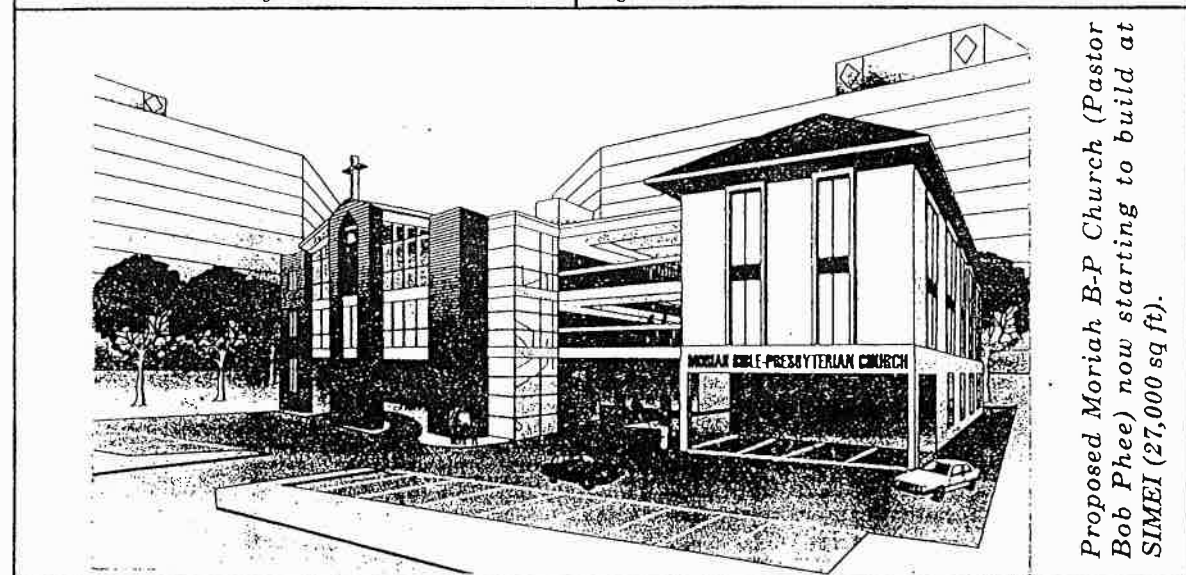
Testament" (UBSGNT 4th ed, p.viii). How about Nestle's edition? Those who work on the Nestle's edition considered the TR to be the "poorest form of the New Testament text." Eberhard Nestle in his attempt to overthrow the traditional text based his edition "on the editions of Tischendorf, Westcott-Hort, and Weymouth" (Nestle's 26th ed, p.39). What weightage then did the Westcott-Hort text carry in Nestle's edition? The "origin of the text itself was clearly traceable . . . particularly in passages where the special theories of Westcott-Hort had dominant influence in its formation" (Ibid., p.41).

Although later editions did attempt to move away from the WH text toward an eclectic text (Ibid. pp.42-3), the vestiges of WH remain. The textual-critical theories of WH are still adopted by these modern editors. For example, the UBSGNT editors are absolutely certain that the *pericope de adultera* (John 7:53-8:11) is not a part of the Gospel. What is their basis? They say, "the passage is absent from the earlier and better manuscripts" (i.e. Vaticanus and Sinaiticus among other like ones). Note that the same comment against the authenticity of John 7:53-8:11 is found in modern versions like the NIV. So how can it be concluded that the NIV for instance is not based on WH? Other examples are the Last Twelve Verses of Mark, and the Johannine Comma (I John 5:7-8). All decisions made have been consistently against TR and KJV.

I must sound a cautionary note though. In our defense of the KJV, we ought to be careful not to be led into a "wild goose chase," missing the key issue. Concentrate on examining the veracity of the translations. The issue is basically this: Are the modern translations accurate in their rendering of the original? NIV subtracts from the Word of God by omitting the biblical word "begotten" in John 1:14,18, and 3:16—an attack on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the issue and crux of the matter. The RSV attacks Christ and His Virgin Birth in Isa 7:14. The NIV has done no less, though subtly, by removing the doctrine of the eternal generation of God the Son. How can we use versions which deny our Lord?

The KJV remains the most reliable Bible we have in the English language—faithful and accurate in its translation of the inerrant, inspired Word of God.

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MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)	\$8,060.00 (8.00 am); \$12,758.00 (10.30 am)		
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$3700; Mersing \$50, \$114(Boxes), \$400, \$150, \$5000; Seets \$100, \$100; RPG \$100; Reid Tract Dist \$100, \$200; Missions \$270, \$680; Myanmar Orph \$50, \$200; Medan Orph \$49; Men's F'ship \$50; Robert Peh \$100; JS Heng-Kenya B College \$50, \$30(Boxes); Kuching Van \$150; Extn of His Kingdom \$350(Boxes); Rev Djunaldi \$200; Batam \$50(Ladies F'ship).		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg; Korean Chorus, Sanctuary			
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)			
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg			
THU	7.30 pm	Family Ministry (Dr Goh Seng Fong)			
SAT	2.30 pm	Fishermen of Christ F'ship Wedding			
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.30 EBF			
	7.30 pm	FEBC Gospel Rally, Sanctuary			
SUN	8.00 am	Warning against the Rich Oppressors (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
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NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$610.80; Attendance: 382					
Verse for the Week: Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Isaiah 35:4					



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2 March 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	On John Hoe	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 26
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 86	II Sam 22:1-25
Hymn	No. 39	O My God...
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 137	Give of Your Best
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 4:13-17	Rom 7:7-14
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Planning Without God (Mr Charles Seel)	Which Side of the Law are you?
Closing Hymn	No. 348	No. 184
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

Last Lord's Day afternoon, Feb 23, Jeffrey and I attended the Ground Breaking of Moriah BPC, Simei Road. (The architect's drawings are on the back page.)

It is with joy that I write about Moriah. It is a big offshoot from Sembawang. Sembawang was Life Church's first-born in Singapore. It was started as a Sunday School at the home of Eld & Mrs Seow; Jan 20, 1957 (even before Zion). Elder Chia Kim Chwee was S.S. Superintendent.

Later on they acquired a property two doors away which served as a place of worship, but finally advanced to the Teachers' Estate at 9 Kalidasa. Out of several zealous young people who entered the full-time ministry, God chose Bob Phee from the beginning to study at FEBC and after graduation to be Sembawang's shepherd.

As the Lord prospered his servant to be further trained in US, and blessed the work of his hands so that the church under him could plant churches in Thailand, West Africa and lately Saipan, so He led them to acquire a property at Bright Hill. With the price of properties shooting up and up, they sold Bright Hill to make a profit of over \$5 million.

When a handsome piece of land; 27,000 sq ft was open for tender by HDB, Sembawang offered \$6 million. This clinched the deal. The land is all paid for. The Lord gives the people a mind to build, so on the Day of Ground Breaking they had raised within a short time \$1.7 million. They need another \$1.8

million to pay for a 3-storey Church Complex costing \$3.5 million. "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev 3:8).

God has further blessed Bob on the academic side, so that he was able to earn the D.Min. degree in the midst of all these developments.

From the beginning I had noted him to be a man whom the Lord would mightily use one day. For when Life Church had started a Church at Kulai Besar in 1973, Bob went there on his own to help out when the going was rough. Being loyal to FEBC and the separatist stand we take, he has been on the faculty all this while and has held the post of Registrar to this day.

On the other hand there are those of my students who are of another spirit, not after David but after Saul. "David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker" (II Sam 3:1).

Another student of mine whom the Lord has blessed is Rev Quek Suan Yew. His part in steering the Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour, taking a strong stand for the Truth, is a contribution to our 21st Century Reformation movement. His answer to those who follow Westcott and Hort to delete the passage of the woman taken in adultery (Jn 7:53-8:11) from Scripture is a must for all B-P ministers to read. His recent defence of creation *ex nihilo* in the Calvary Weekly is another page to

make up our Polemical Bible Commentary. "For we can do nothing against the truth but for the truth" (II Cor 13:8).

In this connection, we praise the Lord for Sister Yeong Shoon, now finishing her study for the MDiv. degree, in volunteering to help typeset the four books of Calvin's Institutes Abridged in one volume. This has brought her and the book, blessing upon blessing. Her labour of love in further compiling a glossary for Books III & IV takes off a heavy load from my shoulders. The masterly composed book cover by Charles Seet is another confirmation from the Lord on labourers for the Truth.

The BP Youth Camp at Mersing is the biggest building project God has entrusted us. In our own strength, we will fail, but with His favour and help we will succeed. We covet your prayers.

Lately an elder of a BPC came to see me with a cheque for \$2,000. He was delighted with such a project, the need of the hour for churches like ours, hence his timely practical support. The Korean elder, who recently made another trip to Burma and stayed a night at our guesthouse, donated US\$1,000 for Mersing. Last Tues. night after Prayer Meeting, a sister put into my hand a cheque for \$5,000, also for Mersing! These have come to lift us up for the mammoth job ahead.

Now, we need more than funds. We need you, who reading our progress report, are feeling the urge to serve. We will need all kinds of talents. Come, offer your expertise to serve this newest extension of His Kingdom.

Meanwhile, pray for the architect that the Lord will give him the brightest ideas for the drawing of plans that will be both cost-effective and elegant.

Time flies! In two months our 8th Pilgrimage, May 3-19, 97 will be on the go. But take note! You must meet at the Airport latest 11.30 pm May 2! For we leave promptly 1.30 am May 3.

This tour takes us first to London, 3 nights 4 days, before entering the Holy Land. The main purpose is to attend the Dedication of New Life BPC London, 66 The Greenway, Collindaleland, London NW9 5AP, UK. Our 50-contingent has been invited to sing. We look forward to seeing many "old" Lifers now domiciled in England.

We have a slogan, "Do something good for Jesus everyday," "Do something good wherever we go." Bring some good, unused article in your cluttered household, even wardrobe, for the poorer brethren you'll meet, as our custom is. Why let that warm sweater crowd needed space? Or if you wear it along, by end of tour you could leave it behind for mutual good. Experience the

greater joy of giving which is the Christian's reward. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble" (Ps 41:1). "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:9). —T.T.

The Cat is Now Out of the Bag

The conspiracy of silence that prevailed even over Faith Seminary where I studied (1948) is at last shattered! "The cat is out of the bag."

For it is in recent years that the warning trumpet has started to blow. And God's watchmen that have arisen in the last twenty years are Dr D A Waite, Ph.D., Th.D., President of Dean Burgon Society and foremost defender of the King James Bible, David W Cloud, editor of *O Timothy*, G A Riplinger, author of *New Age Bible Versions*, Dr S H Tow, one time professor at NUS and now crusader for KJB and author of *In Defence of the KJV Holy Bible*. Lastly we are by His love constrained to join in the fray. (I am happy to hear Eld Chia Kim Chwee over the phone why Zion Church refused Peter Eng her Bishan premises because he uses NIV, contrary to the B-P ruling that only KJV be allowed for public worship.)

In Riplinger's *New Age Bible Versions*, 690 pages of documentation on the secrecies now thoroughly exposed, we have the comment of Alfred Martin, former Vice-President of Moody Bible Institute:

[M]any people, even today, who have no idea what the Westcott-Hort theory is . . . accept the labors of those two scholars without question . . . an amusing and amazing spectacle presents itself: many of the textbooks, books of bible interpretation, innumerable secondary works go on repeating the Westcott and Hort dicta although the foundations have been seriously shaken, even in the opinion of former Hortians.

Now he who "ascends into the hill of the Lord" must have "clean hands and a pure heart" (Ps 24:3,4) is a qualification for every minister of God, the more so for those who handle the sacred text of Scripture. The belief and life of Westcott and Hort who are the foundation for the

new translations (like NIV) must therefore be examined to give us assurance of their fitness. In recent issues of this Weekly, we have given evidence of their antagonism against the infallibility and inspiration of Scripture and of their deep involvement in necromancy, being co-founders of the Ghost Club.

This is how it all started. As a Cambridge undergraduate, Westcott organised a club which he named *Hermes*. According to Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary Unabridged Second Edition, HERMES in Greek mythology is a god who served as herald and messenger of other gods, identified by the Romans with Mercury and generally pictured with winged shoes and hat, carrying a caduceus (wand). He was also god of science, eloquence and cunning, the protector of boundaries and commerce, and guide of departed souls to Hades.

Why is the name *Hermes* chosen for Westcott's club? Evidently for the part he plays in

FULFILLING A FATHER'S VOW

Testimony by Elder Tow Siang Yeow in *Life Church*

Undergoing surgery a fourth time in as many years is apt to make one introspective. And so I was in pensive mood when I underwent an operation for hernia at the Sultanah Aminah Hospital recently. Although it was not life-threatening, yet when compounded with three earlier surgeries, it focussed my thoughts on the frailty of the human body - sadly, and all too soon, it is subject to the ravages of time and decay! The Bible in 1 Pet 1:24 expresses it succinctly: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away."

Lying quietly on a hospital bed gave me an opportunity to review my life's journey from the innocence of childhood, the growing pains of adolescence, the aspirations of youth to that fateful occasion when my father vowed a vow consecrating me to the Lord's service. Unfortunately, this was sequestered in a corner of my mind and I did not give it any further thought. Father himself never reminded me of his vow, but others had on occasion questioned me on its non-fulfillment for which I could find no ready answer!

Then followed the years in furthering my career and raising a family of four, leading inevitably to retirement and onset of a number of infirmities associated with the ageing process. How time has flown! How transient and frail life is! Let us hear what the Psalmist says in summing-up man's existence on earth: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Ps 90:10).

communicating with the dead, for this is the beginning that leads to the Ghost Club. The Ghost Club was founded by the unholy Trio, Westcott, Hort and Benson in 1850. Benson later became Archbishop of Canterbury! The *Hermes* Club met weekly for three years 1845-48.

Riplinger says, "Hermes was also the original 'hermaphrodite,' the fusion of sexes in one person." Priests of Hermes wore artificial breasts and female garments . . .

Were these young classicists perhaps following Plato's lead in his Symposium where he describes homosexual love is the highest kind? One secular historian cites letters between members of Westcott's clubs and refers to the "intensity" of a homosexual relationship between members (i.e. Arthur Sidgwick, Frederick Myers); he comments, "I think the homosexuality was not rare amongst young classicists. . .".

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—T.T.


I had in fact looked forward to a time of carefree retirement, but it came as an anti-climax when I stopped working and suddenly felt 'lost,' having always been active in the past! Some friends thought that I should overcome the boredom of retirement by doing locum (part-time work as a doctor). Others, concerned about my health, cautioned me to take it easy and not strain myself. But, surprisingly, the doctors at the Hospital gave me a clean bill of health! They assured me that all the tests done on me were normal, and once I recover from the hernia operation, I should be "as fit as a fiddle"! That was a relief, and I thanked God for giving me this new lease of life and health.

What then? Should I not, on balance, take this opportunity to relax and enjoy life while there is yet time? The answer is "No!" for my options are clear - I must need pay my father's vow which has remained unfulfilled until now! I have also realized that vows made before God are of grave import and should not be taken lightly. Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 gives a stern warning: "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay."

And so we come to the conclusion of the matter: I must not fail to pay my father's vow, for the Lord has graciously granted me life and health. There is work to be done, and I have to "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

May God grant me grace and strength to redeem the time and to serve Him faithfully to the end, fulfilling my father's vow. Amen.

—From New Life Newline

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 10 - 16, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets (Rev Tow)	\$9,356.00 (8.00 am); \$17,164.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1381(Chinese Ser); 21CRB \$30, \$300; Mersing \$20, \$100, \$420, \$136(Boxes), \$250, \$2250, \$400(YAF), \$530, \$500, \$1000; Robert Peh \$50; JJ Lim \$325, \$300; Church Choir \$200; Baraka B Conf \$100; Missions \$250, \$700, \$200; Seets \$150; Myanmar Orph \$100; Children's Ministry \$50; Sunday School \$50; JS Heng, Kenya B College \$20; Rev Stephen Khoo \$200; Rev Tow \$150; Ext of God's Kingdom \$50; Rev Djunaldi \$200; Medan(Dohar) \$50; Bee Choo \$100; Kuching Van \$5000(Chinese Ser).		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards (Dr J Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Family Ministry (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	(1) Thank you Lord for a big Hong Pow each year. Your abundance towards me is above and beyond what I expect. (\$50 to Mersing Project)		
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	(2) Thank you, Lord for the bountiful blessings that are given to me from the very day that you save me. (\$300 Mersing Youth Bible Camp, \$200 Jess & Nirand). —A Lifer		
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall	Mr Bong Bun Chong, preacher of BPC, Kuching is now supported by our Chinese Church. Photo shows him standing at entrance leading to an upstairs flat of a corner terrace house facing an open field. A bright and airy unit, it has two rooms and a big hall with seating for 50.		
	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah Hse			
SAT	2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 YAF			
	4.30 pm	Stephen Shiu & Charmian Ong			
		Wedding, Rev Tow			
SUN	8.00 am	The Endurance of Suffering (Rev Colin Wong)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	1.30 pm	AF			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Bl Timah, Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$536.00; Attendance: 358					
Verse for the Week: Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10					
Second 21 st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997) at Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office (Sun : 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Mon-Fri : 9:30 am to 5:30 pm). Priority registration for Lifers ends today.					
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9 March 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Eld George Tan
Opening Hymn	No. 24	No. 44
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 99	Psalms 84
Hymn	No. 134	No. 117
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 354	No. 262
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 5:1-6	Eph 4:17-32
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Warning Against the Rich Oppressors (Rev Colin Wong)	Christians are Different (Eld Chia Kim Chwee)
Closing Hymn	No. 346	No. 227
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

When Preacher Bong Bun Chong in Kuching requested S\$16,000 for a second-hand van, the Lord gave "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph 3:20). Our appeal was oversubscribed, so we've telexed him S\$25,000 to get a brand new one. (Giving to missions your Sing\$ is increased 4 times, for one such van in S'pore will touch 6 figures.) Praise the Lord, henceforth the Church and S.S. attendance will increase through the new mini-bus!

Supporting missions is after God's own heart, for it is putting the Go in the Gospel. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" is the spearhead of the Great Commission. And this is carried out by none other than Peter the chief of the Apostles. For though he brought 3,000 into the Kingdom at Pentecost, he did not settle down to build a big church, like some in S'pore who go for bigness, and bigger and bigger bigness. Peter went with John to Samaria, then to the coastal region, to Joppa and Caesarea. From there we trace his steps to Asia Minor, Corinth, and according to tradition, to Rome.

In the steps of the Apostles, we have striven from the beginning to go into all the world, while not neglecting the home base. And while we build up the main church we use her resources to keep missions going. Do you know where our missionaries are and what are they doing? Apart from Preacher

Bong and wife in charge of a Chinese Church in Kuching supported by our Chinese Service, we have:

- Nirand and Jess in Chiangmai
- Charles Seet and Frieda in the Philippines
- Roska in Batam, plus Suparti, and a kindergarten principal from Medan, and of late Ranto
- Haposan in Medan
- Yusniar in a house church, Jakarta
- John Ling and wife in Kuantan and Kemaman
- Thawm Luai and Andrew Kam in Burma
- Tanjung Uban supported by Chinese Church under Eld Sng
- Baraka in the Holy Land
- We give 16 scholarships to FEBC students.
- At Christmas we send part of our offerings to needy missionaries and missions in other parts of the world.

In the BP tradition, every church is her own missionary society. And our overhead is nil! Our Treasurer is the honorary administrative officer. In the West, a missionary society spends a sizeable portion of her income in administrative expenses, whether they like it or not.

And we must not forget Elder and Mrs Khoo, shuttling missionaries to Australia, particularly Melbourne. Then

there are our lay missionary and medical teams who visit the mission fields like Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia.

As these mission outreaches are maintained without a break throughout the year let us give the Treasury a boost, this Easter.

Now, our Djakarta Mission with Yusniar is the youngest of all. We have this report from her as follows:

On Feb 8th 1997 we had an outing at Taman Mini Indonesia Indah. Thank God we were

permitted to gather at the Catholic church compound there. The participants come from different churches. There were 11 of us including my children and myself. 3 of them are my English class students to whom I have witnessed every time we met in class. During the outing, we took sometime for gospel meeting and they were all very happy. Thank God one of the participants has come to our Sunday School on Feb 23rd 97 with another new friend.

Please pray that they will continue to come. Another good news I'd like to let you know is that last week on 17th Feb 97 a lady came to our house asking for prayer. She confessed that she has kept charm for nearly 2 years, and was ever brought to a bomo by her parents while she was young, hoping for protection by the charm wherever she goes. But instead of protection, she was caught in trouble after trouble and lost her peace.

She only realized it last week after I ministered to her for 1 year. I used to visit her every week. Thank God for answering prayer, that now she has taken a decision. She threw all the charms and accepted Christ to be her Lord and Saviour. She is actually a Catholic. She is married with 5 children. 3 of her children have come to our Sunday School. Please pray that God will save the whole house and continue to



protect her faith in Him. Her name is Flora originally comes from Medan following her husband to stay in Jakarta. A number of men and women I encountered this month as I go out witnessing, are still practising, the same thing though they attend their church regularly. People seems to so easily believe in superstition and their established church does not clearly show them the truth.

I feel burdened to help them liberate from this power of darkness.

We in Jakarta certainly need your prayers that God may use us to speak forth the Gospel more courageously and get them relieved as Flora has.

I believe God has a wonderful plan in Jakarta in and through us and in His time, He will bring all for His glory.

Far Eastern Kindergarten

Mrs Jacqueline Tan our principal is presenting a song through pupils of FEK at the 10.30 am service today that you may know FEK is a ministry of Life Church. It is a Christian kindergarten.

Keeping up with the times, the Chinese language lesson is increased to one hour everyday. The computer programme is approved by the MOE. There is also an enhanced reading programme for K1 and K2. Once a week there is a Bible story time by Miss Anne Wong, an FEBC graduate. The Red Porch with fresh air and sunshine is for Music and Movement. In teaching

arithmetic the Rigly Maths 2000 is used.

Pray for the principal and staff of FEK that their efforts in moulding young children in knowledge and nurture of the Lord may be blessed.

A Corrupt Tree Bringeth Forth Evil Fruit

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee" (Deut 18:10-12).



From the anathema pronounced by Moses on false prophets, the necromancer is listed with the witch and wizard; in our Malaysian context, with *bomohs* and *dukuns*. In Jesus' description they are corrupt trees that bring forth evil fruit, wolves in sheep's clothing.

In order to spread their lies of necromancy, Westcott in 1880, the final year of his life-long work on the Revised Version of 1881 (now a defunct version, for it is evil fruit from a corrupt tree), delivered a message on *The Communion of Saints*. Speaking from his experience of communicating with the dead he "chatters":

[It] is independent of limitations of space and time. We are learning with the help of many teachers the extent and the authority of the dominion which the dead have over us...It is becoming clear to us that we are literally parts of others and they of us...We are bidden to enter the unseen...[T]here are many worlds...There is one life which finds expression in many forms...[I]ndividual fellowship with the spiritual world is quickened and guided [on]...All Saints Day.

And there is no limit to this inspiring communion. It encompasses the living and the dead. It acknowledges no saddest necessity of outward separation as reaching the region in which it is...[A]ll that is personal is gathered up without loss of personality in One...

Westcott's using All Saints Day to hide his Halloween beliefs, sees it as "the occasion through which individual fellowship with the spirited world

is quickened and guided." This is no different from the pagan Chinese communicating with the "Hungry Ghosts of the Seventh Moon" when they are let loose from hell into the world, to whom sacrifices and burning of joss paper are made.

A fellow traveller with Westcott and Hort in the practice of necromancy is J B Philips, author of the *New Testament in Modern English*. This took place during a period of his life in which he became horribly despondent when darkness fell. In his biography J B Philips talks of his ghostly experiences:

Many of us who believe in what is technically known as the Communion of Saints must have experienced the sense of nearness, for a fairly short time, of those we love soon after they have died. This has certainly happened to me several times. But the late C.S. Lewis whom I did not know very well and had seen in the flesh once, but with whom I had corresponded a fair amount, gave me an unusual experience. A few days after his death, while I was watching television, he 'appeared' sitting in a chair within a few feet of me and spoke a few words which were particularly relevant to the difficult circumstances through which I was passing. He was ruddier in complexion than ever, grinning all over his face and as the old fashioned saying has it, positively glowing in health. The interesting thing to me was that I had not been thinking about him at all. I was neither alarmed or surprised...He was just there...larger than life and twice as natural. A week later, this time when I was in bed, reading before going to sleep, he appeared again, even more rosiy radiant than before and reported to me at the time. I was a little puzzled and mentioned it to a saintly Bishop...His reply was, 'My dear J.B., this sort of thing is happening all the time'.

So the ghost of C S Lewis visited J B Philips 3 times! Such encounters between living and dead is, as stated by Moses, an abomination to the Lord, because it is a trick from the Master of Deception. Seeing J B Philip's mental wave length is calibrated to the infernal regions, the Deceiver hallucinates him with the 'appearance' of C S Lewis, and further entices Philip to call it the "communion of saints."

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 17 - 23, '97)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON FEBC Vacation/No evening lecture		\$7,692.00 (8.00 am); \$15,463.25 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg; Korean Chorus, Sanctuary	OFFERINGS FOR: 21CRB \$150; <i>Mersing Project</i> \$100, \$150, \$300, \$100, \$50, \$50, \$1500, \$550 (Kebaktian Indonesia), \$500, \$100; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$200, \$30, \$70, \$400; <i>Batam</i> \$50; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$200, \$300; <i>Seets</i> \$200; <i>Gospel Rally</i> \$100; <i>Sembawang Ch Bldg Fund</i> \$2000, \$1000; <i>China Mission</i> \$160; <i>China-Chinese Bibles</i> \$50; <i>Jack Sin</i> \$300; <i>Thailand</i> \$200; <i>Philippines</i> \$200; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$100; <i>Bee Choo</i> \$100, \$200; <i>Missions</i> \$150, \$200; <i>Africa</i> \$140; <i>FEBC</i> \$200; <i>Thailand(Jess)</i> \$1000; <i>Kim Kah Teck</i> \$500; <i>Hendro</i> \$200; <i>Suresh(FEBC)</i> \$50.
WED 7.30 pm	<i>Westminster Standards</i> (Dr J Khoo)	
THU-SUN 8.00 pm	Korean Revival Mtg, Sanctuary	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
THU 7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal/No evening lecture	
THU-SAT	YAF Retreat	(1) Praying still, not just for peace in this Land of God, but even more for the salvation of Israel, both Jews and Palestinians. Praying, waiting earnestly for the natural olive branches to be grafted back into their own olive tree (Rom 11).
SAT 2.00 pm	Alvin Tan & Shirley Choo Wedding, Rev Tow	
	2.30 pm LTF/YF; 3.30 LBC	(2) All praise and glory to God for my successful exam results. Psalm 75:6-7. (\$500 for FEBC Gospel Rally)
PALM SUN 8.00 am	<i>The Prayer of a Righteous Man</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	
	9.30 am Sunday School	Life BP Church Directory 1997. Members please collect your copy at the FEBC Bookroom today, from 9.30 - 10.30 am and 12.00 - 12.30 pm.
	9.30 am Catechism Class, Beulah House	
	10.30 am Rev Tow	Second 21 st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997) at Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office (Sun : 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, Mon-Fri : 9.30 am to 5.30 pm).
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	10.30 am Children's Choir Practice	
	10.40 am Church Choir Practice	
	12.00 pm Burmese Service	
	12.30 pm Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC	
	3.00 pm Thai Service	
	4.00 pm Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service	
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.		
Sunday School Offering: \$646.65; Attendance: 375		
Verse for the Week: <i>For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.</i> Isaiah 41:13		



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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. 31	<i>There's a Church...</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 90	Eph 6:10-20
Hymn	No. 411	No. 412
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 418	Roman Verses 40, 41
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 5:7-12	Rom 7:14-25
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Endurance of Suffering</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>The Law of Holy Tension</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 355	No. 401
Benediction		

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Evangelise or Fossilise"

That FEBC should hold a Gospel Campaign not once a year, but every semester, is the best thing that comes to the College. "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov 11:30) has involved not only FEBC but also the young people of Life Church, both English and Chinese. Special gospel tracts, 23,000 in all, have been distributed with invitations to Gilstead Rd. This brought 350 to fill the main auditorium.

Well thought out preparation is seen in the printing of a programme booklet with songs in both English and Chinese and Scripture text. Cards for first-time visitors were filled that the Church might make further contact, while books published by FEBC Press were presented in exchange. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

So the Campaign started promptly Mar 8, Saturday evening 7.30 pm. Joshua Khoo of Kelapa Sawit chaired with Bee Choo as interpreter. Lai Swee Huat of Galilee gave testimony of his conversion. Singing items were presented by FEBC students from 4 nations, from Life Chinese Choir, from Life YF and YAF, and Deborah Mae. Rev Tan Eng Boo spoke solemnly on *Life after Death*, ably interpreted by Rev Kim Kah Teck. Three hands were raised to receive Christ as Saviour, with inquiries made after the service.

"Evangelise or fossilise!"

The whole church needs to be shaken loose every now and then through such an evangelistic exercise. How glad we are to see members bringing their unsaved loved ones and friends to hear the Word — a good many came from other BPCs. How glad we are also to see a new generation arising to lead in every department of the Church.

Chinese Ascendancy

There is a lively spirit striving in our Chinese-speaking congregation. We see it in the Young Adults Fellowship, in the Choir, in a group involved in missions led by Elder and Mrs Sng.

It is heart-warming to note how several who go out often for the Lord have been ministering in South Johore, Tanjung Uban and Kemaman. The adoption of Kuching since February and the acquiring of a new Gospel van for the local church marks a great leap forward for our Chinese-speaking brethren.

Simultaneous with the soon launching of the Mersing project is the evangelistic outreach in our planning. For Mersing is no more a sleepy village as in previous days, but a thriving tourist centre with a new city rising that will house a thousand homes. Our evangelists to a new town in the making must necessarily be bilingual. Here, we will need our Chinese-speaking comrades

as never before. Pray that more of the Chinese educated will join FEBC.

Rev Stephen Khoo

A 'total' invitation has come from Bethel BPC, Melbourne to Rev and Mrs Stephen Khoo to pastor a growing flock of 150. In answer to their appeal and with the blessing of Life Church the Khoos will take on this new job in the Lord's vineyard downunder for an initiatory period of three years, commencing July 1, 97. The Khoos will meet a most urgent need, as the Church has been without a resident minister for a decade. Their going to Melbourne will not be limited to that city, but calls will come from other BPCs, such as one now about to organise in Sydney. Then there is Adelaide 'nearby.' We pray for our brother's quick success in his concluding studies in US that, as scheduled, he might return by June. Stephen is a product of FEBC. Since his graduation he has given his best services also to the alma mater.

"Clean Hands and a Pure Heart" (Psalm 24)

In this Psalm of David, who can speak better than the "man after his own heart" that those who serve the Lord must be consecrated men, born again and sanctified, fit for the Master's use.

We have been horrified to discover that Westcott and Hort who subtly attacked the KJV by cutting out the passage of the woman taken in adultery (Jn 7:53-8:11), the Doctrine of the Trinity (I Jn 5:7), etc., etc., are "false teachers," (II Pet 2:1).

After W&H, the only other available printed edition of the Greek text are the United Bible Society's Greek New Testament (UBSGNT) and Nestle's. These are also anti-KJV. These are for Westcott and Hort (UBSGNT 4th ed. p.viii). As for Nestle, he depises the Textus Receptus to be the poorest form of the New Testament text." And Nestle's is based "on the edition of Tischendorf, West-Hort ed. Weymouth" (Nestle's 26th ed. p.39). Although later editions were toward an eclectic text, the vestiges of W&H remain. The UBSGNT editions persist to cut out the woman taken in adultery passage (Jn 7:53-8:11). This stand is taken by the NIV, so NIV is a grandchild of W&H.

Modern Westcotts and Hort

Today's handlers of God's sacred Book must also be holy men of God. But are they of the United Bible Societies upon which many modern versions are based? David W Cloud exposes the

unbelief of three modern Westcotts and Hort. They are Carlo Martini, Eugene Nida, Bruce Metzger.

1. Carlo Martini

Carlo Martini (1908-) is the R.C. Archbishop of Milan. He is Professor of N.T. Textual Criticism at the Pontifical Bible Institute in Rome. *Time* magazine Dec 26, 1996 listed him as a possible candidate in line for the papacy. Another *Time* article reported that Martini brought together 100 religious leaders from around the world to promote a new age, one-world religion.

Can Protestants use a Roman Catholic edited Bible, tainted with new age ideas?

2. Eugene Nida

Eugene Nida (1914-) is the father of the dynamic equivalency theory of Bible translation. As to his view of Bible inspiration, Nida says, "...God's revelation involved limitations. ...Biblical revelation is not absolute and all divine revelation is essentially incarnational. ...Even if a truth is given only in words, it has no real validity until it has been translated into life. ...The words are in a sense nothing in and of themselves. ...the word is void unless related to experience" (Nida, *Message and Mission*, p. 222-228).

What a stark contrast with the sublimest statement on the absolute supremacy of Scripture by Dean Burgon of Oxford whose declaration on Scripture is adopted for FEBC's oath. Burgon was an invincible critic of Westcott and Hort, whose 640p. book *The Revision Revise* was never answered, least today by Eugene Nida.

3. Bruce Metzger

Metzger, Professor of Princeton, and of the American Bible Society, is head of the continuing RSV translation committee of the apostate National Council of Churches in USA. The RSV was condemned for its modernism, 1952 by the ICC.

Metzger's twisted view on the inspiration of Scripture receives this comment from David Cloud:

Bruce Metzger is a Liberal. He piously claims on one hand that the Bible is the inspired Word of God; but out of the other side of the mouth he claims the Bible is filled with myth and lies. He denies the Bible's history, its miracles, and its authorship, while, in true liberal style, declaring that this denial does not do injustice to the Word of

God, for, he tells us, the Bible is not "written for history but for religion" and is not to be read "with a dull prosaic and literalistic mind"!

Metzger has been called an Evangelical by some who should know better, but upon the authority of the man's own writings, I declare that Bruce Metzger is an unbeliever. He is a false teacher. He is apostate. He is a heretic. Those are all Bible terms. Having studied many of the man's works, I am convinced those are the terms which must be applied to him. One Baptist writer defended Metzger to me with these words—"he did write a superb pamphlet in 1953 refuting the Jehovah's Witnesses and defending the full and absolute deity of Christ." Even the Pope of Rome defends the full and absolute deity of Christ. A man can defend the deity of Christ and still be a false teacher. A man who denies the written Word also denies the Living Word. They stand or fall together. If the Bible contains error, Christ was a liar. If Christ is perfect Truth, so is the Bible.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (II Peter 2:1).

"Whose Faith Follow" (Heb 13:7)

The Lord suddenly called home Elder Seow Chong Pin, 70, from NUH, Monday, March 10, 97, 3.15 pm to the great sorrow of his beloved wife Madam Beh Siew Kiang. He is Elder not only of our English service but also of the Chinese where he takes a more active role. He is greatly missed by all of us. He has left behind a faith for us to follow.

I have known Elder Seow after his marriage in the early Prinsep Street days. Mrs Seow brought him to Church regularly. He listened intently to the sermons. One day, he came to me and said, "Pastor, now I know I am saved!"

From Geylang the Seows moved to Sembawang at 95 Nemesu Ave. After visiting them there we felt led to request them to open their new home to start our first branch Sunday School. They enthusiastically complied. This was Jan 20, 1957.

Out of the Sunday School Rev Bob Phee was called and a church was developed at 9 Kalidasa in the nearby Teachers Estate. Today from Kalidasa has sprung a Moriah BPC, now in the course of construction, costing nearly \$10 million, land and house. Under Rev Phee the Sembawang BPC group has planted churches in North Thailand,

West Africa and Saipan. Through these outreaches our Elder is surely speaking of the Saviour he had found at Prinsep Street. "Whose faith follow." Amen. —T.T.

Testimony of Rose Tow

The Lord has blessed me richly. In 1986 when I was 63 years old, I had angina pains. For two years, I was under medication. I also had other health problems such as hypertension, diabetic mellitus and needed insulin injections twice a day. At that time I had already had three other operations. Thank the Lord for His grace and mercy to me.

In 1988, after various tests, I was told that three of my coronary arteries had severely narrowed and a triple bypass was needed. I was worried and afraid and prayed to God to give me strength to go through the major operation. I asked Dr Cheng Wei Nien to pray for me when he visited me in the hospital before the operation. The night before, my family gathered around me and we prayed together fervently to God. That night, I put my faith in the Lord and He took charge of my life and my mind was blissfully at peace. By God's grace and mercy, the surgery was successful and there were no complications.

On the second day when I was still in ICU, I could sit up, which shocked everyone. I was also in fine spirit and experienced a strong desire to get on with life. Recovery was smooth and speedy and within a month I was walking to Cold Storage. Praise the Lord! His mercy endureth forever.

—from Maranatha Messenger

Step by Step

God does not lead me year by year,
nor even day by day.
But step by step my path unfolds
as He directs my way.
Tomorrow's plan I do not know,
I only know this hour,
and Him who bids me walk each step,
supports me by His power.
And when I'm glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear.
And when tomorrow comes,
His grace will far exceed my care.
What need I worry then, or fret?
My Lord who gave His Son
holds all my moments in His hands
and gives them one by one.

Octogenarian Sylvea Wong

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 24 - 30, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets, Rev Tow	\$5,636.00 (8.00 am); \$15,316.25 (10.30 am)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: 21CRB \$100; Mersing Project \$50, \$200, \$170(Coinafon), \$100(Boxes), \$36(Boxes), \$1000, \$400; Deborah's singing ministry \$100; Kenya Ch Van Fund \$500; Missions \$50; Myanmar Orph \$100, \$250; Kenya Life Bible Sch \$50, \$20; Medan Orph \$250; Children's Ministry \$275; Missionaries & Mersing Project \$7000; YF \$100; Rev Tow \$1000; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Loving Memory of Eld Seow \$3000; FEBC Needy Students \$600.
WED	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	
THU	8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Maundy Thurs. Service/ No evening lecture	
FRI	8.00 pm	COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Rev Tow, Lord's Supper)	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	
SUN	7.00 am	COMBINED EASTER SUNRISE BAPTISMAL SERVICE (Rev Tow)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
	9.00 am	Easter Breakfast (No Sunday School)	(1) To God be the glory, great things He has done. . . all praise and thanks be to God for His unfailing faithfulness, both in life and in death — for His tender mercies towards my dad during his illness and at time of death. Indeed, "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	We are also most grateful for God's comfort and sustaining grace during our bereavement and especially for the resulting conversion of the two remaining unsaved members of our family (my brother and his son) together with the family's domestic help (who converted from R.C.). Truly "all things work together for good. . . All praise and glory be to God whose mercies are from everlasting to everlasting. —A thankful heart
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser	
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah.			
Sunday School Offering: \$666.80; Attendance: 342			
Verse for the Week: <i>Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, . . . fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.</i> Isaiah 51:7			
Infant Baptism. Register with Church Office by Tues, 25 March (Tel: 2569 256). Second 21st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997) at Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office (Sun : 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Mon-Fri : 9:30 am to 5:30 pm).			Life BP Church Directory 1997. Members please collect your copy outside the FEBC Bookroom today, from 9.30 - 10.30 am and 12.00 - 12.30 pm.



Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine . . . Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise (Jn 21:12,13). So do we enjoy Easter Breakfast under the palm trees after worshipping the Risen Saviour. "Come and dine!"



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

Call to Worship	8.00 am	10.30 am
Opening Hymn	Eld Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Invocation-Gloria Patri	No. 42	<i>All Hail the Power</i>
Responsive Reading	Psalms 145	Psalms 150
Hymn	No. 353	<i>Hallelujah!</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 362	No. 33
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	James 5:13-20	Matt 21:1-16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Prayer of a Righteous Man</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Hosanna to the Lowly King</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 451	No. 540
Benediction		

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"Why do we celebrate Palm Sunday?"

Today is Palm Sunday. It is the Sunday that introduces Holy Week, the last week of Jesus' life on earth. On Palm

Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey. The whole city came out to greet Him. The children sang Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, meaning 'Save, we pray,' is uttered to God and King. This offended the Jewish leaders who rejected

Jesus. But we sing Hosanna today in the spirit of the children of Jerusalem. Today's Service is a service of Praise in the Highest. God Almighty is pleased to receive our praises, "the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his Name" (Heb 13:15). For Jesus is "King of kings, Lord of Lords" (Rev 19:16), who will come again, no more riding a donkey, a symbol of humble service, but on a white horse (Rev 19:11) to subdue all His enemies. Without Hosannas in the Highest, it seems something is lacking, though we celebrate Good Friday (His Death) and Easter (His Resurrection).

Holy Tuesday

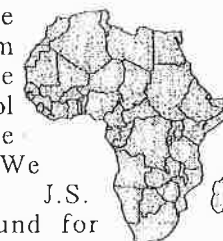
We celebrate also Holy Tuesday, since that's our weekly Prayer Meeting night. We bring to remembrance this special

Tuesday night, some event that took place during Holy Week. This year, we set aside the praying time for Missions. For, with the consummation of His saving work, dying to pay for our sins and rising for our justification, our Lord sends forth His disciples to tell the good news — even to the ends of the earth. Every year should see our Church making new advance.

Channel Spring Water to Bible School

Heng Jee Seng, having studied 5 years at FEBC, will receive his Bachelor of Rel. Ed., June, '97. Mid-April he is returning to Kenya in the mountains to supervise the building of a Bible School named after Life. To this Bible School we have given US\$2,000. But more costly is WATER. Up in the hills it is up to you to find water. Praise the Lord, news has just been received that the Bible School directors have struck water at a nearby foothill. A spring is discovered! But it costs US\$1,200 to lay 50 long pipes to channel the life-giving water in. Has the Lord given you waters of everlasting life to drink? What

is it to give back to Him that the Bible School might have drink? We commend J.S. Heng, bound for



Africa, to your prayerful support.

"I don't think I need to keep more than what I need for my future."

Last Saturday week there came to the Pastor's hand a POSB cheque for \$7,000 with this short note: "The Lord has indeed poured out abundantly material blessings upon me, and although I'm not a millionaire, I don't think I need to keep more than what I will need for the future. Please kindly disburse the attached God's finance to the following, the amount for each according to their needs as you know best. (This list is taken from reading a recent Weekly, which includes the Mersing Project).

May the Lord bless you with excellent health. God Bless."

Pastoral Note. From the list, we should (Session will decide) invite over half dozen to attend the 2nd 21st Century Reformation Missions Conference in Malacca, June 2-6, 97 that they may be fired with a new zeal to serve the Lord, till He comes. What remains goes to build up the Mersing Project as stipulated. Thank you, Sister, for setting the congregation a good example. You have added to our "Accelerated Missions."

Mersing Rendezvous

Thursday Mar 20 we had a meeting with Rev John Ling at the Mersing seaside where our Land is. We drove up and he drove down. This was his first time to view the land. He was full of praises to the Lord. The Kindergarten is registered at last as SELAMAT. He will get it equipped while he looks for a teacher. The English Service in Kemaman has grown spiritually and is seeking self-support from the Chinese Church. (The English Service was founded by John Ling, unrelated to the Chinese Church.) Kuantan is open to youth camp any time. Capacity: 20. Ring: 0209-567-1489.

"Death in the Pot" (II Kings 4:40)

By revising the Received Text on which the KJV is founded, Westcott and Hort had put "death in the pot." From Benjamin C. Wilkinsons *Our Authorised Bible Vindicated in Which Bible?* edited by David Otis Fuller (Grand Rapids International Publications, 1975) we discover that W&H were:

- I. Destructive Higher Critics, refuting Inspiration of the Bible.
- II. Friends of Darwin and Evolutionists
- III. Worshippers of Mary

From their correspondence with loved ones and friends these are what they said.

I. Writing to Rev Rowland Williams, Oct 21, 1858, Hort said, "Further I agree with them [authors of *Essays and Reviews*] in condemning many specific doctrines of the popular theology...Evangelicals seem to me perverted rather than untrue. There are I fear, still more serious differences between us on the subject of authority, and especially authority of the Bible.

II. Writing to Rev John Ellerton, Apr 3, 1860 Hort said, "But the book which has most engaged me is Darwin. Whatever may be thought of it, it is a book that one is proud to be contemporary with...My feeling is strong that the theory is unanswerable. If so it opens up a new period."

Westcott writes to the Archbishop of Canterbury on Old Testament criticism, Mar 4, 1890: "No one now, I suppose, holds that the first three chapters of Genesis, for example, give a literary history — I could never understand how anyone reading them with open eyes could think they did."

Hort writes to Mr John Ellerton: "I am inclined to think that no such state as 'Eden' (I mean the popular notion) ever existed..."

III. Westcott writes from France to his fiancée, 1847: "After leaving the monastery, we shaped our course to a little oratory which we discovered on the summit of a neighbouring hill ... Fortunately we found the door open. It is very small, with one kneeling place; and behind a screen was a 'Pieta' the size of life [i.e. a Virgin holding a dead Christ] ... Had I been alone I could have knelt there for hours."

Hort writes to Westcott, Oct 17, 1865: "I have been persuaded for many years that Mary-worship and Jesus-worship have very much in common in the causes and their results."

The unregenerate hands of Westcott and Hort have brewed DEATH IN THE POT in Bible-revision. For they are no doubt destructive higher critics, Darwinians and evolutionists, Mariolaters. "But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves" (Jude 10). —T.T.

Mrs Seow Chong Pin and family wish to thank members for their prayer support and encouragement during their recent bereavement.

REPORT ON THE FILIPINO/FILIPINA FELLOWSHIP Eduardo V Morante

I started helping in the Filipino/Filipina Fellowship in 1995. At that time the average attendance was about 8 to 12 every Sunday. Since then, there has been a steady growth in attendance. I thank and praise God for the increase. Currently, at the 12.30 pm Fellowship there are about 15 to 25, depending on their day-off. Most of them are allowed by their employers who are attending the Korean service. Their employers let them attend the fellowship because of their change of behaviour for the better. Their employers are very kind to them. They testify to changed lives and answered prayers. This Easter morning, 30 March, four Filipinas will be baptized.

Last year I started the 10.30 am Bible study group with only five people. Today the average attendance is between ten to fifteen. Last Sunday, 8 March, when I extended the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, six people responded by raising their hands. Three of them are staying in Beulah House. They are working in a hospital.

Last year I also started the "Basic Theology for Everyone" course. Fifteen people registered for the course. Out of this number ten Filipinas have successfully completed the course. During the award giving ceremony cum Christmas celebration, fifty people who attended the ceremony heard the gospel. In addition to the celebration, we started the programme, "Operation Philip," that is, each person is encouraged to bring a friend to the Fellowship. For those who invite their friends they will receive the Thomson Reference Bible. Three Filipinas received the Bible for having invited more than three friends. Those who had invited one or two friends received consolation prizes.

Some of the housemaids were blessed who applied successfully to work in other countries. There are two who are now in Canada, one in Cyprus and another in Hong Kong. These former members are now receiving three to four times the salary they got in Singapore.

In closing, I would like to encourage Lifers to allow their housemaids to attend the fellowship.

(Pastor's Advice: God will bless you if you give your maids the Sabbath they deserve on the Lord's Day. Why miss the blessing by our disobedience to the IV Commandment?)

Farewell from Rev Stephen Khoo

Dear fellow brethren,

I greet you all in the matchless Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who has the best things for us all every time, and everything works together for His glory and the accomplishment of His plan and purpose.

It is difficult for us to write this letter to you because we will be leaving Life. We came to Life at the invitation of Rev Tow with the unanimous support of the Session about two years ago. In this short time Hong and I have come to know you and love you. We have enjoyed your fellowship, your care and concern for us, and our experience has been an enriching one in many ways. How we wish our years of service in life could have been longer. But God has opened a door for us to minister to the saints in Bethel Melbourne, co-labouring with Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Senior Pastor of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Churches. Life Session has deliberated and recommended a full release. As a student presently studying the sovereign will of God, I learn that God works ALL things perfectly well. The knowledge of this divine truth has made it easier for us to make the decision to respond to the Macedonian call from Australia.

Hong and I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and kindness, your love, care and concern. Please continue to uphold us before the Lord Jesus Christ to whom be all praise, glory and honour.

The peace of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Thank you.

With love in Christ, Stephen and Hong

The Wise Sayings of the Seven Wise Men of Greece

1. Know thyself.
2. Remember the end.
3. Be surety and ruin is at hand.
4. Most men are bad.
5. The mean is best.
6. Know the proper season.
7. Practice is everything.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 31 - Apr 6, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets, Rev Tow	\$6,696.00 (8.00 am); \$12,433.00 (10.30 am)		
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	OFFERINGS FOR: Mersing Project \$600, \$2000, \$5000		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg/Korean Chorus, Sanctuary	(Sunday School), \$200 (thru pastor's hand); MsF \$50; YF \$50;		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards, Dr J Khoo	Yiew PS \$50; Rev Stephen Khoo \$100; Yangon Orph \$100;		
THU	7.30 pm	Family Ministry, Dr Goh Seng Fong	Kenya Water Tank \$50; Kenya Water Pipes \$50; Rev		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Djunaidi \$300; Baraka BPC \$300; Baraka Hostel \$200; J		
	2.30 pm	Emmanuel Baptist Church Wedding	Davenport \$100; Eld Khoo PK \$100; Batam \$50(LF); Needy		
SUN	8.00 am	Anger (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)	FEBC Students \$600; Extn of the Gospel \$3000. In lieu of		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	Lilies for Mrs Nancy Tow: US\$50.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	(1) Please channel my Easter offering of \$775		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	to the following — Medan orphanage \$250,		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Myanmar Orphanage \$250, Children's Ministry		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	\$275. "Jesus said, Suffer little children, and		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 19:14).		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser	(2) May I offer this small token for our China		
NBC This Week. Wed Bishan, Bt Batok.			mission. Thank you. —Lifer (\$160)		
Sunday School Offering: \$688.75; Attendance: 355			(3) May I thank God for all His grace, mercies		
Verse for the Week: <i>Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:25</i>			and love upon my family everyday.		
Invitation is open for church members who are interested in Sunday School teaching. The Sunday School Teachers' Training Course will be organised from 20 April to 17 Aug. Please see Mr Vincent Goh (Registrar) to obtain the application form.			(4) Praise God from whom all blessings flow. This is a small token for all that God has done for me and my family. Amen.		
			Please collect your copy of the Life BP Church Directory 1997 from the FEBC Bookroom during its opening hours.		
			Welcome to Life Church, Miss Lim Siew Choo, our new FEK Principal!		

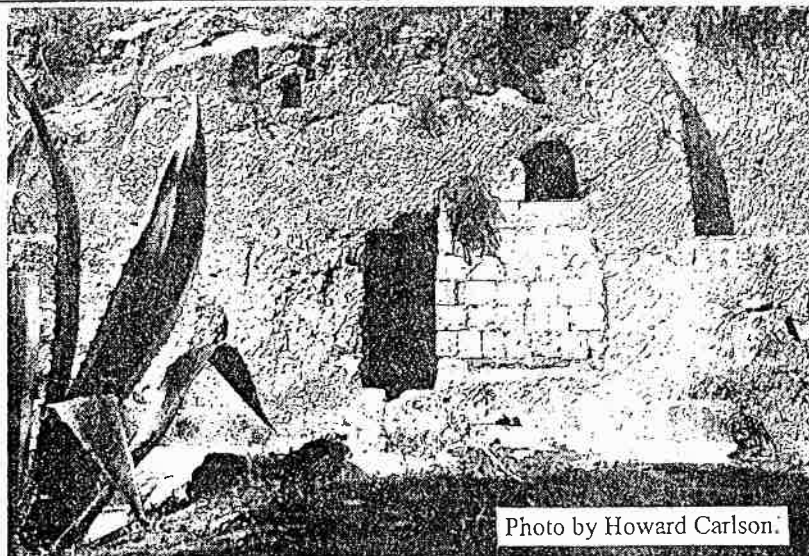


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And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. Matthew 28:5-7



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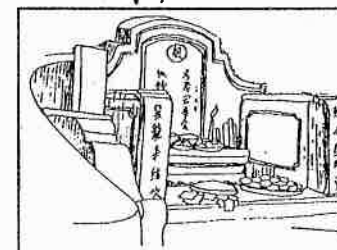
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PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

The Chinese equivalent to Easter is Ching Ming (清明) or (Cheng Beng, which means



Bright and Clear). In China with her four seasons, this is springtime, bright and clear, but the irony of it is it can only spell gloom and sadness, as

members of the family go "to sweep their ancestor's grave." Wishing the beloved departed long life and yet not knowing how, they shape the abode of the dead after the tortoise, a long-living animal.

I am writing to the non-Christian parents of some of our members. Cheng Beng to us Christians is truly bright and clear. Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins, has risen from the dead. No more is the tomb a sealed chamber of the dead. It is wide open, for Jesus, having conquered death, came out of it early Easter Sunday morning. Hence our early Easter Sunrise Service and the songs of rejoicing that we sing! Jesus says, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25,26). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

The Power of Tract Distribution

23,000 Gospel tracts from our recent writing contest were distributed, inviting questions from Readers. Who do you think responded? Several were from the university, and one from a Japanese lady-visitor to Singapore, posting hers from Japan. Our tract on Death was one that touched every soul yearning for Everlasting Life. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it

shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa 55:11).

One book written by Pastor Tow that has been readily received by the public is *Coming World Events Unveiled*, an exposition of Revelation. It is now out of print. It is especially enlightening to troubled souls in these troublous end-times. Who would give towards a 2nd printing, so we can freely send to our leaders, etc.? This is power of Tract Distribution and more!

Troublous Events in Israel that must lead to Christ's Second Coming

Again suicide bombing has rocked Israel. According to prophecy more troubles will come. But the present peace process will continue until the end-time World Ruler causes a Peace Treaty to be signed. But this lasts only 3½ years—then the War of wars (Dan 9:27). Here are three prophecies from Zechariah:

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in

righteousness. Zech 8:2-8

And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. Zech 13:8,9

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. . .

And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of

them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. . .

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. Zech 14:1-4, ...8,9...16

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Rev 20:4

Dear Reader, when Christ returns to judge the world and to reward His servants, how will you face up to Him? Will you be counted to enter His Kingdom or will you be rejected? The wisest choice now, while it is yet day, is to serve Him. And He is the best paymaster. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:33). Amen. —T.T.

MESSAGES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL TO JUNE 1997 (8.00 AM SERVICE)

Theme: *Putting Off the Old Self—A Sign of Spiritual Maturity*

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
APR 6	Anger	Col 3:1-14	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat	Elder Geoffrey Tan
13*	Hypocrisy	Matt 23:1-7	Rev Colin Wong	Elder George Tan
20	Backbiting	Gal 5:1-15	Rev Colin Wong	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
27	Filthy Communication	Eph 4:17-32	Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo	Dn George Tan
MAY 4	Ingratitude	Lk 17:11-19	Rev Colin Wong	Dn Ong Eng Lam
11*	Idolatry	I Pet 4:1-3	Rev Colin Wong	Dn Wee Chin Kam
18	Flattery	Job 32:1-22	Rev Colin Wong	Elder Tan Nee Keng
25	Pride	Proverbs 6:16-19	Msnr Charles Seet	Elder Geoffrey Tan
JUNE 1	Lying	Acts 5:1-11	Pastor Jack Sin	Elder George Tan
8*	Revenge	Rom 12:9-21	Rev Colin Wong	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
15	Self-Will	2 Sam 24:1-25	Rev Dr Timothy Tow	Rev Dr Timothy Tow
22	Covetousness	Joshua 7:1-26	Rev David Yan	Rev Colin Wong
29	Hatred	Gal 5:16-21	Rev Colin Wong	Dn John Hoe

*Lord's Supper

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor 5:17).

This Poem was found on the body of a dead American soldier at Normandy in Europe during WWII.

Look, God, I have never spoken to You
But now, I want to say "How do You do?"
You see, God, they told me You didn't exist
And like a fool - I believed all of this.
Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky,
I figure right then they had told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see the things You made,
I'd had known they weren't calling a spade
a spade.
I wonder, God, if You will shake my hand?
Somehow - I feel that You will understand.
Funny, I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had the time to see Your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say
But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today.
But I'm not afraid since I know You're near
I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here.
The signal - well, God, I'll have to go
I like You a lot - this I want You to know.
Who knows - I may come to Your house
tonight.
Though I wasn't friendly with you before,
I wonder, God, if You will wait at Your door?
Look - I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!
I wish I'd had known you these many years.
Well, I will have to go now, God, - goodbye.
Strange - since I met You I'm not afraid to die.

Question: Have you come to a place in your life where you can say you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?

—from Christian Reader, Grace BPC

Only His Love Can Make Us Kind

—Sylvea Wong—

Great is the power of might or mind
But only His love can make us kind
And all we are or hope to be
Is empty pride and vanity
If love is not a part of all
The greatest man is very small.
The one who never had a scar
From His mercies he stands afar
They who lack feelings for another
Are like the cold frosts of winter
Great is the power of might and mind
But only His love can make us kind.

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Choo Yih Shin, Jeremiah
s/o Mr & Mrs Choo Boon Hwee
02. Choong Guo Yao, Sean
s/o Mr & Mrs Choong Chan Yong
03. Khoo May Lynn
d/o Rev Dr & Mrs Jeffrey Khoo
04. Lau Sung En, Ernest
s/o Mr & Mrs Lau Shun Yin Ben
05. Lin Jian En, Shawn
s/o Mr & Mrs Kelvin Lin
06. Ng Jeanne, Sarah
d/o Mr & Mrs Ng Tien Ho
07. Phang Shu Fen, Josephine
d/o Dr & Mrs Jonathan Phang Siung King
08. Poon Yi Cheng, Julian
d/o Mr & Mrs Poon Wing Hong Victor
09. Tan Ing Chih, Christie
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Kwang Meng

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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| 01. Chan Wei Keong, Daniel | Student |
| 02. Chan Wei Mun, Samuel | Student |
| 03. Chin Yingwei, Esther | Student |
| 04. Seng Kiat Boon, Daniel | Lecturer |

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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| 05. Chew Chioo Dorcas | Laundry Assistant |
| 06. Choo Kim Lan, Janet | Nursing Officer |
| 07. Ichwan Juswan Djaja | Sr Software Engineer |
| 08. Kwek Boon Piew, Byron | Student |
| 09. Low Geok Pin | Teacher |
| 10. Morante Villaceran Eduardo | FEBC Student |
| 11. Ong Sui Bee, Monica | Local Missionary |
| 12. Tan Puay Puay | Executive Offr |
| 13. Tan Tong Seng, Desmond | FEBC Student |
| 14. Tay Lih Sun, Paul | Draughtsman |
| 15. Wong Leong Hong, Raymond | Unemployed |

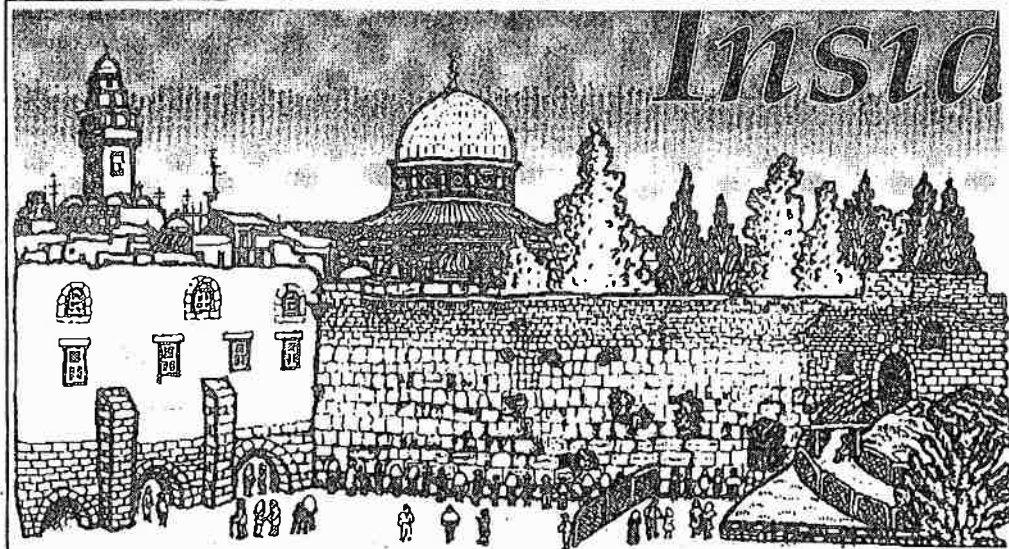
BAPTISM

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| 16. Costelo Ma Lourdes, Acuin | Domestic Helper |
| 17. Kie Hwee Ching, Deborah | Student |
| 18. Low Wee Choo | CNB Senior Officer |
| 19. Liew Li Pin | Student |
| 20. Lorenzo Castillo Marie Phaz | Domestic Helper |
| 21. Maribel Avecilla | Domestic Helper |
| 22. Ong Sock Hoon, Lena | Manager |
| 23. Petines Imelda Jose | Domestic Helper |
| 24. Pan Jiun Yit | Student |
| 25. Pak Kathy | Unemployed |
| 26. Quan Swee Poh, Winnie | Child Care Teacher |
| 27. Yeo Siew Meng, Roland | Business Manager |

CHINESE SERVICE

01. Seah Cheng Khoon (Baptism)
02. Watt Lai Kheng (Baptism)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 7 - 13, '97)		GOOD FRIDAY OFFERINGS: \$16,673.00
MON 7.30 pm	Minor Prophets, Rev Tow	OFFERINGS FOR: 21CRB \$30; Kenya BS Water Fund \$100; Missionaries \$100; Baraka BPC \$50; Setsuko \$200; JJ Lim \$200.
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	
WED 7.30 pm	Westminster Standards, Dr J Khoo	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$51,978.00
THU 7.30 pm	Family Ministry, Dr Goh Seng Fong	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$3700; 21CRB \$110; Mersling Project \$1000, \$5000, \$100, \$20, \$310, \$72; Medan \$100; Kuantan \$50; Chlangmai \$50; Extn of God's Kingdom \$200; RPG \$200; MsF \$200; Tan Bee Choo \$200; Holy Land/Baraka BPC \$2500, \$100, \$50, \$50, \$500, \$70, \$350; Robert Peh \$70; Missions \$100; Kenya LB Sch \$100, \$50, \$50 (Boxes), \$2000 (Pipe-laying); P'plnes \$200; JJ Lim \$200; Seets \$150, \$150, \$600; Yiew PS \$200; L'don New Life \$100; JS Heng M'sry Africa \$270, \$680; Robyn Stone \$600; Safe arrival \$145; Printing of Revelation \$2000.
FRI 7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah Hse	
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Next Lord's Day, Missionary F'ship Mtg at 12.15 pm, FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Colin Wong. Topic: "Wherever you go, God has a place of service for you." Please collect your copy of the Life BP Church Directory 1997 from the FEBC Bookroom during its opening hours. Sunday School Teachers' Training Course, 20 Apr to 17 Aug. Interested, please obtain application form from Mr Vincent Goh. Mr Goh Kwang Liang, 69, of Surabaya was baptised at SGH Ward 77, Lord's Day, Mar 23 in the presence of his sons, daughter and their families, Revs Goh Seng Fong, Colin Wong. Pastor Tow officiating. We extend our deepest condolences to Lee Chia Liang on the passing of his father, and to Michelle Koo on the home-going of her beloved mother En Ai Lian during the past weeks.
SUN 8.00 am	Rev Tow at MF Anniv, FEBC Hall	
	Hypocrisy (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)	
	10.00 am Rev Tow at K. Sawit 45th Anniv.	
	10.30 am Dr Goh Seng Fong	
	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	
	12.00 pm Burmese Service	
	12.15 pm MsF Mtg	
	12.30 pm Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC	
	3.00 pm Thai Ser; 4pm Indonesian Ser	
No NBC This Week.		
Verse for the Week: <i>Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.</i> Matthew 10:26		
Second 21 st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997) at Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office (Sun: 10:30am to 12:30pm, Mon-Fri: 9:30am to 5:30pm). LIMITED vacancies!		



And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that also shall save the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Geoffrey Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 88	No. 567
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 145	Psalms 143
Hymn	No. 131	<i>Hear me in distress</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 120	Roman verses 42-44
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Col 3:1-14	Rom 8:1-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Anger</i> (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)	<i>Victory Thru Another</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 406	No. 241
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		

JERUSALEM, Religious Centre of the World

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily (by plane?) to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations (*Americans, Europeans and Chinese*) shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD" (Zech 8:20-22).

This prophecy of Zechariah points to the Golden Millennium when Jesus will sit on the throne of His father David and rule the world in peace. That we are all set for the Holy Land for the 8th time, May 3-19, 97, is a harbinger of fulfilment of the prophecy. Surely our going is blessed by this Word of Scripture.

Let us be a blessing to all we come in contact. Our 50-contingent will first fly to London to take part in the Dedication of New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, 44 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6NN, UK (May 3-6).

Here's a reminder to pilgrims: Come to the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, April 15 to seek the Lord for journeying mercies, and to pay our dues. Wendy of Transglobe will receive your cheque for the airtickets and Mrs Han Soon Juan, pilgrim Treasurer, your cheque for the package tour.

Ordination of Jack Sin and Charles Seet

Ordination of young men to the pastoral or teaching ministry is not to be taken lightly. "Lay hands suddenly on no man" (1 Tim 5:22) is Paul's instruction to Timothy. The qualifications for the 'bishopric' are highest, as given in 1 Tim 3:1-7.

Jack Sin and Charles Seet having served their probationary period, will be recommended to Life Church Session for consideration. Meanwhile let us pray for them as they prepare for the ordination examination.

As to Charles Seet, he and his family are scheduled to return to Manila June 2. Charles should be ordained on June 1.

As for Jack Sin, the date of his ordination should be May 25, at Maranatha, before his congregation.

"Passive Suffering" and "Active Suffering"

We coined a new theological term for animals sacrificed under the O.T. Dispensation that they underwent "passive suffering" for us. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (Rom 8:22). Not only in being sacrificial victims, but also in giving up themselves to man for food. Do they suffer in being slain for our needs? Here are two accounts, one from a news-report, the other from the Book of Mencius Ch. VII:5.

1. Several years ago an ox was led to be slaughtered at an abattoir in Hong Kong. As he went to the house of execution he wept, and as he was about to enter the butchery he knelt down with his front legs. The butcher had no heart to kill him. His life was spared.

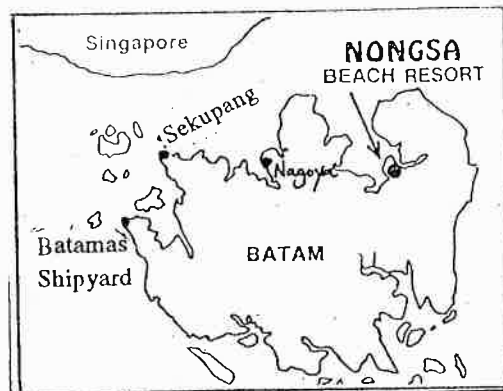
2. Mencius Ch. VII:5 records, The king was sitting aloft in the hall (of his palace) when a man appeared, leading an ox past the lower part of it. The king saw him, and asked, "Where is the ox going?" The man replied, "We are going to consecrate a bell with his blood." The king said, "Let it go! I cannot bear his frightened appearance, as if it were an innocent person going to the place of death." The man answered, "Shall we omit the consecration of the bell?" The king said, "How can that be omitted? Change it for a sheep." Yes, animals suffer passively.

But Jesus our Lord did not suffer like an animal. He the Son of God, Son of Man, had power to slay His enemies. "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt 26:53). "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence" (Jn 18:36). He yielded to the Cross rather out of love for us. He willed to suffer for our sakes. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). Jesus' death for us was "active suffering" conquering death by love and not submitting to it in fear.

—T.T.

The History of BP Church on Batam Island

After studying God's word for more than four years at Far Eastern Bible College, the Lord led me to serve Him in Batam Island, Indonesia. I began to work at a shipyard called P T Batamas Jala Nursantara at Tanjong Ugang on Dec 19, 1988. This company was headed by Koreans who employed many Indonesian labourers. The first Sunday evening service was held on 7 Jan 1989 with eleven Indonesian labourers worshipping in a container provided by the Company. As time went by, the group grew to about 20-25. Though most of them came from Christian background, sad to say, their spiritual life was very cold towards God. They were nominal Christians, rough smokers, drinkers and gamblers. It was really hard ministering to them. But it was a great joy to share God's love to them. Praise the Lord, after hearing the gospel preached to them and how God hates sin, some of them accepted Jesus as their



Saviour. Jesus saves! Among them was one named Samson who surrendered himself to full-time service, and is now training at FEBC.

Simultaneously there was also a Mandarin Service held in a three storey shophouse belonging to Mr Tan Nam Siang. This was started on 22 Oct 1989. No sooner had we settled down than there came problems followed by more problems. It was mainly from outsiders who said that we were an illegal church. So we approached Rev Mark Paulus of Gereja Santapan Rohani Indonesia, Pontianak, to help us register under his church's name and this was done in Jan 1991.

Then on Oct 20, 1991, the Lord granted us a new shophouse. Here we worshipped peacefully and legally under the name of GSRI. In March 1992, Brother Kiantoro, an FEBC graduate who was serving at the Presbyterian Church in Tg. Pinang, came to work with us full-time. Then God moved the heart of a local developer, Mr Ruslan Sani, to donate a piece of land of 1576 sqm right in the middle of a new housing estate in Orchid Park. The groundbreaking was performed on March 21, 1993 by Rev Tang Wei Kay and the new church was completed by March 1994 and inaugurated on August 7, 1994. From this date onwards, the church's name GSRI was changed to GAPPI, i.e. Bible Presbyterian Church of Indonesia. With this registration we can establish BP Churches anywhere in Indonesia.

Seeing that the shipyard was reducing its workers, we took the initiative to move to Batu Aji Village. While some of the residents shifted to Tg. Piayu, there remained some of

the shipyard workers who came together to build the wooden church at Batu Aji. This small wooden church can accommodate about 90 people. The first service was held on 30 Oct, 1994 with Dr Jeffrey Khoo preaching the first sermon. Initially the services were held in the evening but due to poor response because there were no street lightings, and all around was total darkness, we decided to change the time to the morning. So worship services were henceforth held at 8.00 am for both adults and children. Most of them come out of the Batak Church and a few from Batamas shipyard. Attendance ranged from 20-25 for the adults and 40-45 for the children.

On April 13, 1995, Sister Supartik from Kuta Baru, Medan joined us. Sis. Supartik loves the Lord very much. She stays in the parsonage behind and during the week days she would go around inviting squatters to come to hear the gospel. Thus she became my co-worker in the Lord's vineyard. As the work goes on, the needs among the people become greater, especially among the children. They love to sing and write, so many parents approached us to start a kindergarten. Our hearts were burdened and we prayed earnestly to the Lord to show us the way. We brought the matter to our beloved pastor, Rev Tow. Rev Tow was very glad and told us to start the Kindergarten project. So in July 1996, Batu Aji opened its first Kindergarten with a registration of 65 children.

After Batu Aji gospel station, the Lord opened another avenue for us to reach out to the unsaved ones. This time at Tg. Piayu, which belonged to a Chinese businessman. Our former members who now live in Tg. Piayu were hoping there would be another gospel station here so they could worship without having to travel 19 km to Batu Aji. Praise and thank the Lord for giving this place to us. Now a church was built. Also another Kindergarten was opened for the sake of the children living around. We now have a Principal, two teachers and myself teaching and helping in this work.

We give praise and thanks to the Almighty Father who continues to sustain and prosper both Tg Piayu and Batu Aji. Some of the goodness from the Lord are:

Support in prayer, finance and guidance from Life BP Church

Ministers and elders who cross the sea to minister and conduct the sacraments

Support from WF, MF, MsF and AF

All those who continue steadfastly and faithfully to serve in the church.

Come 30 March 1997, Tg. Piayu is one year old, and we will be celebrating its first Anniversary

Thanksgiving, which happens to fall on Easter Sunday. With a three churches combined Sunrise Service at 6.30 am, the Lord's messenger Elder Khoo Peng Kiat from Life BP Church will speak to us.

Only the Lord knows what lies ahead. Pray with us for the Lord to give a vision for extension of His Kingdom.

—Roska Sihombing, 30 Mar 1997

Easter Thanksgivings

(1) Thank you for a very encouraging Good Friday message.

Because you kept stressing that Christ died on the cross for you and me, I begin to feel this love for me all the more. I'm sure many hearts have been blessed last evening too. Praise the Lord! Christ died but he rose again!

I pray that God will give you good health and strength. May He also give you more zeal and wisdom for this work.

Pastor, thank you for leading us all these years. Forgive us when we've failed to support and encourage you.

May this Easter be fired with God's richest blessings for you and your family!

—A grateful Lifer (\$30)

(2) Praying that the real peace of GOD be upon the Jews and Palestinians that one day they may love each other as brothers-in-Christ. Praying too for more burdened hearts to be willing to give their lives serving and witnessing to these lost Jews and Palestinians in Israel. —\$50 for Baraka BPC

(3) It was suspected that my mother has some heart problem but the doctor has diagnosed that she's fine. What's better is that she has willed in her heart to attend church. Praise God! (\$1000)

(4) For Missionary Charles Seet & family. Easter is a time to remember Christ's death for us, also a time to remember those who gave up all to serve the Lord with unwavering faith.

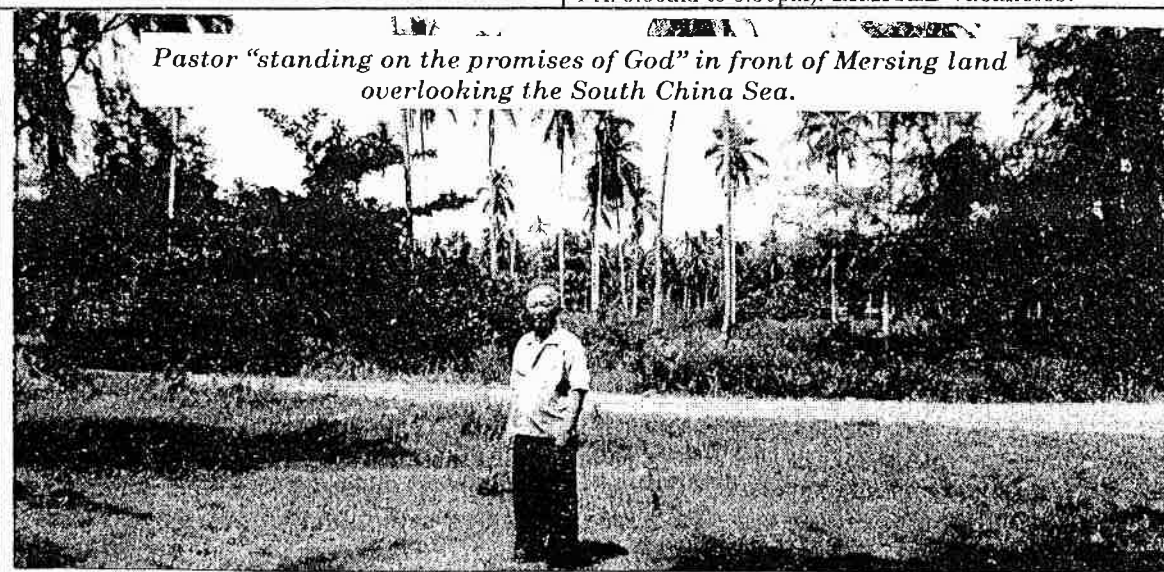
Annual Congregational Mtg

Lord's Day, April 27, 9.30 am sharp

It is your duty as a member to attend.

We need a quorum of 350.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 14 - 20, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets, Rev Tow	\$6,690.00 (8.00 am); \$17,770.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Pilgrim's Night)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1092 (Chinese Ser); Mersing \$50, \$400, \$200, \$170, \$500, \$250, \$2250(Sharon BPC), \$160(Boxes), \$200, \$200; Baraka BPC \$100, \$50, \$50; FEK \$1000; Hilltop \$330; JJ Lim \$500; Heng JS \$100; Missions \$400; FEBC \$200; Easter B'fast \$50(Ladies F'ship); Rev Colin Wong \$200; Medan-Dohar \$50.		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards, Dr J Khoo	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	8.00 pm	Session Meeting	(1) Thank you Lord Jesus for your goodness and blessings upon our families and helping us to find our keys which we had thought were misplaced but were found eventually. Our lovegift for the extension of God. Hallelujah! (\$200). (2) Thank you Jesus for dying and rising for me and for Your many tender mercies towards me. (\$20 for Mersing)		
THU	7.30 pm	Family Ministry, Dr Goh Seng Fong	This Lord's Day, Missionary F'ship Mtg at 12.15 pm, FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Colin Wong. Topic: "Wherever you go, God has a place of service for you."		
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	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Session meet Catechumens Lunch F'ship, Beulah House			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Ser; 4pm Indonesian Ser			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$794.30; Attendance: 366					
Verse for the Week: <i>And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28</i>					
Annual Congregational Mtg Lord's Day, April 27, 9.30 am sharp It is your duty as a member to attend. <i>We need a quorum of 350.</i>					



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld George Tan	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Opening Hymn	No. 61	No. 31
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Lk 18:1-17	Psalms 71
Hymn	No. 111	No. 359
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 321	No. 271
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Matt 23:1-7	Lk 15:11-32
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Hypocrisy</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Come and Welcome</i> (Dr Goh Seng Fong)
Closing Hymn	No. 398	No. 268
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

Life Church Ministry in the Holy Land Appreciated in E-mail Letter

Dear Dr and Mrs Tow

You don't know us but we feel that we know you. We are supporters of Miss Joan Davenport. Last Summer the Lord allowed us to go and help Joan with Summer Camp Ministry.

Some time ago a professor's wife (from BJU) lent us these books that you have written MY TEACHER JOHN SUNG and ASIAN AWAKENING. Imagine our surprise when we found that you, the author, were associated with and a patron of Miss Davenport. Then we saw your picture in Gary Johnson's slides ordaining the pastor there in Bethlehem.

We want to thank you and your people so much for the wonderful new van that you bought for Miss Davenport. She is a humble servant and uses it so much for The Lord. We were able to ride in it as she picked us up at the airport and also going to church and other visitation. We were so excited to hear that you were doing this for Joan. You and your people there are very generous!

Even if we never met you we feel we love you in The Lord. A pastor in Greenville gave us one of your devotionals when we were out for a walk and we have been following it ever since. It has been a great encouragement.

Recently someone gave me my own copy of ASIAN AWAKENING. Upon reading this to my family we felt the Holy Spirit was really with us in the room, especially the part about The Moody of China and how he witnessed to The Lord. Reading about Jonathan Goforth was a real blessing, and how The Lord chose to save his life while others perished.

You probably get so much e-mail that you can't read it all but we needed to write to you any way to thank you.

Sincerely, Bro Emile Barrouk and family

P.S. We also want to thank you for bringing your people and using Baraka! We don't understand other pastors, when they come to The Holy Land they stay in a hotel that does not benefit the true Christians anything! You are the one caring about the Witness being carried out in Baraka and we thank you for this.

Appeal to Ex-Pilgrims

The Baraka Conference Centre will surely bring back precious memories as you read this letter of appreciation. As she has given to us, so let us give to her. Whatever God has laid upon your heart, do it in time that we may become your couriers. Miss Davenport who got the new van from Lifers is bringing many more souls into

His Kingdom, as you have read. "Do something good for Jesus wherever you go." And "Make me a blessing to someone today."

Kelapa Sawit's 45th Anniversary

Today is the 45th Anniversary of our Church's first outreach to Malaysia! Earlier than Sembawang our first in Singapore, 1957.

Kelapa Sawit was founded 1952 by Dr Andrew Gih of Evangelise China Fellowship with the help of Miss Leona Wu of Chin Lien Bible Seminary, who was also president of the Singapore Evangelistic League (John Sung). In 1954 Dr Andrew Gih relinquished it to the joint support of the Evangelistic League and Life Church.



A good product of Kelapa Sawit was Mrs John Ling. She studied at Chin Lien.

After graduation she worked for the Mission Station for a season. She married John Ling who was an English Teacher at the Government Pr. School. They have brought up three God-fearing daughters and one son. John became elder and after his wife's death, he studied at FEBC and graduated in 1990 and was ordained.

Insofar as Church planting is concerned, out of Kelapa Sawit has sprouted Air Bemban and Bukit Batu. When John Ling moved up the East Coast, he revived the Chinese Presbyterian Church at Kemaman, founded the English Service. He was instrumental in acquiring a valuable property in Kuantan for Life Church. A kindergarten extension was built and now registered under the name "SELAMAT" (Peace). Through John Ling's contact the Lord gave us the Mersing property facing the South China Sea.

Miss Ng Sang Chiew is the longest serving lady-preacher at Kelapa Sawit (15 years) and is a regular speaker at Life Church's Annual Family Camp (Chinese). Elder Sng Teck Leong helps to oversee the work there including Air Bemban. A Tamil Congregation worshipping at Kelapa Sawit Church is attended by Elder Edmund Tay.

Out of Kelapa Sawit the Lord has raised five or six young people who are serving in as many other churches.

Kelapa Sawit means oil palm. It is still bringing forth fruit and flourishing.

Count Down 2000, Melt Down 2000

Last Sunday I read about how certain cities and countries will celebrate to bring in the new millennium. Then the same night I heard on the BBC the fears of discerning scientists of a computer breakdown of working conditions. Banks and governments, etc. will be dislocated with a "computer melt down." Chaos, chaos is looming on the horizon. To overhaul the system, in order to ward off these disasters, some will have to spend 10 million, others hundreds and still others thousands of millions.

What a joke to welcome 2000 AD with banquets and banquets, but with the melting down of computers, planes would also fall off the sky. Yes, in desperation, those who know are beginning to get jittery.

As for Christians, we have the light of prophecy to show the way. Jesus says, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Lk 21:25-28).

Once Dr Martyn Lloyd Jones was asked his view of the world to come. His reply was a categorical "NO HOPE." If your pastor does not prepare you now for what is ominously looming, he will be one of the "dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber" (Isa 56:10). Having completed the study of Ecclesiastes at the Tuesday night prayer meeting, logically, we must study Revelation. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him; and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Rev 1:7). —T.T.

Beware of "NEW LIVING BIBLE" changing the Lord's Prayer into "Our Father-Mother in heaven. . ." Christ Offered a Phony Prayer To the Disciples - Now Corrected For the Women With "Mother"

It must be an end time deception, a big one at that, and it is all about the Bible. "The Power of Babbble" is the heading of a two-page feature of TIME magazine for September 9, 1996. As one realises the magnitude of what is here presented to the world, a Christian has a desire and passion to arise and give Jesus the place and glory that the Father gave to Him when he sent Him into the world to save sinners.

Jesus did not tell the truth. He did not give all the truth and now this is being used around the world to support all those who claim that He never rose from the dead. TIME's two-page feature presents the New Living Bible translation and it features what the women have won for themselves, as they have been calling for the female God. They have finally gotten the desired changes in the Bible and even in Jesus Christ.

Now it does violence to the prayer that Jesus gave to his disciple. That prayer is known by Christians in the churches as no other quotation from Jesus. The original reads, "After this manner therefore pray ye: 'Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come.'" That is what replaces it in the Living Bible: Pray then this way; Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your dominion come."

Jesus in the 24th chapter of Matthew when He was asked by His disciples, when would the end come, He put His emphasis on what is now happening. "Take heed that no man deceive you." Here is one of these last days deceptions.

The adding of mother to the word Father in the prayer Jesus spoke, is a deception, a vicious one, for nothing like this exists. It presents Jesus as having deceived the Christians of the world for 2,000 years for He withheld adding mother to Father as though she existed. They had to get "thy kingdom come" out of the prayer because king is considered to be masculine and their prayer reads, "your dominion," another fraud. All this is presented as TIME reports, as a translation, when actually it is the same as the original Living Bible, a paraphrase. It is not a word for word translation but it is an idea comparison. TIME reports the back cover of this Bible has a blurb (recommendation) from Billy Graham. The TIME presents two pictures of the book, "Holy Bible" and again "The Living Bible, Self-Help edition." There are

enough women to justify this new edition and they are so vocal, when they meet of playing with the words which have been printed to replace His own. TIME calls it a "Simplified Bible" vying in a \$400 million yearly market. All of this has been coordinated to bring its impact for the purchase of the new Living Bible.

CHRISTIANITY TODAY in its 40th anniversary edition, reporting that Billy Graham was the founder of this magazine, the issue of September 16, and the first of the three pages "announces your new favorite Bible translation has just arrived." It could not be favorite of any true Bible believer and it will never be. On the second page the heading is introducing the "Holy Bible, New Living translation." A paraphrase is not a translation. These two pages give the King James Version from Galatians 5:1-4 with 80 words, but the New Living Translation presented it with 106 words. The paraphrase took 26 more words. The changes in this Lord's prayer destroys the testimony of the churches over the centuries that the Bible is inerrant and that God is its author. Everything about this promotion is a deception. It is misleading and it is so featured as Holy Bible, that it is presented for the clear purpose of inducing the purchase of this book, to buy it as the Holy Bible.

In the earlier paraphrase, Billy Graham is quoted as commending these books, and the time has now come when Dr Graham must be called upon by the Lord's people to rescind this recommendation and apologise to the whole Christian world. He should give space in his paper to point out the Book is no longer qualified to be called the Word of God. The Scripture maintains itself for "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God" and again "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Poor Jesus, He is dead and His prayer was mixed up, but the women are happy and they have no Saviour.

Coming in these days just before the close of the centuries and the promise of Jesus Christ, that He would come back and receive the believers unto Himself. Those of us who are true believers must not remain quiet, but tell the people of God everywhere that, as never before, that the media in these last months have been decrying, and destroying Jesus Christ as God's gift, the author of eternal life for He did say, "I am the Son of God," and "my Father sent me," and "if ye have seen me, ye have seen the Father."

—Carl McIntire

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 21 - 27, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	No lecture	\$8,992.00 (8.00 am); \$10,640.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Revelation)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$100; Mersing \$100, \$150, \$550(YAF); \$550(Kebaktian Ina); \$60, \$100; Robert Peh \$50; Africa Life BS \$100, \$55, \$300; Missions \$450, \$50, \$100; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Errol Stone \$100; JS Heng \$50, \$250, \$100; Children \$50; Baraka BPC \$50; Needy FEBC Students \$50, \$260; China \$300; Tg Piayu \$300; Batam \$150(LF); Roska \$50(LF); Tan Bee Choo \$50(YAF); Reprinting of Coming World Events Unveiled \$5000.		
FRI		FEBC Exams begin	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	(1) Especially for the Mersing Project. May the Lord continue to bless this project, and most importantly, that this project is pleasing before God. —A Lifer		
SUN	7.30 pm	Filmshow <i>Captive Faith</i>	(2) Thank you Jesus for dying and rising for me and for Your many tender mercies toward me. (\$20 for Mersing)		
	8.00 am	Filthy Communication (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(3) With love and thanksgiving to our loving Heavenly Father for seeing me through many of my problems and even helping me achieve a better grade for my recent exam. Praise the Lord! —Your humble servant		
	9.30 am	Annual Congregational Mtg	Second 21st Century Reformation Missions Conference (June 2-6, 1997) at Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office (Sun: 10:30am to 12:30pm, Mon-Fri: 9:30am to 5:30pm). LIMITED vacancies! Closing date: 27 April.		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676		
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$609.70; Attendance: 357					
Verse for the Week: So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Hebrews 13:6					
<div> <div>Annual Congregational Mtg</div> <div>Next Lord's Day, April 27, 9.30 am sharp</div> <div>It is your duty as a member to attend.</div> <div>We need a quorum of 350.</div> </div>					



Inauguration of Kelapa Sawit "Gospel hall," 1952. Next to Rev Tow is Miss Leona. Deacon C.T. Hsu sits on extreme right in shirt sleeves.



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 43	<i>Day and night</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	James 3:13-18	Matt 11:28-30
Hymn	No. 331	No. 507, 479
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	Roman verse 45
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Gal 5:1-15	Rom 8:14-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Backbiting</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>The Inward Witness</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 421	<i>Day and night</i>
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

The Church is a Multi-national Enterprise

If a Church has grown to a 5,000 membership and concentrates in making itself bigger and bigger, with hardly any missionary outreach, then it is patterned after man, not after God. The Chief Apostle Peter won 3,000 to the Lord at Pentecost and 5,000 thereafter, but did he build a mammoth church to cater to a self-satisfied community? Having established the congregation in Jerusalem in the faith, Peter went everywhere evangelising the lost—to Samaria, Joppa, Caesarea, Asia Minor, Corinth and by tradition to Rome.

Neither did the Apostle Paul stay behind to build a cathedral for Antioch. He obeyed the Lord's Commission in three long missionary journeys to take the Gospel to the whole Roman world.

Patterned after the Apostles, Life Church could not be confined within its four walls from the very beginning. The Holy Spirit in 1951 and 1952 moved its pastor and Deacon C T Hsu on several missionary outreaches to some 60 towns and villages in Peninsular Malaya. One product of those early outreaches is Kelapa Sawit (1952).

So, we have not built an oversized church, though we have expanded to incorporate a Bible College, and since 1990 a Beulah House, but rather spread our resources for missions to the uttermost part of the earth. In obedience to the Great

Commission we have established at least 10 Gospel stations in Malaysia, and from Malaysia to Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, Vietnam, Philippines, Sarawak, Kenya. (Elder and Mrs Khoo whose shuttling to Australia for one decade are truly our roving ambassadors Downunder.) The Holy Land, visited year after year is in more ways than one linked to our Church. What a privilege that we can return something to the Land of our Saviour's Birth. As the Lord, in sending out His disciples into all the world assured them of His presence and power, so has He increased our Church to be a multi-national enterprise.

We have supplied all the needs of our missionaries abroad, and we have sent our money to help develop faithful, mission-minded churches, such as in Burma and Indonesia (Medan, Kalimantan, Batam). We have printed scores of our own books and mailed them not only to our constituencies abroad, but also to other B-P missions, such as New Life in London (to be dedicated May 4, '97). In this connection the FEBC Bookroom has "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." The initiative taken by J.S. Heng to develop a Bible School in Kenya is highly commendable, and Readers have rallied to his support nonetheless. The latest outreach

through our books (set of 25) is Ujung Pandang (Makassar). This is given by hand to a lecturer of Jaffray Bible Seminary through Robert Gongga.

Yes, the Church is not merely a community of saints, made up of Sunday Christians. It is a spiritual trading company in which you have heavily invested with a view to good profits—for His Kingdom. Therefore you are keenly interested in the Annual Report that will be presented when we gather 9.30 am Lord's Day, April 27, 97 at the Congregational Meeting. Your attendance is compulsory by law, as every Church or society is required by Government to such yearly assemblage to be deemed 'alive.' God bless us all at the ACM.

"Coming World Events Unveiled"

In response to discerning scientists deeply concerned with a "2000 computer melt down" and a "millennium nightmare," we, on our part, must redouble our efforts to alert Christians of the imminence of Jesus' Return. This is to awaken nominal Christians, not born again, and to comfort the saints, of the certainty of our deliverance (to be caught up in the air to meet the Lord, I Thess 4:13-18). Furthermore, we are to tell the good news to those outside the Church, even men in high places, for they also need Jesus.

To explain to them why the whole world is arming, and uprisings and anarchies occur in nation after nation under the greater threat of a nuclear holocaust, we have the timely publication of *Coming World Events Unveiled* (a study of the book of Revelation). As the first printing of this book is now exhausted, we have appealed to Readers to contribute to a second printing. Praise the Lord, apart from a gift of \$2,000 last week, we have received a second of \$5,000. This will contribute to a reprint that will be labelled *NOT FOR SALE* or *With Compliments of Life BPC*. This is our Gospel ammunition which you can use freely in your witness to unsaved loved ones and friends. You can mail it to those you cannot reach by hand, but can be sent under a cover of prayer. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you (Jas 4:8)

This is the greatest blessing that you will receive from God when you seek Him—even Himself! "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31).

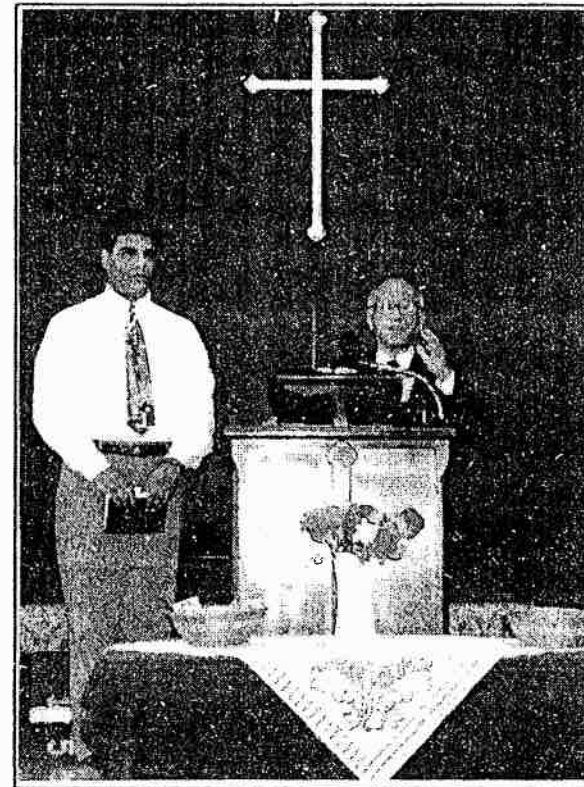
The coming Combined Bible Camp we are holding at the Riviera Bay Resort, Malacca has still a few vacancies. And I say this to some of you who have no plan for vacation during the June holidays. Why not come along with us?

This will be a time of both spiritual and physical blessings. The Church is subsidizing your stay at the Riviera, and this is the height of the S.W. Monsoon blowing cool breezes from the Indian Ocean! But a better breeze is coming from America in the Lord's messenger, Dr Gary Cohen, my good friend from Faith Seminary days. He is a professor of theology and author of many books. A seminary is also named after him.

There is a Chinese saying, "Good times are few." So, Singaporeans cannot speak too loud, "We have never had it so good." Already there are signs of decline. Hard times are ahead. This is first acknowledged by computer scientists. Owing to a blind spot in their planning, these machines were not prepared for entry to the new millennium. So they tell us on the BBC of a computer melt down and a millennium nightmare. (Pardon our repetition.)

We, who have the prophetic light of God's word are forewarned, long before this, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Lk 21:26). While the world will tremble with fear as the catastrophes crash up on them, we who are sheltered in Christ must do our duty to show the lost the Way to the Lord.

At the coming camp, the theme is *Preparing for the Coming of the Lord*. "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. 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? Nevertheless we,



according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you" (II Pet 3:10-15).

There are many problems surrounding us and we can't solve them. Let us go where God's family are gathered. As we seek first His kingdom and righteousness He will answer us according to our needs! Let me see you there! Amen.

The photo above was taken two years ago when we worshipped at Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church. The interpreter is Bro. Tanas, a graduate of Bob Jones University, whom we met in USA. He was ordained the same time as a Deacon of the Church. Thank God, there is a steady stream of young people coming up to take the place of the older generation, whose pastor is George Awad. And Rev George Awad's four sons are also supportive of their father's ministry. One son has

opened an orphanage with the help of his British wife, and the youngest is studying at a Bible College in the Philippines. Greatest of all is his wife, who having read the Bible some 25 times, is the pastor's walking Bible dictionary! Baraka is spelt Berachah (II Chron 20:26). It means BLESSING. —T.T.

Testimony by Deacon Thangamani of Tamil Congregation, Kelapa Sawit B-P Church

I accepted Jesus as my Saviour in 1989. Before this, when I was a Hindu, I had a lot of problems and miseries because I prayed to idols (too many gods).

When I became a Christian I realised there is only one God and true God.

My wife is a Christian. I followed her to Church. I realised the difference between Church and temple worship. The church worship has given me a peaceful life. It means I don't have to fear anything.

Hindu prayers have to follow a lot of customs (superstitions). In Malay they call "Pantan." I realise Jesus died for our sins, and he is alive to protect us. As long as we are faithful to Him and follow His commandments, He will help us to solve our sorrows. We can do nothing to solve our problems. The miracle powers can come only from the true Lord.

Although we are different in colour and language, we are His children, and family members. He is the only great Father who created us. When we die we go to His Kingdom. In His Kingdom there is no starving and no sadness. We will be happy forever.

All this I learnt in church. With our brothers and sisters in church, I see how Christian people, Chinese or Indians, help one another, and the respect we give to one another. By trusting the true Lord, is anybody gone down in their life? I would say, "No." We are healthy and wealthy by the grace of God. Everyone has his own problems. There is never an end to problems. If no problems, we don't look to God. If we are not connected with Him we have not the current supply. We then live in the dark. God allows problems in our life that He can show His miracle powers. We must seek for His miracle powers by faith and by worship. Non-Christians look at our life. We are the best testimonies for God. Amen.

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MON	7.30 pm	Minor Prophets Exam	\$5,344.00 (8.00 am); \$11,852.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Revelation)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$3700; 21CRB \$200, \$50; Mersing \$10, \$1000, \$1000, \$500, \$500, \$100, \$300(Pepsi), \$500, \$28.50(MR50), \$4560(MR8000)(Kemaman Eng. Ser.); Batam \$50; Colin Wong \$100; Hilltop \$300, \$200, \$100(Boxes); Swee Huat \$150; African Mission \$260; RPG \$200; Baraka \$60, \$200, \$50, \$284; Nirands \$1000; Children's Nursery Class \$50; Davenport \$20; China Bibles \$50; Baraka Conf. Centre \$100(Boxes); Tracts \$10; Thanksgiving \$1000.		
WED	7.30 pm	Westminster Standards Exam	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	9.30 am	Combined Fellowship Day of Prayer	(1) Thank you Lord Jesus for your goodness and blessings upon our families and helping us find our keys. (\$200 for extension of God's kingdom)		
	7.30 pm	Family Ministry Exam	(2) May this gift of gratitude go to the reprinting of Rev Tow's books (as made known in the bulletin a few Sundays ago) so that "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom" (Ps 145:10-12). (\$5000)		
		Wedding Rehearsal	Verse for the Week: Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Matthew 10:31		
FRI	5.30 pm	End of Semester Thanksgiving Dinner	Fek Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676.		
SAT	1.30 am	Pilgrims depart for London, RJ 187	Rev Colin Wong is now licensed to solemnise marriages.		
	2.30 pm	Dr Lucien Ooi & Kathy Pak Wedding (Rev Peter Chua)			
	2.30 pm	LTFYF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF			
SUN	8.00 am	Ingratitude (Rev Colin Wong)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Dr Bob Phee, Lord's Supper			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
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At the Haifa home of Mrs Ben Asher, our Jewish friend from the sixties when she and her husband were engineering consultants to Sipore. William Seah of new Life BPC was with us during the 7th Pilgrimage ('96).



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Call to Worship	8.00 am	10.30 am
Opening Hymn	Dn George Tan	Rev Tow
Invocation-Gloria Patri	No. 24	Jerusalem
Responsive Reading	Psalms 5	Ps 121, 122
Hymn	No. 362	No. 351
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	No. 405
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 4:17-32	Lk 19:12-26
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Filthy Communication (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Gain all you can Save all you can Give all you can
Closing Hymn	No. 387	Here ye the Master...
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

"The Son of a Praying Mother Cannot Be Lost"

The Church, says John Calvin, is your spiritual mother. When you leave the Church, you are out of her care and protection. You are on dangerous ground. Even as our Lord Jesus has said of the sheepfold where the sheep can come in and out (for shelter) and find green pasture (and feeding), outside are thieves and robbers, strangers and wolves.

Life Church, through certain Session members and spirited mothers, runs a children's ministry that caters to the young from 2 to 12 or 13, when they should reaffirm their faith and join the Church. This is the Biblical pattern. Our Lord went to Jerusalem at the age of 12 and was admitted to the Passover Feast. Are your sons and daughters coming forward to confess the Lord, and reaffirm their parents' faith, who brought them for baptism soon after they were born?

Our Children's Ministry, including the Children's Choir, do their level best to prepare your sons and daughters for integration into the Church. But, unless you do your part, by faith and prayer, a good percentage will be lost. The Reaffirmation of Faith at 12 or 13 is the test. Why are there so few of our teenagers coming forward to claim their Lord? I understand about half of our teenagers, when they finish with the Junior Worship, soon disappear into the world. The pull of the world is great. We continue to take care of them with a Teens Fellowship which meets on Saturday. But parents must do your part to introduce them to the Lively Teens Fellowship.

Did you not promise to bring up your infant children in the

nurture and knowledge of the Lord? Did you not promise to pray for them each day and to show them the Way of Salvation in Christ dying for their sins? Do you teach your children to "say grace" before makan? When they go to bed at night and get up in the morning? Do you keep them from the T.V. except for healthy children's shows? Do you give them Bible Stories for children and teach them one by one? Do you hold a short session of family worship, even 10 mins? Teach them a chorus or song, tell a short Bible story with application and prayer? The family that prays together stays together.

By way of testimony we Tow children were brought up under devout parents, and under Grandpa who was a pastor. The evening gathering for 10 or 15 mins, made us God-conscious throughout our young lives. So, have we done our part to our two children? It was a joy to our souls when "coming of age," they each spontaneously approached us to join the Lord's Table.

And what about offering your little one to serve the Lord full-time? I was my Mother's son. She gave me to the Lord even before I was born. She prayed for me especially, so that I knew from young I was to become a pastor when I grew up. So here I am, serving you in Life Church for 47 years. "The son of a praying mother cannot be lost."

But here is another Tow boy

paying his father's vow. Lately, have you not read of his testimony, "Fulfilling a Father's Vow"? Now, in his evening years, Dr Tow Siang Yeow, my fourth younger brother, resolves to give the remainder of his life to serve the Lord. He, though president of FEBC Board of Directors, becomes a student of the school he heads! He is half-way on his special course of study, and looks to taking the Homiletics Class next semester. He has left J.B. to stay at Blk 341, Bukit Batok Street 34, #11-64, S'pore 650341 (Tel. 563-3528).

"We're Marching to Zion"

This is the last time I remind our 50 pilgrims: take note you're to be at Terminal I, 11.00 pm **May 2, '97**. We fly 1.30 am May 3 by Royal Jordanian 187. As we continue to look to the Lord in prayer, He will surely bless us with a safe and pleasant journey.

Your heavy luggage will be sent direct to London, while we take a hotel break at Amman. This rest midway is a real boon to our bodies, to stretch our weary legs! So, bring along a small overnight bag, and don't forget your tooth brush and paste! Include a warm sweater.

Although there were some last minute dropouts, we were able to make up with FEBC students, thanks to you who have helped. This is a double benefit because every trip to the Holy Land adds two credits to a student's academic record when he presents a paper on the things he has learnt. A walk through His Land is worth the thousands of miles he has travelled.

That Jerusalem is so much in the news these days reminds of the imminence of His coming. Before our Lord's Return, Jerusalem will become a flourishing city and the Jews will be gathered back to their own country. When Israel became a nation again in 1948, there were only two-third million in the whole country. Today Israel's population is well over 5 million and Jerusalem itself over half million.

Here's one of the many prophecies on Israel's regathering and Jerusalem being fully populated:

"Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it

be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness" (Zech 8:3-8).

In contrast, Samaria, the capital of the Northern Ten Tribes, will be desolate: "Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof" (Micah 1:6).

Why? While Jerusalem is the City chosen of the Lord, Samaria, built by the will of man, goes the way of all flesh.

The Ministry of Far Eastern Kindergarten

Far Eastern Kindergarten, though with its ups and downs, is a part of Life Church's ministry. Its main purpose, apart from imparting a good education to the very young, is to give them the Gospel.

With Ms Jacqueline Tan we have doubled the time given to Chinese. We have caught up in the instruction of mathematics and in computers. We have intensified the impartation of religious knowledge.

Though Jacqueline has left us, we are happy to announce the stepping in of Miss Lim Siew Choo. She was an FEK teacher years ago, but left us to head New Life Kindergarten, Woodlands. Now she has turned full circle to come back to the school of her first love.

With the home-going of Elder Seow Chong Pin, Elder Mahadevan is now at the helm. He will co-opt two other leaders from the Church into the FEK Board. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mk 10:14). One of these little ones who belongs to God's kingdom is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Max Ho. Max is a zealous member of the Men's Fellowship. When he brought a grateful couple to see me recently, he disclosed how he was led to Life Church through his daughter in FEK. As it is written, "A little child shall lead them" (Isa 11:6).

FEK is also a haven of study for all little children of our FEBC students. "The FEBC students study upstairs, the FEK students study downstairs."

"Ye have not because ye ask not" (Jas 4:2)

Or may we put it this way, "You lose out by staying out." What I mean is this, those who should come to prayer meeting, but stay away from it, have missed that weekly blessing.

Why can't I pray at home? Yes, you can. But just as we cannot worship alone at home because we are exhorted not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb 10:25), i.e. worship in Church, so there is also corporate prayer, commanded by our Lord. Jesus says, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where **two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them**" (Matt 18:19,20).

Many of us are quite exhausted after a full day's work, and the Lord understands. How about those who are not exhausted by a full day's work? You have the strength to come, but flesh dictates over the Spirit. And there are those who argue that prayer meeting is dull. If every member will excuse himself or herself with some flimsy argument, then, no wonder, many churches have but a little remnant of a dozen marking time.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting is not dull. We keep strict time, from 8.00 - 9.30 pm. The first half hour we sing specially chosen hymns. This is followed by studying a Book. We finished with Ecclesiastes. Now, we're returned to Revelation after many years. Revelation, because we realise Christ's Return is at the door and if we are not alerted, we may be burnt by default. "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Lk 21:26). Scientists are worried about a "2000 melt down and millennium nightmare." Are we less knowledgeable than they?

The second half hour's testimonies of sicknesses healed, accidents avoided, exams passed, unexpected promotion, etc. etc. (in John Sung style) bring real life to the congregation.

The last half hour is given to praise and petition. That our prayer meeting night is increasing to over 100, 120, 150 shows souls are being blessed. There are our blue cards, requests for prayer. Send them in and come yourselves. Like charcoal heaped together burns brightly, but when scattered becomes dull and unsightly. Hope to see you coming Tuesday night. Pilgrims, come and pray for journeying mercies the last time. "Ye have abundantly when ye ask of a loving Father."

FEBC PRESS SPREADS HER WINGS WORLDWIDE

Apart from the regular mailing of the Burning Bush to many countries, a steady stream of Pastor Tow's books are also shipped to Christian ministers and theological students upon request. Most, with Willmington Bible Guide, go to the Philippines. Enoch, a Beulah guest is courier of 5 boxes of *John Sung My Teacher* to India.

For your further encouragement, here comes a letter from a veteran American missionary:

Thank you for the large consignment of books and booklets, all of which I've already consumed except *Asian Awakening* and *John Sung*—which I will devour in short order. It is evident that the Lord has been pleased to bless you and is still doing so. I've heard of your good work and witness through the years, but this was the first really personal contact. I would God that it might continue.

You did not include an invoice with those books, but with this I will enclose a little to cover costs, hopefully. If not, please let me know and I will reimburse. Also, if you would favor me with anything else from your pen (in future) on Knox or Calvin or the Reformation or Reformers I would appreciate it very much.

Of those I have been able to read during the past week, I've appreciated most *The Singapore B-P Story* (Did you know that I came to Hokkaido more than 40 years ago under the sponsorship of the CIM?), *Prophets of Fire and Water*, and of course that magnificent volume entitled *The Law of Moses and of Jesus*. I've never read anything quite like this latter, but it is what I have always believed from a study of the Scriptures.

Thank you for believing the right things, dear brother! Thank God for your resolute STAND on the infallible Word of the Living God, dear brother! And thank God that you identify with those of like precious Faith (the times are critical—Lk 18:8) and have nothing to do with the in-betweenites, pussyfooters, and compromisers a la Billy Graham and his ilk. God bless you and your dear wife and family and all the brethren who stand with you! (Thanks for any possible prayer help this direction.)

In the pipeline of the FEBC Press for 1997 are reprint of *Coming World Events Unveiled*, Jason Linn's *Dyak Borneo* (new abridged edition), *Calvin's Institutes Abridged Bk I-IV* (one volume). Please pray for 21st Century Reformation Polemical Bible Commentary!

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 5 - 11, '97)

MON	7.30 pm	FEBC vacation begins
TUE	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
FRI	7.45 pm	Prayer Mtg
	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall
	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House
SAT	2.30 pm	Fishermen of Christ F'ship Wedding
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF
SUN	8.00 am	Idolatry (Rev Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye
	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
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship
	3.00 pm	Thai Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

No NBC This Week.

Verse for the Week: *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: Rev 1:17*

There will be a camp briefing on Tuesday, 27 May 97 at 7.00 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Attendance compulsory for all campers.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$6,938.00 (8.00 am); \$11,147.50 (10.30 am)

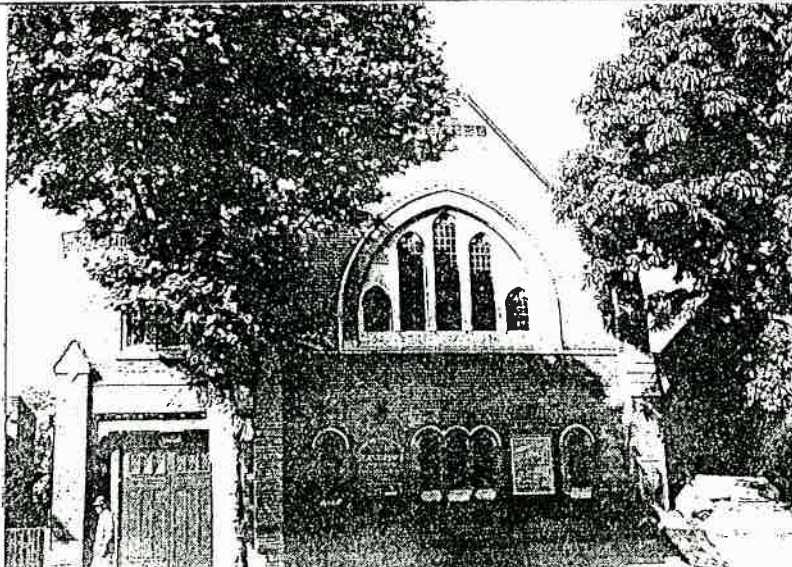
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Corrigendum: \$500 designated to Mersing is meant for Baraka.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Thank you, gracious heavenly Father, for seeing us through the Australia trip. Though the whole trip was quite tiring at times, the Lord is faithful and granted us good health and strength. His loving hand guided and led us without fail. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness" (Psalm 48:1). Enclosed is a small token for the extension of Thy kingdom. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. (\$100 Charles Seet, \$100 other ministries) —Grateful servant

(2) I would like to offer this token in gratefulness to Him for helping me pass my driving test in spite of difficult conditions and after many tries. He has taught me to trust fully and wait patiently on Him in all things. All praise and glory to Him. (\$100)



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
Opening Hymn	No. 11	No. 540
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 91	Ps 84
Hymn	No. 131	No. 321
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 127	No. 67
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Lk 17:11-19	Psalm 16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Ingratitude</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>God, My Heritage</i> (Rev Dr Bob Phee)
Closing Hymn	No. 445	No. 173
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		

THE IMPERATIVE OF THE EQUATION OF POSITIVE RETURNS

Message delivered by Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow at the
Dedication of New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, London,
Lord's Day, May 4, 1997

We have flown 6,000 miles from the Far East to this capital city of Great Britannia for no other reason than to attend the Dedication of New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church. We bring you heartiest congratulations from Life Bible-Presbyterian Church and Far Eastern Bible College, Singapore. We are on our 8th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, but hearing of your finding a home in the heart of the great metropolis and of your scheduled inauguration this 4th Day of May, we have so timed our itineration as to coincide with you. We are one family. The sole purpose of our raising the Bible-Presbyterian witness since 1950 is that the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be highly exalted, and His Truth proclaimed to all the world.

The Word that the Lord has given me for this auspicious occasion is half a verse from Luke 12:48b, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." May I restate this requirement of our Lord more succinctly. Like a mathematical formula, "The imperative of

the equation of positive returns."

In obedience to the Great Commission our B-P Churches have gone, literally, unto the uttermost part of the earth. From Singapore we have spread all over the ASEAN countries, our Judea and Samaria. And we have cast the net farther afield as we launch out into the deep—to Burma, Vietnam, Saipan, Australia, Africa, Canada, and now London. Though anywhere we are sent in all the world is no different from any other, all will agree with me, that to establish a foothold in London with the little strength we have is of the greatest significance. What is the significance? It is the much, in comparison with others, that you have received from the Lord's hand.

You have been favoured with an instant Church building of this size and location at a price, if it were paid in Singapore, would be many times more. You are placed in a most strategic position so easily accessible by public transport, particularly through your underground, whose station is a stone's throw away. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12:48b).

You are in the foremost cultural centre of the English-speaking world. Your church must necessarily minister to the intelligentsia, especially students who come from every corner of the earth for higher learning. These are potentials to leadership when they return to their respective countries. The nurture you give to these young people will make them the "good seed" (Matt 13:24) that will bring forth 30, 60 and 100-fold (Mk 4:20). With the physical facilities multiplying to you through renovations, you can bring many of them into your fold. There is no reason why you cannot pack out this Church auditorium with 500 worshippers, and that is one-tenth of Spurgeon's congregation!

In conjunction with what the Lord has said in our theme text, there are two other parables in which Jesus demands gainful trading of His talents and pounds. Those who have gained much are as much commended and rewarded (Lk 19 and Matt 25). How are we to make good profit for the Lord? New Life B-P Church shall no more mark time like before, barely holding her own. Rather let us advance with greater stride and faster pace in His work henceforth.

How are we to make good profit for the Lord, I ask again, in order to fulfil "the imperative of the equation of positive returns"?

First, the pastor. He is to feed the flock, for a pastor is a shepherd. His first responsibility is to his congregation. The main item on his agenda is the Lord's Day worship. This he must conscientiously lead and the sermon which he must prayerfully prepare under the Spirit's guidance. The sermon must be a graduated exposition of a good section of the Bible, e.g. preaching from one of the Gospels or from a Pauline epistle, like Romans. Every sermon must be freshly cooked, like making steaming hot Hokkien mee from the flaming wok. The pastor as a steward must cater to the needs of the household, and variety is the spice of life. On special days of the Church calendar, such as Christmas, Easter, Reformation Sunday and Anniversary Thanksgiving, he must speak in anticipation of the mood of the season. This would be most effective. Do not be like one pastor I've known who conducted the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday because it was the rule

to do so the first Lord's Day of the month, and that Easter Sunday happened to be so.

The matter of visitation and spontaneous cheerful service to needy, ailing members are an essential backup to the pulpit. In my case, to let my members know I am on the hotline, I have it advertised on our Church Weekly, "Ring Pastor 250-2138 anytime." Neither transmission through the narrow channel of a church secretary, but direct to his study or bedroom. Anytime means anytime, day or night. A pastor is on duty 24 hours of the day.

A good Church will flourish with all the lay people playing a part. The various Fellowships according to age or purpose, the Sunday School, the Evangelistic Band, offer ready avenues of service. In B-P style every Church is its own Mission, sending her own sons and daughters to the field.

Of equal importance is the Midweek Prayer Meeting. In an affluent and busy society the spirit of prayer varies inversely with the worldly spirit. But Prayer Meeting can be lively as attending Church on Sunday, if the Pastor who is the leader enjoys leading it, like a hobby and not a chore. As the Lord's Day Worship is tuned to concert pitch, so must the prayer meeting.

At Life Church, Singapore, our Prayer Meeting takes 1½ hours. Half an hour is given to singing one or two songs (freshly chosen) and to Bible Study, from a book like Ecclesiastes. In John Sung fashion, the second half hour is given to sharing of testimonies. Every fresh testimony delights the hearers. Our eyes are opened to the Father's care of our needs, from an elephant to a pin. The third half hour is given to prayer, usually led by an elder or deacon called upon by the Pastor. Items for prayer must not be stereotyped. Prayers for the sick and sorrowing are most appreciated. The pastor closes the whole service in a final word of blessing. Amen.

I would conclude by suggesting that you start a book ministry, as we have one in Singapore. For your encouragement not a few coming to visit our Bookroom have ended up as members of Life Church. Of greater benefit is the truth they discover from reading.

We have a Beulah House which is renovated fully as a hostel for FEBC students, but with

added rooms for guests: Christian workers, missionaries, members from Indonesia especially who come for medical treatment in Singapore. By extending them our hospitality, whereby some have stayed for longer durations, we have won them to the Lord. Over a dozen having come under the Gospel sound have believed and are baptised. (Five of them are from Mainland China.) Your hospitality to passing through visitors, students, etc. in an ultra-expensive metropolis like London, is bound to bear fruit.

Let your pastor preach well, and I am sure of that, having heard his testimony at last year's Bible Conference in Genting Highlands, Malaysia. Let your members make the Church a centre of fellowship and of ministry to one and all. "By all means save some"!

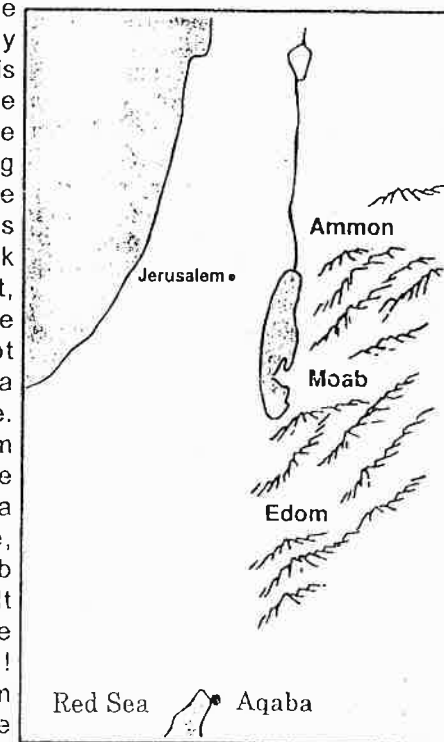
This mandate of Luke 12:48b becomes more urgent when we realise it is given of our Lord in the light of His Second Coming. Will he return at the turn of the Millennium? Now, discerning scientists have recently warned on the BBC that countdown 2000 could be a computer meltdown. Then it will become a millennium nightmare. Let slumbering Christians be abruptly awakened! We can't go on marking time. We must be up and doing. Jesus says, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning" (Lk 12:35). Let us tell all our loved ones and friends, our neighbours and contacts, of the imminent Return of the Lord. "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb 10:37). Are you ready to meet the Lord, when he comes?

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . ." (II Cor 5:10-11). Though we are saved by grace, Christ will judge us by our works. We have received much from the Lord, but what are our returns? "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Lk 12:48b). May "The imperative of the equation of positive returns" be operative in our lives always. And we have a slogan in Life Church, "Do something good for Jesus everyday. Do something good wherever you go." Amen.

"The Last Shall Be First"

(Preview of Israel's Rock Shelters away from Armageddon)

According to the proverb, "Variety is the spice of life," we try to see some new country, or take a different route, in each course of our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This time, we are revisiting Petra the famous red rock City first, which we have not seen for a long time. We'll swim in the Dead Sea en route, and climb up Mt Nebo, like Moses! From Petra we drive all



the way, along the historic King's Highway to Aqaba on the Red Sea, retracing the steps of the Israelites in the last lap of their march to the Promised Land.

So, all the way from our hotel in Amman (which is the Ammon of O.T. history) through Moab (where Nebo is) and Edom (Petra and the south) we are seeing the prophetic land of refuge, rock shelters for the Jews away from the doom of ARMAGEDDON. I vouch this is the most exciting trip, especially for old-timers who have travelled with me before.

Yes, the rugged terrain you will visit with me this time from Amman down to the Red Sea is prophesied in Daniel 11:41. In this verse is described how the Enemy of the Jews will enter Israel and destroy terribly, but Edom, Moab, Ammon shall escape. World War III will affect only the West Bank, but Transjordan will not be touched. The Rocky Shelters will be refuge for surviving Jews.

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 12 - 18, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$7,179.00 (8.00 am); \$13,515.00 (10.30 am)		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Mersing</i> \$400, \$250, \$500, \$2250; <i>Seets</i> \$100, \$100, \$50; <i>Myanmar Msn</i> \$100; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$200; <i>Rev Stephen Khoo</i> \$100; <i>H'top CBS Library Msty</i> \$200; <i>Missions</i> \$200; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$100; <i>Tan Bee Choo</i> \$50; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$20; <i>Extn of the Gospel</i> \$500, \$250(Boxes); <i>FEBC Students on 8th Pilgrimage to Holy Land</i> \$3000; <i>Kenya Spring Water</i> \$2500; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$2000; <i>Tachilek Msty</i> \$563(Combined F'ships); <i>Lai Swee Huat</i> \$100(Boxes); <i>Baraka Centre</i> \$200, \$800, \$200 thru Prayer Mtg.		
SUN	8.00 am	Flattery (Rev Colin Wong)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	(1) Thank God for His unfailing love and grace towards my late wife Mdm Eng Ai Lian during the time when she was ill. Enclosed is a little token for the Lord's project in Mersing. All praise to His Name.		
	10.30 am	Rev Stephen Khoo	(2) May the Lord continue to use the FEK to train up many children in the way of salvation. "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" Ps 144:12 (\$1000 for FEK)		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	(3) \$50 for any area of most urgent need, \$50 for Baraka BPC. "O God, for out of Thine own have I given thee." —a grateful YFer		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	1.30 pm	AF			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. <i>Wed</i> Bt Timah, Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Bishan, Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$687.50; Attendance: 341					
Verse for the Week: <i>In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.</i> Ecclesiastes 11:6					
There will be a camp briefing on Tuesday, 27 May 97 at 7.00 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Attendance compulsory for all campers.					



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Elder George Tan
Opening Hymn	No. 73	No. 262
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 96	Rom 8:31-39
Hymn	No. 267	No. 355
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 445	No. 137
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Pet 4:1-3	Isa 49:13-16
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Idolatry</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Can a Woman Forget Her Sucking Child?</i> (Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 398	No. 333
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR GOD

by Eld Khoo Peng Kiat in *Maranatha Weekly*

I count it a great joy and privilege to be in the service of the Kings of kings and Lord of lords. It is by God's grace that I am in His service. In fact every Christian is called to a life of service. "Even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister" (Matt 20:28). Service is one of the greatest challenges in the life of discipleship. It is one of the hallmarks of a true Christian. Everyone enjoys being served, but few make an effort to serve others. The mature Christian is marked by what he will do for others without expecting anything in return although the Lord has promised rewards for services rendered to His glory and honour. 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).

In my service as an Elder, I have learnt from God's Word the example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the importance of being available when and where help is needed. I have also learnt from our beloved Pastor who has great wealth of life's experiences. He has taught me that in serving the Lord, it is not a question of one's ability but of one's availability. Homer Duncan says, "When we are available, God can use us, when, where and as he will."

My wife and I have been in what I call a "shuttle ministry"

between Singapore and Melbourne for ten years, each trip lasting for three to six months. We praise and thank God for Life B-P Church, our alma mater, for being such a caring and loving mother to those of our B-P churches which are in need of help in terms of labourers and finance. Life Church is truly one of the great sending churches. The brothers and sisters in Bethel B-P Church are very appreciative and grateful to Life and Olivet B-P Churches in giving us the blessing to serve there not that they are without a need for manpower but because of the need down under is greater. So when the Macedonian call was made by Dr Tow Siang Hwa during the Lunar New year in Feb 1987, we responded in faith to go, not knowing what really was in store for us. It was indeed a step of faith as far as I am concerned because I feel more at home in teaching than in preaching and church administration. Nevertheless I have complete confidence that God will surely supply all our needs. Truly great is God's faithfulness!

My ministry in Bethel is mainly one of preaching and teaching God's Word to the congregation besides the ministry of visitation, counselling, hospitality and encouragement and other things related to the affairs of the church which cannot be

quantified. Now I understand and greatly appreciate what it is like to be a minister of God. The Apostle Paul, after cataloguing the cost exacted of him in 2 Cor 11:16-33 said, "Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." It was the grace of God that saw him through his calling when finally he was able to say, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (1 Tim 4:7-8). By God's grace, our beloved Pastor is still going strong after 47 years of ministry, a spiritual marathon runner for the Lord indeed!

Service as an Elder has taught me that in serving God, little people are important. 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). In other words, a very little act of service done out of love and in His name is taken into consideration. Life Church's slogan composed by Rev Tow has helped me in my service as an Elder: "Do something good for Jesus everyday; do something good for Jesus wherever you go, and out of the way." The Apostle Paul said, "And 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). I have also learnt that 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, God considers them as acts of service to Himself. And finally in serving God, little or no thought of reward is important, although our Lord and Master will reward us for good works done when we face Him at the Judgment Seat. Let us do service out of love for God and for one another. Service as an Elder is indeed a great privilege. And it is God's love that constrains and sustains me in His Majesty's Service. Amen.

Editor's Note: *Pray for Elder Khoo who has just left for Melbourne for a stint of 3 months of pastoral ministry in Bethel B-P Church. En route he spends a week in Adelaide and another in Sydney.*

Testimony of Bong Boon Chong, Missionary in Kuching

I joined the B-P Church at the end of Dec 1989. At that time, it was on a part-time basis. There were few members, and attendance on the Lord's Day was uncertain. Sometimes we had two or three, sometimes none. Especially on rainy days, and all the more because of flooding. Our work mainly involved children. This state of affairs lasted over three years.

My heart was in tension. On one hand, I thought of giving up my business to serve Him full-time, but since we had few members, and our financial resources uncertain, should our mission discontinue our support because of poor results? On the other hand, if we went on like this, we could hardly find increase in membership. What was I to do if God's work remained stagnant? I was wrapped up in these problems. To give up my thriving business or the Lord's work, I could not decide. I prayed and prayed, and I shared this matter with my colleagues. They told me to retain a way for retreat. I did not know what to do or how. In my prayers, I realised I was heavily responsible to the Lord, according to Paul's words, "For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me" (1 Cor 9:17).

I came to the decision finally to give up my business and serve the Lord full-time. I wrote to the Mission Board about my decision, and to review our support. They raised my stipend from S\$300 to S\$700. Thank the Lord His grace was sufficient to keep us going, it exceeded "abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph 3:20). "Be not afraid, only believe," God will help us to the very end from now on, Amen.

Upon entering full-time service, we began to feel the unsuitability of our wooden house church. As it was hemmed in on all sides, we very much desired to shift to a better place. Such a locality should not be too far from the wooden church. We prayed to the Lord all the time to open a way. We went scouting around. We heard of a two-storey empty corner terrace house, but we could not contact the landlord. We searched and prayed, and we were discouraged. Why didn't the Lord open the way to a good locality?

Soon after this, there went up a signboard

advertising the construction of a two-storey terrace house complex. Building operations began shortly. I turned my attention to the upper floor of a corner house, hoping that when the construction was completed, we could rent it for our meeting place. For this new construction was nearer to our wooden church than the first one. Also, it was nearer to the main road, with lots of parking space. So, we prayed for the Lord's will.

After this, a brother told me the wooden church was too warm for worship, so he donated three big fans. I replied we were considering moving out to a better location, and he agreed. Was this brother's meeting me an indication of the Lord's will? My faith being weak, I dared not believe. I prayed for another week. I went to see the brother about renting the upper floor of the two-storey corner house for the church service. He heartily agreed and asked me to contact the developer. My faith still being weak, I left it to the Lord to provide the rent-money, the chairs and all other needs.

When building operations were almost finished, I told a colleague of my intention. He also agreed and would pray for us. After this a brother of SIB (Borneo Evangelical Mission) drove me to the spot and when I pointed to the house we wanted, he agreed as well. Yet I dared not take this to be the Lord's will. One day, when I and a pastor came upon that house and I told him my desire, he very much encouraged me to it. Only then did I feel a surge within me to proceed. In no time I had called a meeting of the brothers and sisters and organised a committee to work out this business.

Beyond our expectation and with the Lord's more abundant grace, we offered among ourselves RM1,000. A brother offered to be our photographer. We reported our transactions to the Main Board, while I went to see the developer. But he said the house had been taken so I must see the landlord. Without his phone number, I had to patiently wait. The terrace houses were finished quickly and signboards went up. One upstairs flat was to let at RM400, but we could not display our church signboard, so we quit.

We persevered. After one month we discovered one corner house, two storeys for rent at RM1,800. We contacted our Missions Board. A few days after this, Peter Chua and two colleagues arrived in Kuching. We went to see the landlord but would not rent the whole unit since we did not need so

much space, nor could we waste the Lord's money.

Thank the Lord, though our faith was weak, His grace was sufficient. Then I noticed that our downstairs premises were rented out, but not the upstairs. I asked for a week during which I telephoned Singapore, but there was no immediate answer. In our anxiety we saw the landlord and put down a deposit of RM300. Then came Singapore's reply to help us through three years' rent! We were responsible for the furnishings. We prayed again to the Lord to supply all our needs.

Bro. Chua Guan, seeing our pulpit was small and old offered to make a new and bigger one. He also gave a cupboard to store Bibles, and wall to wall carpeting. Bro. Lee Hock Keong and Lee Lam Heng also helped to get the Church going.

Thank the Lord, we laboured in the Spirit irrespective of denominational background to build His Church. The Singapore brethren brought us an electronic organ. So our Church came into being through friends of other denominations and with Singapore's help. May the Lord bless everyone who has helped us.

This testimony is on the exceeding abundant grace of God. "Be not afraid, only believe!" The God we serve is the ever-living God. There is nothing too hard for Him. What is required of you is all-obedience. He will supply all our needs. For "Jehovah Jireh" He is the Omniscient and Omnipotent God. All Glory is given to Him. Amen.



This is the new minibus given by Life Church (English and Chinese), costing only RM53,000+. A new Children's Bible class attended by 10 meets on Saturday.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 19 - 25, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	1.05 pm	Rev Tow & pilgrims return, RJ188Y	\$5,430.00 (8.00 am); \$14,347.95 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$120; 21CRB \$200; Mersing \$25, \$20, \$550(Kebaktian Ina); Tan Bee Choo \$200, \$50; Seets \$350, \$50, \$200; CBS P'pines \$200; Batam \$50; Tracts \$50, \$20; Baraka BPC \$200, \$20; Missions \$100, \$300, \$200; Tan Lim Choo \$50; JJ Lim \$500; Africa Mission \$150, \$150; Extn of the Gospel \$500; FEBC \$300; MsF \$181.25.	
WED	9.00 am	Rev Tow at Homiletics Seminar, Calvary BPC (Jurong)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	9.00 am	EBF Seminar, FEBC Hall (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(1) Thank you Lord for hearing my cries when I was most helpless. (\$100 for Mersing Project)	
THU	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)	(2) "For the love of His Gospel," a gift to channel spring water to Bible School, Kenya. (\$2500) —"old" Lifer	
FRI	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Emmanuel BF)	Verse for the Week: Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. Isaiah 43:10	
SAT	2.30 pm	Teens' Seminar & Workshop, FEBC Hall	Seminar on <i>The Inspiration and Canon of Scripture</i> by Rev (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo. Wed, 21 May, 9.00am - 12.00 noon am. FEBC Hall. ALL WELCOME.	
	2.30 pm	Amos Hoon & Michelle Koo Wedding (Rev Tow)	There will be a camp briefing on Tuesday, 27 May 97 at 7.00 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Attendance compulsory for all campers. FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676.	
	2.30 pm	YF; 3.30 LBC		
SUN	8.00 am	Pride (Msnr Charles Seet)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School		
	10.30 am	Rev Dr Goh Seng Fong		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice		
	10.45 am	Rev Tow at Pastor Jack Sin's Ordination, Maranatha BPC		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
No NBC This Week.				
Sunday School Offering: \$702.22; Attendance: 344				



Marilyn conducting a Follow-up Family Service in a country house. Notice the candles burning. She herself stays in a shack built next to a semi-open wooden chapel.



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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 Colin Wong
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 34	Rom 8:28-39
Hymn	No. 121	No. 79
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 68	No. 353
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Job 32:1-22	Daniel 3:13-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Flattery (Rev Colin Wong)	If God is with you... (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 255	No. 406
Benediction		

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He has been a teacher in the areas of Greek, Hebrew, Bible, Speech, and English for over thirty-five years in nine schools, including one junior high, one senior high, two Bible institutes, two colleges, two universities, and one seminary. He served his country as a Navy Chaplain for five years on active duty; pastored two churches; was Chairman and Director of the Radio and Audio-Film Commission of the American Council of Christian Churches; since 1971, has been Director of THE BIBLE FOR TODAY; since 1978, has been President of the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY; has produced over 700 other studies, booklets, cassettes, or VCR's on this and other topics; and is heard on both a five-minute daily and thirty-minute weekly radio program IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS presently aired on fifteen stations. Dr and Mrs Waite have been married since 1948; they have four sons, one daughter, and, at present, eight grandchildren.

**TESTIMONY OF MARILYN NANTA
(of Kuching, Sarawak)**

All praise, glory honour be unto God. Amen.
On this auspicious occasion, I would like to glorify the Lord with all my heart, with all my strength, with all my soul and with all my mind for calling me into His service. Indeed the Lord has blessed me so much in many ways since I was a student graduating from FEBC in the year 1992. I really thank the Lord for the College which I can't express within my heart for preparing me to go to the world to preach the gospel to the many nations.

I count it a joy and privilege to serve Him, even in a very simple way. Serving the Lord full-time is never easy and rosy. However difficult at times, I still derive much satisfaction and

confidence in God who has been my refuge and strength. I have this assurance that whatever He wants me to be, it is His will for me.

Last January 1997, our beloved Rev Tow and Mrs Tow came to visit me at Kuching. I really thank God for their concern and encouragement for me. Their coming was just like an angel to bring God's message to me. Their coming brought blessing to me. They encouraged me to go to the Holy Land. I prayed very hard day and night without ceasing. Anyhow, the Lord heard my prayer. He listened to my cry. A lady from a BP Church (Singapore) was moved by the Lord to support me to go to the Holy Land. Ruth 2:12, "The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." How wonderful it is. I can go to Israel free! The Lord is my paymaster. If we are faithful to Him, He will be faithful to us.

My Ministry

For 5 years, serving the Lord in my country, the Lord has seen me through every thick and thin. My ministry includes administrative work at the main church, youth group, women's fellowship, preaching every Lord's day and leading a group to evangelize on Sunday afternoon. By the grace of God I managed to start a new work at Siol Kandis, Petra Jaya, Kuching (10 miles from town in the countryside). It was started with only four families. By the higher hand of God our members grew to 100, and to 150 people, including children. We meet regularly on the Lord's day. We came to know 2 families, one family is local and the other one is from West Malaysia. The man was a "bomoh." The gospel was shared to them and they believed and received Christ as their personal Saviour. Then came their trying period. They were charged in court for becoming Christians. Nevertheless, the Lord carried them through the ordeal. Nothing happened to them though they were threatened. The Lord saved them through much fasting and prayer. They were released after 3 days.

Now they are happy to worship the Lord with us. They have received many blessings after their trial. I really praise God for their salvation. God is powerful and mighty. With Him nothing is impossible. Let the people rejoice in His glory and power. Amen.

Editor's note: *Two other FEBCers mightily used of the Lord in Kuching are Tram Epoi, pastor of a Church of 700 and Rev Jo Young Chun who pastors the only Korean Church there. A neighbour of Tram he goes with him to evangelise the longhouses in the interior. Rev Jo also runs a Christian Bookshop which sells all publications of FEBC press. As for our BP Church (Chinese) manned by Mr Bong, being nearest to the airport, it is a half way house for passing through Christian workers and missionaries, thereby saving them staying in hotels. Sarawak has turned out to be a fruitful field!*

HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

I was brought up in a Christian family with good Christian parents. But as I grew older, I was often rude to my parents and disobeyed them.

I attended church every week with my parents and my Sunday School teachers told me the importance of being a Christian. I had heard the gospel many times and knew it well. Later, I became afraid of death and eternal hell and torture. I cried in fear and anguish.

I knew that I was a terrible sinner. I also knew what I needed to do to become a Christian. But whenever I did wrong, I doubted that I was saved. My father explained that salvation was a gift from God and not a reward to be earned. I then realised that good works could not earn my trip to heaven. My father explained more about salvation and I knew much more of the gospel through him. I wanted to be a Christian. My father left me alone in my room. It was past midnight and I thought about his words. Finally I knocked on my father's bedroom door and asked him to pray the salvation prayer with me.

I slept well that night. I realised the benefits of a Christian—inner peace, the Holy Spirit in me and eternal life. Now I am a different me. I know what is wrong when I make mistakes and something in me urges me to apologize. When I do bad things or think bad thoughts, that something would argue with the bad thoughts in me. I am eager to tell others about God.

I owe this salvation to Christ who died for me and I will serve him by telling others about him.

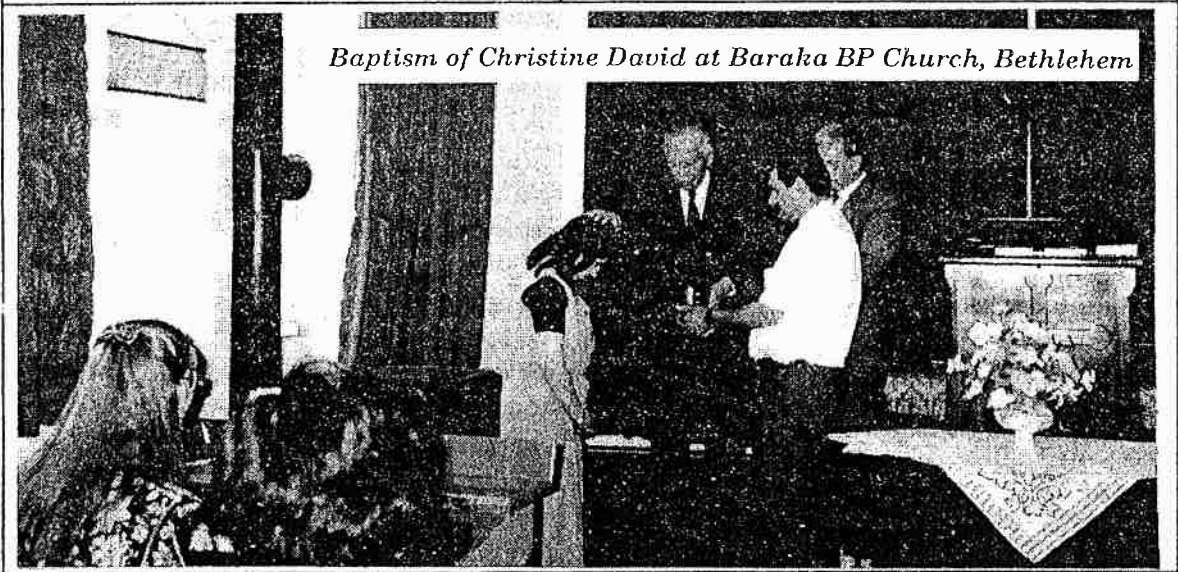
—Esther Chin

HOMILETICS SEMINAR			
Wednesday, May 21, 1997; Sanctuary, Calvary Jurong, 1 Tao Ching Road, Tel: 2654295			
TIME		PROGRAMME	WHO?
9.00 am	- 10.15am	Lecture: "The Qualifications and Responsibilities of the Preacher"	Rev Dr Timothy Tow
10.15 am	- 10.30 am	Break	All
10.30 am	- 12.00 noon	Lecture: "Homiletics Made Lively"	Rev Dr Timothy Tow
12.00 noon	- 12.30 pm	Questions & Answers Session	Rev Dr T Tow, participants
12.30 pm	- 1.15 pm	Lunch	All
1.15 pm	- 2.00 pm	Discussions	Participants break up into groups
2.00 pm	- 3.00 pm	Presentations from Discussions, by participants	Rev Dr T Tow, participants
3.00 pm	- 3.30 pm	Round-up & Comments	Rev Dr T Tow

The above is a joint project of the English and Mandarin Services of Calvary B-P Church at Jurong. It is organised for those who are engaged in preaching, speaking and in any other teaching and speaking ministries.

Application is now open. Registration is necessary for administrative purpose. The registration fee is \$10 for earners, and \$5 for non-earners. This fee includes the lunch and notes, and other administration. Please pay in CASH only (kindly do not staple cash to form). Contact: Yeong Shoon.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 26 - June 1, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	7.00 pm	Camp Briefing; 8pm Prayer Mtg	\$4,301.00 (8.00 am); \$16,036.25(10.30 am)		
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1550(Chinese Ser); Mersing \$250, \$200, \$400, \$500(Coinalon), \$360(Boxes), \$450(Chinese Ser); JJ Lim \$300, \$550, \$300; Heng Sau \$500; Yiew PS \$200; Myanmar Church/Orph \$100, \$50(Sunday Sch); Church in Kuching \$700; CBS P'pines \$200; Seets \$300, \$960, \$50; Missions \$200, \$300; Children's msty \$50; Sunday School \$50; Chinese Bibles \$745; P'pines Missions \$250; CRBC \$300; Tan Bee Choo \$50; Baraka BPC \$20; Myanmar Bible College \$100; Tracts \$100.		
THU	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
FRI	7.00 pm	JSM Conference Practice	(1) I would like to thank the Lord for His bountiful blessings. Here is \$1000 for the Mersing Project.		
SAT	2.30 pm	Emmanuel Baptist F'ship Wedding	(2) Even when I am disobedient, God has loved me and done all things good for me. May God be glorified. Amen! Msnr Charles Seet \$50, Mersing Project \$20. —YFer		
SUN	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF	(3) A thanksgiving offering of \$745. Praise God for journey mercies, good health and peace of mind. Please channel my offering for Chinese Bibles. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee, he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps 55:22). —A Lifer		
	8.00 am	Lying (Pastor Jack Sin)	(4) I would like to thank the Lord for His bountiful blessings. \$1000 for Mersing Project.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open.		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow (Ordination of Charles Seet)	Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676.		
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$659.32; Attendance: 376					
Verse for the Week: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:4					
There will be a camp briefing this Tuesday, 27 May 97 at 7.00 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Attendance compulsory for all campers.					



Baptism of Christine David at Baraka BP Church, Bethlehem



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Geoffrey Tan	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Opening Hymn	No. 93	No. 205
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 37	Psalms 116
Hymn	No. 283	No. 116
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 173	No. 366
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Prov 6:16-19	Lk 15:11-32
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Pride</i> (Msnr Charles Seet)	<i>Corroded spirits</i> (Rev Dr Goh Seng Fong)
Closing Hymn	No. 460	No. 398
Benediction		

8th HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

by Elder Han Soon Juan

The 17-day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land via London was a most fruitful, fulfilling and exhilarating spiritual experience, re-tracing the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; nevertheless, it was at times a gruelling one, wearing out quite a few of the 50 pilgrims physically, including the writer.

Contrary to what an ill-informed brother who had dismissed our pilgrimage as a mere holiday, the pilgrims were unanimous in agreeing during an evening service-cum-sharing session that ours was a pilgrimage in the truest sense of the word.

For the three Lord's Days away, Pastor delivered three full sermons, one at New Life B-P Church in London, and two at Baraka B-P Church in Bethlehem. In addition, he had to give an exhortation each evening we lodged at the Beit El Baraka, a mission-hospital-turned-hostel complex, meticulously manned by American missionary, Miss Davenport and her committed team. Along the way, Pastor read portions of the Scripture whenever appropriate, and took us back in time in his vivid exposition for our

edification. Examples of this were when we were sailing into a storm in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, and when we were at the Mountain of the Beatitudes.

Our Holy Land Pilgrimage proper began on 7 May 97, the day after we landed in Amman, Jordan. Our first stop was at a Dead Sea resort, where many a pilgrim had a floating time of cleansing - for their blemished complexion, that was!

Next was Mount Nebo, where Moses surveyed the Promised Land of the dramatic Jordan Valley, Jericho and the Judean hills beyond (Deut. 34). Then it was the long haul along the historic meandering and mountainous King's Highway to Petra in the south.

The ruins and monuments of the Rose City of Petra, considered a most significant wonderland of the past, were used by the Nabateans to defend themselves against the Greek Emperor Antigonos in 312 BC. Many of us, particularly the writer who were not game enough to trudge the rocky terrain for two hours, hired either a horse or a 'chariot' half the

distance. The chariot ride literally shook us out of our joints and breath! We were rewarded and stunned by the magnificence of the rock formations towering all around and above us. We could not help but feel that we were in the midst of God's wondrous creation.

We crossed the Allenby's Bridge into Israel the next evening, and spent the night at Sedom by the south western bank of the Dead Sea.

A cable car lifted us up Masada, a mountain fortress looming over the desolate landscape on the edge of the Dead Sea. Present day Israeli soldiers take their oath of allegiance here, reciting a warning and a promise in the phrase: "Masada shall not fall again". Following the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD, some Jewish rebels held out in the Herodian stronghold for three years. On the eve of the Roman attack, the rebels, for fear of Roman revenge, especially slavery, committed mass suicide.

We drove north to Jericho, lying 250 metres below sea level and reputed to be the oldest city in the world, dating back to the 8th millennium BC. At an excavation site, the remains of the defensive city walls from this period could still be seen.

The next day we climbed the Mount of Olives, where Jesus taught his disciples, where he was made prisoner, where he wept for Jerusalem, and where he ascended to heaven. The summit commands a panoramic and breathtaking view of the walled city of Jerusalem. On the way down we stopped at the Garden of Gethsemane.

It was on the Mount of Olives that the Lord allowed two similar incidents to happen to two of our Korean brethren, which became the subject of Pastor's exhortation at Baraka the very same evening. They were pick-pocketed of a total of US\$800. The first incident happened despite their being warned minutes before by our tour guide to be

specially alert against thieves and robbers.

For the incident to occur twice had to be a confirmation of the Lord's will, that, travelling and staying together as a small community of fifty, we were members of the same body (Rom.12, 1Cor.12), and that we should learn to "bear one another's burdens" (Gal.6:2). From our common pool, we made good their loss. Only after the evening service did we realise what Pastor had meant when he was overheard comforting Rev. Jo soon after the incident that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Ps. 30:5). Praise the Lord for this instant true-to-life object lesson at a time when individualism was on the rise.

Our second Lord's Day found us worshipping at the Baraka B-P Church. Pastor spoke on: "Man's Kingdom and God's Kingdom" from John 18: 33-37. It was preceded with the baptism of sister Christine David by Pastor, who declared that "joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:7).

In the light of their newly-acquired Palestinian self-rule, Pastor taught our Arab brethren that, while they were Christians in the Spiritual Kingdom, they had to assume the responsibility in the Material Kingdom of man. They had to pay taxes. Though the Jews under the Romans were a much under-privileged people, Paul taught them to subject themselves to the authorities (Romans 13:1-7). In short they must be good citizens because freedom comes with responsibility.

As for God's Kingdom, we had to realise that we did not belong to it simply because of our church membership. We had to be born again (John 3:3), and our hearts baptised to ensure our heavenly citizenship. We had to obey the commandments of God. Our love for Christ had to be reflected in our giving to the service of the Lord. Luther had discovered for

us that we were saved by grace, not work; yet, we had to be a people manifested by good works. Having seen prophecies fulfilled before our very eyes and confident of our Lord's return perhaps in our lifetime, Pastor exhorted the congregation to "occupy till I come" (Luke 19 :13), so that we might not be unwittingly drawn into the "better life" of Man's Kingdom.

In the evening service, pastor preached on the secret of wealth and happiness from Acts 20:33-35 and 2 Cor. 9:8. He gently warned us not to withhold the basic tithes, otherwise the nine tenths might be withheld from us. However, if we give cheerfully, "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."

The next few days saw us touring many interesting places. We saw the ruins of the ancient settlement of Qumran where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. We also visited the Jacob's Well, Nablus and Mary's Well. The House of St. Peter, the ruins of an ancient synagogue, and the Church of the first feeding of the multitude at Tabgha were next. From Capernaum in the north, we took the "Jesus' Boat" to Ginnosar on the western bank of the Sea of Galilee.

The day's highlight was in Banias, at the foot of Mt. Hermon, which is the source of the Jordan River. Most of us were content with dipping our hands in the crystal-clear cold water from the melting snow in the mountain. But Master Bryce Stone, our 'baby' pilgrim was seen lying prostrate by the stream, having his whole head 'baptised' by immersion!

We then headed west to the Mediterranean visiting Rosh Hanikra at the Israeli-Lebanese border, the 12th century Crusaders' fortress at Akko, Mt. Carmel, and Caesarea, where St. Paul set sail to Rome. In between we stayed overnight at a typical Kibbutz.

Then we hit south for Beit El Baraka, our

home away from home. To both the sick and the weary, it was home sweet home. That evening, Pastor spoke about a tale of the two cities we had visited, namely, Jerusalem and Samaria. The latter, with all its past glories in huge stone pillars, lay desolate before us. It had been built to satisfy the will of man. The former, still bathed in its splendour, would continue to prosper because it was established by the will of God. (Micah 1:1-6; 4:1-5) Bible prophecies came alive!

The Garden Tomb and the 6-km walk re-tracing the path followed by Jesus bearing his cross from the Judgement Court to Golgotha, the place of crucifixion were last on our itinerary. Though we bore no cross and armed with plenty of mineral water, we were completely exhausted. It was truly a moving spiritual experience!

Our last day was the Sabbath, and we again joined our brethren in worship at Baraka B-P Church. Pastor's message was about the two stages of God's Providence. The text was Matt. 6:25-33. In His General Providence, God feeds "the fowls of the air" and clothes the "lilies of the field that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these". In His Special Providence, God will take good care of us "for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things". But blessing will be upon us only if we put God first in everything. We are better than philosophers who cannot tell of God's providence. We can!

Our Pilgrimage was unique in that unlike many other pilgrims, we were not obsessed with dead stones. We were concerned with living stones. Rev. Awad, lay pastor of Baraka B-P Church summed it up succinctly by praising the Lord that our Annual Pilgrimage was not only a great blessing but also a tremendous encouragement to him and his flock at Baraka. AMEN.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 2 - 8, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.00 am	Campers leaving for Malacca	\$9,937.00 (8.00 am); \$6,536.25(10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Rev Stephen Khoo)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$3700; Mersing \$500, \$60, \$86; Seets \$80, \$100; Chinese Bibles \$50; Ho Heng Sau \$200; Tan Bee Choo \$200; Rev Stephen Khoo \$500; Baraka BPC \$20, \$100; JJ Lim \$150; Rev Colin Wong \$600; Mission in Saipan \$160; Heng Jee Seng (Africa) \$250.		
THU-SAT	7.30 pm	JSM Conference	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SAT	2.30 pm	Wedding of Lim Pin & Charlene Tan, Rev Tow	(1) "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that thirsteth in Him. O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear him" (Ps 34:8,9). Thanking God for His faithfulness in many areas of my life. Since quitting my business to help my husband who is still outside Christ (so that I can spend more time with him and show forth God's love in my life), the Lord has provided for my every need. He has also answered my prayer and bless me with a child. His lovingkindness is truly better than life. . . With my lips, I shall continue to praise the Lord! A small token of my love for Him. —A Grateful Servant saved by His Grace Alone (\$140)		
SUN	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF; Revenge (Rev Stephen Khoo, Lord's Supper)	Second 21st Century Reformation Missions Conference. Campers are to assemble at Life BP Church at 6.30 am, June 2. Coaches are scheduled to leave at 7.00 am sharp. All children: going to camp must bring along the following—Bible, notebook, pencil box, colour pencils/crayons, glue, and scissors.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676.		
	10.30 am	Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser			
	7.00 pm	22nd FEBC Graduation Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.					
Sunday School Offering: \$704.91; Attendance: 359					
Verse for the Week: <i>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</i>					
FEBC Graduation Rehearsal (full-dress) at Calvary BPC (Pandan), Sat June 7, 7 pm. Attendance is compulsory for all students. Bus leaving from Life Church 6.15 pm.					

In contrast with Jerusalem which has a population of half million, Samaria her rival in the days of the Northern Kingdom is in ruins. Her palaces are eaten up by wild growth of trees and shrubs.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 47	No. 216
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Prov 19:1-29	Matt 6:25-33
Hymn	No. 247	<i>Cheep, cheep, cheep</i>
Announcements		Church Choir
Offering & Hymn	No. 111	<i>Go ye</i>
Offertory Prayer		Ordination of Charles
Scripture Text	Acts 5:1-11	Seet
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Lying</i> (Rev Jack Sin)	<i>Christian Solution to</i> <i>Better Livelihood</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 445	No. 420
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		

MILLENNIUM PROPHECY COMES ALIVE

Micah, a contemporary of Isaiah, prophesied not only against Judah but also against the Northern Kingdom with its capital in Samaria. Now Samaria was founded by Omri, father of the wicked king Ahab. It was built on a hill over 300 feet above the surrounding country, rivalling the splendour of Jerusalem the Southern capital.

In Micah's time the idolatrous sins of both capitals were so heinous that God had to denounce them both altogether: "For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? (Micah 1:5). Then to Samaria came this curse: "Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof" (Micah 1:6). Swiftly, hard at Judah's heels, was followed up a similar curse on Jerusalem: "Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest" (Micah 3:12).

But the great difference between Samaria and Jerusalem is this. Samaria fell in BC 722 under the Assyrians. Though it was rebuilt by succeeding generations its decay was certain. By introducing other races to live with the

conquered tribes, the people became a mixed race. The Samaritans still flourished in Jesus' time, but today Samaria is in ruins.

The ruins of Samaria which we visited in our first two Pilgrimages in 1983 and 1987 were visited again this 8th Pilgrimage. Silent as the grave, the deadness of the site is disturbed by squirrels squealing and darting in the bush upon our arrival, as if to say, "Do not disturb the sleep of death of this cursed city." The chief reason why Samaria had crumbled to dust was it was built by the will of man, and not by the will of God. It was by the wisdom of Omri, Ahab's father, though from the human standpoint, it is beautiful for situation and strategic in position "Every plant that my Father hath not planted shall be rooted up" (Matt 15:13). And hath not also come to pass a similar fate to every Nineveh and Tyre?

As for Jerusalem, though she has received a similar curse from Jehovah, the God of both Samaria and Jerusalem, she is the chosen of the Lord. God who told David to build His dwelling place in Jerusalem will remove that curse.

Immediately following Micah's curse on Jerusalem's destruction, which took place in BC 586 under Nebuchadnezzar and subsequent punishments, such

as Titus burning the city in 70 AD, Jerusalem will rise again in the last days. So follows the removal of the curse with millennial blessings as follows:

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Micah 4:1-4

How will God rule the world in peace with Jerusalem as its millennial capital? Zechariah 8:2-8 says,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof... Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. Zechariah 8:2-8

In sharp contrast with Samaria in ruins, Jerusalem is a restored city with over half a million souls, and with an expanding building programme that defies all opposition of the Palestinians.

What is the significance of an ever-growing Jerusalem before our eyes and an incoming Jewish population by an unceasing flowing in of returnees? Is this not as the fig tree putting forth

her leaves in the heat of the summer of her Master's Return? To us who have come back from the 8th Pilgrimage, Millennium prophecy has come alive!

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

A Great Day for Maranatha

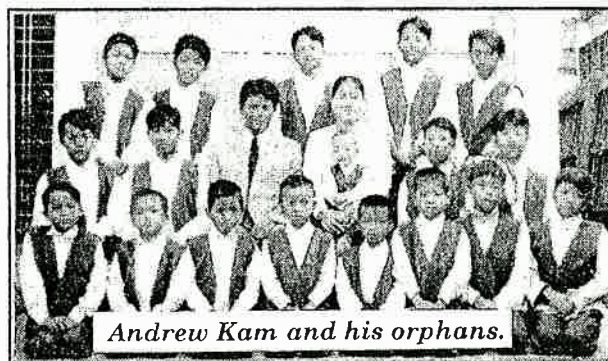
Last Lord's Day a goodly number from the 10.30 am Service, including the Choir, were found at Maranatha, to witness the Ordination of Pastor Jack Sin. It was a great day for Maranatha, for the Church auditorium was filled to overflowing. The ordination was appropriately preceded by the ordinand's testimony of his call. I spoke on the day Peter decided to give up all and follow the Lord full-time. My challenge to the congregation was if some present would do the same. Rev Stephen Khoo prayed while Rev Colin Wong gave the charge. The hand of Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo was added in the ordination.

A Great Day for Life Church Today

After Jack Sin is Charles Seet's turn today at the 10.30 am worship. We will also be delighted to hear from the ordinand's mouth how the Lord had called him, and blessed him in his first term of service in the Philippines. Both Jack and Charles are two of our choicest young men to join the 50-60 other FEBC graduates ordained to the Gospel ministry. With Charles receiving the M.Div. at the coming FEBC Graduation he will be further equipped to teach at the Hilltop, Manila. Charles and his wife and two children are returning to the field the very next day. We wish them Godspeed and another term of service.

Deacon Lim J.J.

Happy on the heels of Jack Sin and Charles Seet comes Deacon J.J. Lim who also will



Andrew Kam and his orphans.

receive his M.Div. at the FEBC 22nd Graduation, June 8, 7 pm at Calvary Pandan BPC. Deacon J.J. has been taken on the staff of Life Church, his appointment to begin July 1, '97. In September he and his wife and son will head for Wales where he will be working towards an M.Th. in 1½ years. Marvellously, the Lord has provided for his needs through a scholarship and the support of friends. Our Church looks forward to our brother to return and serve as well as to teach at FEBC — for the double advancement of His Kingdom.

Mersing BP Youth Camp

Our drawing of the proposed BP Youth Camp, Mersing, as displayed before the Congregation, is deemed too big to be of practical use and management. At the suggestion of a member of the AF, we are sizing it down to one third. This will be a quadrangled hostel to cater for 100. As we intend to run a regular weekly service for a growing Mersing town, the resident pastor will double as warden. Pray that the Lord will raise such a man to take care of His House.

Testimony of Kian Sing and Swee Luan

"O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the people" (Psalm 105:1).

Our hearts are full of praise and thanks to our most merciful and gracious God Almighty for seeing our newborn daughter, Faith Tan Xin'En, through a delicate brain surgery on 30 April 97. Our hearts are encouraged and comforted by His Word and His host of saints from Life B-P Church and the Adults Fellowship, Berean, Maranatha and Gethsemane B-P Churches and Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye, our obstetrician, who managed the case so prayerfully with the neurosurgeon and neonatologist. His saints have been upholding us fervently in prayer for His mercy and deliverance since 31 March 97 when it was first discovered that Faith had water pressure building up in her brain due to some suspected blockage probably due to some internal bleeding during the gestation period. Our Lord has shown us great and mighty works which we know not. He is indeed merciful and good to us. With the advance in medical science and technology, the neurosurgeon could use a simple technique to burn a hole at the base of the brain tissue to allow for circulation of the brain fluid. Otherwise a more complicated technique would be needed which would also result in more post operation problems. Although the neurosurgeon encountered some difficulties and took longer than usual for the operation, the Lord has made all things possible. Our little Faith was spared at the end of a two-hour operation. She has been

Welcome JSM Conference to Gilstead Road


We extend a cordial welcome to JSM Conference at our Church June 5-7, 7.30 pm. The speaker is Chancellor Bob Jones. Lifers and Sharonites are encouraged to attend.

Vacation Bible College

After the Malacca Camp, there will be held FEBC's 22nd Graduation at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour, June 8, 7.00 pm. The week following, Mon. June 9-13 a week of VBC on Jeremiah will be taught by Dr Gary Cohen and credit will be given. Don't miss this golden opportunity!

Another item of praise is the special award just conferred on Dr Jeffrey Khoo by The Society of Fundamental Studies of the Holy Scriptures for his prize-winning essay on *Christ's Active Obedience in His Substitutionary Atonement*. This was cited at the 23rd Commencement at Foundations Bible College, USA, May 18, 1997. "All for Christ's sake, All Else is Unworthy" — O Talmadge Spencer, Director. —T.T.

responding well to the treatment which has successfully released the water pressure in the brain. Although there were some post operation infections detected but again the Lord is merciful and the infections were put under control with antibiotics. After eighteen days in hospital since her birth, Faith is now back with us at home. So far things are going on fine and we continue to pray and trust that the Lord will continue to let the treatment work. Our prayer is that our Lord God the Creator of heaven and earth will continue to cause the brain fluid to normal circulation and that the brain cavities will shrink to their normal size and that the brain tissue will recover to normal thickness. For with God nothing shall be impossible (Luke 1:37). We trust that there will be good report when we go for the next review on 30 May 97 by the neurosurgeon and neonatologist. Our hope is in the Lord. It is by His mercy that we are not consumed. His compassion fails not. His faithfulness is new each day. We trust that the Lord will continue to bless each and everyone of you as you have so lovingly committed us to Him before His throne of grace during this very trying period. May your faith be also strengthened and our Lord be well pleased in all that has come to pass for His glory and honour. May all of us come forth as gold all to the praise of His blessed name. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 9 - 15, '97)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON-SAT	DBVC—Jeremiah and the Babylonian Captivity, Dr Gary Cohen	\$8,156.00 (8.00 am); \$18,801.00(10.30 am)
MON-FRI	LTF Camp	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>EBF II</i> \$2250, \$1000, \$1335(Chinese Ser); <i>21CRB</i> \$100; <i>Mersing</i> \$150, \$350, \$300, \$350, \$250, \$60, \$1000; <i>Robert Peh</i> \$220; <i>Batam Mission</i> \$50; <i>Baraka Conf Centre</i> \$50; <i>Rev Jack Sin</i> \$200; <i>Rev Charles Seet</i> \$200, \$150, \$60, \$200; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$300; <i>Rev Peter Clements</i> \$200, \$200; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$200, \$200, \$100; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$150; <i>Jess/Nirand</i> \$130, \$160; <i>Chiangmai Msty</i> \$270, \$200; <i>Africa</i> \$150; <i>Missions</i> \$100; <i>MsF</i> \$50; <i>Heng JS</i> \$200, \$200; <i>YAF</i> \$50; <i>Yiew PS</i> \$50; <i>Hendro</i> \$250; <i>Mr/Mrs Hahn</i> \$250; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$500; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$200; <i>VBS</i> \$300(AF).
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
FRI 7.45 pm	Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall	(1) Thanking God for His manifold blessings on the Life Church Youth Fellowship—a steady increase in YFers and members; for seeing many of us through recent exams; for continual spiritual food through His Word. (\$200 for CBS, Philippines) —YF
7.45 pm	Ladies' F'ship, Beulah House	(2) In thanksgiving to God for a successful operation on my mum's fractured hip bone (\$305).
SAT 2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	(3) My tithes for the Lord's goodness (\$500).
7.30 pm	Parents' Night (Cantonese/Mandarin) FEBC Hall	
SUN 8.00 am	Self-Will (Rev Tow)	
9.30 am	Sunday School	
10.30 am	Dr Gary Cohen	
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	
12.00 pm	Burmese Service	
12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	
3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Ser.	
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok.		
Sunday School Offering: \$585.84; Attendance: 329		
Verse for the Week: <i>And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Exodus 33:14</i>		
FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676.		
		<p>Far Eastern Bible College announces the 22nd Graduation Service at Calvary B-P Church (Pandan) Lord's Day, June 8, 1997, 7.00 pm * * * Refreshments following ceremony</p>

Rev Haposan preaching to the students at the Easter Sunrise Service, 1997.



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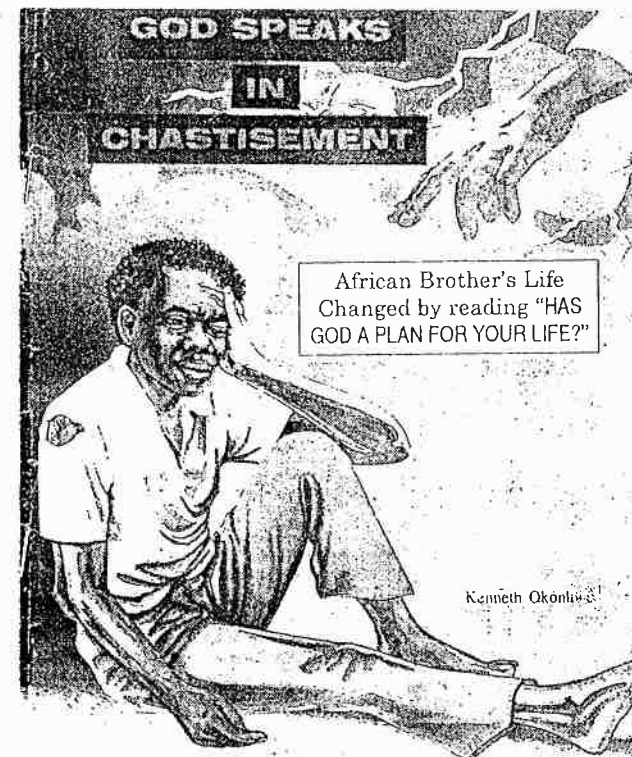
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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Tan Nee Keng	On Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 357	No. 18
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Matt 5:43-48	Matt 6:1-15
Hymn	No. 558	No. 353
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 383	No. 137
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 12:9-21	Rom 8:12-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Revenge</i> (Rev Stephen Khoo)	<i>Abba, Father</i> (Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 173	No. 355
Benediction	Lord's Supper	



LETTER TO AUTHOR READS:

Greetings in the most precious name of Jesus Christ! I am highly persuaded to write, and I count myself blessed to come across one of your literary works, by title, **HAS GOD A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE?** I found this treasure of a book in the hands of my bosom friend who attended the Asia School of Mission in Singapore, 1995 Session.

Ever since then, my life has never remained the same. I have found an answer(s) to virtually all my questions, problems and all the warfares that have been raging throughout my life. For this I discovered that God indeed has very good plans for my life.

Thanks for your teaching on predestination. Another area I was thrilled so much was where I came across a note, "that God's appointment begins in life with one's disappointment," and you enumerated a lot of your life experiences, the double death tragedy that befell you without a breathing space, the Raffles College examination failure that turned around events in your life. Instead of going to England for studies in law, it was going to America for theology. God had good plans for you.

Indeed, it is like your teaching on Romans 8:28 and the life of Joseph in Genesis Chapters 37 all through to 50, my life experience. I was in the business circle — a family

business and my family members conspired against me and pushed me out of the business while I was getting at the peak of progress. I saw myself, indeed, in a fiery furnace of affliction. But then it was at this point that God began to unfold his plans for my life. And I began to realise that suffering is part of God's plan for training in righteousness to the believer. As a result, a booklet which I christened, *God Speaks in Chastisement*, was written.

Besides the Lord is sending me into the ministry. And I will just say like Joseph to my people, "As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20).

Sir, because of your wealth of experience and age in the Lord, I wish to inform you that I have prayerfully chosen you to be my spiritual director and father in the Lord.

I am in my mid-30s and I am quite convinced that the Lord is sending me into the ministry and the name of the ministry as was laid in my heart is, *Guerillas for Christ Ministries*.

I have just taken a step of faith and somebody had just given me an office for this purpose.

Therefore, I request Sir, that prayers be made always in your Church prayer request programmes that the ministry will be a success, that the Lord will encourage me all the more by granting me favour both in His sight and in the sight of men.

The task ahead of me is enormous and I need God's guidance, financial encouragement to keep the ball rolling. Sometimes my team workers and I need money to finance our trips to the highways, schools for evangelism and hospitals for prayers to the patients. Even the telephone in the office is not in the working condition plus so many financial commitments we have, and poverty bites hard here in Africa.

Although we do not walk by sight, but by faith and the Holy Spirit is our resource Person, He will always make a way for His people. "Faithful is He that calleth me, who also will do it" (I Thessalonians 5:24).

Finally, Sir, I am hopeful that your good office will always remain open to me for correspondence and counselling, for I want you to become my personal friend.

I hereby enclose my booklet and a sample of my ministry's prayer request card for a glance.

God bless you and may you never lack oil on your head in Jesus' name. Amen. —*Yours, In the Vineyard of the Lord, Kenneth Okonkwo, Nigeria*

TESTIMONIES

I received infant baptism when I was 1½ years old, and started attending Sunday School in the church where I also received my kindergarten education. I was taught stories from the Bible, and sang hymns and carols. I stayed with that church for almost 10 years, but I never really understood what it means to be a Christian. I learnt, at best, superficial answers to questions such as what is Christianity, what it means to be a Christian and what the church stands for. After the church underwent renovations, I did not return and backslided. I was especially disturbed by the rise of various Christian denominations, and I refused to associate myself with any church when I was not able to fully appreciate what it means to be a Christian.

During my secondary school days, I picked up Bible Knowledge as part of my studies. But to my hardened heart, the Scriptures were merely texts to be committed to memory for examinations. I never internalised the gospel and my questions remained unanswered. My life felt empty.

Things stayed in this state until I went abroad for my studies. It must be the Holy Spirit who moved me to bring along a copy of the King James Bible. That one year which I spent abroad marked the lowest point of my religious life. It was also the turning point. I was alone and in an alien and pressuring environment. I refused to turn to any church member for help (not even the College pastor), because I distrusted all religious representatives. Somehow, by God's grace, I turned, correctly, to the King James Bible for solace and my eyes were opened. I drew on its inspired words for comfort, and I was enlightened by its words of truth. There was a point when I was having my examinations when I succumbed to the pressures of the overseas system. I was completely miserable and in despair, I prayed to the Lord and confessed my wretchedness. I repented of my sins and promised Him that I will never err in my ways again. I reaffirmed my faith and my belief in the salvation offered to me by the Lord Jesus. Looking back, I often marvelled at God's predestination that these events will lead to my reaffirmation of faith and this lost sheep's return to His fold again!

I returned from my studies, spiritually enlightened and strengthened, completely renewed in my faith, and confident that I could find my remaining answers to those questions in

the Bible. By the grace of Lord, I was introduced by my sister to Life Bible Presbyterian Church, where I have been ever since, and where I am receiving my continuing education in the Holy Scriptures, even at the catechism classes.

Now I sing praises of the Lord and pray fervently that I shall not deviate from His path, and that I shall continue to learn and keep His Word in my heart (Psa 119:11). I end this testimony by praying that the Lord will continue to bless and strengthen the Life Bible Presbyterian Church, its pastors, its elders, its deacons and its members. May they continue to be beacons of light in this world for the glory of the Lord (Matt 5:14-16).

—*Daniel Seng Kiat Boon*

The first time I heard about Jesus Christ was when I joined the Girls' Brigade during my secondary school days. At that time there was a group of my classmates who had started attending a house Bible study. One day I accepted their invitation to attend one of the Bible studies. It was at the first Bible study that the teacher taught about man's sin and his fallen nature and that only Jesus Christ can save the lost sinner. At the end of the study the teacher extended the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour. At that moment the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sin and I received Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord. After the

salvation prayer led by the teacher I felt a deep sense of relief and joy knowing that Jesus Christ had forgiven me of my sin. I must thank God for His marvellous way in leading me to Him. This arose from the fact that I come from a pagan family who is deeply rooted in the pagan belief.

After my salvation I began to obey the teachings of the bible. One such teachings concerned food offered to idols. Even as a school girl with no income of my own, I made up my mind not to eat food offered to idols. My mother was upset with me at the beginning but as the days passed she realized that I was serious regarding my faith. The reward came when one day she told me that she had reserved some food for me that were not offered to idols. I thanked God for touching my mother's heart and in her own words, she said, "Christians cannot eat food offered to idols."

My biggest test came when I decided to be baptised. When my family discovered that I was baptised, I was beaten by them. I thanked God that in spite of the beating He had given me the grace to undergo the trials of my earlier Christian life. Now my family had fully accepted me as a Christian who truly believes in Jesus Christ. Praise and glory be to His Holy Name.

—*Mrs Janet Morante*

JEREMIAH AND THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY (Lectures by Dr Gary Cohen)

	June 9 Mon	June 10 Tue	June 11 Wed	June 12 Thu	June 13 Fri	June 14 Sat
9am to 10.30am	Outline of Jeremiah & Chronology of Babylonian Captivity Period	Jer 6-10: "But go ye now unto my place which is Shiloh" (7:12)	Jer 16-19: "Go and stand by the gate" (17:19)	Jer 26-29: "Thou makest this people to trust in a lie" (28:15)	Jer 36-40: "Came Nebuchadnezzar ... against Jerusalem" (39:1)	Exam
10.30am to 11.00 am	R E C E S S					
11.00am to 12.30pm	Jer 1-5: "Set up the standard toward Zion" (4:6)	Jer 11-15: "The prophets say ...Ye shall not see the sword" (14:13)	Jer 20-25: "I will raise unto David a righteous Branch" (23:5)	Jer 30-35: "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel" (31:31)	Jer 41-52: "O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock" (49:16)	
12.30pm to 1.00pm	LUNCH (Lunch tickets sold daily)					

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 16 - 22 , '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$7,142.00 (8.00 am); \$13,067.25(10.30 am)	
TUE-FRI		VBS	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$3700, \$71; 21CRB \$550; Mersing Project \$172(Boxes), \$1130, \$300, \$550(Kebaktian Ind); FEBC Needy Students \$200; Baraka \$300; P'pines Hilltop \$200, \$1000; Rev Colln Wong \$100, \$500; RPG \$100; Tracts \$50; Missions in Malaysia \$200; Missions \$200; Sunday School \$50; Life Bible Sch, Africa \$50, \$500; Batam \$300; Myanmar Orph \$1000; Seets \$1000; China Missions \$500; Kuching \$300; Kuantan \$300; Ho Heng Sau \$160; Salpan \$200; Dn Teo Hang Kiat's mother's eye operation \$2000.	
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	(1) "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed" (Eccl 5:2,4). Thank God for a recent pay rise. Though the amount is small, it is indeed a timely encouragement for my work. Enclosed herein is a small token to thank God for His unfailing goodness and mercies towards my family. Please channel \$200 to MsF for CBP at Hilltop, and \$200 as the Church Session deems fit. (2) I would like to thank God for granting me a temp. job and for enabling me to pass my exams. All glory and praise be to Him! (\$80 for Charles Seet).	
SUN	8.00 am	Covetousness (Rev David Yan)	Vacation Bible School. 9.00 am-12.30 pm daily from 17 to 20 June (Tue-Fri).	
	9.30 am	Sunday School		
	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		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC		
	1.30 pm	AF		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	3.30 pm	Rev Tow at Tabernacle BPC Anniv.		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser.		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.				
Verse for the Week: <i>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.</i> Isaiah 55:9				
FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676.				
WHICH SCRIPTURE TEXT (I JOHN 5:6-8) IS THE TRUE ONE? The Holy Spirit, not Westcott and Hort, will speak to your heart (I John 2:20,27).				
NIV			KJV	
v.6	This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.		v.6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.	
v.7	For there are three that testify:		v.7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.	
v.8	the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.		v.8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.	



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	II Sam 22:21-51	II Sam 22:21-51
Hymn	No. 325	No. 325
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	<i>Bring All</i>	<i>Bring All</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Sam 13:8-14	Lk 7:11-28
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Self-Will of Saul</i>	<i>The Great ? of John</i> (Dr Gary Cohen)
Closing Hymn	<i>My Jesus</i>	<i>My Jesus</i>
Benediction		

CHALLENGE TO NIV

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

The NIV, following the wiles of Westcott and Hort, attacks the passage of Jesus pardoning the woman in adultery (John 7:53-8:11), the last 12 verses of Mark 16:9-20, and I Jn 5:7,8 in classical serpentine double talk.

With regard to the first two passages, they are truncated from the main body of Scripture by a line drawn above and below, with the statements, "The earliest and most reliable manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have John 7:53-8:11" and "The most reliable early manuscripts do not have Mark 16:9-20."

When they come to I John 5:7,8, they see to it that the most important part, the statement on the Holy Trinity, "The Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" is dropped. In tiny print at the bottom of the page it concedes: "Later manuscripts of the Vulgate 'testify in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth the'."

If as the NIV translators aver these two passages "are not in the earliest and most reliable manuscripts, and other ancient witnesses do not have them" so they are presumably added in the later manuscripts, why do they still include them in the

Bible after cutting them apart? The opposite of what NIV hisses is the truth. Let Dr Henry M. Morris, Ph.D., LL.D., Litt.D, editor of the Defenders Study Bible, KJV, answer them:

8.3 woman taken in adultery.

This striking narrative, from John 7:53-8:11, has been deleted from a few very ancient (but error-filled) Greek manuscripts. Accordingly, it has been deleted (or relegated to a footnote or special section) from most modern English translations. However, it is unreasonable to assume that someone would invent such a story and insert it in an accepted copy of John's gospel. Furthermore, these twelve verses do appear in the overwhelming majority of extant Greek texts. There is no good reason not to retain it as is.

What is the reason NIV still retains it, though in truncated form? They jolly well know if this Scripture of Scripture is deleted from their version, the children of God will boycott it. True sons and daughters of the Lord, being taught by the Spirit (I Jn 2:20,27) the genuineness of the woman taken in adultery passage, will not buy a mutilated Bible — as simple as that! This is a case of "He taketh the wise in their own

craftiness" (I Cor 3:19).

What we say of NIV's reasons for retaining Jn 7:53-8:11 in truncated form, we repeat the same for their retaining of Mark 16:9-20. The NIV publishers who spin millions out of God's Word are sharp enough to know that by leaving Mark 16:9-20 out, they will also go out of business.

As to NIV's clever expunction of the short sentence on the Trinity in I Jn 5:7 by sleight of their ball-pen, again let Dr Henry Morris answer them in the power of His Spirit.

5:7 these three are one. This verse is

the famous "Johannine Comma," as it has been called, and it obviously carries the clearest and most explicit statement of the doctrine of the Trinity to be found in the Bible. However, it is only found in manuscripts of the Latin Bible and in four Greek manuscripts so is believed by many Biblical scholars to have been a pious addition or marginal annotation by some unknown ancient copyist. The doctrine of the Trinity does not depend on this verse, of course, as it is implied in many other Scriptures (Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14). On the other hand, since it does fit perfectly in the context, it also seems that this verse could well have been in John's original autograph, and then been expunged from most of the accessible manuscripts at the height of the Arian controversy in the fourth century. To eliminate this verse would leave verse 8 as a largely redundant repetition of verse 6, whereas the continuity and sense are beautifully structured and sequenced if it is included. It would seem much more likely for Origen or Arius, both of whom rejected the doctrines of the Trinity and Biblical inerrancy, or one of their followers in the third or fourth centuries to boldly excise the offending verse than for some godly copyist to insert it. One who believed in the Trinity would surely have held the Scriptures in too much esteem to presume to amend them on his own initiative. Despite the weight of scholarly opinion to the contrary, the internal evidence, as well as the testimony of the Latin manuscripts and such later authorities as Erasmus and the Reformers, as well as many great commentators since, such as John Wesley and Matthew Henry, strongly argues that the Johannine Comma was

actually written by John in his epistle and should still be regarded as part of the true text.

5:8 witness in earth. The reference to three witnesses "in earth" strengthens the case for the validity of the reference in I John 5:7 to the three witnesses "in heaven," especially since the manuscript evidence for "in earth" is strong. Note that "Spirit" in I John 5:6,8 is from the same Greek word as "Ghost" in I John 5:7. John clearly seems to be drawing an analogy between the three who bear witness in heaven to the three that bear witness on earth. In his gospel, he had noted the concerted teaching ministry of Christ, His Father, and the Holy Ghost whom He would send (John 14:26; 15:26), as promised by Christ (now identified as "the Word") Himself. Now, on earth, a supporting testimony is provided by that same Holy Ghost as well as the baptismal waters and the sacrificial blood. The Three in heaven are One. The three on earth agree on that one, and His great eternal purpose.

A pertinent question we would ask the NIV publishers is who is Martin Woudstra, NIV's Old Testament Chairman? Is he, not a strong supporter of the Homosexual movement?

Secondly, is not Dr Virginia Mollenkott, one of the literary consultants for the NIV translating committee a self-avowed lesbian? "For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad." (Mk 4:22).

As for Westcott and Hort, they are well-known by now to be founders of the Hermes Club that was reported by the secular press to be involved in homosexuality. Now, according to Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary Unabridged, 2nd ed. Hermes is the messenger of the gods. 1. In Greek mythology, a god who served as a herald and messenger of the other gods, identified by the Romans with Mercury and generally pictured with winged shoes and hat, carrying a caduceus: he was also the god of science, eloquence and cunning, the protector of boundaries and commerce, **and guide to departed souls to Hades.** This Hermes Club developed into the Ghost Club through which contact with the dead was made. Westcott and Hort were necromancers which the Lord hates (Dt 18:11,12). Moreover they were also secret

Mary worshippers. Westcott and Hort were friends of Charles Darwin and Sigmund Freud. They rejected the Verbal Inspiration of the Bible and every other fundamental Christian doctrine right down the line. They took Eden to be a myth. Can the NIV rely on Westcott and Hort's revision of the Bible Greek Texts who are double agents of Satan?

"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up . . . they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt 15:13,14).

NOTE: Further, read "In Defence of the Johannine Comma" by Michael Maynard in Burning Bush Vol. 3 No. 1, Jan. 1997, FEBC.

—T.T.

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers

At the 22nd Graduation Service of FEBC in convocation at Calvary Pandan Sunset Gospel Hour, June 8, 7.00 pm 22 graduated as follows:



1. Choi Ji Hyung (CertRK)
2. Olga Danuwinto (CertRK)
3. Chung Mi Sook (CertBS)
4. Amos Go Za Sum (CertBS)
5. Choi Yeon Yi (CertBS)
6. Park Jong Gyoo (CertBS)
7. Pornpayung Uansrithong (CertBS)
8. Lai Swee Huat (DipTh)
9. Lazer Sam Lovelyson (DipTh)
10. Manuela D Fernandez (BRE)
11. Philip Heng Jee Seng (BRE)
12. Eduardo Villaceran Morante (BRE)
13. Thawng Nei Bil (BRE)
14. Kim Yong Gyon (BTh)
15. Lee Gi Chen (BTh)
16. Phoa Ang Liang (BTh)
17. Hahn Eun Sil (MRE)
18. Lim Tjap Poh (MRE)
19. Hahn Sung Ho (MDiv)
20. Lau Yeong Shoon (MDiv)
21. Lim Jyh Jang (MDiv)
22. Charles Seet Chim Seng (MDiv)

Of these 22 graduates 8 were Koreans, 3 Indonesians, 2 Burmese, 1 Thai, 2 Filipinos, 1 Indian, 5 Singaporeans.

The Daily Vacation Bible College, held June 9-14 granting one credit to those who took the

examination in Jeremiah, registered 120. Dr Gary Cohen was the special instructor.

We welcome Dr Cohen to the 10.30 am pulpit today. We urge Lifers to hear him at the Sunset Gospel Hour at Calvary tonight. The Cohens leave us tomorrow, Monday.

Dr Jeffrey Khoo is appointed Editor of the Polemical Bible Commentary under the Banner of the 21st Century Reformation Movement, with contributing writers from FEBC Faculty.

Rev Jack Sin and Rev Colin Wong are added to FEBC Faculty from next academic year starting in July 21, 97. Rev Jack Sin will teach *Church History* and Rev Colin Wong the *Book of James*.

The work of maintaining the English Service at Kemaman for three full years now goes on unabated. With Rev John Ling retiring end of June on medical grounds, his position in Kuantan will be filled by Rev Kim Kah Teck. Rev Kim will be involved, for a start, with the Kemaman pulpit and Lord's Table.

Pray for our Architect Victor Loo as he redraws plans for the BP Youth Camp to size it down to one-third of the preliminary design. The new plan will cater to 100 campers and will be a boon to Youth Groups at all seasons. It is proposed that a BP Youth Camp Committee be constituted to fulfil the requirements of Malaysian law.

Rounding up this report, we are reminded to give our prayer and material support for our Daily Vacation Bible School, June 17-20, 97. And there is our Far Eastern Kindergarten reopening soon with a new spirit and improved programme.

The BP Church movement to the ends of the earth reports another advance — Sydney. Bro. Wong Khai Chee, ex-Lifer, is the moving spirit for a BP Church for that city. It will be inaugurated this Lord's Day with Elder and Mrs. Koh Kim Hiang the first missionaries to go Downunder for Sydney.

Another BP Church beginning to take shape is Vancouver where many Lifers are congregated, as well as Calvarians. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 23 - 29 , '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$6,437.00 (8.00 am); \$17,102.00 (10.30 am)		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	OFFERINGS FOR: 21CRB \$200; Mersing \$150, \$247; Myanmar Orph \$200; VBS \$100; JJ Lim \$200; Peter Clements \$200, \$20; Seets \$100, \$150; LBS, Kenya \$100, \$50(Boxes); Rev Colin Wong \$100, \$100, \$500; FEBC \$100; Missions \$52; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$500; Rev Jeffrey Khoo \$500; Eld Khoo Peng Kiat \$500; Batam \$100(Ladies F'ship).		
	7.00 pm	Rev Tow at Family worship of Joseph Lau	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SUN	8.00 am	Hatred (Rev Colin Wong)	(1) I want to thank God for good results which I do not deserve. I am a sinner yet God is ever merciful and forgiving.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	(2) I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for all the lovingkindness and tender mercies that He has faithfully shown me. Even though I am undeserving, He has still blessed me with good results in my crucial exams last year and sustained me throughout. Praise God who is truly the Giver of all good things! (Please channel my offering to missions in Saipan - \$160.)		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	(3) To God be the glory! Glory be to our Lord God! Thank you for your love and care for my family throughout the year. China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Mersing \$50.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	Missionary Fellowship Mtg on 29 June, 12.15 pm. "Discipline and the Fulfillment of the Great Commission" by Rev Stephen Khoo..		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	Mr Goh Kwang Liang, 69, went home to be with the Lord, June 16. Funeral at CCK Cemetery was officiated by Rev Tow and Goh on June 18.		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.15 pm	MsF Mtg, FEBC Hall			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	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.					
Sunday School Offering: \$641.11; Attendance: 347					
Verse for the Week: And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Col 1:20					
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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Colin Wong	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 5	No. 26
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Josh 7:1-26	Mark 5:21-43
Hymn	No. 56	No. 58
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	No. 381
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Sam 12:1-5	Eph 4:1-6
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Covetousness (Rev David Yan)	The Christian's Walk (Rev Bill Ebert)
Closing Hymn	No. 398	No. 323
Benediction		

CHALLENGE TO NIV (Continued)

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

"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." (Ps 24:3,4). Those who touch holy things must themselves be holy. See how the High priest, serving in the Holy of Holies, is consecrated! Aaron and also his sons the priests (Lev 8).

And if God's Word cannot be recorded but by His servants like Moses and the holy prophets (II Pet 1:20,21) how shall false teachers like Westcott and Hort pretend to correct the Scripture texts? Take note how the Apostle Peter, immediately after stressing the need of holiness in God's prophets, warns of false teachers. Westcott and Hort are the foremost to be indicted, whose wizardry and necromancies alone would disqualify them from touching the sacred Scripture texts, not to talk of their "damnable heresies" which "bring upon themselves swift destruction" (II Pet 2:1).

Who is the Supreme Arbiter in the determination of good and spurious texts? Not any man but God the Holy Spirit! God the Holy Spirit speaking through His children. "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things" (I Jn

2:20). "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (I Jn 2:27). Only those who have the anointing, being born again by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, can judge whether any Scripture is the truth (Jn 3:3). They not only have this supernatural knowledge by the illumination of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, but the further confirmation of their Saviour and Master. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (Jn 10:27).

Now here is the test. Last week we revealed how while on one hand the NIV publishers denied the three most famous Scripture passages, viz., the woman taken in adultery (Jn 7:53-8:11), the last 12 verses of Mark 16:9-20, and I Jn 5:7-8, they dared not take them away altogether. Their reason, though reticent, was exposed to be one of business acumen. They jolly well knew if they left out such record of Jesus' magnanimity and power to forgive sin, the great majority of Bible readers, God's born again children, would boycott them. No one will buy an NIV that cuts out God's very Word.



On the second day in camp at Tuikhal BPC, 8 persons accepted the Lord as their own personal Saviour. It is a great happiness to them and me, and in heaven too. —Andrew Kam

Now Westcott and Hort were the two most responsible in the publication of the Revised Version of 1881 in which the above three passages were attacked. Where is the RV now? It has long gone out of print. Why?

Now that this conspiracy of silence for a century over Westcott and Hort is shattered, it remains to see what will be the outcome of NIV, the Revised Version of our day.

Do you know that 5,604 places in the KJB, which includes 9,970 Greek words, (30 words short of 10,000) had been either added to the Greek text, or subtracted or changed in some other way by Westcott and Hort? The amount of passages and words scissored by NIV is equal to the text of I & II Peter! Puny men to alter God's Word! "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it" (Dt 12:32). "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev 22:18,19).

"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. 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. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit" (Jude 1:3,4,10,17,18,19).

The chiefest of these, who are sensual, having not the Spirit, we repeat, are they not Westcott and Hort? These who delved into necromancy, Mary worship and the evil doctrines of Charles Darwin and Sigmund Freud? Alas to all the new versions that are translated from texts defiled by the unclean hands of the "Deadly Duo." —T.T.

Next series at Sunset Gospel Hour
WHICH VERSION?
THE BATTLE FOR GOD'S WORD!
Hear Dr S H Tow, July 6!

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers,

"... Thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5). The job of a senior pastor is to see worthy, younger men, called to the ministry, ordained, and settled in their place of work accordingly.

Now that the official announcement of public holidays for 1998 is out, we will take advantage of the Chinese New Year and Hari Raya Puasa (Jan 28-30) to lead a team (limited to 50) to Burma as we did 1996. The mission is to ordain Andrew Kam a BP minister according to his application two years ago, and to visit new churches established by Rev Thawm Luai in the Mandalay district. Here we will address pastors and elders coming from near and far. It will be a five-day visitation, Wednesday to Sunday, climaxing with Andrew's ordination.

A more immediate job is to transfer Rev and Mrs Kim Kah Teck (and daughter) to Kuantan, next Friday, June 27 to stand in for Rev John Ling's departure on medical grounds. Our drive to Kuantan is so timed as to coincide with the Friday evening English worship at Kemaman, primarily to introduce Kah Teck to the pulpit ministry there. It will be a grand concourse of Lifers in Kemaman, for as the Lord had a higher plan, there will be gathered also Dn and Mrs Henry Tan, Calvin Loh, etc. of the E-Band, and Dr and Mrs Chin Hoong Chor and two children. As I rarely go up to Kemaman, I have been given the honour to preach that evening on "The Lord

reigneth" (Ps 96). (Incidentally, that will be the 3rd anniversary of the founding of the English Service.) Do pray for safety for all of us, and for the speaker's utterance.

Now, we begin to see the unveiling beauty of our acquisition of the Kuantan property. Without a base 30 miles south of Kemaman, the problem of staying overnight there would be acute.

As the starting of a kindergarten is approved, SELAMAT (peace) by name, who will fit better into the picture than Rev and Mrs Kim? Mrs Kim, a university graduate, will teach Chinese and English, while Kah Teck, a Malaysian and a fluent speaker of Malay, will stand in for Bahasa (Malay language).

With the SELAMAT KINDERGARTEN up, it will also be a signboard for saints who might soon assemble there. It would be most heartening if we could register also as "Selamat Bible Presbyterian Fellowship" like BPs in K.L., Kelapa Sawit and Kulai Besar.

And now we are praying for the forming of a BP Youth Camp Committee to cover the Mersing Project as required by the Malaysian Government. Yes, "thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting..."

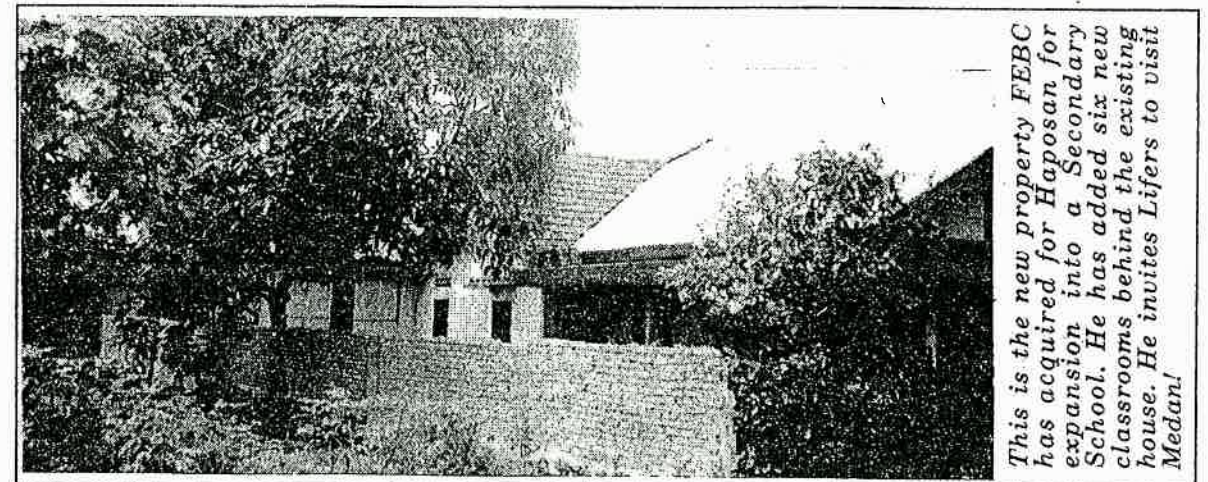
In this spirit, let us rejoice with Kuching (Bong Boon Chong) that we are now registered with the Sarawak Government. The missionary there has also a van to facilitate the work of the Church. A Chinese-educated brother in Kuching is applying through us to study at Chin Lien Bible Seminary.

Recently, through FEBC, we acquired a prime

property in Medan, North Sumatra, for Rev Haposan, for a song (1,800 sqm for S\$50,000 or at S\$2.50 per sq ft.)! This is to help him expand the Primary School he is heading (enrolment 600) into a Secondary School. With business acumen he has now built six new classrooms for expansion into a Sec. School. "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Matt 25:29).

Rev Haposan, by effectual preaching and hard work, has won Government recognition. Through him our BP witness is registered, nationwide. We can establish any BP Church in any part of the far-flung archipelago, yea, even according to a saying among us, unto Ujung Pandang. Ujung Pandang is the new name for the former Makasar and it means "Distant Horizon." Who, of our FEBC Indonesian graduates will go for the Lord? (Yusniar representing the Indonesian Service is working among children in Jakarta.) Other fields with us are Bintan and Batam Islands, and West Kalimantan (where Djunaidi is. May God raise him up quickly!).

From Francis Sng has come the good news of the acquisition of a next-door neighbour's land for Batu Aji Church and Kindergarten (Batam). This will greatly facilitate the Kindergarten ministry, for we have an overflowing enrolment of 70. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" —T.T.



This is the new property FEBC has acquired for Haposan for expansion into a Secondary School. He has added six new classrooms behind the existing house. He invites Lifers to visit Medan!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 30 - July 6, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$6,965.00 (8.00 am); \$10,452.30 (10.30 am)	
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$300; Mersing \$200, \$400(YAF);	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Peter Clements \$100, \$20; JJ Lim \$300; Rev Kim Kah Teck	
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Loh Ji Meng & Giam Cheu Yueh, Rev Tow	\$500; Chinese Bibles \$1000; Children's Ministry \$100;	
	7.30 pm	Farewell Dinner for Rev & Mrs Stephen Khoo by Session	Children's Choir \$670; VBS \$250; Myanmar Mission \$1000;	
SUN	8.00 am	<i>The Important Doctrine of the Holy Spirit</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Batam \$100.	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	(1) Please channel my offering of \$2670 to the following — Chinese Bibles \$1000, Children's Ministry \$100, Children's Choir \$670. Thank you Lord for your promise that "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb 13:5). — A Lifer	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	(2) I would like to praise and thank the Lord for all blessings and protection that He gave to my family and our homes. Small token of \$50.	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	THE FINAL SHOWDOWN. Starting 6 July '97 SUNSET	
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	GOSPEL HOUR presents a series of 13 lectures: <i>Which Version? The Battle for God's Truth.</i> The age-old conflict rages to a climax. The bone of contention: The Word of God. The arena of battle. The Versions. The adversary senses his end approaching and hurls every weapon against the BOOK of God. Every Lord's Day at 6 pm at Calvary, Pandan Gardens, the Battle of the Book will be re-enacted through thirteen arresting sessions. If you love God's Word — and surely you must — Do not miss it!	
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Come to SGH 6pm TONIGHT, WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE LOVE TO BE!	
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	Missionary Fellowship Mtg today, 12.15 pm.	
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC	"Discipline and the Fulfillment of the Great Commission" by Rev Stephen Khoo.	
	3.00 pm	Thai Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.				
Sunday School Offering: \$647.90; Attendance: 370				
Verse for the Week: <i>O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.</i> Psalm 34:9				
FEK Registration for 1998 classes is open. Children born in 1994, 93, 92 can register for Nursery, K1, K2 respectively. Tel: 251 3676.				



Bethany B-P Church, Medan (Pastor Hapasan), through which the BPC of Indonesia is registered with Jakarta. "Who will go for us?"



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn John Hoe	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 39	No. 61
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 86	Gal 5:16 - 6:10
Hymn		No. 106
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 111	No. 293
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Acts 13:1-6	I Cor 7:29-31
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>A Missionary Church</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Save water yes, Live extravagantly no.</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 469	No. 324
Benediction		

PASTORAL CHAT

My Dear Readers,

SAVE WATER

Responding to Government's intention to increase the price of water, we have put up \$AVE WATER red-and-blue signs on both sides of Gilstead Road. The first one to obey this injunction must be myself, to set a good example. Hitherto, we must confess, we have used water lavishly and thoughtlessly. We must save water as this commodity becomes scarcer and scarcer. If every Singaporean will practise \$AVE WATER, up to 50% can be redeemed. How? By not turning the tap full blast, by turning off immediately and not letting it run on casually. These are the first two steps to begin with. To cultivate the \$AVE WATER mentality is more important than keeping one or two rules. I hope the \$AVE WATER SIGNS around the Church are beginning to take effect.

Talking about water-saving, Singaporeans are too wasteful in other areas also and Christians cannot be exempt from it. Around our garden, for example, often we pick up Pepsis half consumed. At Bible camps where we eat buffet style we also see piles of food left unfinished. Just to mention two instances.

It is a sin to waste! Why did Jesus command the disciples to "gather up the fragments that remain" after feeding the five thousand? "That nothing be lost!" — That there be no waste (Jn 6:12). Paul says, "And they that use this world, as not abusing

it" (I Cor 7:31).

A Christian must not succumb to the philosophy of the world. Why credit cards? To allure you to spend more painlessly, and beyond what you really need. That will activate the economy, but to your own loss. What we have is not ours but under trust. We are stewards of the Lord's money, not Chinese towkays. But you can generate the Christian economy if you save that luxurious item and give it to the worthy needy, yea, even to the poor brethren abroad. This is giving to missions which is well-pleasing to the Lord. Many new surplus items which we brought to the Holy Land became joy not only to recipients but to donors as well. "Every burden becomes a blessing."

Dr Peter Masters has an article in *Sword and Trowel* that decries the over adorning of one's home, and the buying of a bigger and more luxurious car than one's need, just to keep up with the Joneses. If we know how to \$ave water for a start, we can apply this good habit to other areas of life. Much is saved to the saving not only of ourselves but also of others. In so doing we fulfil "the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2).

VBS

Although not too many of our own children came to VBS, the enrolment this year went up

10191 To 175, I heard. This is the good result of our volunteer drivers, bringing them in. The main aim of VBS is thus fulfilled. For, this is our annual outreach to the unevangelised. And this is one way of getting them for the Sunday School. Thank God for many young people from the various fellowships who have taken a part and thank God for the Superintendent and his helpers. Personally I am grateful that May Ann who lives with us in the Church compound found it such a delight "to go to school." May all the Gospel songs and stories taught to the young spring into everlasting life.

Resurgence in our Chinese Churches

Under the leadership of Rev David Wong (Kulai Besar), a Missions Conference was held at Calvary BPC Pandan April 18 and 19, '97. A promotional booklet containing the testimonies of pastors and full-time workers of the Chinese Churches was distributed. The burden of the messages was the need of labourers for the Lord's vineyard. In response to the call 13 young people "signed up." The Lord's messenger was Rev Zhang Si En, new principal of Chin Lien Bible Seminary. Miss Ng Sang Chiew, Secretary, must also be commended for her rounding up work. \$16,000 was received for the Conference expenses, which had a huge surplus, which was disbursed accordingly through other channels. Singapore is not short of money but of men! In the light of the said Conference, FEBC is happy to report a preponderance of Singaporeans this year joining the College. There are seven or eight of them which augurs well for the future.

The evening classes, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 pm offered this year are 1. *Gospel of John* by the principal; 2. *Biblical Separation* by Dr Jeffrey Khoo, 3. *Exodus* by Rev Quek Suan Yew. The semester starts Monday July 21 (Registration) with Day of Prayer at East Coast Park.

Kuantan is Still Tops for Small Youth Camp

And it can easily take in 20 any weekend! We are situated in a sparsely constructed housing estate with plenty of fresh air around. We are like a clean 3-star hotel with full conference facilities, Dunlop pillowed strong double deckers which campers love. Ten orange coconut palms planted around the compound are growing up

handsomely like giant umbrellas to give shade.

Catering restaurants are a stone's throw away. Then there's the ocean two or three miles from your centre. Though in unfinished state of renovation two years ago, our YAFers enjoyed the place very much. Mersing or no Mersing, Kuantan says, "Let us serve you now." Moreover, Kuantan is soon to be installed with a Ford ten-seater. This can also be at your disposal. Kuantan is 210 miles north of Singapore and 110 miles from Mersing.

"Thank you for not giving us fish, but teaching us how to fish"

These words are from Rev Haposan when he told me some years after Life Church had bought him a next door neighbour's land for S\$43,000. On his own initiative he built a number of classrooms to expand his Church kindergarten that still used the Church auditorium for lack of space.

With this expansion, the kindergarten grew to a Primary School that now has an enrolment of 600. Here daily instruction in God's Word is given, and God has blessed the School with the best academic results.

But now pressure comes upon the Primary School to expand to a Secondary School. This pressure has actually been building up for several years. In the providence of God a prime property 1,800 sqm, a stone's throw from the Primary School, was offered to Haposan for 90 million rupiah. On FEBC's behalf we rallied to loan him S\$44,000 plus giving \$6,000 due to Medan. This helped our brother to pull through in an hour of great urgency, because the vendor's terms were "immediate cash." Anyone who knows about property will agree we got the land for a song. For it has a big house standing beautiful and space enough to build 6 classrooms for the Secondary School extension. This Haposan did without delay when possession was secured and that with automatic Government approval. (Indonesia cannot cope with ever-increasing educational demands.) This has cost him 49 million rupiah which he borrowed from a friend, not to count the 120 tables and accompanying chairs needed in the development.

With the opening of the Secondary School the income over expenditure will naturally increase accordingly. So the help from S'pore has tided them over again. (Henceforth they must go on in

their own steam.) But the spiritual profit is even greater. By giving good education to the children through the Church School, parents are naturally drawn to the Church. Attendance at Betania BP Church of which Haposan is Pastor is 70-80.

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Having said this, let us help Rev Thawm Luai, our Burmese brother, towards self-support, also for our sustenance of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, which will end Dec 1998. At present we send for the whole College S\$2,000 a month. We also provide scholarships to graduate students who come to FEBC for further training.

What has FEFST contributed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church movement, which was also started by Thawm Luai? Through her graduates, the EPC which began in 1983 with 22 churches has now multiplied to 55 with 10,000 membership. FEFST today has 60 full-time students and 10 faculty members.

In view of the fact that students can hardly pay their way, we've discussed how we can generate income for the School. To plant vegetables or rear chickens might be a way out, but there is no vacant land whatsoever around the School. We came to the conclusion that the best solution is to run a printing press. This is in line with education and

books. We can print our own literature and save on costs. We can also print for the Church and community and earn from the workmanship — wedding cards, letterheads, pamphlets, envelopes and even magazines and books. This will also give jobs to worthy students. (Incidentally, the Bible School on the Hilltop, Philippines, where Charles Seet is, is now running a printing press donated from America — to great profit.)

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church under Thawm Luai's leadership is expanding all over Burma, yea, even to the Yunnan border. And the Church and Bible School are one under the same leadership. Let us, when we stop giving fish by end of 1998, exchange for them a fish net that they might catch their own fish, as we have done for Haposan: "Thank you for not giving us fish, but teaching us how to fish." —T.T.

We recommend—

• 21st Century KJV (wherein 600 obsolete and archaic words are brought up to date) as a glossary companion to your KJB, your instant Bible dictionary! Lowest price in town. Visit FEBC Bookroom. Also many new items airflown from Australia (Melbourne and Sydney)!

MESSAGES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1997 (8.00 AM SERVICE)

Theme: Life in the Power of the Holy Spirit

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
JUL 06	The Important Doctrine of the Holy Spirit	John 14:15-31	Rev (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo	Elder Tan Nee Keng
13*	Who Controls My Life?	Rom 7:15-25	Rev Colin Wong TC	Dn Wee Chin Kam
20	What Does Life in the Spirit look like?	Eph 5:18-21	Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow	Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow
27	What Decides the Shape of my Spiritual Life?	Gal 5:16-26	Rev Colin Wong TC	Elder Geoffrey Tan
AUG 03	When is the Church really the Church?	Acts 2:37-47	Dn J.J. Lim	Dn Ong Eng Lam
10*	How Can I Deepen My Devotional Life?	Eph 3:14-21	Rev Colin Wong TC	Elder George Tan
17	Am I Sensitive to His Leading?	Acts 16:5-10	Rev Colin Wong TC	Dn John Hoe
24	Is There Victory Over the Devil?	Eph 6:10-18	Rev Jack Sin	Dn George Tan
31	Do I have Spiritual Gifts?	1 Cor 12:1-11	Rev Colin Wong TC	Elder Tan Nee Keng
SEP 07	The Holy Spirit and Prayer	Rom 8:26, 27	Rev Colin Wong TC	Dn Ong Eng Lam
14*	Do I bear Spiritual Fruit?	Gal 5:22, 23	Rev Colin Wong TC	Dn Wee Chin Kam
21	What is Baptism of the Holy Spirit?	Acts 2:1-13	Rev (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
28	The Holy Spirit and the Word of God	John 16:7-16	Rev Colin Wong TC	Elder George Tan

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8
Lord's Supper

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 7 - 13, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$7,395.00 (8.00 am); \$12,480.30 (10.30 am)		
THU	6.00 pm	Korean Church Wedding	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$100; Mersing \$30, \$200, \$260, \$300, \$40, \$570; FEBC \$30; Rev Stephen Khoo \$100, \$100; Chinese Bibles \$60; Peter Clements \$20, \$50; Seets \$230; YF \$50; JJ Lim \$200, \$500(Boxes); Heng JS \$250; Missions \$200. Corrigendum: Last week's designated offerings should read Chinese Bibles \$100; Children's Ministry \$1000.		
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	7.45 pm	Ladies F'ship, Beulah House	"THE LORD GIVES STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE; THE LORD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE" (Psalm 29:11).		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	The Lord has been very gracious and merciful unto us. We rejoice with fear and trembling before Him, for He has seen us and Faith thru' the second brain surgery last Monday night at KK hospital. We thank God that baby Faith has survived the second operation. There was no post operation problems like infection, fever or vomiting. In fact her cough and cold disappeared after the operation. Surely it is the Lord who has sustained our baby Faith. We continue to trust in Him to see Faith through life as she lives with the shunt system installed in her body to drain excess fluid from the brain to the stomach. Indeed our Lord is the Great Physician who saw us through it all. (\$500)		
SUN	8.00 am	Who Controls My Life? (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)	Catechism Class will begin 10 Aug 97. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Tan Eng Boo			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.			
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah/Henderson; Fri Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$503.91; Attendance: 329					
Verse for the Week: Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Psalm 25:15					
We extend our deepest condolence to Bro. Goh Seng Huat on the sudden homegoing of his wife Grace Chua. Funeral last Lord's Day at CCK Christian Cemetery was officiated by Pastors Tow and Goh with many Lifers attending.					

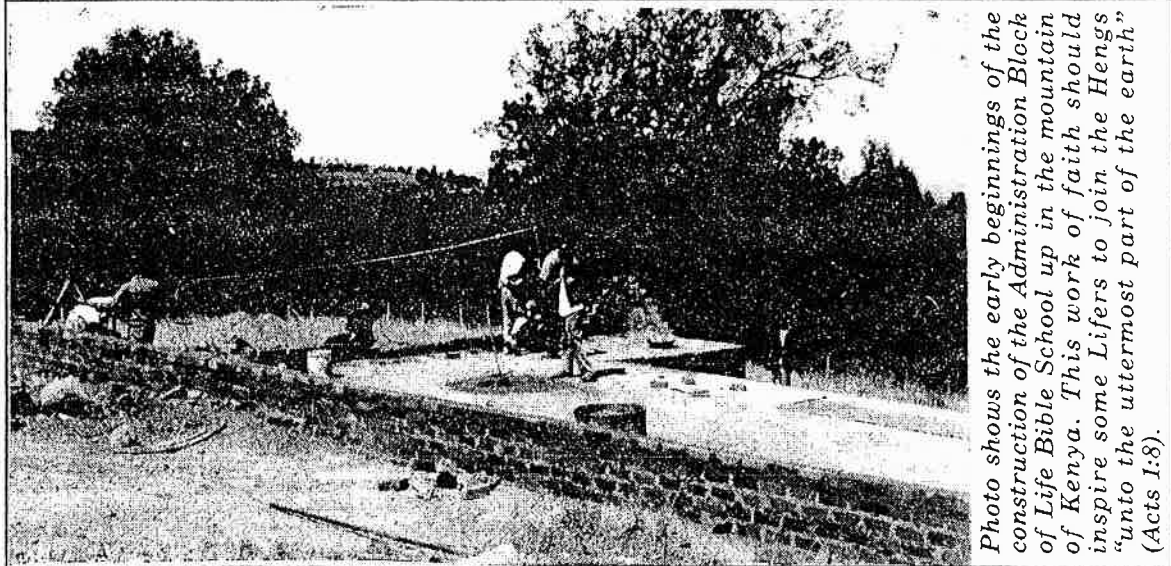


Photo shows the early beginnings of the construction of the Administration Block of Life Bible School up in the mountain of Kenya. This work of faith should inspire some Lifers to join the Hengs "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 105	My Jesus, I Love Thee
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Rom 8:1-17	Psalm 96
Hymn	No. 242	Bring all the Tithes now before Him
Announcements		Rom Verse 46
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Jn 14:15-31	Rom 8:18-25
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Important Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Paradise Lost Paradise regained
Closing Hymn	No. 243	No. 393 Lord's Supper
Benediction		

KINGDOM NEWS

I. Rev & Mrs Peter Clements and five children arrived back safely to their home town Cootamundra. The Lord's Day following, June 29, he gathered together 12 adults and 7 children to worship in their parsonage. This is what we would call a house church, as in China. But they had perfect freedom of worship, and they declared themselves *The Cootamundra Bible Fellowship*. Peter Clements, an FEBC graduate, is one of us. Now freed of the unequal yoke he had been carrying with the Australian Presbyterian Church, which is in the Ecumenical Movement, he will be able to run freely with his Lord. Not tied to the unwieldy three-legged race. Pray for this new shoot of the CBF.

II. From Sydney we receive the news of 27 worshipping at Sister York Hoon's house under the hand of Elder Koh Kim Hiang on the same Sunday, June 29. This infant Sydney Bible-Presbyterian Church can also look to Korean pastor Moon and Dr Ng Eng Kee for help. They are inviting Rev and Mrs Stephen Khoo to minister for a fortnight prior to their taking the pastorate in Melbourne.

III. Rev and Mrs Edward Paaue are scheduled to meet with the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions,

Philadelphia with the office of General Secretary in view. They would have spent 11 years on the Australian field. During these years they have established Hope B-P Church at the Stone Mansion and organised a fine library for the Fundamental Bible College of Australia.

IV. From New Life BPC (London) comes this announcement:

Students' Ministry Summer Meeting

The Students' Ministry in New Life B-P Church (London) started as a weekly prayer meeting group with Pastor Vincent Hee ministering to a handful of students from Imperial College. In the last academic year, new first-year students have joined the church, and God had led this prayer group into becoming a fellowship group in the church.

We would like to extend an invitation to all existing and would-be students in the U.K. to join us in our summer meeting that we can share the blessings that each of us has received from God through the year or years as a student in U.K.

As for freshers, we would like to assist in your preparations for student life in the U.K., having gone through that stage of preparations ourselves. So make use of this opportunity to be better prepared for the life of an overseas student.

Dinner will be provided at 6.30 pm prior to the start of the meeting at 7.00 pm. Please confirm your attendance

with us and indicate if you would like dinner to be provided, so as to facilitate our catering.

Do come and join us in fellowship.

Date: 16 Aug 97 (Sat)

Time: 1830 hrs (Dinner); 1900 hrs (Mtg)

Venue: Life B-P Church

Speaker: Eld Boaz Boon

Please contact Linus Chua (4674000) or Michael Ong (2980227) before 13/8/97.

V. Rev Kim Kah Teck's New Appointment.

Having been settled in Kuantan, the first thing he had to do was to complete the purchase of a Ford van. With a RM45,000 full payment he has now taken delivery of it. This will facilitate his travelling to Kemaman to shepherd the English Church. He will henceforth officiate the Lord's Supper whenever needed.

He will also take steps to opening the much sought after kindergarten. *Selamat Tadika* is its name in Malay. The Kims will host Youth Groups that go up to Kuantan for retreat.

Last Friday week when we sent the Kims to Kuantan, the same evening we drove 30 miles northwards to join the worship in Kemaman. We were surprised to see an attendance of 50, including children. From Singapore were gathered this concourse of Lifers: Dr & Mrs Chin Hoong Chor and two children, Dn & Mrs Henry Tan, Calvin Loh and Shaun, Dn Yiew, the Kims and daughter and myself. The S.S. children taught by Mrs Tan presented a brightly item. Dr Wee made the announcements and welcomed us warmly. An angpaw of RM1,000 was later presented to Mersing BP Youth Camp. Incidentally, this was their 3rd Anniversary! See how the Church has grown in three years!

VI. Grace B-P Church (Rev Tan Eng Boo).

With the inheritance of a 3-storey building sitting on about 10,000 sq ft of high ground at 5 Jln Haji Salam, Grace BPC has decided to extend their church upwards. They have been there since 1976, and her growth is bursting on all sides. They are now praying for rezoning of their property for permanent religious use. We believe the Lord will grant them their holy desire.

Under Rev Tan Eng Boo, the Church has branched out to Shalom BPC at Pasir Ris, and to Gethsemane BPC (Rev Das Koshy). The Chinese Service has increased steadily alongside the English

Church. Recently they have ordained Willy Ng and the Preacher of the Chinese Service.

Grace BPC also supports a Missions outreach in Kenya.

VII. Nazareth BPC held dedication of their new church building yesterday, July 5. The old building that is preserved for national interests was the old Pasir Panjang Church pastored by Rev Phua Hock Seng after the great John Sung Revival 1935. When Mr Phua, a school teacher, was converted, he opened his house for a Gospel Station which soon developed into a church. Here Dr John Sung had conducted meetings, and here Dr Sung's disciple, Ev. Lim Puay Hian had stayed on and off. A house with sacred memories, especially to the older generation. We send our greetings to Nazareth BPC (Rev Anthony Tan).

VIII. Two Lifers headed for 8,000 ft mountain in Kenya. Up in this isolated country, J.S. Heng, BRE, has taken the initiative to pioneer a Life Bible School that is drawing the cheerful support of Lifers. Here the Kenyans themselves have found a water source nearby. As God helps those who help themselves, a Lifer has given a sum to meet the construction of a water pipe. With water available work has started on the building of the Administration Block. By end of July '97 this brick building will be completed. What they need the next step is the furnishing of the empty building: office furniture, filing cabinets, and tables and chairs for the classroom.

J.S. Heng, who returned early June after laying the foundation, is now headed again for Kenya with wife Olga, to serve a two-year term beginning December. As principal of the Bible School he and his wife should get work permits without trouble. Mr Kirui, the African co-worker, has meantime arrived in Singapore, hoping to enrol with FEBC—to study one semester and return to Kenya with the Hengs after November.

IX. Deacon Teo Hang Kiat of Tanjung Pinang. Two months ago Deacon Teo Hang Kiat brought his mother to Singapore to seek treatment for his mother's cataract eyes. He praises the Lord for a successful operation and timely provision from a sister in the Lord.

He visited us again last week, where he found comfortable quarters at Beulah House again. In the course of our conversation, he disclosed how the

Lord had brought an idol-worshipping family to join the Tg. Pinang Church.

The heathen family was recently plagued with many troubles. The more the mother prayed to the gods, the worse the troubles became. The daughter is a S.S. pupil at the Church, so she witnessed to her mother of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. As a result the whole family, including the father, came to the Lord. The preacher and deacons held a service in their house. They had all the idols removed, and hung a cross on the wall to take their place. Our Chinese church sends them a Chinese calligraphy, *Christ is the Head of Our House*. Praise the Lord for this new Christian family in Tg Pinang.

X. Tachileik, Burmese town bordering Mae Sae on the Thai side comes under our ministry once a month when Pastor Nirand our missionary, stationed in Chiangmai, visits. Our AF party paid a visit to Tachileik last Christmas also. Rev Jacob Ngun Uk is pastor of the Ev. Presbyterian Church (Rev Thawm Luai) at Tachileik. As he oversees two other frontier churches at Palian and Patawng he needs a motor bike, costing US\$2,000. The Lord would surely send him on his way. Photo shows the S.S. children of the young Tachileik Church.



THE FINAL SHOWDOWN. Started 6 July '97 SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR presents a series of 13 lectures: *Which Version? The Battle for God's Truth!* The age-old conflict rages to a climax. The bone of contention: The Word of God. The arena of battle: The Versions. The adversary senses his end approaching and hurls every weapon against the BOOK of God. Every Lord's Day at 6 pm at Calvary, Pandan Gardens, the Battle of the Book will be re-enacted through thirteen arresting sessions. If you love God's Word — and surely you must — do not miss it!

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JUL	6	Why a Proliferation of Versions?	Dr Tow Siang Hwa
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	27	Criteria of a Good Translation	Rev Quek Suan Yew
AUG	3	The Dynamic Deadly Duo	Rev Quek Suan Yew
	10	Living Bible Examined	Rev Jack Sin
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TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$6,010.00 (8.00 am); \$15,026.25(10.30 am)		
WED	8.00 pm	Session Meeting	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250, \$3700, \$1083(Chinese Ser);		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Mersing \$300; Peter Clements \$20, \$150, \$20, \$50; Myanmar		
SUN	8.00 am	What does life in the Spirit look like? (Rev Tow)	Orph \$100, \$300; Rev Stephen Khoo \$100; Rev Colin Wong		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	\$100, \$100; Rev Jack Sin \$100, \$150; JJ Lim \$100, \$200,		
	10.30 am	Rev Colin Wong	\$1000, \$300; Baraka Conf Centre \$30; Seets \$100, \$100; JS		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	Heng \$100; Bee Choo \$300; MsF \$200; YAF \$180; Slon Greja		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	Chinese SS, Tg Pinang \$200; Robert Peh \$110; Missions		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	\$22; Chai Muel Huying \$50; Nirands \$500; Baraka BPC \$150;		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Medan Mission \$100; Rev Djunaldi \$100.		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC	(1) Thank the Lord for His grace, mercies and		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	love upon me and my family. He granted me the		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	strength and healing during my recent		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	operation (\$500). —Your grateful servant		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.			(2) May I give this small offering to whatever		
Sunday School Offering: \$1,114.61			mission in Asia is in need of. "Thank you dear		
Verse for the Week: It is God that girdeth			Lord, for the everloving grace and mercy for my		
me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.			family and I each day." —Lifer		
Psalm 18:32			(3) Thank God for His working in our lives. His		
Priscilla Liem (daughter of Mr & Mrs			grace and mercy abound. Below are for His		
Liem Siang Lim) is ward at KK Women's			faithful servants. May the Lord sustain us, all		
& Children's Hosp. with kidney infection.			to serve Him to the praise and glory of His		
Please pray for her. No visitors please.			own name. Rev Stephen Khoo \$100, Rev Colin		
Catechism Class will begin 10 Aug 97.			Wong \$100, Rev Jack Sin \$100, Dn JJ Lim		
Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of			\$100.		
faith and transfer of membership must			(4) Thank you, gracious Heavenly Father, for		
attend the Catechism Class.			the recent increment. A small token for the		
			extension of your kingdom.		
			—Your grateful servant		



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

Call to Worship	8.00 am	10.30 am
Opening Hymn	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Eld Han Soon Juan
Invocation-Gloria Patri	No. 26	No. 8
Responsive Reading	Gal 3:16-26	Psalm 51:1-17
Hymn	No. 182	No. 116
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 419	No. 264
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 7:15-25	Genesis 39
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Who Controls My Life?</i>	<i>No More Excuses</i>
	(Rev Colin Wong)	(Rev Tan Eng Boo)
Closing Hymn	No. 420	No. 276
	Lord's Supper	
Benediction		

HOLY HATRED

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. (Psalm 139:21-22)

These are the words of King David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel (I Sam 23:1), "a man after His own heart" (I Sam 13:14). How does David qualify to be the sweet Psalmist of Israel and "a man after His own heart?" By not only carrying out every commandment that the Lord commanded him, but also rising to his Master's Cause, when others fled.

When Goliath challenged Israel to a man-to-man contest, and "Israel fled from him and were afraid" (I Sam 17:24), who was it that became God's mouthpiece: "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (I Sam 17:26). And when David's eldest brother Eliab chided him "for his pride and naughtiness" to come and watch the battle, the "man after His own heart" retorted, "Is there not a cause?" How loudly the bells of heaven rang to salute such loyal devotion from the only one on earth! This holy hatred against those who hated the Lord was what gained the Almighty's delight (Ps 139:21)! And what was that irresistible power that shot the smooth stone from David's sling that hit the giant right into his forehead? Again, it was David's holy hatred.

All this hundred year, Brook Foss Westcott (1825-1901) and Fenton J.A. Hort (1828-1892), like the Philistines that were entrenched in Israel

until David's appearance, fundamental and conservative seminaries in the West have been dominated by the Dubious Duo. "Now there was no smith found throughout the land of Israel . . . but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen every man his share, . . . and his axe. . . ." so were those scholars involved in the revision of the English Bible overwhelmed by Westcott and Hort and totally subdued.

As Israel was under Philistine domination, fundamental and conservative seminaries, insofar as USA was concerned, came under their bewitching sway from the days of B.B. Warfield (1851-1921). When I was a student in Faith Theological Seminary, Wilmington, Delaware in 1948, the "Gospel truth" of Westcott and Hort in Textual criticism was covertly imparted to us, knowingly or unknowingly, and we accepted all that was given from the mouth of the New Testament professor. What made an indelible impression upon my mind was that the passages of Jesus pardoning the woman taken in adultery (Jn 7:53-8:11), the last twelve verses of Mark 16:9-20 and the Johannine Comma (I Jn 5:7,8) were not in the Bible, but later interpolations. Somehow I could not stomach this spurious Gospel, because the Lord has promised those who love Him an unction and an anointing that teaches the truth, that no one can beguile them (I Jn 2:20,27).

Dr D.A. Waite, president of Dean Burgon Society and a leading defender of the King James Version today gives the same testimony. When he was a student at Dallas Theological Seminary 1948 to 1953

he also was taught to receive Westcott and Hort as angels from the Lord. Now he has discovered to his dismay how these were not angels from the Lord but from Satan (II Cor 11:14,15). "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ" (II Cor 11:13).

Peter says, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (II Pet 2:1,2). How can we know whether a "scholar" like Westcott and a "specialist" like Hort is true or false? By examining their credentials, their life, conduct and their beliefs.

As for the apostle Paul he could challenge those who beguiled the Corinthians with his credentials, a standard for the test of others.

Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. II Cor 11:24-28

The above declaration which gives Paul's credentials of apostleship, and of a true teacher, is a sharp contrast with the life and conduct of Westcott and Hort.

Under a century of conspiracy of silence, the life, conduct and beliefs of Westcott and Hort have been surreptitiously veiled. Now that the conspiracy of silence is shattered, the veil of secrecy is rent by a host of witnesses, viz Edward F Hills, D A Waite, David Otis Fuller, David W Cloud, G A Riplinger, S H Tow, let us hear them tell the inside story.

*"You can fool some of the people all the time
And all of the people some of the time,
But you can't fool Mom."*

Hort's mother was a devout Evangelical Christian. She had instructed her son in the most holy faith.

When Hort grew up he rebelled against his

mother's teachings. His mother pleaded with him in one of her letters that he would not be missing from "the mansions of our Heavenly Father's House. Now happy it will be if we all met there: no one missing of all our household."

Hort was particularly antagonistic against the traditional position of the Church holding to the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture which he called the "fanaticism of bibliolaters." His son wrote of him, "Hence he was led to seek firm foundation than he could find to the Evangelical position."

His shift from his mother's evangelical upbringing was enhanced by joining the Philosophical Society and by his grandfather, an Archbishop who wanted to interpret the Bible in a manner agreeable to the principle of Philosophy. "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer 2:13).

As for Westcott, who was Hort's Siamese twin, we need not go further. A friend wrote of him in regard to his Christian faith, "What a theology it was, how broad, anti-dogmatic and how 'progressive'!" His true colours will be seen as we go on.

Now, when Westcott was an undergraduate at Cambridge University he organised a club that he called Hermes. According to Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary unabridged Second Edition, HERMES in Greek mythology is a god who served as herald and messenger of the other gods, identified by the Romans with Mercury and generally pictured with winged shoes and hat, carrying a caduceus (wand). He was also god of science, eloquence and cunning, the protector of boundaries and commerce, and guide of departed souls to Hades.

Why is the name Hermes chosen for Westcott's club? Evidently for the part he played in communicating with the dead, for this was the beginning that led to further works of darkness.

The Hermes Club met weekly for three years, 1845-48. Hermes was also the origin of Hermaphrodite. According to Reader's Digest Oxford Complete Word Finder, Hermaphrodite is the name of the son of Hermes and Aphrodite in Greek mythology, who became joined in one body with the nymph Salmacis. Thus from Hermes came the fusion of sexes in one person. Hence priests of Hermes wore artificial breasts and female garments.

The question was asked, "Were these young classicists perhaps following Plato's lead in his Symposium where he describes homosexual love to be the highest kind?" One secular historian cites letters between members of Westcott's clubs and refers to the "intensity" of a homosexual relationship between members (i.e. Arthur Sigdwick, Frederick Meyers); he

comments, "I think the homosexuality was not rare among young classicists."

One evil led to another. "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind" (Hos 8:7). Five years after the founding of the Hermes Club, Westcott was joined by Hort and Benson to start another, viz., the Ghost Club or Ghostly Guild.

Writing about his and Westcott's part in the formation of the Ghost Club, Hort says:

Westcott, Gorham, C.B. Scott, Benson, Bradshaw, Laud, etc. and I have started a society for the investigation of ghosts and all supernatural appearances and effects, being disposed to believe that such things really exist.

The fact of Benson the Archbishop of Canterbury being interested more in psychic phenomena, in the souls of the dead than of the living, shows what dead wood the Church of England had become. It shows up in sharp relief Westcott and Hort's delving in evil spirits than in the seeking of the Holy Spirit. This is substantiated by Bishop J C Ryle, that the clergy of the Anglican Church, apart from naming the Name of Jesus, could hardly say anything more about Him. Thus while Westcott and Hort were Greek scholars, they knew little of the Old Testament. Did they ever read about Moses' condemnation of the abominations listed in Deut 18?

There shall not be found among you . . . a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. (Deut 18:10-12)

Westcott and Hort were friends of Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud (called a Fraud in the Straits Times) and Carl Jung, all enemies of the Cause of Christ. They were also secret worshippers of Mary. Westcott wrote from France to his fiancée as early as 1847, "After leaving the monastery, we shaped our course to a little oratory which we discovered on the summit of a neighbouring hill . . . Fortunately we found the door open. It was very small, with one kneeling place; and behind a screen was a 'Pieta' the size of life [i.e. a Virgin and dead Christ]. . . Had I been alone I could have knelt there for hours" (Westcott, Life of Westcott, Vol I, p.81).

Finally, let us examine their beliefs, and disbeliefs. According to S.H. Tow, Westcott and Hort denied:

1. the doctrine of the inspiration of Scripture
2. the Genesis record of the Creation and the Fall of man
3. the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His eternal pre-existence and Godhead, His Messiahship, and His sinlessness
4. the substitutionary atonement of Christ and redemption by His blood
5. the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

6. the Second Coming of Christ
7. the doctrine of Eternal Life
8. the reality of Heaven and Hell
9. the personality of the Devil.

Westcott and Hort believed in:

1. the inherent goodness and perfectibility of man
2. the Darwinian theory of Evolution
3. the Universal Fatherhood of God
4. the ultimate salvation of all men
5. the efficacy of water baptism for Regeneration.

Did Westcott and Hort "receive the blessing from the Lord," in their attempt to ruin the Textus Receptus on which the KJV is founded? Was the English Revised Version (1881), the first fruit of their labours, blessed indeed by the Lord of the Holy Scriptures? Though millions were sold of the New Testament, interest plummeted when the Old Testament was revised after a few years.

In my young days we used the King James Bible, though I had also a copy of the English Revised Version. But in a matter of a few decades, the ERV died of a diseased death. The ERV has long gone out of print. Why?

The NIV which is riding high today, remember this, is also founded on Westcott and Hort. They have truncated the three most famous sections of Holy Writ, viz. the *pericope de adultera* (Jn 7:53-8:11), the last 12 verses of Mark and the Johannine Comma, and declared them not found in the two oldest manuscripts (Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus) which they aver give us the original. But why the hypocrisy of including them in their truncated form? Sharp businessmen, the NIV publishers know that if they are totally left out, God's children will not buy their product. The NIV would also go out of print like the ERV.

Dear Reader, this tract is written for you who love the Lord, like David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel, a man after God's own heart. Why did God so bless him and honour him? Because of his true-blue loyalty.

When Goliath blasphemed the name of God the Almighty; all Israel fled, including David's three brothers. But the young shepherd boy, roused by the holy indignation from above, cared not for his life, but rushed head on into battle. That holy hatred so galvanised him to action and that action so upheld by His God, scored total victory. What is your attitude to the work of Westcott and Hort? Even the NIV?

Can you say with David: "Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. 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 139:21-24). Amen.

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 21 - 27, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	8.30 pm	FEBC New Semester Opens Day of Prayer	\$8,993.00 (8.00 am); \$13,500.25 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$497 (Boxes), \$550 (Kebaktian Ina), \$500; <i>Mersing</i> \$300, \$200; <i>21CRB</i> \$30, \$548, \$196; <i>JS Heng</i> \$100; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$70; <i>Peter Clements</i> \$200, \$20; <i>Hilltop</i> \$400; <i>Africa</i> \$400; <i>Missions</i> \$200, \$200; <i>Chinese Bibles</i> \$300; <i>Myanmar Bible College</i> \$50; <i>Batam</i> \$200, \$150 (LF); <i>Bee Choo</i> \$200; <i>Tachileik Motorbike</i> \$200, \$79.81; <i>Medan</i> \$20 (Boxes); <i>Tracts</i> \$50, \$150 (Calvary BPC-Pdn).		
WED	7.30 pm	<i>Biblical Separation</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<u>Corrigendum:</u> Amount designated for Chinese Bibles should read \$1000 in Bulletin of 6 July.		
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Exodus</i> (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	Deborah Mae's new CD release, available in FEBC Bookroom.		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	1. I want to walk where Jesus walks		
SUN	8.00 am	<i>What decides the shape of my Spiritual Life?</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	2. The Saviour is waiting		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	3. Moment by moment		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	4. "Are Ye Able," said the Master		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	5. O Jesus I have promised		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	6. Grace greater than our sin		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	7. Trusting Jesus		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	8. Abide with Me		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	9. My Wonderful Shepherd		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC	10. Jesus is all the world to me		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	11. O Rejoice in the Lord		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	12. His grace is enough		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	13. Great is Thy Faithfulness		
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson			14. Jesus, Saviour, pilot me		
Sunday School Offering: \$456.35; Attendance: 373			15. Born to die		
Verse for the Week: <i>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: Jer 89:19</i>			16. O Lord Most Holy		
Catechism Class will begin 10 Aug 97. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.					



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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 George Tan
Opening Hymn	No. 237	No. 61
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Deut 8	Psalms 2
Hymn	<i>Bring All the Tithes</i>	No. 109
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Triune God</i>	No. 87
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 5:14-21	Eph 1:15-23
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>What does Life in the Spirit look like?</i>	<i>Our Position in Christ</i> (Rev Colin Wong)
Closing Hymn	No. 245	No. 399
Benediction		

PASTORAL CHAT

My dear Readers

Self Help, with God's Help is the Best Help

I. At Batu Aji, Batam. Here we have a congregation of 40 worshipping regularly. Rev Colin Wong administers the Lord's Supper once a month.

On week days the Church hall is used to run a kindergarten. With ancillary rooms, the enrolment has risen to 85, overflowing every nook and corner.

In the providence of God, our next door neighbour suddenly shifted out, leaving their house to us. This we gladly took over by offering him a S\$500 *hongbao*. (All this land we and our neighbour occupy is squatter land.)

Our neighbour's house being old and derelict, we had it pulled down. From the ground has now risen a two-classroom wooden house. This will give spacious accommodation to the overflowing kindergarten as well as room to start a primary I class.

This extension costs S\$11,000. As the kindergarten has accumulated funds of \$4,000, all they need is S\$7,000. "For unto everyone that hath shall be given" (Matt 25:29).

Being a church kindergarten the Word of God is imparted daily to the children. Photo on back page shows how smartly

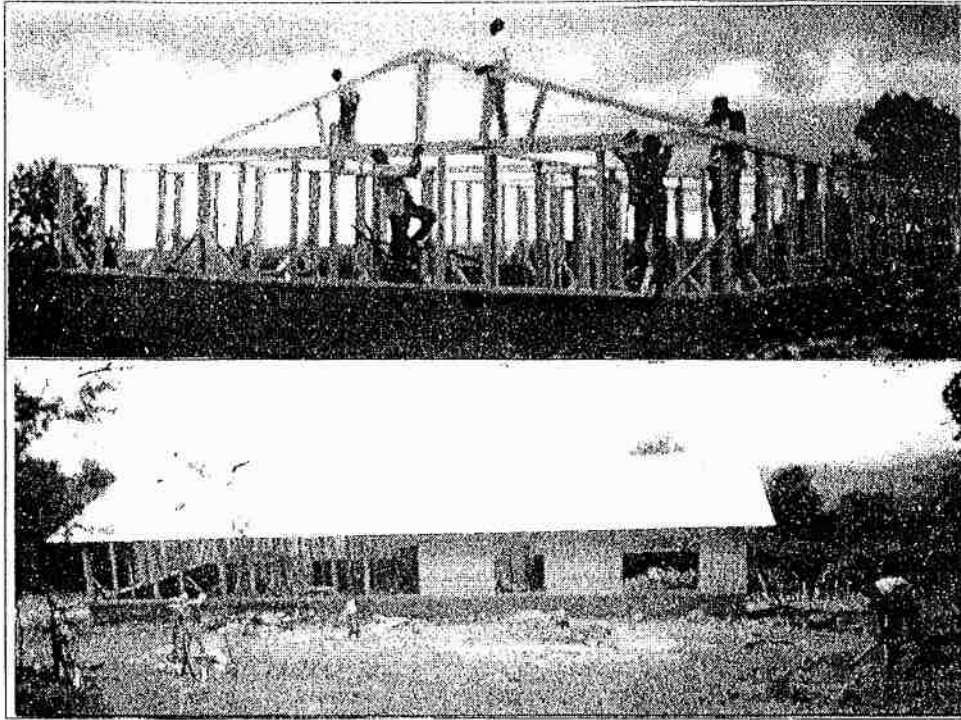
the little tots are dressed. Here they are picknicking by the seaside, and they are praying!

As to Tanjung Piayu, the kindergarten enrolment has risen to 18. (This is a new township.) But with the first class graduating, they will need to go up to Pr. I. Here we have no difficulty because we have several empty classrooms. Ranto, with his three children, are settled here. He is much needed around to care for the flock, there being no resident pastor. Ranto is FEBCer, 1985.

All this information we gathered after a trip we made a fortnight ago with Kimmy Chong, a session member of Bethel BP Church, Melbourne. We visited not only Batu Aji and Tg. Piayu, but also Calvary BP Church at Orchard Park (pastor Kiantoro).

This being vacation time also in Indonesia, both Batu Aji and Orchard Park held DVBS. Orchard Park being in the centre of an housing estate, attracted 120. Batu Aji had 36. All these children had to be ferried in and out. We are glad that our preacher Supartik at Batu Aji has learnt to drive, which adds to the efficiency of the Church and Kindergarten. Supartik is a product of Medan, having understudied Haposan for 6 years, before coming to Batam.

II. Life Bible School taking shape. Up in the mountains of Kenya, where J.S. Heng, B.R.E., is appointed principal. But they need office and classroom equipment. (This is the first phase.) Mr & Mrs J.S. Heng will proceed to their appointment to head this Bible School in Dec '97.



III. This room in a Shopping Complex on the river bank border with Mae Sae, Thailand is where the frontier Burmese Tachileik Ev. Presbyterian Church meets. Along the same border Rev Jacob Ngun Uk has established two other churches, Palian and Patawng. He needs a motor bike to take him to these frontier villages. (Under Rev Thawm Luai they have 55 churches throughout Burma.)



Far Eastern Bible College reopens Monday, July 21, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer on the Church Compound. There are an estimated 15 new students, half of them being Singaporeans.

For the evening classes, the principal will teach *John* on Monday, Dr Jeffrey Khoo *Biblical Separation*, Wednesday and Rev Quek Suan Yew *Exodus*, Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

The principal and his wife are invited to minister to Mokpo, Korea, Nov 6-9, '97 by their student Im Seong Ho, who is in charge of the Seamen's Mission.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting Night, July 15, three of our senior Korean students who had been sent to Vietnam and Cambodia on a mission of reconnaissance, suddenly appeared with a Cambodia refugee and her young daughter. The lady who is Chinese-Korean was given a chance to testify. She came to our Prayer Meeting straight from Cambodia with our 3 Korean students and would be grateful for shelter. Which, we offered readily, there being a sizeable room at Beulah House. She and her Korean husband, both holding American passports, were managing a Christian orphanage in Cambodia, but recent fighting has dislodged their mission work. She hoped her husband would rejoin her in Singapore.

Beulah House our FEBC Hostel is an open House where "sparrows and swallows may find a nest." "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee" (Ps 84:4).

IV. Life Children's Club, Chiang Mai, N.Thailand, Every Saturday, 10.00 am. (Rev Nirand and wife Jess Lim)



V. Andrew Kam holding Summer Bible Camp up at Tui Kal Village, Burma.



Here you see the campers sheltered in the new church we helped him to build two years ago. At this camp eight adults publicly received Jesus as their Saviour.

After this camp Andrew returned with his twenty orphans to Rangoon where they have found a cheaper place to house his children.

In order that the work of the Lord might be consolidated we are planning a second trip to Burma, at Chinese New Year, 1998 (Jan 28 - Feb 1) to ordain Andrew Kam. This will also take us to Mandalay where Rev Thawm Luai will arrange a Bible Conference with pastors and elders around that region. As not too many places are available, registration for Burma '98 will be rather restricted. "The early bird catches the worm."

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 28 - Aug 3, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$6,723.00 (8.00 am); \$13,668.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$611; Mersing \$100, \$30, \$310; Tan Bee Choo \$50, \$100; Tracts \$50; Peter Clements \$20; Kemaman YF \$30; Seets \$100, \$50; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Myanmar Bible College \$100, \$100; Nirands \$100; MsF \$50; Yiew Pong Sen \$50; YF \$50; Kenya Bible Sch \$1000; FEBC Scholarship \$100; Missions \$200; Sunday Sch \$50; Children's Ministry \$50; JJ Lim \$50; Tachileik m/bike \$66.20(US\$50).		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	(1) I want to thank God for good report in my pregnancy blood test. Thanking God that the "little one" inside me is growing normally. Thanking God for His grace, mercy and His creation even as I hear the baby's heartbeat. Truly, it is a miracle! Thanking God also for good health, good appetite and wisdom in eating well during my pregnancy. Thanking God also for His love and faithfulness by providing for my every need. . . I know that I can never thank Him enough for His goodness; nevertheless, thank and praise God from whom all blessings flow. . . "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifices of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name" (Hebs 13:15). (\$196)		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	—A Grateful Servant always		
SUN	8.00 am	When is the Church really the Church? (Dn JJ Lim)	(2) Thank you Lord for my promotion to SEO. (\$800)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	We extend our deepest condolences to Pastor Jack Sin on the passing of his father-in-law, Chua E Lin. Funeral on Fri July 25 was officiated by the pastor of Life Church.		
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service; 1.30pm AF			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC			
	3.00 pm	Thai Ser; 4pm Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$529.35; Attendance: 373					
Verse for the Week: <i>If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. II Timothy 2:21</i>					
Catechism Class will begin 10 Aug 97. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class. The new issue of <i>Burning Bush</i> is ready for collection from the FEBC Bookroom.					



Australian participants at the recent Conference at the Riviera, Malacca



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Geoffrey Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 318	No. 448
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 50	Psalm 23
Hymn	No. 352	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 414	<i>Spirit of the Triune God</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Gal 5:16-26	Rom 8:26-30
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>What decides the shape of my spiritual life?</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Divine Sympathiser and Illuminator</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 351	No. 241
Benediction		

REPORT ON CAMBODIA

by Jimmy Rim

I am a missionary to Cambodia. My name is Jimmy Rim.

I was born in Korea. I became an orphan during the Korean War of 1953. I went through all the sufferings of hunger and cold and every kind of oppression.

I was adopted by American parents, who brought me to the States. I grew up there and received a high education. At the end of 1960's, I was sent to the Vietnamese War. There I went through the experience of "one life, nine deaths."

After this I was invited by the Cambodian Government to be a martial arts training officer. This took me to Phnom Penh in the midst of war flames, to the presidential palace of Lon Nol. My fate was sealed with Cambodia.

About this time, I had an



extraordinary experience. Like in a dream I heard God calling me and I answered Him. From that hour, I gave up all my activities. In the midst of gunfire, I remorsefully prayed through. Under His guidance, I worked hard to found an orphanage to face up to a land filled with orphans. Called "Angel's House," we started an orphan's school and church. We took in 250 inmates. We opened up ground to cultivate, and to preach the Gospel to a population of 600,000, of which 450 became Christians.

On the 17th of April 1975 the Khmer Rouge took over power. Pol Pot entered Phnom Penh. He ordered a wholesale massacre beginning with the execution of 3,000 Government officers. Cambodia became a killing field. My orphans together with the people became refugees. Most of them escaped to the borders of Cambodia. They helped to build refugee camps in the cause of humanity.

Without food or clothing, the refugees were driven to drink polluted water. This resulted in all kinds of sickness and many deaths. Survivors stepped over their dead bodies to flee for their lives. Their plight was worse than the exodus of the Israelites.

I gathered these people into refugee camps. I distributed clothing and food, and medicines. One thing well known in this relief work was the giving away of 300,000 yellow T-shirts printed with the words "Jesus loves you." By the special permission of the Thai Government, I could move freely between the Thai bases and the Cambodian border. Thereby I was able to lead the stronger refugees out of the jungles to American and Europe-American bases. Here we built them churches where the Gospel was preached at Kau Yee Dang Camp.

After ten months, out of the 120,000 refugees, 25,000 believed. I lived through the sad events from 1975-79, which cannot be put to ink and paper. I believe you have seen on the screen "The Killing Fields" and know what I say.

Under the UN military supervision, the new coalition government was established in 1993. This has lifted the people out of the fires and waters of Cambodia, to return to peace. Now, Cambodia is a Buddhist country. Under such overpowering influence Buddhism has grown, and temples are built.

Today there are 150 churches in all Cambodia. The holy fire that was started in a refugee camp 20 years ago is slowly dying down. We need to revive this holy fire again.

We need church workers and their help and prayers (Acts 1:8). I came to Singapore without any plan. I am sure that God will help Cambodia. We need especially Bibles, hymnals, and used clothes and educational materials. Please pray for us.

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He and wife and daughter are staying at Beulah House. Lee Young Lyong, senior student, has felt God's call to labour in Cambodia. Pray that God's will be done.



A bird's eye view of 16 new students joining FEBC in the new semester of its 35th year:

1. Anong Wettayanukool, Thailand
2. Shachendra Shrestha, Nepal
3. Rianguwati Gula, Indonesia
4. Henry P Kirui, Kenya
5. Choi Hyunsun, Korea
6. Bai Eun-Young, Korea
7. Edilyn Evangelista Abu, Philippines
8. Pau Khen Mung, Myanmar
9. Thang Vial Kam, Myanmar
10. Harrison Kasip Wan, Sarawak
11. Ho Geok Fong, Singapore
12. Kwok Chee Hou Dennis, Singapore
13. Koh Tze Kiat Arthur, Singapore
14. Lee Foong Leng Carol, Singapore
15. Loh Kok Howe Calvin, Singapore
16. Woo Chong Yew, Singapore

(Please pray for 3 others who should be on their way: one from Vietnam, one from India and one from Indonesia.)

The Pericope de Adultera, the Scripture of Scripture.

And every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last:

and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

According to the New English Bible this passage is dropped with a note that it is printed at the end of the Gospel under the title "An Incident in the Temple."

As for NIV it is printed in truncated form, cut off top and bottom with this note "(The earliest and most reliable manuscripts have not John 7:53-8:11)."

"The earliest and most reliable manuscripts have not John 7:53-8:11" is the sly opinion of Westcott and Hort. But Jn 7:53-8:11 appears in

overwhelming majority of extant Greek texts. We declare this sacred passage to be the Scripture of Scripture, for no man could have invented it. Its description is so true, the words uttered by the Saviour so sublime, the treatment of the case so magnanimous, and the power to forgive sin which none other on earth could exercise, save the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are Jesus' sheep and hear His Voice, you cannot be enticed by W&H. "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. . . . But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 Jn 2:20,27).

—T.T.

TESTIMONY

I was born and baptised a Roman Catholic in the Philippines. My childhood days were a whirl of attending masses and meditating on the Holy Rosary — all of which did not satisfy my young but questioning mind. Don't Catholics feel bored having routinely to attend all the masses? Is there meaning in repeatedly meditating on the Rosary? Do the images on the altar listen to my prayers, hear my cries and feel my pain? Are my prayers to them just an echo in my ears? My mind resounded with these questions but there were no answers.

Those questions were still lurking in my mind when I attended a Catholic high school run by nuns. Reading chapters from the Bible and explaining Bible passages in class were part of the assignments given to us. Yet all the Catholic education yielded no light. My mind was still clouded with unanswered questions and there was a gnawing hollowness in my heart.

God is omniscient. He knew the questions that bothered me and the emptiness that persisted within me. Even before I sought Him, He was already seeking me, to bring me into a loving and enriching relationship with Him.

A few years after high school, I applied for a job overseas as a domestic help though I knew such applications were rarely approved. However, God opened the door for me to go to Singapore. I got to work for a Christian family who brought me to their

church — the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church every Sunday. I sometimes attended the Novena Catholic Church with my friends but Bible teaching in Life B-P Church drew me back to this Christian Church.

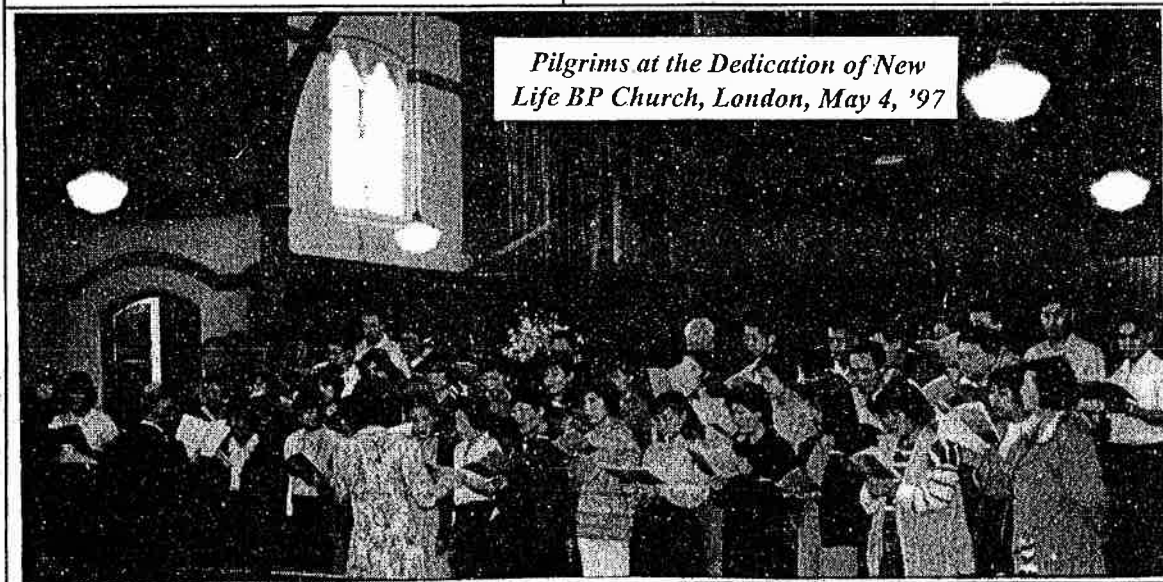
A few months later, however, I found myself joining other Filipinas studying the Bible in the Filipina Bible Study Class. One day, pastor Morante approached me and talked to me about the salvation of God. It was something very new to me because nobody ever told me that doing good works could not help us to go to heaven, and that God has prepared a way for man to go to Him. He sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to die on the cross for all of us, who are sinners, and those who believe and receive Him as their Saviour will have eternal life. As I listened to him, my heart was touched by the love of God for me and I received Jesus into my life on that day (that was in 1996).

My greatest desire is to learn more about God and to read the Bible daily so that I can be better equipped to serve Him effectively in the future. I pray earnestly that my family will come to know God too. I don't know what the future is going to be for me but I am not afraid any more because I know God holds my future.

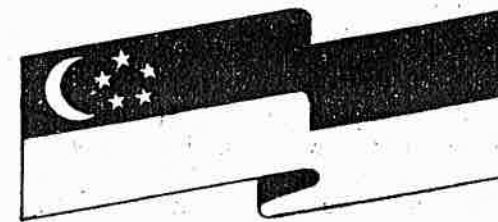
May all glory and praise be to his Name.

— Marie Phaz. C. Lorenzo

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 4 - 10, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$6,497.00 (8.00 am); \$14,431.25 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$552, \$120(Boxes), \$500(JSM);		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Mersing \$40, \$100, \$250; 21CRB \$50, \$100; Kenya \$100;		
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	FEBC \$50; Kenya Bible Sch \$1000, \$250; Hilltop		
FRI	7.30 pm	JSM Anniversary, Sanctuary	Scholarship \$270; Tan Bee Choo \$200; JS Heng \$680, \$100,		
	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall	\$100, \$250; Rev Jeffrey Khoo \$100; Rev Colin Wong \$150;		
	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House	Dn JJ Lim \$150, \$600(Boxes), \$400; Rev Jack Sin \$150;		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/SBC	Seets \$100, \$50; Hendro \$50; Robert Peh \$150, \$200;		
SUN	8.00 am	How Can I Deepen My Devotional Life? (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)	China-Chinese Bibles \$60; Rev Tow \$100; Philippines \$100;		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Cambodia \$200, \$500, \$20, \$500; Indonesia \$500; Missions		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	\$160; Jimmy Rim (Cambodia) \$400, \$2000; Dn Yiew PS \$50;		
	10.30 am	Elder Lim Teck Chye	Myanmar Orph \$250, \$410; Medan Orph \$410; Tachileik		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)	Motorbike \$100.		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	(1) I thank God for His providential guidance and		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	leading me to a new job. May He be pleased to		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	receive my first fruits as He received Abel's offering.		
	12.15 pm	MsF Partners' Prayer Mtg, FEBC Hall	Amen. Please designate offering as follows: Revs		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	Tow, Colin Wong, Jeffrey Khoo, Jack Sin, Koshiy, Wee		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Service	Eng Moh, Peter Clements, Charles Seet (\$1,000		
No NBC This Week.			each); JJ Lim, Errol Stone, Bee Choo, FEBC,		
Sunday School Offering: \$788.12; Attendance: 350			Mersing, Pong Sen (\$500 each).		
Catechism Class will begin next Lord's Day, 10 Aug 97. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class. *Cambodian Relief now collecting! Give your surplus clothings.			(2) All praise and thanks to God for a recent		
			salary increment. May the Lord help me to be a		
			good Christian witness for Him at work and at		
			home. Kindly apportion as follows: Rev Colin Wong		
			\$150, Dn JJ Lim \$150, Rev Jack Sin \$150, Rev		
			Charles Seet \$100, Bro Hendro \$50.		
			Verse for the Week: Righteousness exalteth a		
			nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.		
			Proverbs 14:34		



Pilgrims at the Dedication of New Life BP Church, London, May 4, '97



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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. 263	All Hail...
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Matthew 5:1-16	Psalms 72
Hymn	No. 242	Singapura
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 355	No. 403
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Acts 2:37-47	I Tim 2:1-4
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	When Is the Church Really the Church? (Dn Lim Jyh Jang)	God Bless S'pore to Bless the World
Closing Hymn	No. 236	No. 390
Benediction		Lord's Supper

KNOWING GOD'S WILL (HOW DO I KNOW GOD'S CALL?)

Notes of message preached by Dr Gary G Cohen at the Life-Calvary 21st Century Reformation Missions Conference, Malacca, June 5, 1997

There are 8 items that you might consider when seeking God's Will for your life (be it God's Will in some minor area or a major decision of your life).

When you land an aeroplane, you light certain lights up. The naval aviators have a saying: "A good approach makes a good landing." (A bad approach means an accident.) So it is in seeking God's Will; when these 8 lights are lit up you are on the right approach to God's Will.

8 LIGHTS TO RECOGNIZE THE WILL OF GOD

1. The Word of God — Matthew 28:19

Your action should be in line with the Word of God. Praying for God's Will or seeking for God's Will contrary to His Word, that is a mistake, e.g. marrying an unbeliever; staying in an apostate church. If you are in harmony with God's Word, you have a good approach, e.g. should I go to be a missionary; can I marry a Christian? The light in God's Word is what we should follow.

2. The Need — Acts 16:8-10

We remember in Church History, Farel begged John Calvin

to stay in Geneva. Then John Calvin stayed and had a ministry which solidified theologically the Reformation. There was a desperate need; John Calvin could fill it and it was in harmony with God's Word. The Apostle Paul was urgently needed in Antioch; he came back where there was a need. Paul had a call from Macedonia; when he saw the need he met the need. The need is one light that we should consider prayerfully when we consider God's Will.

3. The Fire — Jer 20:9

Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, preached repentance to Jerusalem. The people hated him and he felt like quitting. Jeremiah said, "But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." The Spirit of God in him cried out to say the Truth and to preach the Word. One part of God's Will: if God puts a fire in you, a desire in you. The burning inward fire of the Spirit to witness, to go some place and tell the people about Christ is an important light. Desire and earnestness led by the Spirit of God can overcome all kinds of problems.

4. The Opportunity — Acts 13:1-4

We understand opportunity and circumstances cannot be the final determiner of God's Will and many things have to

be overcome to do God's Will. The early Church was seeking God's Will. God gives opportunity; the ones that they sent from the Church on the First Missionary Journey were among the elders and teachers of the Church who were there, people they knew and trusted. And God's Spirit called them out. There is a matter of opportunity and qualifications that have to be considered. One light is opportunity; it's not the only light.

5. The Elders — Acts 13:1-4

In God's providence, the missionaries Barnabas and Paul were called by the Lord through the local church. God gives us the pattern. The local church called, ordained, and then helped and supplied and commissioned Barnabas and Paul to be missionaries. When the Church was praying, fasting, seeking God's Will, amid the leaders of the Church, God's Will became known that these two should go and preach the Gospel. It is a good idea to talk to the elders in the Church what you believe is the Will of God. The Book of Proverbs says, "In the counsel of many there is wisdom." Consult the elders, the Pastor and people you trust that can help show you God's Will.

6. The Practical — Acts 18:3

There is a practical side for God's Will. We have certain responsibilities to provide for our own. The Apostle Paul actually worked at tent making. He gave a great testimony that he was not in the religion business to make money. He worked with his own hands to provide for himself and others. The Lord Jesus said, "Sell all that you have and give it to the poor." There is the practical entity to knowing God's Will realizing that whom the Lord calls, the Lord enables.

7. The Harmony — Acts 15:37-40

Part of God's Will is determined by a measure of harmony — who we work with. Paul said on the First Missionary Journey John Mark left them and he did not want to take him again. But later in Paul's writings he said, "Bring John Mark for he is profitable for the ministry." It shows us that you can have a failure in your life and still turn around and be profitable for the ministry. This is the Mark who wrote the Gospel of Mark. Silas went with Paul. Silas was in the Will of God. Silas and Paul got along and in that harmony they worked. It is wise to work under those you get along with.

8. The Peace of God — Colossians 3:15

That which is the Will of God for you, you

ought to be at peace about. If you are not at peace (an inner persuasion) you can wait. You need then to continue to pray, to seek God's Will and seek God's face until God gives you His peace, that you are walking in His path. In the Book of Daniel, when Daniel received the message of God, in Chapter 9, he was praying and seeking God's Will. In the Book of Revelation, when John received the Revelation, he was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. When Paul was called to the mission field, they were praying and seeking God's Will.

To find God's Will we should be in prayer, seeking to please Him. May you light up the right lights. May you make a happy landing in God's Will. May our desire in seeking the Will of God always be in the words of John 8:29 — "to please Him."

— Lehia Paauwe, from *Lively Hope*

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says: "Woe to those who call evil good" (Isa 5:20), but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justified.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbours' possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

This prayer was prayed by Rev Joe Wright of the Central Christian Church, Wichita, at the opening of the Kansas Legislature in January 1996. Responding to widespread expressions of support and criticism, he said: "I'm a preacher at an evangelical church.

...There are absolutes, and God has called me to preach the truth. Naturally, any time you preach absolutes, you're going to offend some people."

— Signpost, S. Africa

MY CALLING INTO THE FULL-TIME MINISTRY

I give thanks to God for calling me to study for full-time service in His ministry. My conversion occurred in Feb 1989, when I realized I was a sinner and was in need of a personal Saviour. God used circumstances surrounding my eldest brother's divorce for my conversion.

After coming out of Freemasonry, we spent time in the Church of Christ which became Charismatic. After realizing the sudden Romeward run that it was taking, and the gifts that many were pursuing, I was burdened about knowing what was right according to God's Word and found in the Scriptures (2 Tim 2:15).

In the middle of 1993 wheat harvest, a Scripture that challenged my heart was Matthew 9:37 *"the harvest is truly plenteous, but the labourers are few."* After praying for labourers and meditating upon this verse, it ended up being us called.

Along with circumstances we arrived at the Esperance People Church on the 1 Jan 94. After receiving the RPG, there came a strong burden to find out why all the listed 'isms' were Satanic doctrines. They included Liberalism, Modernism, New Evangelicalism, Charismatic, Ecumenism, Romanism and New Age Mysticism.

By God's grace, a local member of the church spent many hours with me explaining the reasons for the apostasy of these 'isms.' This gave us the scriptural knowledge to come out from within (2 Cor 6:14-7:1) the Charismatic Movement.

Within a week of returning home from our 2-week holiday, we had listed all of our machinery for sale. I also contacted FEBC and had a reply and had also visited the B-P Church in Perth where Dr Tow Siang Hwa, by God's providence, was speaking. The difficulty of coming out of the Charismatic Movement was where to fellowship, as the Ecumenical Movement was so subtle and involved most churches. We learned that there were very few churches who were not involved either directly or indirectly in the WCC. It was also difficult to find a church that did not have Freemasons as Elders, so the places of fellowship became limited.

Within the next several weeks, we had flown to Singapore to observe whether the FEBC really did stand by their statement of opposing the flood of Satanic doctrines. After visiting, we realized that they were committed to the 'old-time Gospel,' the *"faith which was once delivered unto the saints."*

Back in Australia, our children asked if we were going to move to Singapore to study at the FEBC, our answer was yes. BPCWA in Perth is 200 km from our property, and we would whenever possible travel for 2-3 hours for the purpose of attending church. Our thanks be to God (Eph 5:20) for many of the BPCWA members, who visited and stayed with us on the farm to assist in the preparation of our clearing sale.

After farming all of our lives, we sold our machinery, sundry items, stock, grain and household items and moved to Singapore on 28 May 94. I commenced studying in FEBC in July 94.

My wife, Robyn, accepted the Lord and came out of the Roman Catholic Church in 1983. She is a God-fearing wife and extremely supportive. She has been involved in teaching and assisting at both the 8 am and 9.30 am children's ministry at Life Church. In the afternoons, she works as an English teacher at the Ark Learning Centre situated at Coronation Plaza.

By God's grace, our 3 children, Emma, Renee and Bryce, are all Bible-Believing Christians and have a zeal and love for God and His Word.

As a family, God has been so gracious to us and we have enjoyed the training and discipline of College life. The opportunity to attend the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting and the Sunset Gospel Hour for the past 3 years has been greatly rewarding for us. To live on campus has been challenging and meeting as a family has been fruitful. Our family altar and daily prayers and devotions together have strengthened us much in the Lord. Thank God also for the opportunity that we have had in Beulah House to reach out to others.

— Errol Stone

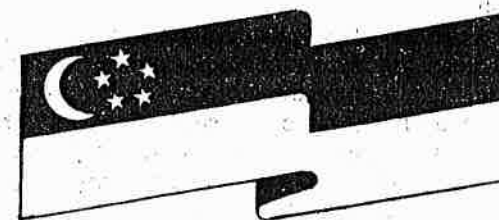
Pray for our students who hail from the following 18 countries: S'pore, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Sarawak, Korea, Taiwan, Palau, Australia, N.Zealand, Canada, USA, Kenya, Nepal, India that they will be witnesses in their own countries as they graduate.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 11 - 16, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$9,019.00 (8.00 am); \$18,474.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$264 (Boxes), \$2250, \$1308, \$3700, \$1397 (Chinese Ser); Mersing \$250, \$100, \$50, \$150, \$300, \$500; Concern Intl USA-Charity Inc \$200; Missions \$50; Batam \$50; Thailand \$100; Philippines \$100; Sunday Sch \$50; Children's Ministry \$50; Compu Software \$100; Dn JJ Lim \$300, \$400, \$200; Calvin Loh \$50; Kenya \$50; China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Jimmy Rim \$200; Rev Jack Sin \$100; Africa Missions \$100; Cambodia \$250, \$500; Seets \$220; Tee Siok Lee \$300; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Baraka Conf Centre \$50; FEBC S'ship \$100; Tachileik \$328 (YAF). Corrigendum: \$400 should be designated to JS Heng and not Dn JJ Lim.		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	(1) To God be the glory, Glory to God in the Highest. Thank you for helping the doctor to make the right diagnosis of my illness. China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Mersing Project \$50.		
SAT	1.30 pm	SBC; 2.30 LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF	(2) Thank God for safety and protection. All praises to His Holy Name for increased numbers at our fellowship group meeting.		
	7.00 pm	Family Worship at Eld & Mrs Mahadevan's Home	(3) Please channel my offering to Medan Orphanage \$410, Myanmar Orph \$410. Thank you Lord for your grace and mercy. Help us to remember to "seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon him while He is near" (Isaiah 55:6).		
SUN	8.00 am	Am I Sensitive to His Leading? (Rev Colin Wong)	Verse for the Week: Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day. Psalm 71:8		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	We extend our deepest condolences to Low Sock Eng's family on her homegoing on Tue 5 Aug. Funeral on Thu 7 Aug was officiated by Pastor.		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	1.30 pm	AF			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Service			
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bishan.					
Sunday School Offering: \$510.60; Attendance: 389					
Catechism Class begins today. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.					
Teaching CEF Visualized Songs to Children. Sunday, 24 Aug at 12.15pm. Open to those interested in children's work. Call 2569256 to register.					



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld George Tan	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Opening Hymn	No. 49	No. 101
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 15:1-27	Ephesians 2
Hymn	No. 91	No. 262
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 419	No. 272
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 3:14-21	Heb 11:8-16; 12:22-29
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	How Can I Deepen My Devotional Life? (Rev Colin Wong)	Fellow Citizens of Heaven (Elder Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 398	No. 540
	Lord's Supper	
Benediction		

GOD BLESS SINGAPORE TO BLESS THE WORLD

(Message preached by Rev Tow on 3 Aug 97 at Life BPC)

In our Church Calendar we keep the celebration of "Days" to a minimum. While we do not keep Mother's Day or Father's Day, we are sure to keep National Day. This year it falls on Aug 3. Nations are appointed by the Lord God Almighty. Paul says, "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26). Though we are a tiny nation, yet we have been given a place for to dwell in, and the boundary of our habitation.

As we celebrate National Day, I think immediately of National Service. We salute our young men who learn to take up arms so they may defend our nation against aggressors. We agree with our Government to out-law the Jehovah's Witnesses, for they undermine our system of training young men for warfare.

The title of our message is *God Bless Singapore to Bless the World*. How can God bless Singapore? God can bless Singapore if we Christians perform our duty. It is to pray for our people and our leaders. Paul instructs 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. . . ." (I Tim 2:1-2). We are to supplicate, that is pray to avert evil from our people and from our leaders (kings) and all in authority, to pray for the general good and to intercede for others, and give thanks for mercies received. So, we might live a quiet and peaceable life as we exhibit godliness and honesty in our own lives.

During WWII Singapore came under the occupation of the Japanese. The Japanese little bothered the Church, but requested the Church to pray for the long life of their Emperor Hirohito. In line with Paul's injunction to pray for kings, we did pray for the Emperor's long life. Indeed, Emperor Hirohito lived the longest of all the leaders of WWII, having a reign of over sixty years. So we pray also for the longevity of our leaders that they may rule well this City-State.

Has God blessed Singapore? Has He given us a quiet and peaceable life? Indeed He has. There is a Chinese saying, 天灾人祸 (Tien Tsai Ren Huo). Natural disasters and man engendered woes. Reversing the order of the saying, He has kept war from us. More pertinently, He has kept us from strikes, inter-

racial rioting, international squabble. God has given our leaders the wisdom to govern, justly and equitably, especially in the payment of wages. As for COE rising to \$60,000, that cannot be helped, being the result of market forces. And how we thank God for the humility of our PM in accommodating our offended neighbour. "By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone" (Prov 25:15).

With peace prevailing through these 32 years of our nationhood, we have conserved our earnings. There is no damage or destruction to our resources. But what a contrast with Cambodia, with her killing fields, whereby one to two million souls had perished! Some ten years ago, when addressing a Filipino congregation, I told them that though their economy was poor, yet they were rich in comparison with the Cambodians who went through the fires and waters of war. Don't we have to count our blessings?

And has not God also kept us from natural disasters all these years? The present floods in Central Europe and in South China take heavy toll of life and property. But in Singapore we had only one big flood along the Bukit Timah area in 1969. Water entered our Church. Our grand piano and electric organ were saved by raising them up the pulpit platform. But houses along Bukit Timah were heavily submerged. All on the ground floor became a total loss. Singapore has indeed been spared, and that means prosperity preserved. Do we take these blessings for granted?

Now, the Lord having spared us, would want us to go to the rescue of others. Especially that they may be saved from the darkness of error and sin. "Who will have all men to be saved and to come into the knowledge of the truth." *God bless Singapore to bless the world.*

"All men" should concern us who are members of ASEAN. Insofar as Lifers are concerned, we have taken a hold of every ASEAN country save Brunei, which being strongly Muslim, is a sealed country to Christianity. But now, all of a sudden Cambodia has opened its door to us.

After the recent fighting in Phnom Penh there came into our midst a Mr Jimmy Rim, a veteran missionary to Cambodia for the last twenty years. He showed slides of the Killing Fields and of himself being involved in extensive relief

work there. This has touched the hearts of two of our Korean graduate students — one feeling the call to work among the Chinese and the other with the orphans. A goodly sum of support has come in for Jimmy and the rest for general expenses. Is this not a double confirming sign that the Lord is beckoning us to Cambodia?

Personally I had answered the call! Over two years ago we went to Ho Chi Minh City to evangelise for a week. I preached on Chinese New Year at a Teochew-speaking Church. A Cambodian Chinese towkay was delighted to hear the Word. So he invited me to visit him in Cambodia where he had bought a house to start a Church. He gave me his card with the name of his company, "NEW SUN." When will the Lord send me? It will be no problem for I speak their language. Teochew is the language used among the Chinese not only in Vietnam and Cambodia but also in Thailand and Laos.

They are in a land of error and darkness, and the Lord wants them delivered into the light of salvation and truth. Here is how Singapore is to bless the world. Are we prepared to send the Gospel to Cambodia?

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Richard Wurmbbrand tells of the Cambodian village which fell to the Marxist Red Khmers. On Sunday, just a handful of the more courageous Christians gathered in the little church.

The Red Khmers entered the hut, took the pulpit Bible and threw it on the ground just outside the door. They then instructed the Christians to leave, one at a time. Those who spat on the Bible could go their way unharmed. Those who refused would be killed. The first man to leave hesitated at the door. **He thought of his wife and children. How would they manage without him? He compromised and spat on the Bible. (Would you have acted differently?)** The others followed his example. One of the last to leave was a young girl. She too hesitated. Then she fell to her knees and kissed the Bible covered with spittle. **Still kneeling, she was shot.** —*Signposts, S. Africa*

Cambodia Relief. Thank you for your surplus clothings. Mr Hahn, graduate Korean student, is in charge.

Witness in Jakarta supported by our



Indonesian Service (Kebaktian Indonesia, Eld & Mrs Charlie Chia), this is the Sunday School held at a new housing estate by missionary Yusniar (she had studied 5 years at FEBC) at Jln Cibubur 8F No. 12A, Kel Cibubur Rt. 009/09, Jakarta Timur 13720, Indonesia. Please remember her in prayer.

Miss Lau Yeong Shoon has joined FEBC/Life Church, assisting the principal and academic dean. With her contribution the printing of *Calvin's Institutes Abridged, Book I to IV*, is now in sight! A reprint of *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo* by Jason Linn is also in the offing.

The principal is teaching a special class, *Phonetic Mandarin Bible*, two hours per week, Wednesday and Thursday 4.30 pm.

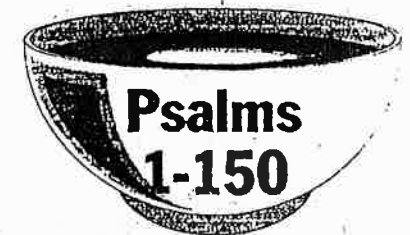
FEBC Bookroom. We recommend the 21st Century KJV which has the 600-odd archaic and obsolete words brought up to date. Use it as a companion glossary version. Use the **Chambers Dictionary**, best for theological terms. Order from our Bookroom. **Deborah Mae's** new CDs and tapes are a wonderful gift to your friends. See our new stock of children's books, just arrived.

Do you have Myanmar domestic helps? Bring them to 10.30 am service, and after this let them join the Myanmar (Burmese) Service, worshipping at the Evergreen Chapel behind the kindergarten at 12 noon.

Introducing **Miss Monica Ong**. A trained nurse and formerly working with OMF, she has joined the Church staff as a visiting counsellor. She is also taking some part-time courses at FEBC. She can be contacted at the Church Office, 256 9256 or at her residence 737 2139.

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About eight years ago a member of Sharon B-P Church came to see me with his wife for counselling. This young professional was an engineer of an American firm. He was sent to Indonesia to sell the company's machines as well as to demonstrate and train the customers. Somewhere along the way he developed a fear and nervousness. This brought the sales down and he lost his job.

He consulted Singapore's well-known psychiatrist. He was hospitalised and heavily guarded because he became violent. Though later on discharged, the fear kept on haunting him. He approached a B-P minister who has a busy counselling practice. Since this also did not help, he finally came to me.

"I cannot heal you of myself," was my reply to this young man. "But if you'll read the Psalms, this will help. Turn to any Psalm. Read to the end. Then start from the beginning." I told him of my successful first case with Brother Heng. He left with this recipe and did not come back — for some years.

One night at Life Church Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting there walked up from the end pews a stout fellow with a broad smile. As I asked for testimonies and praise items from the congregation, he was the first one to respond. He identified himself as that member from Sharon B-P Church who saw me with his wife because he had a mental breakdown. He revealed how after being counselled by me he read the Psalms, the whole book, several times. At the end of it, he came to himself. He was now confident to live a Christian life. Being fully healed by reading the Psalms, he also got back his job. The American Company which had employed him sent him this time to China. There he served for three years, his wife by his side. Now he had put on twenty pounds...

Yes, the Psalms are a Royal Balm for every troubled soul. The Psalms, did you notice, is located in the middle of the Bible. The heart of the Bible which the Psalmbook is, is also medicine for our heart. In fact it is the most read book of the 66 books, inasmuch as a Psalm is usually chosen for Responsive Reading in our Lord's Day worship. Why? Because it is a book that helps to stir your heart to prayer and to worship...

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Aug 18 - 24, '97)

MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)
FRI	7.00 pm	MsF F'ship Dinner
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF
SUN	8.00 am	Is There Victory Over the Devil? (Rev Jack Sin)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	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
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC
	12.45 pm	Teaching CEF Visualised Songs
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

No NBC This Week.

Sunday School Offering: \$713.85; Attendance: 343


Verse for the Week: *Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.* Psalm 36:6


LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$5,594.00 (8.00 am); \$13,290.00 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$300, \$100, \$146; Mersing \$260; 21CRB \$50; P'pines Scholarship Fund for Biblical studies \$200; Tape Ministry \$10; LBS, Kenya \$350; JS Heng \$100; Cambodia \$100; Calvin Loh \$50; Bibles for Cambodia \$500; Church Choir \$160; Rev Jimmy Rim's Children's Ministry in Cambodia \$2400(Ladies Sunday School), \$400; Kenya Missionary Work \$1000; Batu Aji K'garten Extn \$3500; Haposan-purchase of property \$2500; Jakarta Msn Work (Yusniar) \$550(Keb. Ina).

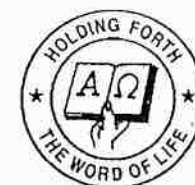
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17 August 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	On John Hoe	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 146	Rev 21:9-27
Hymn	No. 352	Heavenly Melodies
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 27	Roman Verse 50
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Acts 16:5-10	Rom 8:31-39
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Am I Sensitive to His Leading? (Rev Colin Wong)	One with God is Majority
Closing Hymn	No. 532	No. 87
Benediction		

A Positional Statement of Far Eastern Bible College, Singapore

(To be Signed by All Members of the Academic Faculty)

- I do believe "in the divine, verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures in the original languages, their consequent inerrancy and infallibility, and as the Word of God, the supreme and final authority in faith and practice" (*The Constitution of the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, article 4.2.1*).
- I do believe that "Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments (66 books).
- I do believe that "The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical; so as in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal unto them. But because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God who have right unto and interest in

the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come, that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship him in an acceptable manner, and through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope" (*The Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter I, paragraph VIII*).

- I do believe that "the King James Version (or Authorised Version) of the English Bible is a true,

- faithful, and accurate translation of these two providentially preserved Texts [Traditional Masoretic Hebrew Text and Traditional Greek Text underlying the KJV], which in our time has no equal among all of the other English Translations. The translators did such a fine job in their translation task that we can without apology hold up the Authorised Version of 1611 and say 'This is the Word of God!' while at the same time realising that, in some verses, we must go back to the underlying original language Texts for complete clarity, and also compare Scripture with Scripture" (*The Dean Burgon Society, "Articles of Faith," section II.A*).
6. I do employ the Authorised Version alone as my primary scriptural text in the public reading, preaching, and teaching of the English Bible.
 7. I do consider as unreliable all Bible versions (eg the New International Version or NIV) that are a result of the dynamic equivalence method of translation, and those which cast doubt and/or omit verses based on corrupted readings of the Alexandrian or Westcott-Hort Text.
 8. I will endeavour annually at the College convocation to affirm my allegiance to the Word of God by taking this solemn oath: "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.'"
 9. I do subscribe to the system of theology called "Reformed" as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith, and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms (1643-8).
 10. I do dismiss the JEDP theory, and source/form/redaction criticism as products of modernistic scholarship, and do consider them to be illegitimate and destructive means of interpreting the Pentateuch, and the Synoptic Gospels.
 11. I do believe that "The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself: and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly" (*The Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter I, paragraph IX*).
 12. I do reject the neo-evangelical hermeneutic of Walter C Kaiser, namely, the Analogy of Antecedent Scripture, as fallacious (see Kaiser's erroneous interpretation of the prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ in his paper, "The Promise of Isaiah 7:14 and the Single-Meaning Hermeneutic," *Evangelical Journal* 6 [1988]: 55-70).
 13. I do reject Hyper-Calvinism in its denial of God's common grace, and of the free offer of the Gospel.
 14. I do believe in the biblical doctrine and practice of personal and ecclesiastical separation from all forms of unbelief and apostasy, viz Romanism, Ecumenism, Modernism, Charismaticism, and Neo-evangelicalism.
 15. I do reject as false the tongues-speaking, demon-casting, faith healing, dreams and visions, words of wisdom/knowledge/faith, prophecies, slaying of the Spirit, holy laughing and dancing of the Pentecostal, Charismatic, or Vineyard Movement.
 16. I do believe God created the universe *ex nihilo* (out of nothing), and do regard Genesis 1:1 as an independent clause stating the first creative act of God (cf John 1:3, Col 1:16, Heb 11:3).

17. I do believe God created all things perfectly and very good in six literal or natural, and not figurative or poetic, days.
18. I do believe the Genesis Flood was global or universal, and reject all other views which attempt to limit the geographical extent of the Flood.
19. I do believe Isaiah 7:14 is a strictly messianic prophecy historically fulfilled only by Jesus Christ who was conceived supernaturally in the womb of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit as announced by the angel (Matt 1:22-23, Luke 1:26-35).
20. I do subscribe to the premillennial view of eschatology that recognises a distinction between Israel and the Church.
21. I do reject the so-called "Biblical/Christian Counselling" of today (as taught by Gary Collins, Larry Crabb, Frank Minirth et al) that is influenced by Freudian or humanistic methods which essentially question the sufficiency of Scriptures, and the power of the Gospel.
22. I do reject the modern-day Church Growth movement (as promoted by George Barna, Bill Hybels, C Peter Wagner et al) which advocates worldly techniques or carnal methods to increase church membership.
23. I do uphold and promote the good name, doctrine, and ethos of the Far Eastern Bible College in accordance to God's Word, and do protect her from detractors and enemies from without and within.
24. I do serve the Far Eastern Bible College because I love Jesus Christ who has called me to be a minister of His Word, and do intend with the Holy Spirit's help to faithfully declare "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), and to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3) to the glory of God the Father.

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AN OPEN DOOR TO CAMBODIA

Cambodia is a fertile country of 182,000 sq km, which is 290 times the size of Singapore (620 sq km). But the terrible genocide perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge under Pol Pot, whereby two millions were clubbed to death has reduced its population to just under 10 million.

Eighty-five per cent of her peoples are the Khmers. The rest are made up of tribes 3.6%, and the minorities 11.2%, comprising about one million Vietnamese and 350,000 Chinese, etc. The capital of Phnom Penh has a population of one million.

The genocide of 1975-78 and the subsequent civil wars have devastated the people. The land is infested with a million mines and thousands have been maimed, even to this day.

By the intervention of U.N. an election was held 1993. The nation is governed by two prime ministers. But things came to a head when the first prime minister was deposed by the second prime minister in a fierce battle early July, '97. Now there is peace which allows expatriates to return.

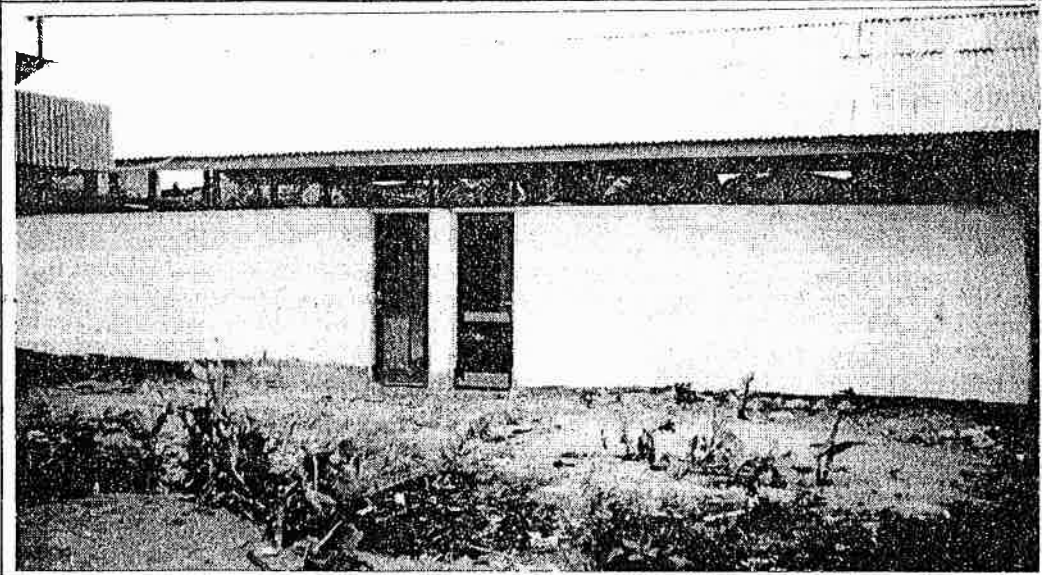
On the religious front Buddhism is the national religion. But the Khmer Rouge sought to eradicate all religions: 90% of Buddhist monks and most Christians perished.

Christianity is a mere 0.38%. Beginning in 1923 CMA missionaries laboured. There were 700 in evangelical churches in 1970 but by 1975 it had grown to 12,000. Christian workers are granted visas only for aid and rehabilitation projects. Now a door has opened for Lifers to enter. Let both the English and Chinese congregations support one missionary couple each for Cambodia, while it is day! The night cometh when no man can work. —T.T.

Ed. Note. Over 20 boxes of relief goods are packed for Cambodia. With more coming in from the Korean churches we will send them by container. We can take in a lot more!



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 25 - 31, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$7,269.00 (8.00 am); \$12,192.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1000(Coinafon), \$70, \$50; Mersing \$150; \$200(Pepsi); Cambodia \$200(Children's Msty), \$820, \$500, \$100, \$200, \$500(Prayer Mtg); Batam \$50, \$50(LF); Karuna, FEBC Student \$50; Seets \$100, \$360; Robert Peh \$250, \$1000, \$100; MsF \$50, \$100; JS Heng \$100, \$50, \$400; YF \$50; Yiew PS \$50; Missions \$150; Henry Kirui \$12, \$12(Boxes); Tachlliek M/bike \$50, \$200; JJ Lim \$1000(Boxes); LBS, Kenya \$810.90(MsF).		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	(1) May the attached gift (which is from the overflowing blessings from God Himself) be given for the following purposes—Purchase of property by Pastor Haposan \$2,500; Extn of kindergarten at Batu Aji, Batam \$3,500; Kenya missionary work \$1000. "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Ps115:1). "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth" (Mt 6:19) "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Prov 3:9). Thank you Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	(2) The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob attend thee, send thee help from the sanctuary and strengthen thee out of Zion. China-Chinese Bibles \$60, Mersing \$40.		
SUN	8.00 am	Do I Have Spiritual Gifts? (Rev Colin Wong)	(3) "Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone" (Ps 86:8,10). Please channel this small token for the Cambodian missionary (\$100). —A Grateful Servant		
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class			
	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			
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	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson; Fri Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$674.30; Attendance: 350					
Verse for the Week: For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Hebrew 10:37					
Catechism Class. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.					



Two of 6 classrooms built by Haposan on the new property we've bought for him (for a song) to extend the Secondary School in Medan.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 18	O Lord of Heaven...
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 27	Psalms 57
Hymn	No. 255	No. 311
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 403	Romans Verse 51
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 6:10-18	Rom 9:1-7
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Is There Victory Over the Devil? (Rev Jack Sin)	Paul's concern for kinsmen elect or non elect
Closing Hymn	No. 384	No. 359
Benediction		

Full-Time Service in the Lord's Vineyard

(By Elder Dr Tow Siang Yeow in New Life Newline)

Our Church of late has put a lot of stress on "Commitment and Service." Members are actively encouraged to be involved in the various ministries of the Church such as Sunday School, Evangelism, Fellowship Groups, etc., and also more mundane work such as ushering, bussing, gardening, etc. Well and good, but what about full-time service for the Lord?

It is true that not every Christian has the gift of preaching, and that we can best serve God according to the abilities given to us. Romans 12:6 indicates, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us . . ." Suffice it to say that any simple task done in the Lord's name is service to Him, even in the giving of a cup of cold water to some thirsting soul (Mark 9:41)!

But we certainly cannot say that there is no talent in our Church. Some New Lifers may be motivated to fulfill the Great Commission which the Lord gave to His disciples, saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt 28:19-20). New Life B-P Church has a goodly number of members and we are known to be a 'mission-minded' church. But, sadly, few New Lifers have opted for full-time service! Where are our Pauls and Barnabases?

Someone may ask, "Do we really have a need for more

full-time workers in our Church?" Hear what the Lord says in John 4:35, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The Lord reiterates in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." The need for more "labourers" prevails: only recently the Chinese B-P Churches' Combined Missions Conference bore out the great need for more workers for the Lord's vineyard!

Not everyone can preach with eloquence. Yet the Word of God, expounded by wholly committed men of God, can be richly blessed by Him and be fruitful even though they may not be great orators. Paul, the greatest of the apostles, says this of himself, "For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak and his speech contemptible!" So the average Bible-College student can take heart that oratorical skills alone do not make a good preacher. Preaching from the heart and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is more important. This is not to say that one should do away entirely with the study of Homiletics which, incidentally, is a compulsory part of the Seminary student's training.

It is not an easy decision to give up all to serve the Lord. Peter and Andrew gave up fishing to follow Jesus. Dr John Sung, the great Chinese evangelist of the 1930's gave up a bright and lucrative career as a scientist to serve the Lord faithfully and unstintingly until

the Lord took him home in August 1944. In the 30th Anniversary Magazine of the FEBC, 58 former and present students gave their testimonies of how, by the grace of God, they were called to serve Him full-time. They gave up their jobs to follow Christ because they were fully convinced that serving the Lord is the highest calling!

To serve God full-time requires a calling from Him! Has God been calling us? If He is calling us, our calling must be motivated by Christ's love for us in that He died on Calvary's cross to pay the penalty of our sins, and that, in believing on Him, we will have everlasting life. We also need to have a vision for souls lost in sins, needing salvation through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to be vigilant, leading a godly and blameless life. God forbid that our service in the Lord's vineyard be tainted by filthy lucre, immorality, power struggles or quest for fame, or we will fail miserably and fall by the wayside.

The question may arise regarding one's livelihood as a worker in the Lord's vineyard, whether as a Pastor, Missionary or Evangelist. The answer to this predicament can be found in Matt 6:33 where the Lord gives this advice, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." The Lord promises to provide, not riches, but all our necessities including our food, drinks, clothing and shelter. God will surely take care of our needs if we trust fully in Him!

Those of us who have reached the stage of choosing a Bible College to train for full-time service would do well to choose the FEBC (Far Eastern Bible College), Singapore. This should be the Seminary of first choice because it is true to our Bible-Presbyterian heritage. It stands for the Holy Bible as the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. It also stands for separation from all forms of apostasy and compromise with unbelievers. Many of our B-P Pastors and Missionaries have been trained at this College, and graduands can be found serving the Lord with distinction in many foreign countries.

The Lord's coming is soon, and the days of grace are coming to an end. Yet the fact remains that the harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few. The Lord is now asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Will our reply be, "Here am I, send me" (Isa 6:8)? If we are

committed, delay no further! "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

TESTIMONY

by Rev Charles Seet, Missionary to the Philippines

I thank the Lord that He has called me into full-time service, despite my own unworthiness and inadequacies. From the time I was a child, the Lord has been good to me. As I grew up in a Christian home and in Sunday School, I learned much about Him. But it was only when I was fifteen that I realised my need for salvation and committed my soul to Christ, trusting in His promise in II Timothy 1:12 — "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." How wonderful it is to know that God has saved me by His wonderful grace, by sending His only Begotten Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross in my place. And as the words of a favourite hymn says, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all."

It was with this sense of deep gratitude for all that God has done for me that my life was consecrated to Him in obedience to His call 14 years ago. I was intently studying at the university to be a medical doctor when I heard the Lord's call. Now, this call did not come suddenly, but slowly and consistently for over a year. As I sought to do God's will each day, I was repeatedly bothered by the recurring thought that He wanted me to give up my medical career to serve Him full time. At first this seemed to be too drastic a step to take, after having reached the halfway mark in medical studies. I needed to be sure of God's calling before taking this step, and so I took some time to seek Him earnestly in prayer and fasting. And at the end of it, I was convicted that it was indeed God's will for me not to wait any longer, but to cast myself fully at His disposal to heed His full time call immediately.

By God's grace I have been trained at Far Eastern Bible College, and have been sent as a missionary to the Philippines. I am glad to be in the Lord's service today and have absolutely no regrets at all about leaving worldly success behind. My prayer is that I may keep myself true to this life goal:

To exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom, in gratitude for His calling me to grace and service,—I, Charles will—strive to be an obedient

and worthy steward of the time, talents, treasures and the truth God has entrusted me with; seek to endure to the end; avoid encumbrances, fears, distractions and dead works; look to Jesus to provide love, wisdom, guidance, protection and power to overcome sin, so as to bear eternal fruit; maintain only the Truth as found in Holy Scripture, by proclamation, persuasion, and exposing of falsehood, in obedience to His Great Commission, to the end that this life would prove to be a holy and living sacrifice, acceptable to God, to the praise of the glory of the sovereign power and love of His Son, Jesus Christ, God blessed forever. Amen.

WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES I

There is a hidden dimension of my work as pastor, and that is counselling. Counselling not only to our own members, but also to members of other churches. Many who are under stress and deeply distressed have sought our help. Counselling by phone facilitates, but more often, face to face.

Of the books I have written, *Counselling Recipes Through 40 Years Pastoring*, has enjoyed a good sale. Since it has helped a goodly number, why not let us serialise it in our Church Weekly? This is prompted by the publication recently of a page from the book, "℞ Psalm 1-150. Like Chinese Medicine, drink it all. Sure Cure for Fear and Depression." So, here we go, serialising the book from the very beginning.

Preface

This book, *Counselling Recipes Thru 40 Years Pastoring*, is a follow-up of 40 Years on the Road to Church Growth. Both are accounts of experiences during over four decades of serving the Lord as pastor of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church and over three decades as principal of Far Eastern Bible College, Singapore.

From these experiences of God's mighty working among our members as well as those from other churches and comparing with results of counselling by humanistic and "integrated" methods, we see more clearly the truth of this saying by Chinese Christians in Peking (according to Wang Ming Tao):

For small sickness see the Taifu (doctor)

For big sickness see the Yesu (Jesus)

Like the Egyptian magicians, we perceive counsellors who follow after men can heal up to a point. Those who solely rely on Jesus the Great Physician of whatever denomination are often amazed

by miraculous results.

In 1959, when I was travelling home from USA via the West Coast, I was invited to preach at a Bible Presbyterian Church in Glendale, California. The topic of my message was "Jesus the Water of Life" from John Chapter 4. Jesus only can satisfy our every need, be it physical, mental, spiritual, financial, etc but not other saviours, nor those who seem to work miracles in His Name, but are money making false prophets (Matthew 7:13-23, Romans 16:17,18). After the sermon a young American couple sought counselling from me, the wife in tears. The husband disclosed he was a psychiatrist. He could counsel others, but not his wife nor himself. They were about to be divorced. Praise the Lord for the power of the preaching of His Word. We prayed together as both husband and wife surrendered themselves to the Lord. They left the Church grounds, rejoicing!

This companion volume on "counselling recipes" is therefore a treatise on how God honours those who honour Him (I Samuel 2:20), inasmuch as "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

As God Almighty is no respecter of persons nor time periods, Jesus the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:1), He will save us from every trial if we will "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15). Indeed, "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21).

- I. News has just been received that Rev Dr Paul Contento, 92, of OMF has been called to glory.
- II. A mission trip to Chiangmai is being planned for 4-14 Dec '97. Please contact Elder Tan Nee Keng.
- III. Hear Dr Jeffrey Khoo at the Sunset Gospel Hour Tonight on the men who translated the KJV.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 1 - 7, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$6,151.00 (8.00 am); \$11,824.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: Cambodia \$250, \$300, \$100, \$50 (Boxes), \$500, \$500, \$300 (JSM), \$100, \$69.75, \$817.25 (US\$550);	
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Kenya \$250, \$50; <i>Ev Tract Distr</i> , Edmonton \$200; <i>JS Heng</i>	
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	\$150, \$100; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$100; <i>Hilltop</i> \$820; <i>MsF</i> \$200;	
SAT	3.00 pm	5th Combined Fellowships	<i>Rev Djunaidi Medical & Msty</i> \$275; <i>Tan Bee Choo</i> \$65,	
		Conference, FEBC Hall	\$200; <i>Calvin Loh</i> \$65, \$50; <i>Missions</i> \$50; <i>Kim Kah Teck</i>	
	3.30 pm	Shalom Reformed Baptist Ch. Wedding	\$100; <i>Mr/Mrs Hahn</i> \$200; <i>Hendro</i> \$200; <i>Ng Sang Chiew</i>	
SUN	8.00 am	The Holy Spirit and Prayer (Rev Colin Wong)	\$100; <i>Ho Heng Sau</i> \$200; <i>Nirands</i> \$300; <i>Indonesia</i>	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	<i>Missions</i> \$500; <i>Batam Mission</i> \$330.	
	9.30 am	Catechism Class	Miss Soh Lay Bee - please see the Treasurer today.	
	10.30 am	Dr Peter Masters, 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		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC		
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.				
Sunday School Offering: \$590.20; Attendance: 366				
Verse for the Week: ... he that winneth souls is wise. Prov 11:30				
Beginning this Lord's Day Sunday Packet Lunch will be open to one hundred, first come first served, at \$2.50. Deacon Victor Loo in charge, under the royal palms.				
			GAY-PORN BIBLE: STARTLING, SHOCKING, STUNNING! (A-V PRESENTATION TONIGHT) Fantastic but true: the NIV is become the victim of cultural and commercial forces. The vital question is: "WILL IT SELL? WILL SOCIETY BUY?" NOT: "IS IT TRUE? JUST? GOD HONOURING?" The Bible has been made a commercial football. Fact is stranger than fiction. And yet the NIV has become "the fastest selling version today." Many BPs have replaced KJV with NIV. Why? Come tonight and find out for yourself. SGH has a seat for YOU! Please COME! 6 PM TONIGHT & HEAR DR TOW.	
			Baptism of Ho Wai Kok, Douglas on Thursday, 28 Aug 97 was conducted by Rev Colin Wong in the presence of Elder Mahadevan and others at NUH. Baptism of Tan Keok Hong was conducted by Rev Colin Wong, assisted by Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, on Sat 30 Aug 97.	

Andrew Timothy Clements is the 1st addition to the Clements family. Andrew is born in Cootamundra on July 19 weighing 4 kilograms. Andrew is the youngest son of Peter and Anne of Cootamundra and brother to (St. Grace (7), James (5), Ruth (4) and Samuel (3). Proud grandparents are (Mrs and Mr) Clements of Kuma (Commercial) Kuma.

Rev & Mrs Peter Clements of Cootamundra with their 6 children.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 29	No. 297
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Rom 12:1-8	Psalms 91
Hymn	No. 407	No. 339
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 137	Romans Verse 52
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	I Cor 12:1-11	Rom 9:9-23
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Do I Have Spiritual Gifts? (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)	The Mystery of Election
Closing Hymn	No. 245	No. 87
Benediction		



ATT: REV. TIMOTHY TOW

PRAISE THE LORD, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE AND KINDNESS, ESPECIALLY YOUR MISSION MIND FOR CAMBODIA, SUFFERING PEOPLES THROUGH THE ENDLESS WAR.

I HAVE ARRIVED BACK TO CAMBODIA WITH MY FAMILY WITH GREAT PLEASURE IN THE LORD.

I PRAY AND THANK GOD THAT HE GAVE ME SUCH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU IN SINGAPORE. I RECEIVED A FAX FROM Y.L. LEE THIS MORNING AND REALIZED THAT THE USED CLOTHES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE A CONTAINER YET. WHEN THIS CARGO ARRIVE IN CAMBODIA MOST NEWS REPORTERS ARE THERE FOR THE DONATION NEWS ARTICLES. PLEASE CONSIDERATE THIS SITUATION AND TELL THE OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES FOR HELP AND MAKE IT ONE CONTAINER PLEASE. *if possible*

NOW WE NEED YOUR PRAY FOR OUR WORK AND OUR MISSION IN CAMBODIA. THANK AGAIN FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND LOVE IN THE LORD, JESUS

Yours in Christ
Jimmy Rim

Above is a FAX we received from JIMMY RIM dated Aug 22, '97. He is a long-term missionary to Cambodia the last twenty-five years. He has lived with the people through blood, sweat and tears. He is now representative of CONCERN INTERNATIONAL INC., an American agency for relief of Cambodia.

But Jimmy is above all a lover of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have heard from his own lips how the Lord called him out of darkness to bring light to the benighted Cambodians.

With his recent visit to Life Church-FEBC, he has forged a link between us and Cambodia. We feel very safe to support Lee Young Lyong and Hahn Sung Ho, two graduate Korean students, to work alongside him.

The first things we can help is to fill up one CONTAINER. The Korean churches are bringing them in. Lifers have brought in a small mountain. But there's a lot more empty space to fill. Here is a chance for you to do some spring-cleaning. There are so many surplus items in your house you can easily spare. But do not send in the torn and tattered. Surplus toys for the Cambodian children from your toy-room, but please no broken ones. Blankets and towels are also useful. Even furniture from Beulah House.

Let us make this our total mobilisation. Relief work is taught in Acts 11:28-30, "And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul."

Here's a blessing to you who care: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies" (Ps 41:1,2).

Ed. Note: The Session has decided to support Lee Young Lyong to Cambodia and recommend to the Chinese Session to support Hahn Sung Ho to work with the Chinese. Pray for them that the Lord will open the door according to His good time.

With Jimmy Rim's invitation, Lee Young

Lyong and Hahn Sung Ho left for Phnom Penh Tuesday, Aug 27, '97, 5.25 pm, their tickets costing \$470+15 each. "We play by ear."

—T.T.

Dear Rev Tow 28 Aug 97
We send greetings to all of Lifers in the name of Jesus Christ.
We have arrived safely in Cambodia 26. And we are in Phnom Pehn now with Jimmy Rim but we are going to "Kompong Som" which is about 240 km from Phom Penh. We think that it takes 3 hours by car. We have to be there this coming Saturday to preach with local people.
There are 200,000 population and 85% are Chinese. We need Chinese as well as Cambodian Bibles.
Next Monday we will have gospel rally at "Kompong Som" with local church members. Please pray for us for this matter. We change our names to be called easily:
Hahn Sung Ho — Moses Hahn
Lee Young Lyong — Jonathan Lee
After we return from countryside we are going to report to you details.
—Moses Hahn & Jonathan Lee

WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES II INTRODUCTION

Like Church Growth, Counselling is another hot topic of the day. Degrees are awarded by more and more seminaries on this subject to more and more students of psychology and psychotherapy. For as modern day stress and strain has caused more and more to break down mentally, emotionally, so must be trained a new generation of counsellors by the study of psychology and psychotherapy.

Now, counselling courses were not taught in our time, 30-40 years ago. Does that mean seminary graduates of those days could not "practise" counselling? Because they had not earned a degree in psychology, psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, psychotheology, psychopathology, and what not?

But what is psychology? It is the study of the soul (psyche). Webster defines it as "the science of dealing with the mind and mental processes, feelings and desires." It is the study of the inner man and its behaviour. That being the case what better subject is there for a basic understanding of

psychology than the study of theology? Calvin says, "True wisdom principally consists of two parts — the knowledge of God and the knowledge of ourselves. Which of these two branches of knowledge comes first, it is hard to determine. They are intimately bound together. For, our very existence is nothing but a subsistence in God" (Book 1 Chapter 1, *Calvin's Institutes Abridged* by T. Tow).

But which text book is most reliable for our study of theology (which totally involves the study of man)? Dr William Lyons Phelps, introducing *The Bible for Today* edited by John Stirling, says:

"The Bible is not only a revelation of God. It is a revelation of human nature. With the exception of humour, it contains more complete pictures of men and women, of good and evil, than any other work. The Mosaic account of the creation of Eve may not be confirmed by scientific research. But the Book of Proverbs is as true today as when it was first written. We do not go either to the Bible or Shakespeare for science. But for knowledge of the human heart, all works of science, biology, psychology, and others, are very inferior to Shakespeare and the Bible. Remembering that Emerson said, 'Do not argue; repeat the assertion', I will repeat what I have often asserted, that a knowledge of the Bible without a college education is better than a college education without the Bible; and that a man or woman can learn more about human nature by reading the Bible than living in New York."

With the study of theology that is key to Bible knowledge, a seminary (Bible college) graduate, if he now makes the Bible his lifelong Book, he should be able to counsel better than those who use humanistic principles or try to "integrate" those principles with the Bible. In order to counsel well he must read his Bible regularly and meditate in His Law day and night (Psalm 1). Let us who are in the counselling ministry read the Bible through at least once every year! (As the Bible has 1189 chapters we must read over three chapters daily to achieve this.) In the words of Melchior Wolmar, teacher of the Greek Testament to Calvin, "In this book is the answer to every problem, the remedy for every abuse, the rest of every laden soul."

For the last 44 years as pastor of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (membership 1,300) I have to counsel countless cases of men and women, old and young, not only with members of my Church but also to as many as would seek me for deliverance from the Lord. I do not claim to have an answer for every problem nor the power to cure the soul's diseases. I merely point every client to

the Counsellor of counsellors (Isaiah 9:6), even our Saviour Jesus Christ and to His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who is also called Counsellor (John 14:16, NIV) speaking through the Book. The Lord is the doctor as well as the medicine. I am rather like a dispensing pharmacist.

I am one of the elders of the church to whom James the Apostle would bring her troubled members: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:14-16).

I am on call 24 hours of the day and seven days of the week. But there is a weekly prayer meeting where members of the church gather on a Tuesday night. Especially devout and troubled members. Here they come to meet with the Lord and the elders and deacons pray for them together with the pastor. Lay leaders are also called to pray. As Protestants we need not any priest as in the old Romish system, for Christ is our High Priest, our "new and living way" (Hebrews 10:20). Best of all, every member is urged to pray to the Lord by "the new and living way" which is open to one and all. And when the Lord has answered our prayers the persons prayed for would come forward to witness to the same. This is after the good tradition from Dr John Sung during the Great Revival in Singapore, 1935. "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" (Hebrews 13:15).

This book is a testimony and a treatise on the results of counselling by prayer and supplication and by His Holy Word. Not by our wisdom, but by His grace upon grace. May the report of actual cases, especially, help not only the counselling pastor but every Christian who comes prostrate before Him.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake...But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased...The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence. But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord. (Psalm 115)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 8 - 14, '97)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON		\$9,116.00 (8.00 am); \$13,511.00 (10.30 am)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
THU	7.30 pm	Rev Tow at Batam Wedding
FRI	7.15 pm	Ladies F'ship 19th Anniv. Dinner &
SAT	8.00 pm	LF/MF Combined Mtg, FEBC Hall
	2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 YAF
SAT	2.30 pm	Paul Phua & Teong Lai Tee's Wedding (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Do I Bear Spiritual Fruit?</i> (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class
	10.30 am	Rev (Dr) Goh Seng Fong
	10.30 am	Rev Tow at Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.		
Sunday School Offering: \$832.55; Attendance: 342		
Verse for the Week: <i>But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Proverbs 4:18</i>		

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:

\$9,116.00 (8.00 am); \$13,511.00 (10.30 am)
OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250; **Cambodia** \$150, \$250, \$250, \$200, \$100, \$160, \$100(for clothing transport), \$1000; **Jimmy Rim** \$800; **Rev Colin Wong** \$150, \$50, \$200; **Dn Yiew PS** \$100; **Calvin Loh** \$50; **Karuna** \$50; **Tan Bee Choo** \$100; **Robert Peh** \$120; **Bill & Darla Ebert** \$100; **Missions** \$150; **Children's Msty** \$50; **Sunday Sch** \$50; **Jr Worship Msty** \$1000; **Ho Heng Sau** \$50; **Stones** \$200; **Andrew Kam** \$300; **Salpan Church** \$616.45(EBF)

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

- (1) Thank God for His day by day blessings and the recent promotion. Indeed it's a gift from Him (James 1:17). Please give this little gift equally to Bro Calvin Loh and Sis Bee Choo (FEBC). Thank you. (\$130)
 (2) Thank God for His love and grace upon my life and my family. (\$500 for Cambodia ministry) —Saved by grace
 (3) Thank God for the recent promotion and pay increase. Enclosed herewith \$310 for the Mersing Project. —Member of M.F.

1998 Chinese Art Calendars with Salvation Verse (Acts 16:31) available at FEBC Bookroom, \$2.90. No better gift for New Year. **The Way to Heaven** booklet in English, Chinese, Tagalog, \$1.80. **Chambers Dictionary**, best for theological terms, \$24.50.

Lord's Day Sunday Packet Lunch will be open to 120, first come first served, at \$2.50. Deacon Victor Loo in charge, under the royal palms.



Teachers of Haposan's School in Medan presenting an item to 500 pupils at Easter Sunrise Service, 1997.



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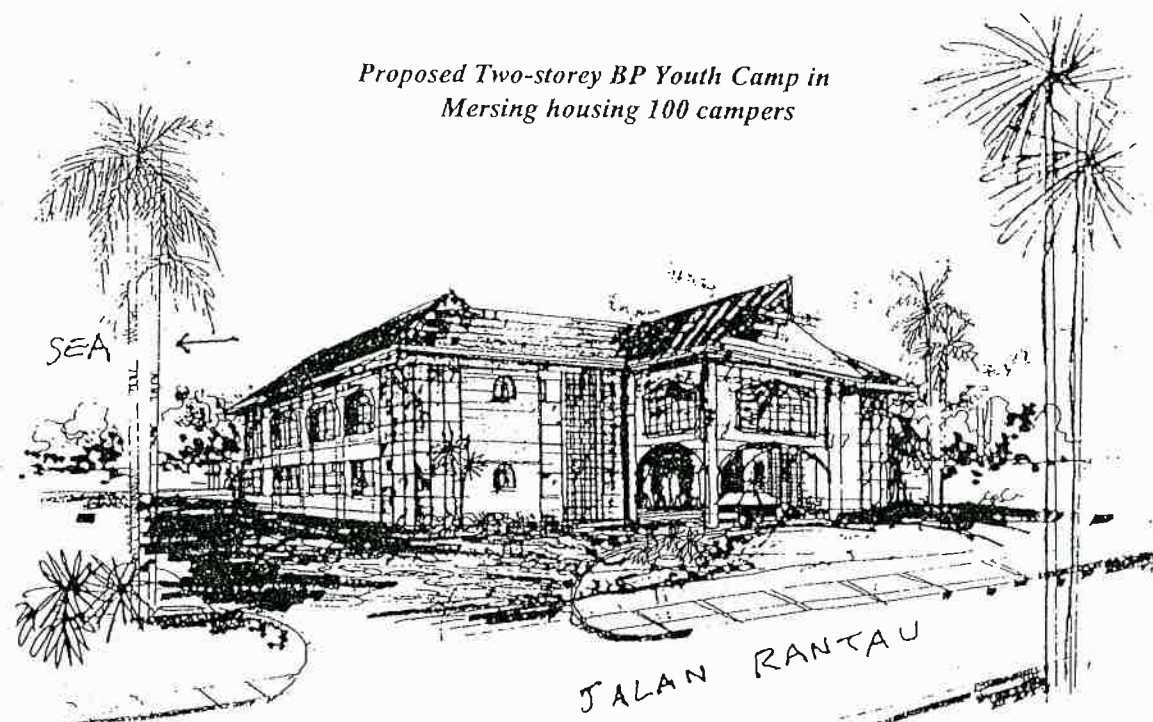
"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 4	No. 40
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 92	Rom 8:28-39
Hymn	No. 81	No. 318
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 387	No. 360
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 8:26,27	Jer 10:6-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Holy Spirit and Prayer</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>The Mighty Power of God</i> (Dr Peter Masters)
	No. 365	No. 284
		Lord's Supper
Closing Hymn		
Benediction		

AN OPEN DOOR NO MAN CAN SHUT (REV 3:8)

I. MERSING. Praise the Lord, the Mersing Project is humming again. Our architect has sized it down to one third of the original plan. A rough sketch of the two-storey four-square camp building is for you here to see. It has space for one hundred campers. It has a parsonage for the resident pastor who shall double as warden. Regular services will be held. It incorporates four hotel-type rooms for semi-permanent lodgers. It has quarters for assistants to the Warden, to help maintain the Camp. Mersing Camp will be run by free-will offerings, first

Proposed Two-storey BP Youth Camp in Mersing housing 100 campers



come, first served. Our big compound will offer secure parking for members launching further into Tioman.

Plans will soon be submitted to the Malaysian authorities for change of use of our property. This may take six or eight months. Can we start building after the Monsoon is over, by March 1998? Young people, especially, we need your prayerful support, Mersing, ahoy!

II. CAMBODIA. Praise the Lord, both Moses Hahn and Jonathan Lee (new names acquired for easier identification in a foreign land) are launched by both the Chinese and English congregations of Life Church. As we in the country, Som, in Gospel Jimmy Rim.



Meanwhile, we have received many parcels from Sharon BPC (Rev Peter Chua) and more are coming from Calvary Pandan (Rev Quek Suan Yew). Any useful articles will be solidly packed in a container provided by Deacon Lee Hwan Goo, Tel. 224-5515, of our Korean Church. In the absence of Hahn Sung Ho and Lee Young Lyong, Ahn Jung Kee, their friend, another graduate Korean student will take care of the packing. When can our container sail? Cambodia ahoy!

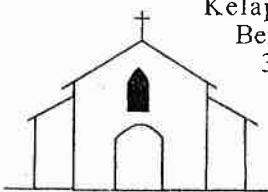
III. BUKIT BATU was a flourishing Sunday School for three years until our lease of a shophouse expired some years ago. The flock of S.S. children was scattered. Only one family that worships at Kelapa Sawit continues to live at Bukit Batu as our representative.

But we have a piece of land 25,000 sq ft which we bought at RM\$1 per sq ft. It has been sitting there for 14 years, since 1983, after the completion of New Life at Woodlands.

A few months back we took Elder & Mrs Sng Teck Leong to view the land. It is proposed we build a mini-type Church complex after Mersing to restart our S.S. and Church.

Praise the Lord, if the Lord will, no man can shut our Open Door. Bukit Batu is the 4th of our string of churches on the main highway to K.L. Starting with Kulai Besar at 21st m. we come to

Kelapa Sawit, 26, then Air Bemban, 29, and Bukit Batu 33, four BP Churches that you should know, all extensions from Life Church during the last 43 years! —T.T.



WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES III

Chapter I

WHY DO WE GO ONLY BY THE BOOK?

As we have stated, our text book for counselling is nothing else, but the Bible. All who use the Bible in counselling are our friends. All who follow puny man, no matter how great he appears to be (Freud was thoroughly exposed in the Straits Times several years ago as a Fraud), we have no truck with them. Nor with those who try to "integrate", like mixing oil and water together. The Bible, while being the source book of how man and the world came into being and where he is heading, is primarily the Divine Revelation of his salvation. According to Dr Chia Yu Ming, my teacher in China, the Bible is God's "All Complete Plan of Salvation" (完全救法).

Having fallen into sin, man is become a totally depraved creature. And having lost his original righteousness (Shorter Catechism Q18), his will is now bent to think evil and do evil. This Revelation leads us to a completely different kind of psychology, from what is generally being taught: "Man still has a divine spark within him, and plenty of self-esteem." Those who take this latter view castigate "fundamentalists and Calvinistic circles" for "presenting a radical perversion of the doctrine of total depravity, over-accentuates the negative by constantly emphasizing our sinfulness and glossing over our newness in Christ." Thus we find Christians like Jay Adams, a renowned counsellor, highly critical of terms like "self-esteem," "self-love," and "self-image"... (Siew Yau Man in *Serve the Lord with Gladness*, edited by Howard Peskett and David W F Wong.)

It is not we or Calvin or Jay Adams who "present a radical perversion of the doctrine of total depravity, overestimate the negative by emphasizing our sinfulness and glossing over our newness in Christ." It is the Bible, God's holy, infallible and inerrant Word, that exposes our utter sinfulness that leaves us dumbfounded. Dare any talk of any goodness in man by His indictment, as follows:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10-20,23).

Even in our newness in Christ, there still persists the old man with us:

"For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that I do not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is in my flesh,)

dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin" (Romans 7:15-25).

Who can deliver us from the body of this death? Not by "self-esteem" or "self-encouragement," for according to St Paul's testimony above, self-effort totally fails. Only through Jesus Christ our Lord can he be delivered in his struggle with his sinful nature within. And only by walking not after the flesh, but after the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus can make us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1,2). This is the Biblical approach to counselling. Every troubled soul is writhing in the throes of sin, and only the Conqueror of sin, Jesus Christ by His death in our stead and resurrection for our justification, is able to deliver — not by the humanistic counsellor's self-esteeming psychoanalysis, psychopathology, psychotherapy.

When a man gets sick, he is not required to study his own case nor to read books on hygiene and nutrition prescribed by the doctor in order to get well. He simply surrenders himself to the doctor's treatment. 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 given in the Written Word — the Bible. There is no other doctor, there is no other recipe! "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am! Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
An indisputable proof of Christ's power to deliver drug

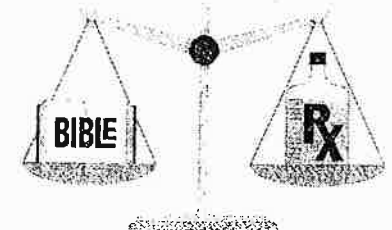
addicts over secular methods through medicine and psychiatry is the liberal assistance our Singapore Government has given to various Christian organisations such as Breakthrough Mission led by Simon Neo, a Chin Lien graduate and Helping Hand under Robert Yeo, graduate of Far Eastern Bible College. Here drug addicts are first saved by a complete surrender to the Saviour whose precious blood is able to cleanse them from their sins, and empower them to live a new life. Following this these converts are nurtured daily by an intensive course of introduction in the Word.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." Psalm 119:9-16

But in order to counsel well from a thorough knowledge of the Bible with good understanding from a proper study of theology, let me emphasise again we must read the Holy Scriptures regularly and meditate in His Law day and night! Like a good pharmacist who knows in and out where all the drugs are stored, and what medicines are good for what diseases.

"O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." Psalm 119:97-104.

Amen and amen.



God's Word is the Standard Recipe
for all Counselling (Isalah 8:20)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 15 - 21, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$5,558.00 (8.00 am); \$14,433.25 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Cambodia Video)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1159(Chinese Ser); Cambodia	
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	\$250, \$300, \$150, \$250, \$1000; Mersing \$100; FEBC \$100,	
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	\$400, \$200; Rev Kim Kah Teck \$100; Andrew Kam Orph	
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	\$100; Rev Djunaldi \$100; JJ Lim \$200, \$100; Seets \$200;	
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsals	Rev Jack Sin \$100; Dn Yiew PS \$100; 21CRB \$560; Chinese	
SAT	10.30 am	Sembawang BPC Wedding	Bibles \$400; Baraka Conf Centre \$200, \$100; Baraka BPC	
	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF/SBC; 3.30 LBC/EBF	\$200; Missions \$500, \$30; Errol Stone \$100; Siriwan \$100;	
	2.30 pm	Norman Tan & Tracy Lim Wedding	Chai Muei Huying \$100; Africa \$500 (Prayer Mtg).	
		(Rev Colin Wong)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
SUN	8.00 am	What Is Baptism of the Holy Spirit? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(1) "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" (Is 26:3,4). Many a time, I have grieved and sinned against the Lord by falling into excess anxiety and despondency. But time and again, the Lord faithfully and mercifully refreshes and comforts me with new leadings. Indeed, God is "full of compassion, gracious and longsuffering" (Ps 86:15). Enclosed is a very small token to praise and thank God for His goodness towards me and my family (\$100 for Dn Yiew; \$50 as the Session deems fit). —Saved and sustained by His grace, A grateful Lifer	
	9.30 am	Sunday School		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class		
	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		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship/SBC		
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
NBC This Week: Fri Bt Batok, Bishan			Lord's Day Sunday Packet Lunch will be open to 120, first come first served, at \$2.50. Deacon Victor Loo in charge, under the royal palms.	
Sunday School Offering: \$561.31; Attendance: 343			Dn JJ Lim's address: 13 Clos Yr Eiren, Llangewydd Court, BRIDGEND, Mid Glamorgan CF 31 4UG, UK.	
Verse for the Week: Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. Psalm 128:1				
FAX FROM JIMMY RIM TO PASTOR TOW, Sep 9, 97				
Praise the Lord, our Lord Jesus.				
Greeting in the Name of Jesus. How are you? We are all very good in Jesus. Lee/Hahn are working very good too, they are teaching the Bible to young Christian group and leader of local churches. Both of them were well-educated under your instruction in FEBC. Now Jesus uses them in Cambodia for His purpose.				
We are caring orphan children and many poor children, some handicapped too. 15 children are suffering from HIV (AIDS) in our children center among 40 children. They need more intensive care, but not enough facility for them yet. We need to pray for those children in spiritual way, at the moment we cannot help them physically.				
As you may know there are 260,000 Chinese in Phnom Penh City, but only two churches for them. Last week I took Lee/Hahn to Chinese Churches and introduced them. We agreed to assist the local Chinese too.				
I reported the container to the Minister of Health and Government of Cambodia. They are so happy with the report. Middle of country is flooded and need a lot of help. We will send some of the clothes to the victim area.				
Mr Koo will tell you about the situation of Cambodia now.				
I am so proud of you and your students who are working in Cambodia for His Kingdom				
I thank you for your prayer, love and support.				
God bless you and yours.				
—Brother in Christ Jimmy Rim				



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Elder Mahadevan
Opening Hymn	No. 34	No. 27
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	John 15:1-11	Psalms 62
Hymn	No. 393	No. 88
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 421	No. 377
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Gal 5:22,23	John 15:12-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Do I Bear Spiritual Fruit?</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Love Defined</i> (Rev Dr Goh Seng Fong)
Closing Hymn	No. 380	No. 421
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

You are cordially invited to come and hear

a Gospel Message :
"An Appointment to Keep"

by
Rev Prabhudas Koshy

Date & Time
27 Sep 97 (Sat), 7 p.m.

Venue
FEBC HALL
Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
9A Gilstead Rd, S'pore 309063
Tel: 2569256

The Message will be in English
and interpreted to Mandarin

SOMETHING SPECIALLY FOR YOU



Dear Reader,

This tract is written specially for you. If you are not a Christian, my sincere desire is that you will at least read through this tract before you decide what to do with it.

Firstly, consider the fact that God exists regardless of what we believe. The Chinese have this saying, "If you believe something, it will exist. If you don't, then it does not exist." This saying, my friend, is not always true because the sun rises every morning from the east whether you choose to believe it or not. Even so, God exists and it is He who created this world (Gen 1:1) and all therein. If you would only take time to ponder over the wonder of the majestic planets and stars far above, and examine the miraculous wonder of our own human body, surely you will not conclude that all this happened by chance over many millions of years. Therefore, the Bible declares that man is without excuse, to plead ignorance to the existence of God (Rom 1:19,20).

But this immediately brings us to one problem.

If there is a God, what is He like? Contrary to what some people think today, the Bible declares that God is not like idols made by men, but is a spirit, all-powerful, all-knowing and absolutely perfect in not only love, mercy, goodness...etc but also in holiness, truth and justice. Therefore He WILL NOT tolerate any sin. But at this point you may say "I have always lived a decent and respectable life. Surely, God will accept me."

When Jesus was on earth about 2000 years ago, He explained to the Jews what it meant to sin against God. On murder, Jesus explained that to hate someone in our heart is equivalent to committing the sin of murder (Matt 5:22). He also explained that whosoever look at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery in his heart. What a shock it must have been to the Jews, who thought that they were righteous before God. But the truth is that the all-knowing, Almighty God looks beyond our external actions, and judges us according to the very thoughts and intents of our heart.

Perhaps the worst sin that you and I have committed is to be indifferent to the One who gave us our very life and breath so that we may live. If God has not permitted it, you and I could never have existed. Therefore God rightly demands that we as His creation should love Him with all our heart, our soul, our mind and our might (Mk 12:30). In view of this, what have you done to seek after your Creator?

Therefore we are all sinners condemned before God (Rom 3:23). As the Righteous Judge, God must pronounce judgment upon us (Heb 9:27), and all our "good works" cannot deliver us from the punishment for sin, even the everlasting fire and torment of hell. But God who is just is also merciful. Seeing that man must perish in hell for their sins, God in His infinite mercy provided a way out for us.

Speaking of His mission on earth, Jesus said "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus) that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"(Jn 3:16).

On the cross at Calvary, Jesus, the Son of God gave His life a ransom for wretched sinners like us (Rom 5:8). By His death, the ungodly obtains pardon from the Righteous God.

My friend, if you are convicted of your sins today, I plead with you to come to Jesus. Turn away from your evil ways and cry out to Him to save and cleanse you from your sins. Surely, the Savior who died and rose again, will hear your heart's cry and save you today.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES IV

Chapter II

Counselling on Things of Everyday Life

The Bible is "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

*Thy Word is a lamp to my feet,
A light to my path always,
To guide and to save me from sin
And show me the heavenly way.
Thy Word have I hid in my heart
That I might not sin against Thee
That I might not sin
That I might not sin
Thy Word have I hid in my heart.*

In all our counselling even on mundane things of everyday life where no question of morality is involved, we can find an answer from the Bible.

Not by the practice of Bibliomancy, that is, opening the Bible at random and blindly pointing to a verse with closed eyes. (This is worse than telling your fortune by means of a pair of green parakeets trained to pick fortune cards by an Indian at the former K.K. Market.) The story is told of one who did this to find out God's will for his life. He hit on the verse that tells of Judas going out to hang himself (Matthew 27:5). The second time he tried his hand he landed on the verse, "That thou doest, do quickly" (John 13:27). No! To be a good counsellor one must read his Bible everyday and meditate therein day and night. Like a pharmacist as I have said before, he must know his stock of medicine well and be able to find the right medicine at his finger tips. We cannot overemphasize this!

To find an answer even for a simple matter, such as choosing what transport to take to a nearby town, we can have perfect guidance from the Book. When I was a student at Faith Seminary years ago, a classmate by the name of Bob Cator asked me which way of travel from Wilmington, Delaware to Washington DC was the

Lord's will --- by train or by bus? My answer was, whichever was the most efficient and economical in time and money would be it! God's will is that we must make the best of every situation. "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 4:16).

What are we to eat for lunch? What do you want me to buy from the hawker stall at Newton for you? How am I to determine whether God's will is for me to eat *Char Siu Fan* or *Wan Ton Meen*? Whichever is to your taste, that's it! Read Deuteronomy 14:26: "And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth..."

Dr John Sung told the story of how when he was preaching in North China, he needed a woollen suit to keep him from the cold. He wished he could find one the next day. True enough, someone brought him a suit that fitted him perfectly. "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4). I have had a similar experience. I wished I could have a chocolate shirt, Hawaiian style, and lo and behold, a few days later a sister from Malaysia brought one for me! I never told her, how did she know the exact thing I wanted? Psalm 37:4!

LETTERS FROM MOSES HAHN AND JONATHAN LEE

Kompong Som was the place which is prepared for me. It took 3.5 hr from Phnom Penh. We visited the Church, which has 50-70 members.

On Lord's day, the worship service took 3 hours. It was pentecostal. There was no formality. But their hearts were open and humble.

For this reason, it was hard for intelligent people to attend the service. Director and Deputy Director of this port are members of this church, but they never attend the service. They pray at home. It looked like they could not tolerate this kind of service. I hear there are some other churches in Kompong Som, but the situation is almost same.

Let me introduce the Director of Port of Sihanouk Ville (Kompong Som), Lou Kim Chhun. His grandfather is Chinese, speaking Teochew, who came from China to Cambodia. His father and mother also can speak some Chinese. But he and his wife (Chinese-looking) and his children, they all cannot speak Chinese. He is around mid-forties. There are many Chinese but they almost cannot speak Chinese, particularly young and middle-aged people. Lou Kim Chhun says, Kompong Som is the industrial area so many factories will be built in this area.

So many young people, children, would like to learn English and Korean. Kompong Som has beautiful scenery,

When I got married to Ivy in July 1966, a non-Christian friend gave us a silver ashtray set. Not being a smoker what was that to me? Smash it up and throw into the dustbin? A verse in Deuteronomy 14:21 helped me dispose of it: "Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God...." The silver set was sold for fourteen dollars and the proceeds given to the Lord's Treasury.

A Muslim wife of an Indonesian Christian was so grateful to the Lord for answering our prayer for the husband's recovery that she offered a solid gold ring to the Church. Being the gift of an alien, I struck one match and put the ring over its flame to cleanse it. It was given to the Treasurer who converted it into cash --- three hundred dollars (when the price of gold was at its highest). Numbers 31:21-23 says, "And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, this is the ordinance of the law which the Lord commanded Moses; Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead, Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire...."

beach, fresh air, rainfall, good harbor. Kompong Som is the blessed place in Cambodia. Thanks, Lord.

May our Lord's peace be with church and Rev Tow, FEBC, Chinese congregation. —Moses Hahn, 3/9/97

Actually, I am very busy everyday. Last Lord's day I went to Kompong Som to preach. We had a very good time because Holy Spirit is always with us.

Local church members were very happy with Korean missionary. They have burning heart to listen to the Word of God. They are praying with tears. They are very poor so their living standard is miserable. Even they do not have drinking water therefore they drink rainwater.

There is a big church which has 600 church members. I am changing their prayer meeting to 6 am every morning. From 9 Sep we started early morning prayer every morning like Korean Church. This morning about 65 members got together. And I am going to deep mountain church which is located inside isolate places. I have to bring drinking water with me.

I am teaching Cambodian children every day. Afternoon 4 pm there are about 25 children come to my house and they are learning the Bible, hymns, English and Korean.

Please send me English and Cambodian Bibles. Please pray for me and Cambodia. —Jonathan Lee



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 22 - 28, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
			\$6,821.00 (8.00 am); \$10,494.00 (10.30 am)		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	OFFERINGS FOR: Mersing Project \$300, \$300, \$550(Keb Ina), \$300; Cambodia \$300, \$100, \$50, \$200, \$100, \$200, \$20, \$540, \$100, \$1000, \$600, \$130, \$121(Boxes), \$600, \$1000(Combined F'ship Conf); Kenya \$200, \$281; 21CRB \$30, \$281; R Tract D \$100, \$10; Peter Clements \$20; Seets \$300, \$100; Calvin Loh \$100, \$50; Tan Bee Choo \$100; Rev Tow \$200; Rev Colin Wong \$200; Rev Jeffrey Khoo \$200; Chiangmai \$200; Yangon \$200; Vietnam \$200; P'pines \$200; Ivan(FEBC stu) \$200; Missions \$50; JJ Lim \$30; Mrs Hahn & Kids \$200; Kim Kah Teck \$200; Hendro \$100; Rev David Wong \$100; Missions Overseas \$500; Batam \$50(LF); Life BS, Kenya \$106(YAF); Air Bemban BPC \$104(RM200); FEBC \$2000(LF).		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	<div> Pray for FEBC GOSPEL MEETING this Saturday, 27 September 1997, 7.00 pm, FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Prabhudas Koshy. Bring a friend! <i>He that winneth souls is wise... (Prov 11:30)</i> </div>		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)			
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	Life Church 47th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 18, '97(Sat) at 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm respectively. Tickets for the Dinner can be purchased at the entrance counter from today or from Dn Yiew Pong Sen during the week. Charges: \$20 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for children aged 5 to 11. As tickets have specific table numbers, groups who wish to be seated together should ensure they purchase tickets with the same table numbers.		
FRI	7.00 pm	FEBC Board of Directors Mtg			
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF			
SUN	7.00 pm	FEBC Gospel Rally			
	8.00 am	The Holy Spirit and the Word of God (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
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	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Timah, Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$764.90; Attendance: 338					
Verse for the Week: <i>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16</i>					



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21 September 1997

"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. 93	<i>O Could I Speak</i>
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 19	Lk 10:38-42
Hymn	No. 104	<i>I am His</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	<i>O Thou In Whose Presence</i>	No. 266
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Mark 1:1-8	Romans 9:25-33
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>What Is Baptism of the Holy Spirit?</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Hare and Tortoise</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 235	No. 359
Benediction		

My dear Readers

Last week I had an appointment to officiate a wedding in Batam, of Sister Phua Ang Liang, who recently graduated from FEBC. She is now on the staff of Calvary B-P, Orchard Park. 75 students and faculty responded to the invitation. We took the Waterfront City Ferry, and in 40 mins. we were there.

Our party was divided into two. One third settled into the brand new Hotel (under American management) at S\$84 a night. The others left in a bus for Orchard Park where they camped in the Church premises.

The wedding was timed at 5.30 pm. Over two hundred came to witness the happy occasion. After the ceremony a group of Korean students presented a song. This was climaxed by a flute duet, also from Korean students.

We all adjourned to the Shangrila Restaurant in town. The dinner was blessed with prayer by Rev Kiantoro which was a witness to the non-Christian guests. During the makan, Christian songs were



presented by Roska and Hapasan. No drinks were served. It was a very Christian function.

Before we returned to S'pore the next day, we had the opportunity of visiting the newly constructed two-room school house at Batu Aji. Here we have started two Pr. I classes which number over 50. The kindergarten has an enrolment of 80. So we have a total of 130 at Batu Aji.

We were also taken by Roska to a new housing estate at Batu Aji Permai, 2 km away. Here are two low cost houses built by a Christian developer given over to us, if we pay the monthly instalments to the Government. With a sizeable slice of land abutting these two houses, we can build a kindergarten which can also double as a Church at not much extra cost (through our powerful Sing dollar). This will become our third school-and-Church. Pray for the new project at Batu Aji Permai.

Last Tuesday Night was Cambodia Night

A third Korean graduate student who felt called to Cambodia is Koo Kyen Hoe. He caught up with Moses Hahn and Jonathan Lee a fortnight ago. He joined them on a trip to Kompong Som (Sihanoukville), the southernmost seaport. There they had the opportunity of worshipping and preaching at a Cambodian Church of 60-70. They also visited a Chinese School and an English School. They were surprised to see an Australian Education Centre.

Koo Kyen Hoe very wisely brought home a 50-min. video that he had taken to show at Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting. This video had touched the hearts of 200 present at the Prayer Meeting. To see the killing fields still festering with skulls and bones waiting to be collected. To see 15 HIV infants dying, the unfruitful works of darkness left by irresponsible lustful parents. To see an orphanage, though having food but no parents to care for them. Street urchins begging, a young man with a blown-off leg. Resthouses with no modern sanitation. Bathing water from cisterns that draw water from the roof when it rains. What a contrast with all the luxury of modern comforts that we take for granted in Singapore!

To be called to pastor an Australian Chinese Church and to go to Cambodia are two different things altogether. Like going to heaven and going to hell. Yet, our Korean graduates are willing to go. The least we can do for the three, Jonathan Lee, Moses Hahn and

Koo, who has adopted a new name, David, is to support them, and to pray for them. As I've said, Moses Hahn is supported by our Chinese congregation, Jonathan Lee by the English congregation. And why not one more, Koo Kyen Hoe (now David Koo)? If those who heard him and saw him on the video would chip in, we can send him on his way. David Koo is returning next Saturday with his family to get ordained before he sets out straight for Cambodia — to Kompong Som.

Meanwhile we have packed up the Container 20x8x8 ft. We have packed in over S\$2,000 worth of Cambodian, Chinese and English Bibles and several cartons of my books plus two Willington Bibles and 100 Q&A on *Everlasting Life for Children*.

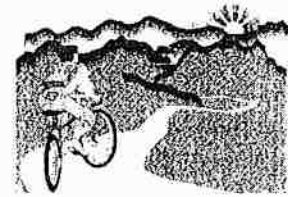
I am now proposing a second Container. So if you have not done your part, you can catch up by bringing them in. We received 14 brand new study tables from Helping Hand, which are also most appreciated by Cambodia. Some of these our missionaries can use themselves. A Lifer has sent a big stock of stationery, exercise books, pencils, crayons, etc. which is readily consumed by Cambodian schools. "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).

(A word of self-encouragement: Do you know we have a missionary couple to each of the ASEAN countries except Brunei? Yet, God is above Brunei, for Khoo Wah Ann and wife and children are holding forth the Word of Life there without a break!) — T.T.

WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES V

Chapter II (cont'd)

Counselling on Things of Everyday Life



Q. How about picking a good day for travel?

A. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." (Proverbs 4:18)

How about picking a good day for travel? This is often a vital decision to make for those outside of Christ. For those living under a blind Fate, who fear meeting misfortune lurking before their path. This fear sends them to the medium and fortune teller. Even men of learning and politicians of renown are apprehensive of ill luck. It is reported that President Franklin Roosevelt would consult Clairvoyant Jean Dixon about the direction of World War II.

Comments Calvin in his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book I Chapter 5 (abridged by T. Tow):

"Notwithstanding this knowledge of God and His everlasting dominion so abundantly reflected in the mirror of His works of providence, there are so few that see it. How many of us when we lift up our eyes to heaven or upon the various regions of the earth think of the Creator? We see the works but not the Author."

Similarly, in regard to the things that daily happen in the ordinary course of nature, is it not the general opinion that they take place by the workings of a blind fortune? This is the erroneous view not only of the common ignorant people, but of the learned and philosophers too. Plato, the most religious of them all "loses himself in his round globe." These believe that men are rolled and whirled about by the blind temerity or caprice of fortune.

To the Christian, however, everyday is a day of vibrant life in the Lord.

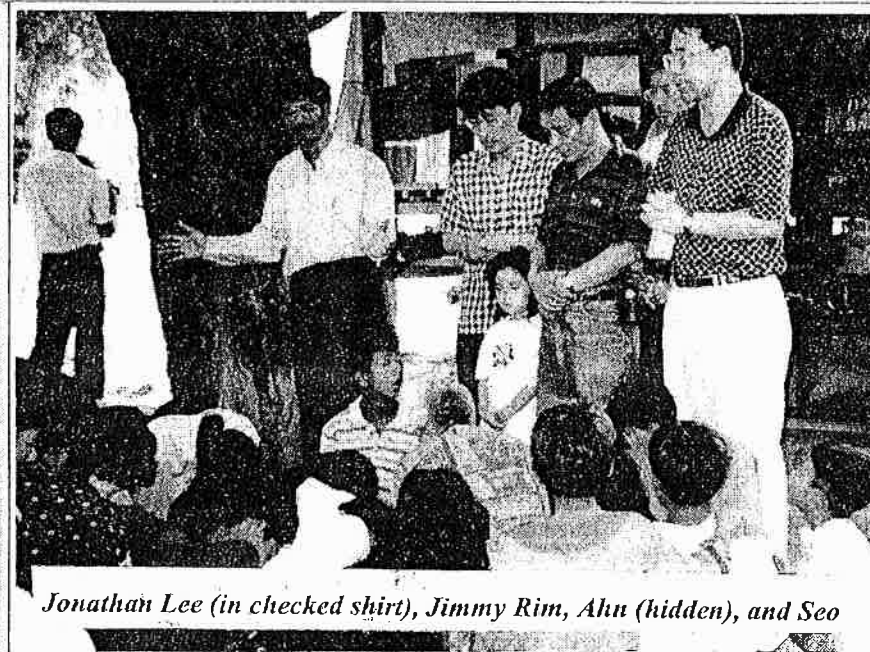
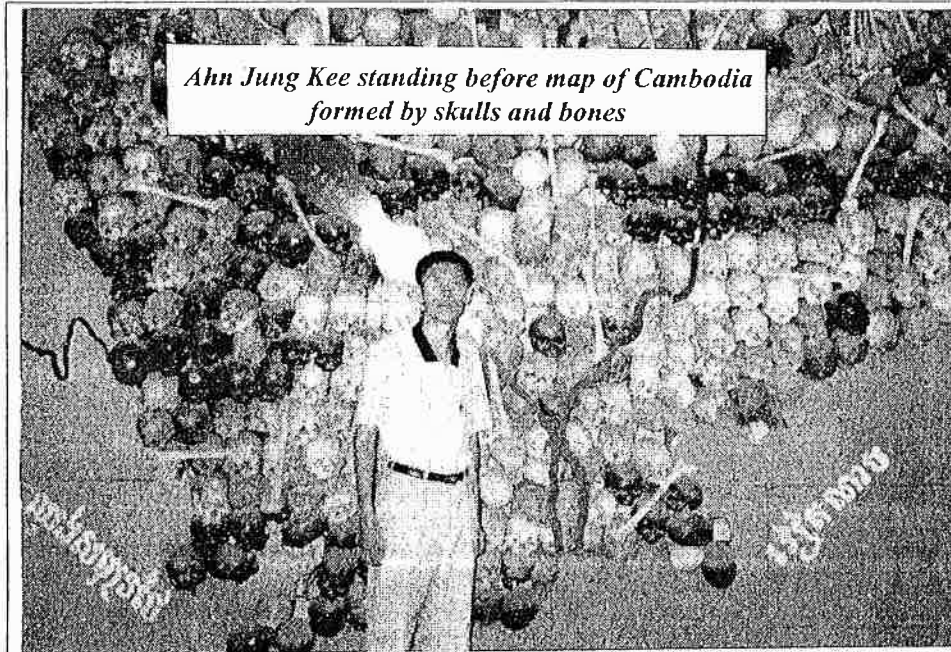
Everyday with Jesus is sweeter than the day before,
Everyday with Jesus, I love Him more and more.

Jesus saves and keeps me, and
He's the One I'm waiting for!

Everyday with Jesus is sweeter than the day before.

Nevertheless, in travelling to a distant foreign country one must judge sometimes between two or three schedules offered by the travel agent. That which best serves your purpose, I believe, is the will of the Lord. Let me tell you of the choice we were to make flying from Singapore to the United States. Schedule one was: Singapore-Tokyo-Chicago-Philadelphia by United Airlines. The price was S\$2350 with voucher to fly free to any Asian city, which was quite an incentive. But the difficulty about this flight was there was one leg of the journey, Tokyo to Chicago, we were wait-listed, though our agent assured us it could be confirmed in a week or two. This caused uneasiness in our souls.

The second schedule presented by our agent was: Singapore-Frankfurt-New York, price S\$1840, confirmed. When it was realised that we could also visit with our dear friend Rev C. T. Hsu in New York and our son was on hand to ferry us out of New York, we immediately clinched this second deal. Our hearts were now at ease flying Singapore-Frankfurt-New York. One good sign that it is the Lord's will is the peace He gives in your heart. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6,7). Subsequent meeting with Rev C. T. Hsu and our son on time, without a hitch, confirmed our flight via Frankfurt to New York was by the Lord's "cooperative will." "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5). "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way" (Psalm 37:23).



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 29 - Oct 5, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$4,757.00 (8.00 am); \$16,044.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$100; Mersing Project \$100,		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	\$3500(RM7000), \$100; Cambodia \$200, \$40, \$100, \$300,		
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	\$300, \$50, \$250, \$200, \$200, \$500(Prayer Mtg); Myanmar		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF/SBC	Orph \$100; Baraka BPC \$50; Yiew PS \$50; YF \$50; MsF \$50;		
SUN	8.00 am	Is Jesus My Lord? (Rev Colin Wong)	Hilltop \$200; Seets \$220, \$50; 3 Korean workers \$1500;		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	China-Bibles & Msty \$520, \$50; Life B Sch, Kenya \$250,		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class	\$200; JS Heng \$50, \$100(Boxes).		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	(1) Thank the Lord for answered prayers. Thank the Lord for allowing me to know a Jewish friend M. Moshkovitz. Still praying that our gracious Lord will touch his heart to accept Jesus as his Messiah, as his Saviour and Lord. (\$100 for Beit-El Baraka Bible Conference Centre)		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	(2) Enclosed is a cheque for \$1000. Please channel it to the Cambodia cause. May God's name be glorified in this.		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Life Church 47th Anniversary Thanksgiving		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	Service & Dinner, Oct 18, '97(Sat) at 6.00 pm		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	and 7.00 pm respectively. Tickets for the Dinner		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	can be purchased at the entrance counter today or		
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service	from Dn Yiew Pong Sen during the week. Charges:		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	\$20 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	children aged 5 to 11. As tickets have specific		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.			table numbers, groups who wish to be seated		
Sunday School Offering: \$531.20; Attendance: 335			together should ensure they purchase tickets with		
Verse for the Week: <i>Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!</i>			the same table numbers.		
Psalm 31:19 ♦Setsuko Takashima's new address: 209-8 Tamatsu Tekkin, Akebono-Cho 1070, Nishi-Ku, Kobe 651-21, JAPAN.					



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28 September 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Eld George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 85	No. 449
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 139	Luke 5:1-11
Hymn	No. 255	<i>There Comes a Tide</i>
Announcements		Korean Duet
Offering & Hymn	No. 247	No. 451
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	John 16:7-16	Jn 12:24-26
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Holy Spirit and the Word of God</i> (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)	<i>Successful Missionary Cambodia or Australia</i>
		Ordination of Hahn/Lee
Closing Hymn	No. 333	<i>Lord, here I take my cross</i>
Benediction		

My dear Readers

"An Open Door no man can shut"

"An open door and no man can shut it" (Rev 3:8) until its container space 20x8x8 ft is packed with 250 big boxes of relief goods and is marked HEUNG-A on the back page. (This service in transportation is contributed by Deacon Lee Hwan Ku of our Korean Church.) And it took the whole contingent of FEBC students lined up before the Container to load "the house on wheels." But it is the total effort of Life, Calvary, Sharon and Korean Churches bringing in their surplus clothings, etc that has filled it to the brim. God is well pleased that S'pore Christians are moved to send this Relief for the poor and suffering in war-torn Cambodia. "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).

By the time you read this report the container had arrived Phnom Penh, its destination. Jimmy Rim will receive it on the other end for transmission to the proper authorities. He will see to its fair distribution to the very needy.

With a good number of boxes stranded in the Chinese room, Beulah

House and household furniture and study tables given by Helping Hand finding no space to pack them, we are bound to send a second container. This time, the belongings of our missionaries will be included. And we have room for three second-hand pianos which will be used, one for our mission house and two for the churches. I'm sure guitars and other musical instruments will be useful too.

With regard to our three Korean missionaries, David Koo is leaving tonight with his family for Korea and his due ordination. They will proceed direct to Cambodia at end of year. Jonathan Lee and Moses Hahn are returning Sept 30 to consolidate their work. In order that they might be given long term visas, it is essential for them to be ordained. They will be ordained at a special service this very Lord's Day, 10.30 am. An Ordination Council comprising myself, Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Revs Peter Chua, Ronny Khoo, Bob Phee, Wee Eng Moh, Jack Sin, Son Jung Chul will lay hands upon the ordinands, Rev Colin Wong being on duty in Batam today.

Hahn and Koo have found a big house, rent US\$400 a month. This will provide space to open an English school to teach the Bible. As many are out of job, these English Bible classes will not lack students. The first consignment of English Bibles has been



exhausted. We need to send another 80 by the hands of the two missionaries.

As for Jonathan Lee, he will be stationed in Phnom Penh with Jimmy Rim. He has not found a house, so one job to do is to find one that his family might go with him. He feels called to be an evangelist, to minister to the many churches that have no pastors. He is calling the churches everywhere to come and pray at 6 am, Korean style. Sheep wandering without a shepherd is the description of the plight of Cambodian churches. There are two Chinese churches in Phnom Penh. These are pastored one by a Hong Konger and the other by a Singaporean.

To comfort their hearts I told them we would visit Cambodia some time next year. I had promised a Teochew towkay who heard me preach in Ho Chi Minh City, Chinese New Year 1995. He told me he was proprietor of New Sun Co., and himself had bought a big house to start a Church. Since Teochew is my mother tongue and Cambodian Chinese are Teochew-speaking, there should be no difficulty. O Lord, grant us grace that we might go forward, and not backward.

The challenge now comes to our young FEBC graduates. Since the greatest desire of Cambodians is the study of English, you with your English have no excuse not to go. To advance the Gospel is no difficulty for us at all. Start an English Bible Class, and from there a Sunday School, Y.F., and Church Service. "Who will go for Us?" —T.T.

AIR BEMBAN, MALAYSIA

Last Lord's day we set out for Air Bemban 29th mile Kulai Rd, Johore immediately after packet lunch, Deacon Yiew Pong Sen at the wheel. There were 10 of us including Elder and Mrs Sng. The rest were young people of our YFs, Chinese and English. We were on our way to attend the 11th Anniversary of Air Bemban Kindergarten and Church.

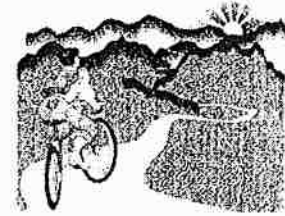
We were happy to see Rev John Ling in good health. He chaired the service. Various items of praise were given both by Air Bemban and Kelapa Sawit young people and songs from the kindergarten. An old gentleman of 86 was baptised together with his grandson, 20.

My message was, "Why we should bring the other sheep into the fold of Air Bemban." The other sheep refers to Bukit Batu at the 33rd mile, 4 miles up from Air Bemban. We had a flourishing Sunday School at Bukit Batu for 3 years until the lease of the School premises had expired. Thus the 50-60 Sunday School children were scattered. In order to bring them back and recruit new ones we have finally resolved to buy a "double house" in the village which is being offered for RM90,000. This house was built but three years ago. Should the deal pull through, it will be the lot of Air Bemban and Kelapa Sawit young people to extend this Gospel Outreach.

One who should be at the Air Bemban Anniversary is Miss Ng Sang Chiew. Sorry to say she was not there because of illness. Please pray that the Lord will raise her up, for great is

her contribution to both Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban. —T.T.

WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES VI Chapter II (cont'd) Counselling on Things of Everyday Life



The "cooperative will" of God attending our way though often smooth-sailing, may sometimes be "diverted" because we cannot see as God sees. The Father's Hand must overrule a young child because he might be distracted to the left or to the right as they go along the way. This was St Paul's experience during his Second Missionary Journey. In Acts 16 we read of his desiring to go Southwest through Asia, but the Holy Spirit forbade him. Now when he turned Northeast to go to Bithynia, "the Spirit suffered them not." Thus, he was channelled to Troas. Here in a night vision, he saw a man of Macedonia standing on the other side of the sea praying him to "come over into Macedonia and help us." Now, here is Luke's testimony of God's cooperative will working in Paul's behalf, "and after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. Therefore, loosing from Troas, we came ("trus," which is Malay for "straight") with a straight course to Samothracia,

and the next day to Neapolis" (Acts 16:10-12).

In the early part of my journeyings, I went through a similar experience. After the Lord had turned me around from going to study Law in London to China rather to study Theology, I came midway to Shanghai, purporting to go onward to Chungking in West China where I was accepted as a student. From Shanghai to Chungking by river boat would entail another 2,000 miles. With my aunt's objection and simultaneously coming in contact with Dr Chia Yu-Ming, principal of the Seminary in Nanking, I was re-routed to Nanking, only 150 miles from Shanghai. From Nanking the Lord led me to study in the USA. This He did in the fall of 1947, two years before Mao took over all of China. As I look back on this part of life's mysterious wanderings, I can assuredly say I was led to higher ground by the "cooperative will" of God. Yea, God had snatched me from the mouth of the Red Chinese Dragon.

This mysterious working of the "cooperative will" of God happened also to Calvin. Calvin was travelling from his hometown Noyon in Northern France to Basel, Switzerland where he would settle down to a life of study and writing. As there was war that blocked his path direct to Basel, he took a detour via Geneva. He would put up there only for a night. How did he know God was leading him to spend his life as a Reformer-pastor in Geneva? God used his old friend William Farel to speak so strongly to him that he felt God's hand was upon him. This was the greatest turning point of his life.



Air Bemban Bible-Presbyterian Church



Our flourishing Kindergarten side by side

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 6 - 12, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$7,175.00 (8.00 am); *\$15,681.50 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$3700; Mersing Project	
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	\$500(LBPC Kemaman RM1000); Cambodia \$80, \$200, \$500,	
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev C Wong)	\$15681.50*, \$250, \$1000, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$3000, \$300,	
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	\$500; Moses Hahn & Jonathan Lee \$500; Ivan \$200;	
FRI	6.45 pm	Emmanuel Baptist F'ship Wedding	Hendro's medical \$300; Robert Peh \$200; Men's F'ship	
	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall	\$250; Gospel Rally \$50; Seets \$10; Moses Hahn \$1000,	
	7.45 pm	Ladies' F'ship, Beulah House	\$200; JS Heng \$250; Missions \$100; Bookroom Ministry	
SAT	2.00 pm	Chong Chee Kwong & Lee Liew Hua Wedding (Rev C Wong)	\$100(RM200); Tracts \$100.	
	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/SBC	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
SUN	8.00 am	Am I called and sanctified by God? (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)	(1) May this small amount be of use for the Mersing campsite. I left an amount in the bank to grow day by day since I came to know that you are building a campsite at Mersing. I'm glad I can give. May my Lord bless and multiple the little gift towards the work at Mersing. May God continue to grant me health, grace and strength to redeem the time in serving Him. (RM7000)	
	8.30 am	Rev Tow at JSM	Life Church 47th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 18, '97(Sat) at 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm respectively. Tickets for the Dinner can be purchased at the entrance counter today or from Dn Yiew Pong Sen during the week. Charges:	
	9.30 am	Sunday School/Catechism Class	\$20 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for children aged 5 to 11. As tickets have specific table numbers, groups who wish to be seated together should ensure they purchase tickets with the same table numbers.	
	10.30 am	Elder Chia Kim Chwee	Tracts for children are now available at the track rack.	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship; 1.30 AF		
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.				
Sunday School Offering: \$421.45; Attendance: 310				



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5 October 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn John Hoe	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 18	No. 356
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 145	Jn 10:1-9
Hymn	No. 49	Let Him In...
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	Romans verse 54
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:1-17	Rom 10:1-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Is Jesus My Lord?</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Forsaking All</i> <i>I Take Him</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 420	No. 559
		Lord's Supper
Benediction		

My dear Readers

Armed with their ordination certificates, Moses Hahn and Jonathan Lee would be able to stay longer as recognised missionaries. And being further armed with \$500 worth of medicines they will be able to dispense "wonder cures" to an unending queue of the sick. This was a last-minute implementation by Monica with the help of Deacon Henry Tan, for he is a pharmacist.

Monica herself has felt the call to join forces with the missionaries. When Mrs Moses Hahn and children move on to Cambodia in Dec., she plans to go with them and do a stint of two-and-a-half months. With her qualifications in nursing and midwifery and three years experience with OMF Hospital in South Thailand, she will be on hand to care for the sick, as well as to teach English Bible.

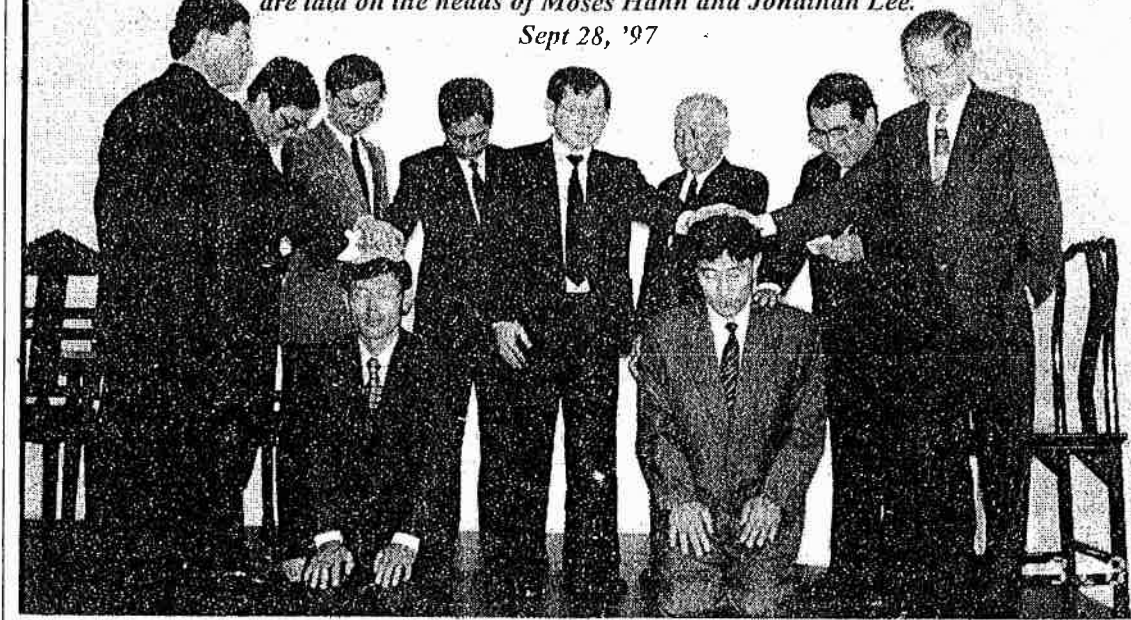
Meanwhile we are accumulating more relief goods to fill a second Container. This time it will include the missionaries' belongings and 14 study tables and a piano for the English School they are establishing at Kompong Som.

It is learned there are 200 Koreans in Phnom Penh but none in Kompong Som apart from the newly arriving missionaries. OMF has 15 missionaries, half of whom are involved in language study.



From Cambodia to Myanmar! This is in connection with our appointment with the Ev. Presbyterian Church (Robert Thawm Luai) to hold a Conference with the leaders in Mandalay, and in the ordination of Andrew Kam. We have worked out a five-day trip, Thurs. Jan 29 to Feb 2, '98 (Chinese New Year). As there is an extra flight, Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon, the fare is higher than the last, by about S\$350. But we have available only 35 seats and half of this number has been taken. If interested, please book with Mrs Ivy Tow or with Transglobe, Wendy (532-4288). We assure you of a smooth schedule with Rev Thawm Luai.

The hands of Revs. Bob Phee, Jack Sin, Jeffrey Khoo, Wee Eng Moh, Ronnie Khoo, Timothy Tow, Son Jung Chul, Peter Chua are laid on the heads of Moses Hahn and Jonathan Lee. Sept 28, '97



From Myanmar to Korea, not chronologically! Time flies, in exactly a month's time we would have to keep an appointment with Im Seong Ho my illustrious student in Mokpo, Korea. He has arranged a series of five meetings for me to speak to the Church and Maritime Mission there. This is a major undertaking and I crave your earnest prayers. Pray that "God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ . . . That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak" (Col 4:3,4). The date of our appointment is Nov. 6-9. Jonathan Lee has been requested to come along, apparently that he might interpret for me.

Pray also that the Lord will give us grace to go through the cold of a Korean winter.

From Korea back to Singapore and to Air Bemban, Malaysia. Last week you saw the renovated Church with the kindergarten playground. Air Bemban is a hive of activity. It is a centre for the village children to come and play and study. This week we show you the kindergarten and Sunday School children presenting an item at the Anniversary Service. With these lively stones growing up the

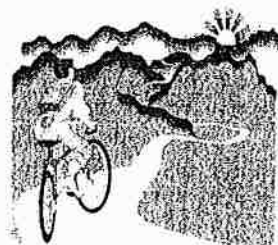
membership of the Church will be built. Thank God that wherever we've established a Church, it is filled with young people. And from today, our Children's Ministry is starting a worship service for "Young Lifers" at the "Extended Music Room," Beulah House, 10.30 am. God bless!

Dr Allan A. MacRae, 94, was received into glory the night of Sept 27, 97 in his sleep. (Dr Steele and Rev Paaue phoned and Dr Carl Martin e-mailed.) How peaceful is his death and how surprised his meeting with the Lord! As his pupil I want to express my deep gratitude to him as teacher, particularly, of the O.T.. He has laid a firm foundation in my understanding of the premillennial reign of Christ on earth, sitting on the throne of his father David. Israel thus has been a chief barometer of the Return of Jesus Christ to me. From him I have written a commentary on Isaiah and on everyone of the 16 prophets. This is a day of victory and rejoicing. Amen. —T.T.

Register your child for infant baptism by Friday, 10 Oct, with the Church Office (Tel: 2569 256).

WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES VII

Chapter II (cont'd) Counselling on Things of Everyday Life



As I grow older I can see that disruptions in my life, such as the double death of my dear Mother and seven-month-old daughter 1946 and the double death of my wife and another daughter 1965 were appointed by God's "cooperative will". These are "blessings in disguise." Do you have such setbacks? But did they not turn out for good? Romans 8:28.

As I conclude this chapter on God's "cooperative will" working in our behalf everyday, I must impress on the simple minded the importance of keeping the rules that govern a community, i.e. in our interpersonal relationships. It is the rule of courtesy (*li* 礼) or good manners, which is the first of four Confucian cardinals in ethics. This rule of courtesy is also required of Christians as taught by the Apostle Peter, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by Him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. **Honour** all men. **Love** the brotherhood. **Fear** God. **Honour** the king" (1 Peter 2:13-17).

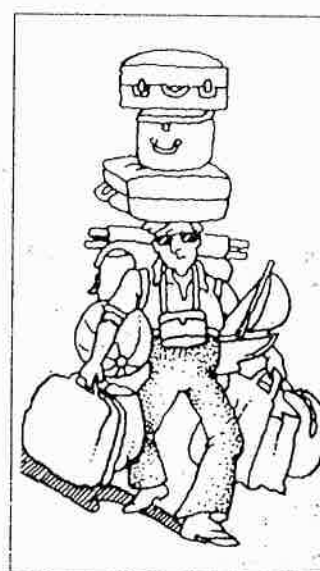
In Peter's teaching, we see how Christians should be loyal subjects and law abiding citizens under God. Christians should be gracious to one another, and be honouring and courteous to the people we meet in the outside world. There is a protocol (original meaning: diplomatic etiquette) to keep in respect of our superiors. For example, an alien intending to work in a foreign country cannot circumvent the Immigration Regulation by entering as a tourist. The procedure is to apply from "outside" before entering the new country. Insofar as our Bible College (FEBC) is concerned, when a married student desires to bring his family with him, he must first apply to the principal. By bringing them in without permission, he breaks a serious

protocol. Such discourtesy turns the authorities concerned to immediate disfavour.

To succeed in life (therefore favoured by God) one must not only be courteous but chivalrous! Even in a foreign country where one is exposed to hostile forces. One must always stand for the right and be ready to help the weak and needy in order to be favoured by His "cooperative will." We can find one outstanding example in the Old Testament. It is the case of Moses who defended the seven daughters of Reuel (Jethro) against marauding shepherds (Exodus 2:16,17).

Not only be chivalrous, but industrious. I had discovered this truth when a student in the United States. Whenever I was invited to dinner, I would join in the wash up after dinner. I found I was invited again and again. "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed" (Psalm 37:3).

God's "cooperative will" is evidently manifested in our everyday life through the blessings He bestows when we perform our duties diligently. Shirking our duties, our moral responsibilities, being contrary to His will, will end in outer darkness. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).

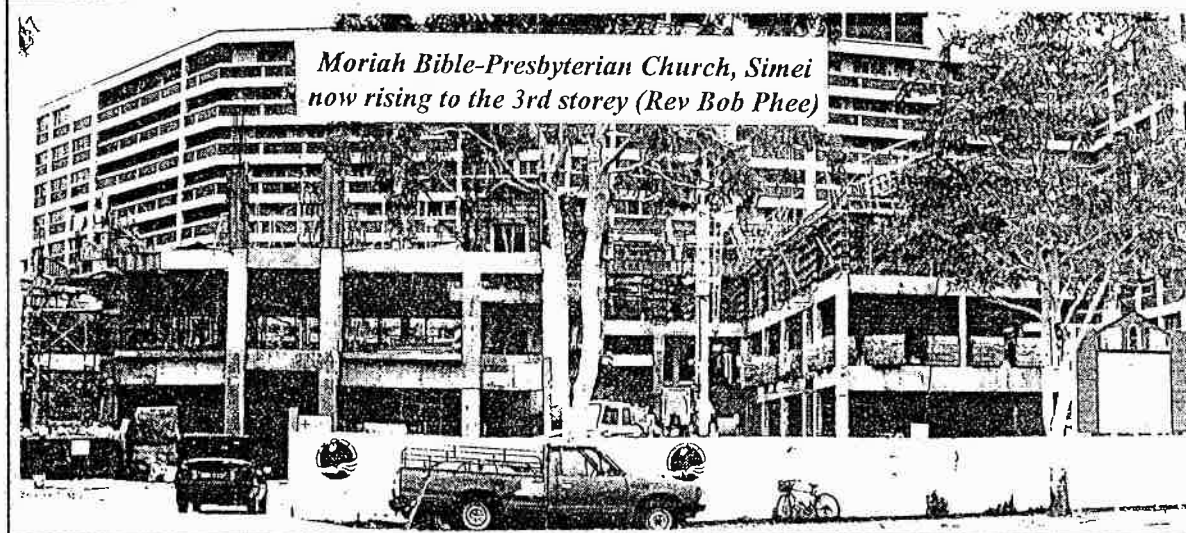


Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt 11:28-30

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Pet 5:7

*Days are filled with sorrow and care,
Hearts are lonely and drear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near!*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 13 - 19, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$6,612.00 (8.00 am); \$15,219.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (John Wesley film)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250, \$1219(Chinese Ser);		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Cambodia \$5, \$15, \$50, \$500, \$350, \$500, \$70, \$400, \$200,		
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	\$100, \$250, \$250, \$100, \$500, \$500, \$100; Vietnam \$250,		
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	\$1000; Calvin Loh \$200, \$500, \$50; JS Heng \$100; Baraka		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF	Bible Conf Centre \$100; Tracts \$100; H'top Stud Bursary		
	6.00 pm	47th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner	\$100; Kenya LBC \$200, \$400; A Kam Orph \$100; Saipan		
SUN	9.30 am	Anniversary Thanksgiving & Baptismal Service (Rev Tow)	\$200; YF \$200; Men's F'ship \$200; Missions \$260, \$200;		
	9.30 am	Chinese 32nd Anniversary Service	Tracts \$167; FEK \$5000; Sun Sch (Children's Msty) \$5000.		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	(1) This gift of \$1000 is for our Korean brother		
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service	Moses Hahn and his family. Let's not let our		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	brethren serving Jesus Christ in the gospel field		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	suffer while we live in plenty and in self-glorification		
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour	(with expensive and beautiful material things).		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bt Batok			Look at Brother Hahn, he has become so thin since		
Sunday School Offering: \$686.40; Attendance: 324			his labour for the Lord in Cambodia. Please ask him		
Verse for the Week: <i>Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.</i> Philippians 4:17			(and his family) to be fed well. May the Almighty		
Christmas Gifts. No better than JESUS SAVES pewter clocks, 1998 Chinese art calendars, newly arrived Christmas cards, Lee Kuan Yew Book (order now) at lowest prices!			God and the Lord Jesus Christ bless brother Hahn		
Khor Eng Siong (brother of Chiew Ling) was baptised on 7 Oct and went home to be with the Lord the following day. Funeral was conducted on 10 Oct by Rev Colin Wong. Our condolences to the family.			richly in his work in Cambodia for the glory of God.		
			(2) Thank you Lord for a job and an unexpected pay rise! A small part of my first month's salary I		
			return to You, compared to what You have given to		
			me. Truly you are "able to do exceeding abundantly		
			above all that we ask or think."		
			Life Church 47th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 18, '97 (Sat) at 6.00 pm and 7.00 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.		



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

Call to Worship	8.00 am	10.30 am
Opening Hymn	Dn George Tan	Dn Ong Eng Lam
Invocation-Gloria Patri	No. 85	No. 11
Responsive Reading	Psalm 103	Joshua 1:1-18
Hymn	No. 406	No. 251
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 387	No. 335
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:18-32	Neh 8:1-9; 9:1-3
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Am I called and sanctified by God?</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Reading the Bible</i> (Elder Chia Kim Chwee)
Closing Hymn	No. 411	No. 256
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Readers,

On this page you will see Moses Hahn seated with 20 odd "instant" students at a Bible class which he conducted during his first visit to Kompong Som, Cambodia, a white harvest field for the reaping. Souls are crying, but who among us are willing to go and help?

If you cannot go, you can send them relief clothings, also dry foods, like milk powder for their babies, medicines, toiletries, tooth brush and toothpaste. Anything good you can

think of.

Dr David Cheong, president of the Missionary Fellowship, would surely want to lead a medical team. Here you can practise openly, and be warmly welcomed. (Hotels have many vacancies.) "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink . . . naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me . . ." (Matt 25:35, 36).

Mandalay, Here We Come

After months of waiting on the Lord, and now making bookings this side of Yangon and with Thawm Luai that side, I am pleased to bring down the price to exactly S\$1,298, including airport tax, both Singapore and Yangon. That is to say there will be no extra payment once you step on board. And it will be limousine service, door to door!

The reason why we have to fly from Yangon to Mandalay is that this interior highland town is more central for all the leaders of the Church to meet.
[Two hours by coach]



we will visit another Ev. Presbyterian Church, Pin Oo Lwin (Maymyo).] I shall speak two times in Mandalay, and two times in Yangon, including the ordination of Andrew Kam.

In the Presbyterian system we need more than one hand to ordain. As the Lord would have it, Rev Jack Sin and wife are coming, also Rev Jeffrey Khoo. These will assist adequately. Of course we have also the hand of Rev Thawm Luai.

Our tour schedule is: leave Singapore Jan 29, '98, 1.35 pm, arrive Yangon 2.55 pm. Transplane to Mandalay 4.15 pm. Stay at Swan Hotel, etc., etc. Return to Yangon Feb 1, Yangon City Hotel, Ordination. Leave for Singapore Feb 2, 8 am. Arrive back 12 pm.

Please book early to avoid disappointment! (There were 46 last trip. Now only 35 available.) Ring 532-4288 for Wendy or contact Mrs Ivy Tow. Mandalay, here we come! —T.T.

Young Lifers' Inaugural Service on 5 Oct 97 by Deacon Ong Eng Lam

When our Lord Jesus first asked the apostle Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, lovest thou me more than these?" (Jn 21:15) Peter affirmatively answered, "Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee." Then Jesus immediately instructed him, "Feed my lambs." This story has been the constant motivation for the Children's Ministry Committee, as we seek to feed the lambs of God. While we recognise the need to nurture our children through the Sunday School Ministry, we believe children need to learn to worship God too! Hence, the starting of the Children's Ministry ten years ago. Prior to that time, we had the Junior Worship organised under the umbrella of the Sunday School. With the re-structuring, the Children's Ministry organised Children's Worship during the 10.30 am service from 2-13 years old. Last year, the Children's Ministry was extended to the 8.00 am service. Meanwhile, we observed that many of our youths who left the children's choir and children's ministry are not attending the Adult Worship. Every effort has been made to encourage these teens to attend the worship services, but failed. By the grace of God, Pastor and Session recently gave the blessing to start the Young Lifers Worship for

those 12 years old and above. We pray that the response will be strong from these teens in our church. Parents are encouraged to play their part in encouraging their teens to join the Young Lifers Worship, unless they are already attending the Adult Worship with their parents.

The inaugural service was started last Lord's Day. The Lord blessed me with a message on "Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil 2:16) which is our church motto, to speak to the Young Lifers. The Young Lifers Worship Service has also adopted this same motto in line with the main body. It is our prayer that these teens will mature and grow into the Adult Worship Service at the earliest time possible. Every first week of the month, the Young Lifers will join the main body to observe the Holy Communion. For those who had gone through infant baptism, they will be encouraged to seek re-affirmation of their faith and to become communicant members of the church. For those who have not gone through infant baptism, they will be encouraged to go through the catechism class to seek water baptism. Young Lifers worship at the Beulah House Extension Room every Lord's Day at 10.30 am. Rev Colin Wong is our Adviser and Brother Chua Teow Tzing is the supervisor-in-charge of this group. Sixteen Young Lifers attended this inaugural worship service. More Young Lifers will join this worship service as the group is being strengthened. Thematic sermons had been planned for them from now through 1998.

May the Lord bless this effort to bring the Young Lifers together for worship! Amen.

Mary, Co-Redeemer with Jesus Christ?

Rev Tan Eng Boo in *Grace Weekly*, Sept 21, '97 *Newsweek*, August 25, 1997 reported that the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) might be considering making Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, a Co-Redeemer with Jesus. Roman Catholics from around the world have petitioned the Pope to exercise the power of papal infallibility to proclaim a new dogma of the Roman Catholic faith: that the Virgin Mary is, "Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix of All Graces and Advocate for the people of God." In the last four

years, the Pope has received 4,340,429 signatures from 157 countries supporting this proposed dogma. Among the notable supporters was Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Pope John Paul II himself is an ardent supporter of Mary. He has referred Mary as Co-Redemptrix at least five times, though never as a formal declaration of dogma. He has reflected on her role in more than 50 weekly addresses, often emphasizing her 'co-operation' in redemption. In April 1997 he said, "Having created man 'male and female,' the Lord also wants to place the New Eve beside the New Adam in the Redemption. . . **Mary, the New Eve**, thus becomes a perfect icon of the Church . . . We can therefore turn to the Blessed Virgin, trustfully imploring her aid in the awareness of the singular role entrusted to her by God, the role of co-operator in the Redemption...."

What has the Bible to say about the role of Mary? Mary saw herself as a handmaid of the Lord (Lk 1:38). She rejoiced that the Lord could regard her as an instrument for His use (Lk 1:46-48). At no point of time in the Bible do we read that she regards herself as Co-Redemptrix with Jesus, her son. In fact, she saw the need of a Saviour for herself (Lk 1:47).

The Bible tells us that there is only one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (I Tim 2:5). The apostle Peter told the Sanhedrin that there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. That name is Jesus Christ! (Acts 4:10-12). Mary was indeed a blessed instrument of God. We honour her for her earthly role in bringing forth the Lord Jesus Christ, but we must also realise that the conception was not by her doing, but the work of the Holy Spirit (Matt 1:20).

The RCC would be doing something contrary to the Scripture if the Pope applies this dogma. In fact, the Catholics have so many things that are extra-biblical in their belief. We, as Protestant Christians cannot have anything to do with the RCC and its belief. The recent signing of "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document is a mockery that Protestants would even want to agree and join hands with the RCC. Let us take heed to God's Word to stay clear and keep ourselves faithful unto the Lord and to His Word (II Cor 6:17).

*At 84, I'm still HEALTHY
Praise the Almighty!
Life at this period is great
My memory doesn't fade*

*Reading Bible daily makes my mind sound
There isn't any other way to be found
Joy and peace I get
I shall never regret*

*Time is ever precious to me
Lord, there's so much to do for Thee
Praying is the most important weapon
Which makes things happen
I need to pray earnestly
For souls and eternity*

*By mixing with young people all my life
That generation gap is not a strife
They love me like their mother
I have many a visitor*

*My eyes are still okay
As I always my Master obey
Hearing is not a problem
Life is not that solemn*

*My looks are still tolerable
The Lord makes me endurable
I'm growing old gracefully
With Him I tread blissfully*

*When gray threads mark life's pattern
And a crown of silver hair
Seems so out of line,
Just trust the Master-weaver
who sees the whole design.*

Sylvea Wong, August 1997

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 20 - 26, '96)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John (Rev Tow)	\$6,387.00 (8.00 am); \$18,695.00(10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: Mersing \$200; Cambodia \$200, \$50, \$390, \$500, \$500, \$285(Boxes), \$600; Rev T Lui \$200; JJ Lim \$200; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Seets \$100; Vietnam \$5; 21CRB \$30; Missions \$100, \$10(Boxes), \$70; Elaine Chan \$100; Children's Choir \$2000; Surish \$120(Boxes); Batam \$50, \$50, \$350; Rev E Paauwe \$990; Extn of Gospel \$300; Jakarta Msn (Yusniar) \$600 (Kebaktian Ina).		
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Quek Suan Yew)	(1) We want to thank our Almighty God for His bountiful mercy towards our brother and our family during the past one year when he was fighting against leukemia. He has accepted the Lord and rested in peace with God.		
FRI	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)	During the past one year, many brothers and sisters in Christ have come forward to donate their blood and platelets, many of whom we do not even know. There were also many brothers and sisters who supported us in prayer and who took time to visit my brother at the hospital to encourage him and to minister God's Word to him.		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.30 LBC/EBF/SBC	We thank God for all your love and care and for Pastor Tow, Elder Khoo and Rev Wong for baptising my brother and ministering God's Word during the vigil service.		
	3.00 pm	Rev Tow at YAF	Enclosed is our thanksgiving to God for the extension of His Kingdom in Cambodia.		
SUN	8.00 am	What Gospel do you Preach? (Rev Colin Wong)	—Chiew Ling & Eunice (\$500)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Prabhudas Koshy			
	10.45 am	Rev Tow at Maranatha BPC Anniv.			
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$1,100.50; Attendance: 307					
Verse for the Week: Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I Thess 5:16-17					



Inaugural Service of Young Lifers Worship at Extension Room, Beulah House, Oct 5, '97



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47th Anniversary Thanksgiving Message "BUT THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND"

Text: I Peter 4:7-10 *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

It is customary for me to speak on "Thanksgiving" on such an occasion as this to remind members not to "forget all His benefits." In view of your exemplary giving through all the year, we would rather count the blessings that are flowing through these ministries which you support: 1. A total of 12 missionaries to Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and Cambodia. 2. A Bible College and an Orphanage in Burma, a Bible School in Kenya. 3. A Church in West Africa. 4. 5 Love classes for children in Vietnam. 6. 10 Christian charitable associations in S'pore. 7. Mailing many Wilmington Bibles and pastor's books to Filipino pastors. 8. Beulah House Hospitality to a constant stream of visitors and the sick. 9. Two Containers of relief goods for Cambodia. 10. 18 scholarships to FEBC students. (This does not include the many missionary trips organised under the auspices of the Missionary Fellowship.) All this in obedience to the Great Commission given by our Lord before He ascended to heaven. This Great Commission I call "The First Commandment to the Church."

I graduated in 1950 from Faith Seminary. We were called the Class of the Mid-century. On Oct 20, 1950 I was called to start an English Service for Life Church, Prinsep St. We can be named Church of the Mid-century. We are now 47 years old. How many of you were at the first service? In 3 years we will reach the year 2000. No, in 2 years 2 months and 10 days only. It is nearer than we think!

This brings me to my topic, "The End of All Things is at Hand." If it is not the end that begins with our Lord's Return (*Come quickly, Lord Jesus*), it is the end of this 20th Century.

To celebrate entering the 3rd Millennium there are many man-made projects on hand. One is the Visit to Rome, so the rush to construct many hotels. There will be all kinds of extravaganzas, dancings, banquetings and fireworks, to be sure. But now comes warnings from scientists of a Millennium Bomb of a Computer melt down that might throw planes off the skies (BBC). Mr Tony Blair brought this out in his speech at the Labour Party's recent Conference. And he ended by saying, "This is to keep us humble."

The end of all things is at hand. What does the HAZE say to us? Because we are not affected as K.L. we have taken it easy. But the Malaysians themselves have referred to the HAZE as God's judgment, and Vice-premier Anwar Ibrahim called for prayer. As for the HAZE coupled with an earthquake in Sulawesi and the worst air disaster in the total loss of an A300 with 230 souls on board, the Indonesians have also looked to God for mercy. Now, Jesus has said that "the children of this world are in this generation wiser than the children of light" (Lk 16:8). Are we slower in understanding than those of another faith? "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" (Rom 13:11).

I have no need to exhort you to the missionary outreaches. You have obeyed the Lord in this great undertaking, worldwide. But, as charity begins at home, we want to see that the last lamb of our flock is saved, before saving others. Hence the newly inaugurated Young Lifers worship at Beulah House, 10.30 am. And the Children's Camp (*Steps to Everlasting Life*) that the Children's Choir is running, Dec 7-11,

'97. This Children's Camp is open to all.

As sons of a computer age we are heading towards the end of this millennium which is fraught with computer evils, and there is the ever-rising threat of nuclear war, we must pull together as a big Christian family. There is a Chinese saying, "Strive together in the same boat." In the light of these end-times, let us first exhort one another, according to Peter, to prayer.

Our prayer meeting has an attendance of 100-120. Why not double this? There are many excuses. Even from Session members. But the greatest blessing comes through prayer. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer 33:3). You who have an infirmity, a sickness, a problem you cannot solve, when you come personally to Prayer Meeting which is equivalent to coming before the Lord in the old days, God will doubly hear your prayer through the Church. Recently, a young lady with much mental stress was healed by coming to Prayer Meeting. Another young lady presented the case of her brother dying in hospital. The next day the three of us visited him. We urged him to read the Chinese Bible given him by his sister. He read it and believed. The Asst. Pastor visited him in time to witness his receiving of the Lord, upon which he was baptised. He died the next day. "A stitch in time saves nine."

Our Prayer Meeting is made up of three parts. First half hour, two hymns and Bible Study (now in the Book of Revelation). Second half hour: Testimonies of His Salvation—the life of the Prayer Meeting. Third half hour: Petitions for the sick first, and then for other needs of the Church.

Unless you come and taste the goodness of the Lord, you will not appreciate. Why miss the Blessing of blessings—our Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting?

The Second Great Need is "Fervent charity among yourselves." The practice of Love for one another without dissimulation as Paul calls it in Rom 12:9. Without pretence, with hypocrisy. Genuine love, warm love. Now when we started out in Prinsep St. 47 years ago, and we were a little band of 50 or so, everybody knew everybody. After 47 years our church has branched out literally 47 times. Many old ones have gone out to start branch churches. Many new ones have come in. As the Church grows in

numbers the spirit of brotherly love has become the thinner. Let us cultivate brotherly love by greeting those who sit on our left and right, shake their hands, and inquire after their names and welfare. This is the first step. Who knows where this first step of comradeship will lead to in days to come.

The third great need is hospitality. That is the practical expression of Christ's love, especially to the less affluent. A cup of tea and a piece of cake offered to a visitor goes a long way. But the western custom is if one visits without prior appointment, one will be made to stand outside the door and ushered away as quickly as possible.

Our Beulah House is the total expression of hospitality of the Church. By giving shelter also to those who are not FEBC students, we have led a good number to the Lord, in baptism. Countless stories of salvation which comes to these inmates can be told. "Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah" (Ps 84:3,4). Even unclean birds.

Finally as we have each a special gift, and that is God-given and not of our prowess. We should use such gift to the blessing of our brothers. Now we think of the professionals, doctors, lawyers, engineers, dentists, nurses, teachers and some are amateurs, such as in cooking. That is no mean art. A cook is highly respected east or west.

Let me end this message by telling you a story about Elder William Seah. The last two semesters, we were served by his cooking *laksa* for the whole College. Although our meals are known to be the best among Bible Colleges in Singapore, Elder Seah's *laksa* really hit the spot. See, just one special *laksa* recipe a semester made us all his friends. What joys of friendship will be achieved if we minister one to another in such a humble way.

All the graces we practise such as attending prayer meeting, loving one another in sincerity, hospitality and ministering with whatever gift God has bestowed us, go to build one another as we face a hostile world. "The end of all things is at hand" as we draw closer to the fateful crossing into the next millennium. Maranatha! —T.T.

God Bless Life Church's 47th Anniversary Thanksgiving

We are living in an age of multiplied religions. People are asking, "How can you be so sure Jesus is the only way to God? All other religions are the same. Buddha before he died, said this himself, "I am still searching for truth." Why follow him if he was still searching?

Some time ago, a man from New York ordered a tombstone. After his death the tombstone was placed on top of his grave. A passerby came upon the tombstone. He read the inscription on it.

Remember friends when passing by

As you are now, so once was I

As I am now, and soon you'll be

So be content and follow me."

The passerby wrote on the tombstone,

"To follow you I am not content

Until I know which way you went.

So friend, which way? Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Christianity is a unique religion. The Holy Bible is the Word of God. There are many roads to hell, but Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

People gathered round to congratulate the astronaut James Ervin for the great event on the moon. He answered, "The greatest event is not when man walks on the moon. It is when God walks on the earth to solve man's problems."

The horrible Haze is not caused by men, it is the work of God, because many don't believe Him. Revelation 1:1-3 unveils the Jesus Christ of the end time. "Tribulation! Sinners, come home" and have eternal life. Be prepared! Welcome to worship with us at Life BP Church. Pastors and Lifers are at the door to greet you. —Sylvia Wong

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Ang Ai Liang, Sharolyn
d/o Mr & Mrs Harold Ang Guan Seng
02. Chang Xiu Hui, Sarah
d/o Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Chang Phuan Sim
03. Koh Jia Ming, Sean
s/o Mr & Mrs Koh Boon Kee
04. Koh Jia Wei, Timothy
s/o Mr & Mrs Koh Boon Kee
05. Lee Si En, Amanda
d/o Mr & Mrs Lee Keng Huat
06. Loei De Wei, Thaddeus
s/o Mr & Mrs Jeremiah Loei Sek Wan
07. Loei Xiao Wei, Charmian
d/o Mr & Mrs Jeremiah Loei Sek Wan
08. Seah Chong Kwang, Calvin
s/o Mr & Mrs Seah Seow Hock
09. Sim Wei Ling, Magdalene
d/o Mr & Mrs Sim Swee Ho

10. Tan Kia Ik, Mark
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Tek Heng
11. Tan Ler En, Joy
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Ming Song
12. Tan Song Yuan, Daniel
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Tat Seng
13. Tan Xin'en, Faith
d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Kian Sing
14. Tan Yien, Samuel
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Boon Hing
15. Tern Jia Wen, Grace
d/o Mr & Mrs Joseph Tern Yuh Sheng

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 01. Chan Wai Yin | Student |
| 02. Chen Chih-Chuan, Mark | Counselling Asst. |
| 03. Chen Pin Hui, Cheryl | Student |
| 04. Lee Wai Kit, Jared | Student |
| 05. Li Meiting, Yvonne | Student |
| 06. Li Mingen, Clement | Student |
| 07. Li Yi Ling, Cheryl | Student |
| 08. Seah Chong Ming, Gary | Student |
| 09. Seah Yan Yan, Deborah | Student |
| 10. Tan Jingxian, Colin | Student |

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 11. Lim Hui Peng, Irene | Contract Manager |
| 12. Low Kiang Gwan, Michael | Software Engr |
| 13. Ong Siew Chin | Systems Analyst |
| 14. Pui Su Huiong, Pauline | Housewife |
| 15. Tan Gek Heng | Area Manager |
| 16. Wee Yam Hee, Ken | AVP, Sales |
| 17. Woon Kwong Ann | Sales Manager |

BAPTISM

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| 18. Bryce Dale Stone | Student |
| 19. Chan Kah Wai, Karen | Student |
| 20. Chia Puay Cher, Joan | Student |
| 21. Edilyn E. Abu | Student |
| 22. Heng Shao Sheng | Student |
| 23. Jian Beiyan, Jocelyn | Student |
| 24. Koh Boon Kee | Snr Technician |
| 25. Leow Leng Chew, Michael | Engineer |
| 26. Lim Chwee Ghim, Irene | Business woman |
| 27. Lim Eng Lee, Edwin | Project Executive |
| 28. Lim Gek Peng | Bank officer |
| 29. Lo Siow Yen, Evelyn | Admin Officer |
| 30. Mary Jane B. Pineda | Domestic Helper |
| 31. Mary Jane Soriano | Domestic Helper |
| 32. Riza Benasa | Domestic Helper |
| 33. Veronica Sion | Domestic Helper |
| 34. Tan Siew Kiang | Admin Executive |
| 35. Tan Tua Choon | Engineer |
| 36. Tan Wan Hian | Student |
| 37. Yap Siew Lian | Analyst Programmer |

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 27 - Nov 2, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$44,983.00		
MON	12.00 pm	Wedding of Johnny Heng & Manuela Fernandez (Rev Tow)	OFFERINGS FOR: 46th Annlv. Thanksgiving from BP Churches/Invited Guests \$6415; EBF II \$3700; Mersing Project \$50; Cambodia \$340, \$200, \$150, \$600, \$300, \$1100, \$1000, \$50; Yiew PS \$50; YF \$50; JJ Lim \$200, \$20; Hendro \$100; Missions \$200, \$50, \$200, \$100; Kenya \$100, \$50; Myanmar-A Kam \$5; Myanmar Orph \$200; FEBC \$2000; Chinese Svce Thanksgiving \$200; Vietnam \$50; Children's Msty \$410; Children's Choir \$410; Extn of Gospel \$246, \$600, \$200.		
	7.30 pm	No evening lecture			
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
WED	7.30 pm	No evening lecture			
THU	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	(1) This is a thanksgiving for God's blessing to my youngest son in his PSLE prelim. exam. Although he was very sick with acute bronchitis, he did quite well in his exam. May God continue to bless him in his PSLE Exam. Please channel this small gift to Cambodia mission (\$200). —Your daughter-in-Christ		
FRI	7.00 pm	FEK Concert			
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	(2) A thanksgiving offering for all the blessings and love that we have received. Please channel my gift of \$820 to the Children's Ministry (\$410) and the Children's choir (Mrs Tow) \$410. —A Lifer		
	4.00 pm	Combined AF/YAF Outing			
SUN	8.00 am	The Holy Spirit's Role in Evangelism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(3) By the grace of God, our little bundle of joy was born one month ago. Despite a difficult pregnancy, labour and delivery, the Lord has been most merciful and gracious unto us, though we are unworthy. May the Lord help us to be godly parents to bring our daughter up in the fear and nurture of the Lord. To God be the glory; great things He hath done! (\$400)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	(4) "For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone. Teach me thy way, O Lord, I will walk in thy Truth, unite my heart to fear thy name." Thank you Lord for restoring the use of my hand. China-Chinese Bibles (\$50)		
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
No NBC This Week.					
Verse for the Week: Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. II Thess 2:16					



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder Tan Nee Keng	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 81	No. 46
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	I Cor 15:1-4	Jude
Hymn	No. 67	No. 411
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 247	No. 323
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:1-7	Jer 1:17-19
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What Gospel do you Preach? (Rev Colin Wong)	Rekindle the Spirit of the Reformation (Rev Prabhudas Koshy)
Closing Hymn	No. 121	No. 432
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

Our Part with Calvary in Worldwide Missions

All of you are acquainted with the outreaches we have established in all the ASEAN countries, except Brunei and Laos. We have invested heavily in Burma through Rev Thawm Luai and the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology (65 students and 55 Ev. Presbyterian Churches) and in Andrew Kam's Orphanage. The latest investment is Vietnam in the support for 5 x 15 Children's Bible Classes. But the greatest is Cambodia where we, with the Chinese Service, are supporting 3 Korean couples, one stationed at Phnom Penh and two at Kompong Som.



What you do not know is our wider involvement in partnership with Calvary BPC in worldwide Missions. It all began in 1986 when Calvary branched out to Perth. This was precipitated by the Macedonian call of Mrs Seethor, a Calvarian having migrated Downunder. Life Church also had a part in Robin Tan's coming into

the picture. To help establish the infant Church, Elder and Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat and we were "enlisted." We spent a total of six months helping out in a new-found land. A 30-year old Presbyterian Church was bought. Life Church's part was a blank cheque given by a Sister to pay for the whole property. This was our part with Calvary in Perth.

Soon after Perth came Melbourne. Again Elder and Mrs Khoo were sent. We went out in 1989 and 1990 serving 10 weeks each time. Life Church loaned a substantial sum to help Calvary acquire a beautiful church property at the Oakleigh Township. Elder and Mrs Khoo maintained a shuttling ministry to keep the home fires burning. Of recent date Rev and Mrs Stephen Khoo, who had co-laboured with us for two years, felt the call to Melbourne. So they are now attached to Bethel (150 congregation). This releases Elder and Mrs Khoo for a wider service wherever the Lord would call them.

After Bethel came Toronto, now under Elder Daniel Chew.

The buying over of a former Presbyterian Church for London for about half million pounds was climaxed with a Dedication Service May 3 and

4, 97. FEBC has a part in this outreach by loaning a substantial sum. On May 4, 50 Pilgrims from Life Church joined New Life B-P Church, London in the Dedication. Life Church pastor had the honour to deliver the message.

But now the call has come from Vancouver. For over a year the talk has been concentrated on this far-off Canadian city. For here are over 30 BPs living as it were in exile. They are worshipping in non-BP Churches. They have a desire to return to the fold. Dr Tow Siang Hwa who is the spearhead of establishing BP Churches worldwide is instrumental in clinching the purchase of a property of 27,000 sq ft with 8,000 sq ft of built-up space. The cost is C\$1,110,000. All ready for use, except for minor alterations.

As old Church properties in Western countries go for a song, that is how we are enabled to acquire them one after another. But there is a limit to what a man can do.

Vancouver, where so many of the B-P families flourish, will develop into a big church. It will be a lighthouse of salvation not only for our own members and their children, but also to their non-Christian neighbours and friends. It is a cause worthy of our support.

It will surprise you that most of them are ex-Lifers. There's a Matriarch of the Chia Siew Koon family, with her three daughters and six sons and their families. The Chee Ah Chais, though of Sembawang, were old Lifers for years. He and his 4 sons are there. Then we have William Chia, wife and 2 children. Mark Soh and his wife. Plus several Calvinian families, they are a big, big family.

By acquiring a property for the purpose of worship and fellowship so soon, are we not putting the cart before the horse? No, indeed. Our track record for the last eleven years proves. Today Perth and Melbourne are both self-supporting. London and Toronto will mature in the next few years. Vancouver, which has the greatest number of BPs at the start, will catch up the sooner. In this embryo stage, however, they need our helping hand. "And God is able to

make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor 9:8).

Here is the Preachers' Roster for Vancouver:

Jan 06 - Feb 01	Dr S. H. Tow
Feb 02 - Apr 20	Elder Khoo
Apr 23 - May 31	Rev James Chan
Jun 06 - Jul 12	Rev T. Tow
Jul 16 - Oct 11	Elder Chia Kim Chwee

Vancouver, via SIA or Cathay Pacific is about 17 hours flying time, with a short break at Seoul or Hong Kong. It is nearer than you think!

Mission Trip to Farthest Point in ASEAN

And why Mandalay? Up in the mountains of Burma? Because it is easier for pastors and elders to convene than Yangon. The Ev. Presbyterian Church founded by Rev Thawm Luai is mainly in Chin State, not far from Mandalay. Also, of



recent date, two churches were established in Mandalay and Maymyo, two hours' car drive from each other. A third reason is Elder Dr Lee of Korea has given a sum of Money to acquire land in Mandalay for the founding of a Bible School for the training of national workers, using the Burmese language. "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand" (Rom 15:20,21).

Our five-day Mission Tour of Burma, Yangon and Mandalay, second day of Chinese New Year, Jan 29 - Feb 2, '98, promises to be an enriching experience. (In Yangon we will ordain Andrew Kam at the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology.) Of 35 seats available, 20 have been taken, leaving only 15, first come, first served. Inclusive of airport taxes, the price is \$1,298. Please either call Wendy, Transglobe, 532-4288 or Mrs Ivy Tow, 250-2138. —T.T.

Mission to Mokpo, South Korea

By invitation of Im Seong Ho, my Korean student, I am scheduled to preach 5 times to the Seaman Mission and Church at Mokpo, Nov 6-9 '97. The theme of my messages is "Has God a Plan for My Life." Please pray for souls that non-believers will receive the Lord as Saviour and Christians edified. We leave S'pore Tuesday night Nov 4 and return Mon. Nov 10.

Korea Statistics: Population 45 million. Area



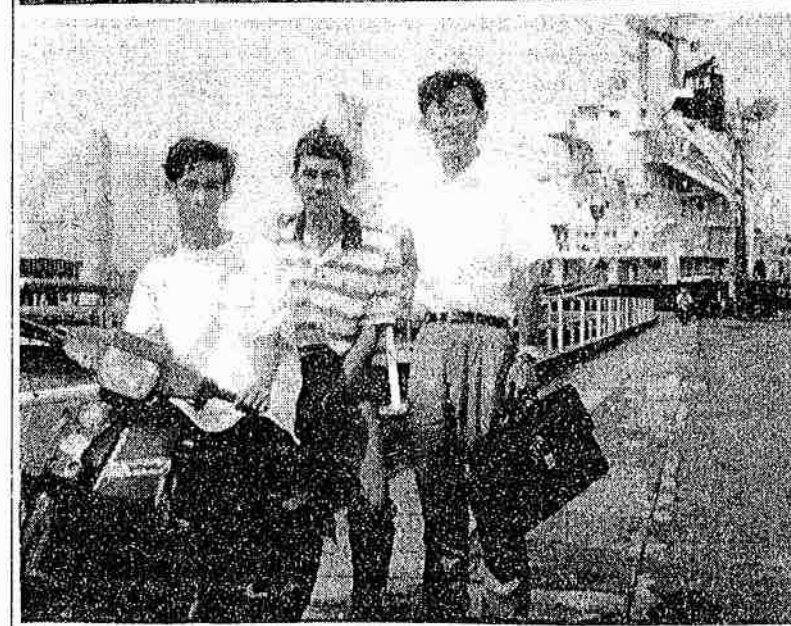
99,000 sq km. Seoul 11 million. Religion: Buddhist 27%, Shamanism 10%, Confucianism 1.2%, Christianity 35% including 6% Catholics. The first Protestant Church was planted 1884. Korea sends over 4000 missionaries to 120 countries in the world. ♦ ♦ ♦

A lover of "Jesus' Little Children" came to Church and personally handed me an envelope. "Enclosed is a gift of \$2,000. Please buy for them: sardines, biscuits, noodles, milk powder for the little ones." She calls herself "Old Lifer." (This sum will be entrusted to Mrs Moses Hahn when she visits her husband and Jonathan Lee Nov 18, '97.)

As for the Second Container we have received more than enough. Kindly withhold bringing them until further notice, i.e. if we will send a 3rd Container. Meanwhile Jonathan Lee and Jimmy Rim are distributing goods from the 1st Container wherever they go on their rounds. (Goods from the 1st Container are safely stored in the Govt. warehouse.)

Top photo: Moses Hahn posing with Church members who come to his English class.

Bottom photo: With a Christian seaman on his motor bike and a Burmese sailor at the harbour.



Lost and Found. Found in FEBC Hall a brown pocket-size leather bond Bible with buttoned flap. Claim from parsonage!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 3 - 9, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
			\$7,239.00 (8.00 am); \$10,868.50 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: 47th Annlv. Thanksgiving	
THU	8.30 am	FEBC Exams begin	\$150.30(USD100), \$20; Mersing \$850; Extn of Gospel \$250,	
	11.00 pm	Rev & Mrs Tow depart for Korea	\$20, \$100, \$200, \$400; Cambodia \$100, \$50, \$250, \$100,	
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' F'ship, Beulah House	\$500; Vietnam \$100, \$110; Life BS-Kenya \$4; YAF \$300;	
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	JJ Lim \$100; Missions \$100, \$2500; Myanmar Orph \$100;	
SUN	8.00 am	Paul the Man of God (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)	Philippines \$500; Rev Colin Wong \$500; Nirands \$500;	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	JS Heng \$100(Boxes), \$250; MsF \$100.	
	10.30 am	Rev Colin Wong		
	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		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship		
	1.30 pm	AF		
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok.				
Sunday School Offering: \$570.11; Attendance: 366				
Verse for the Week: <i>Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.</i> Hebrews 5:8				
Birth. 1.To Suzanne Mahadevan Abt a son, Oct 26, 97, in USA. 2.A daughter to Mr & Mrs Eduardo Morante, 24 Oct; 3.A daughter to Mr & Mrs Quek Keng Khwang, Oct 30, 97.			<p>▲ Missionary barber Jonathan Lee</p> <p>▼ FEBC student Wella and Johnny Heng</p>	

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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 28	No. 25
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 16:1-14	Acts 2:1-21
Hymn	No. 234	No. 243
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 244	No. 453
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Acts 1:1-8	Rom 10:13-15
Pastoral Prayer		I Cor 1:18-24
Sermon	<i>The Holy Spirit's Role in Evangelism</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>The Need of Power-Preachers today</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 450	No. 556
Benediction		Lord's Supper

Christian Commentary on David Lim's Two Lessons from Currency Crisis

In an address to the Singapore Institute of Management reported in Sunday Times, Oct 26, '97, David Lim, MP for Aljunied GRC and CEO of the Suzhou Industrial Park spoke on "Two Lessons from Currency Crisis" as follows:

The currency problems still circulating in South-east Asia are not yet over. But we see more clearly now the danger signs which had been under our noses. Once again, we are reminded that such signals can be ignored but they cannot be defied.

We learn two things from this saga.

One, the inescapable law of the marketplace — that real wealth is created by real work. We cannot spend more than what we earn and, eventually, there is a price to pay if we do so.

And two, that even if we abide by the laws, we cannot avoid the impact of the wisdom or folly of our friends and neighbours.

Singapore learnt the first lesson a long time back. We have long inculcated in successive generations of Singaporeans the need to be diligent and productive. Because we were disciplined, we have emerged from the

currency crisis singed, but not burnt.

But the second lesson is something which not only Singapore, and not only regional countries, but also all countries, are still learning to cope with. It is the force of globalisation. What we do impacts upon others, and vice versa.

How do we restate, in the simplest terms, the two lessons we have learnt from the currency crisis?

1. Dependence on ourselves — self-help

2. Interdependence between us and others — mutual help.

In the light of Holy Scripture, however, there is a missing third factor — the higher dependence on God — Divine help. For the Christian entrepreneur he must say self-help and mutual help is not sufficient without Divine help.

Yes, we must create wealth by real work. This is taught by the Apostle Paul, "if any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess 3:10). This Scripture was quoted by Margaret Thatcher in her Tory Manifesto, 1988. "Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me" (Acts 20:34). And, "We cannot spend more than what we earn" is

demanding more stringently by our Lord's requiring the Apostles to "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost" (Jn 6:12). More positively stated, "Economy is the mother of prosperity." Yes, Singaporeans have learnt the lesson well.

As for the second lesson, Interdependence between us and others — mutual help, the Bible passage in support is found in Philippians 2:4, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." How good it would be if the present snail motion of lorries on the Causeway could be expedited. To prove the imperative of this urgency, let the reader of Straits Times look at the empty J.B. hawkers centre beside the long jam. Why the vacant seats? Is it not due to the jam? The jam is not a one-way street.

Now, we come to the missing third factor — the higher dependence on God (Divine help) — and this we say to the Christian reader. As we are children of God, whatever we do we must look to Him for help to succeed. (The world calls it luck, which is blind fate.) Now, Moses plainly puts it to the Israelites on this score:

Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto

thy fathers, as it is this day. Deut 8:11-18

When a man remembers the Lord that it is "He that giveth (him) the power to get wealth," then he is careful to worship the Lord with his "substance" (Prov 3:9), to return Him the sacred tenth (tithe). God's reciprocal blessing then is this: "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts" (Mal 3:11). To be preserved against misfortune is good fortune.

At the Tuesday night Prayer Meeting we had a vivid testimony from Eio Eng Hua how God saved his life from the recent bombing of a premier Sri Lankan Hotel where he had always lodged whenever he was on assignment to Sri Lanka. 18 lives were lost and 100 injured in that bomb blast. Mysteriously, circumstances so worked around him that he had to leave the said hotel six days before the kill. Was it by chance? We believe rather Rom 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." And in the words of the Psalmist, "Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (Ps 91:9,10).

For Eio Eng Hua, it is not a matter of losing his wealth, it could have been his life and his health. The Singapore Christian businessman, going regional, or global, has that third factor, higher dependence on God, the Divine help, which insures his success.

A corollary to the devout Christian businessman's worship is his remembrance of the poor (Gal 2). "As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever" (II Cor 9:9). A man who loves his Lord will love also his neighbour (Matt 22:39). To him comes this added blessing, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies" (Ps 41:1,2). I have known Eng Hua since 1960 that he is such a man. —T.T.

Dear Life Church and Rev Tow

Praise the Lord for continuing His work in Kompong Som. Really thank you for your supporting our family and ministry in Cambodia. God will bless your church mightily. Now Kompong Som is safe. Sometimes armed soldiers are checking cars and people. Here it is still raining season. Sooner or later it will start dry season.

With the anonymous supporter of Korean Church in Singapore, Kompong Som Church was extended so that 30 more seats were added. She donated US\$600. This is enough to extend the church. Because it is wooden structure, it is rather easy to extend. Now over 80 people can sit. But last Lord's day, over 90 people came to worship. Now this church will extend the other side so that it will give 30 more seats. A member said, "I will provide some wood for extension. Praise the Lord, the church is growing."

One day, a Burmese sailor came to church. He is a Christian. It was the rainy night of Friday. He felt urged to visit this church. It was not easy to visit the church on such a rainy night. Pastor Sopart, church members and I were singing hymns at that time. The Burmese sailor, Bobby, was happy to be with us.

Next morning we visited the ship (Orient Express). It was a cargo ship with an Indonesian captain and around 10 crew. It plies Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Kompong Som. We shared the Gospel with the captain. He visited the church with the crew next day, Lord's day. We visited

another two ships (Hero King, Hero Queen) with the help of the Burmese sailor. Brother Amsokha, guesthouse owner with whom I stay now, also accompanied us. He had worked at port as the guard for many years so that he is well accustomed with the various ships and port situation. Brother Amsokha said, "Now we start seamen mission." Praise the Lord for opening seamen mission.

Brother Amsokha and I visited a local secondary school which is located just one minute on foot from church, having 2,500 students, 120 teachers, from grade 7-9. When I proposed to teach Korean to students, the principal was glad and said, "Please teach English too." Principal welcomes many missionaries to come and teach the students English. Now we are applying for the permit of teaching to Education Department.

And Bible school is so urgent. There are few Bible teachers. But many places need planting of churches. So, intensive Bible study for future pastors is so urgent. If FEBC can provide the video-lectures to this place, it will be a great help (O.T., N.T., Systematic Theology, Calvin's Institutes, so on).

The heat for learning English is so hot. Public school finishes at 5.00 pm. But from 5.00 pm, the private English class is opened at many schools. Under the dim lights of classrooms, the eyes of students are shining!

May our Lord's peace be with you. —Moses Hahn



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 10 - 16, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
MON	7.30 pm	Gospel of John Exam	\$9,041.00 (8.00 am); \$23,061.00(10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250, \$1365(Chinese Ser); <i>Extn of Gospel</i> \$241(Coinafon); Cambodia \$250, \$300, \$200, \$2000; Missions \$100, \$500, \$250; Moses Hahn \$200, \$1000; Jonathan Lee \$220; Tape Ministry \$16; JJ Lim \$350; Myanmar Orph \$200; China \$200; JS Heng \$100, \$100; Tracts \$160 (Calvary BPC); Cambodia Children's Ministry \$1000, \$2000; 47 Anniv Thanksgiving \$1000, \$100.	
WED	7.30 pm	Biblical Separation Exam	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	(1) My wife and I very happily give this small sum of money, for the use of Men's Fellowship, as a token of our deeper appreciation of your Christian love, understanding and support at our time of grief.	
THU	6.00 pm	JSM Mtg (Sanctuary)	(2) Thank you Lord for a job and an unexpected pay rise! A small part of my first month's salary I return to You, compared to what you have given to me. Truly, you are "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." (\$1000)	
	8.00 pm	Exodus Exam	(3) \$100 for "Beit-El-Baraka Bible Conference Center" — Israel. The Conference Centre was having some financial difficulties right? Have they bought the machine to plough the land (as they intend to plant some vegetables and sell)? How is the Baraka B-P Church doing?	
FRI	6.00 pm	JSM Mtg (Sanctuary)	Sunday School Offering: \$676.80; Attendance: 332	
	6.00 pm	End-of-Semester Thanksgiving Service	Verse for the Week: <i>Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.</i> 1 Timothy 6:12	
	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship (Beulah House)		
SAT	2.00 pm	JSM Mtg (FEBC Hall)		
	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF		
	3.00 pm	David Soh & Sharon Quek Wedding (Rev Tow)		
SUN	8.00 am	Will Unbelievers get a Second Chance to accept Christ? (Rev Tow)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School		
	10.30 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat		
	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		
	12.00 pm	Catechumens meet Session Lunch/ Burmese Ser.		
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	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service		
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9 November 1997

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder Tan Nee Keng	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 5	No. 333
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Gal 1:10-24	Psalms 91
Hymn	No. 557	No. 406
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	No. 358
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:8-10	Daniel 3:1-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Paul the Man of God</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Dare to be Different</i> (Rev Colin Wong)
Closing Hymn	No. 265	No. 373
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Readers

PRAISE THE LORD FOR ADVANCE ON ALL GOSPEL FRONTS

1. At the 7th Anniversary Thanksgiving Oct 26 at Maranatha, there were 250, with a good representation from the Mother Church. Two women were baptised and six transfers of membership. A special magazine was produced to commemorate the occasion. A sitting lunch contributed by the ladies climaxed the rejoicings of the day. The Thankofferings channelled to missions, to be shared between Batam and Cambodia, amounted to \$8,420.00. Incidentally Batam, under Roska, is extending a new outreach to Punggur, the new jetty replacing Kabil for travel between Batam and Bintan, 15 mins. by speedboat to Uban.

2. Never before in the history of Far Eastern Kindergarten had we such a successful Graduation and Concert. Under the leadership of Miss Lim Siew Choo the principal, with expert musicianship by Mrs Lee Young Lyong on the piano and a big rainbow backdrop by Mrs Wee Yam Hee the children sang and performed brilliantly. Practically every item was Bible-based. They were the Good Samaritan, the Ten Commandments, the Nature Walk Adventurers singing *Fairest Lord Jesus, To God Be the*



Glory climaxing with *The Praise Finale*. I gave the Principal 100 marks (not forgetting the fine costumes).

3. Saturday, Nov. 1, '97 FEBC students under Ahn Jung Kee took one morning to load up a second Heung-A Container for Cambodia. This time we must pay for the freight, which costs below US\$1,000. A portion includes the missionaries' household goods and furniture for the Bible School they intend to set up. As there is an overflow of goodness, we will send a third Container! "Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul" (Acts 11:29,30). Mrs Moses Hahn will leave for Cambodia Nov. 18 to help her husband settle down, also in anticipation of David Koo's share of the house they are renting.

4. We started a Chinese Junior Sunday School years ago for parents who desired their children to become more Chinese-conversant. It went on for some time, for lack of teachers. Now that our Chinese Service has attracted a goodly number of young adults, may I challenge them to revive our Chinese Jr. S.S. There are 2 air-conditioned rooms up the

parsonage balcony you may use. The first person to send his children is Deacon Victor Loo. This is a real need. The Lord will bless this new work manifold and the hands that lead the little ones to Christ.

5. From Kuching we have received news of further advance for the Lord. With the help of a God-loving Indonesian couple they have added an Indonesian service. This is to cater to Indonesian students studying in Sarawak. Kuching is north of the Indonesian border of Kalimantan. They have 15 at their meetings regularly. Mr Bong our missionary is also planning a two-night Christmas Rally, Dec 20



and 21. He requested me to send an evangelist. After prayerful consideration I approached Calvin Loh (who interpreted for me at our 47th Anniversary Dinner Service). Praise the Lord, Calvin has answered the call. Calvin, a graduate of

NUS, is bilingual. He is a first year student at FEBC. Pray for him!

6. By the time you read this news report we would be on our last lap for the Lord in Korea.

So do pray for us. My 5 messages to the Seamen Mission and Church in Mokpo are: (1) *Has God a Plan for your Life* (Eph 2:12,13; Rom 8:28). (2) *God's Plan for Our Lives Dynamic not Static* (Eph 1:2-5,11; Phil 2:12-14). (3) *Our Life is a Journey from Cradle to Grave* (Ps 119:35; 105. Eccles 3:1,2). (4) *The Strategy that Wins* (Matt 28:18-20). (5) *The End of All Things is at Hand* (1 Pet 4:7-19).

Monday Nov. 10 we fly to Seoul to attend a Dinner given by the Pure Presbyterian Church at which we had preached, June 96. Their leaders are most interested in Cambodia. Mr Ahn Yohan, the Blind Korean Pastor, would see me also. We arrive back Tuesday night Nov. 11.

Let me reiterate the message, "The End of All Things is at Hand" to you my Reader wherever you may be. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them. . ." (1 Thess 5:3). Friday night Oct 31 I heard from BBC that Mr Soros lost 2 billion on the stock market. How uncertain is the world. Instead of the rush for riches, let us set our affection "on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col 3:2). Let everyone be engaged in some work in the Lord's vineyard. Let us occupy till He comes. —T.T.



TESTIMONIES

I came from a non-Christian family of 4 children, being the youngest in the family. When I was in my teens, I knew nothing about Christianity because the majority of my schoolmates and friends were non-Christians.

It was only when I was in Secondary 2 that a friend of mine shared Christ and the 4 spiritual laws to me. It took me some time to feel comfortable in joining the youth fellowship meeting at Zion BP Church. I followed my friend to the meeting every Saturday and I found myself beginning to like and enjoy the warm fellowship with the group and also meeting new faces every week. In each meeting we would have songs of worship, games, messages of the day and refreshments. From there, I was exposed more and more to the teaching of God's Word and Christian fellowship. Since then I started reading books about Jesus and the gospel. Also I began to do more in-depth reading of the Bible.

I learnt that from the time Adam and Eve had committed sin, men until today have fallen short of the glory of God and with their own strength or good works will not get them to heaven when they die but will go to hell (Eph 2:8-9). God is merciful and with His unconditional love for us, He sent His only begotten Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins that whosoever confesses that he is a sinner and accepts Jesus into his or her life will have eternal life in heaven (John 3:16). I also learnt that the Bible is the only truth from God and that the Son, the Holy Ghost and the Father are one God.

However, even after learning about who Christ was and also His salvation plan for sinners, I at that time was not ready to accept Jesus as my personal Saviour because of the fear of parental objection. It wasn't until during one YF church camp held during my school vacation that the brothers and sisters ministered to me and prayed for me with conviction from God. I recalled the day was 12th December 1979 when I prayed the sinner's prayer and asked Jesus Christ to be my Saviour and Lord.

I found myself a changed person after accepting Jesus into my life, even some of my non-Christian friends noticed the change in me. God's Word and His strength have taught me

slowly to give up some of the worldly activities that non-Christians might go for. Sometimes it was easier said than done but I knew that with God's mercy and strength, He was there to carry me through. Indeed God had helped me through difficult times in the first six months of national service. He had given me good health and kept me safe throughout my 2 years in the army. I left Zion BP Church due to some personal reasons and started attending Covenant Evangelical Free Church somewhere in 1990. I was baptized in that church. Until today, God has given me a good education overseas and a stable career.

—Low Kian Gwan Michael

I was born into a Christian family. My parents are both members of this church. I have been attending this church ever since I was young. As I grew older, I started attending Sunday School. At first, I felt that the classes I attended had no relevance to me. But as I started listening to my teacher, I knew that the only way to salvation was through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. What really touched me about the lessons was how Jesus sacrificed his own life to save mankind from sin. He died on the cross and took all the suffering for me. I heard about Jesus Christ through my friends and through songs of praise. I then decided to attend the children's choir. I learnt of the children's choir through my cousin who the following week encouraged me to go. I then agreed. From there, I learnt to sing praises and hymns and more about the word of Christ. I made many new friends and got to know many people. I attended a few children's choir camps and from there, I learnt of His everlasting love for us. After that, I started attending Sunday School more frequently. I feel that the lessons are interesting and enjoy every single lesson I attend and try to put them into daily use.

I am now truly convinced that Jesus Christ is the one and only God. And I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal Saviour.

—Cheryl Chen Pin Hui

Tasty food for Sunday lunch from
new caterer (Liebe Restaurant!)
\$2.50/pkt.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 17 - 23, '97)	
MON	FEBC Vacation begins
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED 7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 2.30 pm	YFLTf; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC
	Baptist F'ship Church Wedding
	8.00 pm Choir Vesper, Sanctuary
SUN 8.00 am	Paul the Man of God (Rev Colin Wong)
9.30 am	Sunday School
10.30 am	Elder (Dr) Lim Teck Chye
10.30 am	Chinese Service
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NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok, Bishan, Bt Timah.	
Sunday School Offering: \$584.10; Attendance: 328	
Verse for the Week: He that covereth a transgression seeketh love. Prov 17:9a	
We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Douglas Ho Wai Kok (28) on his homegoing; Edmund and Mabel on the homegoing of Mabel's grandmother (76). Rev Colin Wong officiated at the funerals. News has just come on the home-going of Chancellor Bob Jones (86), Nov. 12, '97.	

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
\$7,023.00 (8.00 am); \$14,677.50(10.30 am)	
OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$550(Keb Ina); Extn of the Gospel \$256; Cambodia \$100, \$200, \$700, \$50, \$100; Baraka BPC \$100; JS Heng \$100, \$500, \$180; Robert Peh \$70; JS Lim \$200; Seets \$150; Rev Jack Sin \$150; Yiew PS \$100; Africa \$560; Missions \$560, \$260, \$200; Myanmar Orph \$100; Beulah Hse \$20; Bee Choo \$150; Ho Heng Sau \$150; Surish \$60; Thanksgiving \$2000; Kenya \$2100.	
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
(1) Dearest Jesus, How can I ever thank Thee enough for the grace that thou bless on me? I know it was thy working and allowance that I got this job. I should not only tithe to the Lord, rather I should ask how much I need of the Lord. Instead I am offering my first born (first month pay) of \$2100 to the Lord for the extension of thy kingdom in Kenya for the Hengs. I pray, Lord please guide me as I work through this job in this turbulent circle in the midst of unbelievers. —Grateful Lifer	
(2) We want to thank God for faithfully leading us each step of the way, for His many tender mercies and wondrous miracles that He has shown to our family, particularly in our daughter's life. Enclosed is a small token in thanksgiving and deep gratitude to our Lord, full of lovingkindness and mercy. —Grateful Lifer Family (\$2000)	
Every worshipper is entitled to a free copy of Jason Linn's "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" between now and Christmas!	



With Preacher Im Seong Ho, graduate of Mokpo Maritime University and FEBC, now in charge of the English Service of Cheil Presbyterian Church



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Elder George Tan
Opening Hymn	No. 3	No. 18
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 121, 122	Heb 11:1-6
Hymn	No. 352	No. 127
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 543	No. 428
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Lk 16:19-31	Gen 5:18-24
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Will unbelievers get a Second Chance to accept Christ?	Enoch, the Man who walked with God (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)
Closing Hymn	No. 306	No. 445
Benediction		

My dear Readers

MOKPO MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

We left Gilstead Road 8.45 pm Tuesday night, Nov. 4, Deacon Yiew at the wheel, to catch the 11.00 pm Asiana flight. We arrived in Seoul 7.00 am next morning after a good night's sleep. Praise the Lord for His safe-keeping, and for Eld. Dr Lee sending his station wagon to take us to Novotel, for the connecting flight to Mokpo was scheduled for late afternoon. David Koo and wife and Jimmy Rim were on hand to welcome us. Jimmy had come to Seoul to meet with his American father, and would be back in Cambodia the next day.

The purpose of our coming was to speak to the Annual Inter-Maritime University Christian Fellowships of Mokpo and Pusan, to the newly inaugurated English Service of the Cheil Presbyterian Church and to hold 3 "Revival" Meetings to the same Church. It turned out to adding another meeting at another Presbyterian Church and to the Blind School of Rev Ahn Yohan in Seoul, the night before flying back to S'pore. Im Seong Ho, BTh. '93 was my manager, who is also the head of the English Service of Cheil Presbyterian Church.



The attendance at these meetings were 100, 150, 350, 450 and 70 (English Service) and 100 at the other Presbyterian Church. There were 60 at the Blind School in Seoul.

At the newly inaugurated English Service we saw the outstanding work by Im Seong Ho. It is his Church Weekly patterned after ours. Of seven Canadians and Americans joining his congregation, he published this testimony by Brother Bentley in Vol. 1 No. 2, Nov. 2, '97.

Hi! My name is Bentley. I'm a Canadian who's been living here in Mokpo for about 11 months now. And I'm still really glad to be here in this beautiful country! I've been asked to share a bit about my life (which is called a "testimony" when you're writing it for a church!) Having grown up in the peaceful country of Canada, I don't have an exciting story like what was printed in last week's bulletin (the only wars I have been through are the ones fought years ago between my sister and I!).

I grew up as a pastor's kid, or "P.K.", as we tend to be called. In North America, "P.K.'s" tend to be somewhat rebellious towards the church, I'm not sure if that holds true for Korean "P.K.s"? I'm also not sure if that held true for me. From a young age I had a deep sense of the existence

of God. It was very simple, yet I can't explain it. An inner feeling/voice that looked at life around me said, "How could God NOT exist?" When I see a baby smile, or the waves come crashing in on the shores of "Pigim-Do," the sunsets over Mokpo, the mysterious and beautiful Korean mountains, or even the smiling "Ahjumah" on the bus who shares her food with me for no reason. . . these kinds of experiences bring me back to that simple truth I knew as a child, "How could GOD NOT exist?"

After finishing high school, I left home and went for two years to a Bible College near Vancouver. Along with making lifelong friendships, I discovered something that was life changing for me (the first of two "life changing" events in my life). This is something that I had heard a thousand times, but I'd never really, fully, taken it to heart. The man, Jesus, who suffered and died on the cross, and rose again to life, was the ultimate act of love. A gift, from the loving Creator, offered to His beloved Creation. I was hit by the fact that there is nothing I need to do to receive salvation. Nothing! So rather than "strive for salvation," all we need to do is slow down, let go of our need to achieve, and accept this gift of love from our God! The Christian life, therefore, is not a duty, it is a "response" to realizing this gift. Therefore, doing Christian "things" like praying, reading the Bible, being kind to others etc. are not things I am forced to do, they are things I am compelled to do, because I want to! "For Christ's love compels us because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor. 4:14,15).

Jesus spoke of us being like seeds. The seed is planted, and must undergo "death" in order to experience new life. Or, I like how the caterpillar undergoes "death" by spinning its cocoon, and emerging later as a colorful butterfly! The new life Jesus offers is not just a set of rules we must follow, it is full of life, the fullness of what life has to offer, both the joys and sorrows, He doesn't lead us away from life, but into it, with new meaning! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Cor 5:17). So, I walk through this "new life," knowing that I am loved, both in my triumphs and in my failures. That we have a God who walks beside us, and refuses to abandon us. . . God's

promises remain true today!

The second "life changer" for me, was a trip to Columbia, South America. I learned there, from those who were very poor, that the highest thing we can do with our lives is to serve one another. This is the best way to respond to the love God offers us, by offering it to others. Most North Americans are somewhat wealthy, and so talking about giving your life to others is not very popular! Wealth is obviously an attractive thing, and I recall the story of the rich young man in Matthew 19:21-23. Jesus told him to sell all he had and give it to the poor . . . this made him, understandably, sad. But God's call to LIFE is different than the world's call to life, and so the two are going to conflict sometimes.

Jesus said that the two greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. These two commandments sum up the entire 10 Commandments given in the Old Testament (Matthew 22:34-40).

So, for me, I believe Christ died to give us a new life, in the here and now. We are continuously given the choice to follow Christ's way throughout our lives, and must make it a regular commitment. . . not just a one shot thing!

I hope this gives a little insight into what motivates me day by day to try to really live! And I hope it gives you a little encouragement too, as you walk along your path. Remind yourself of how much Jesus loves you today!

Now, from the testimony of Bentley this Canadian young man, back to Im Seong Ho. Im also had my *Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God* translated into Korean and printed it as a bilingual edition. This book he gave away on Inaugural Sunday. Quoting Confucius' "All within the Four Seas are brothers," I noted the importance of the English Service in that through the English language Im Seong Ho was reaching out to the world. But I also added that "All within the Four Seas can be brothers only when they believe in our Saviour Jesus Christ."

In Seoul we were entertained by leaders of the Pure Presbyterian Church of whom is Elder Dr Lee. He has bought land in Mandalay for Rev Thawm Luai to build a Burmese Bible School. Our Mission to Mandalay, Jan 29-Feb 2, '98 will visit also Maymyo, where there is another of Thawm Luai's Churches. This one is up in the

mountains.

We were also entertained by Rev Ahn Yohan the Blind Korean pastor who counts us his special friends. We should show his film once again, for many new Lifers and FEBCers have not seen it.

During this mission to Mokpo I read an OMF thriller, *Killing Fields, Living Fields* by Don Comack. He tells the weeping story of life under Communist Butcher Pol Pot. I recommend you to read it. The book is obtainable from FEBC Bookroom. Who knows, after reading, you may give your life for Cambodia?

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The Gospel meetings we have conducted in Mokpo culminate with a doubly happy note — the wedding this Saturday Nov. 15 of Im Seong Ho! For many years we have been waiting for this happy news, but somehow it had not materialised. While busy preparing for the recent campaign, Im Seong Ho, like Boaz's love for Ruth at first sight, was totally smitten. This happened two months ago in Seoul. We congratulate our brother and pray God's richest blessings on the couple. The bride is a nurse of 15 years standing. She is six years junior to the groom, who was captain of a Korean ship for 10 years before studying at FEBC.

According to Korean custom, the husband buys the house. The bride furnishes it. And by God's grace we had the good fortune of staying in their new home (by ourselves) the whole week in Mokpo. As we close one leaf of report, we open another.

We are taking a fortnight's vacation in Adelaide, Nov 17-29, '97. This includes Mima and two little granddaughters — May Ann 4½ and May Lynn 9 months. This also leads us to the further blessing of seeing the Paauwes and preaching at Hope Church the Sunday we are there, Nov 23rd. The pulpit at Life Church in my absence will be filled by Elder Dr Lim Teck

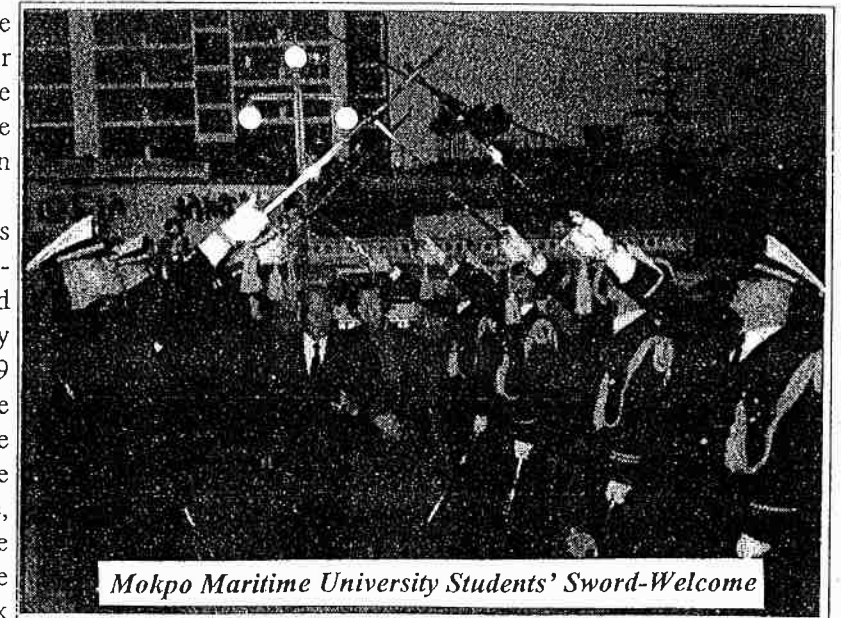
Chye. The Lord will speak through him, mightily.

Incidentally, Rev & Mrs Paauwe have answered the call to the office of General-Secretary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, beginning September 1998. Do pray for them as they prepare to take this onerous assignment. —T.T.

Suggested Giving this Christmas

1. Calvin's Institutes..\$14.40
2. *A Stone Made Smooth* — Autobiography of Wang Ming Tao, China's No. 1 saint..\$9.50
3. *John Sung My Teacher*..\$6.00
4. *Asian Awakening*..\$6.00
5. *Ting Li-Mei*, China's 1st Evangelist..\$2.50
6. *Killing Fields, Living Fields* by Don Comack, OMF..\$19.00
7. Jason Linn, *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo*..\$5.00
8. Jesus Saves Pewter Clocks..from \$29.50
9. Chinese Art Calendars..\$2.50
10. Protect Your Bible in Style from USA..from \$29.90
11. 21st Century KJV Bibles..\$37.60
12. Defender's KJV Study Bibles..from \$42.00
13. Year Planners..\$2.00
14. Christmas cards (Box of 20 cards)..from \$7.80

(All at reduced prices for Christmas!)



Mokpo Maritime University Students' Sword-Welcome

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Nov 24 - 30, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	\$6,024.00 (8.00 am); \$10,247.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	OFFERINGS FOR: Extn of the Gospel \$1500, \$354, \$4210 (Maranatha BPC 7th Anniv); Cambodia \$300, \$100; Missions \$100, \$300, \$200; Thanksgiving \$156; 21CRB \$30; JJ Lim (for cooker) \$600; Children's Choir Camp \$820; Vietnam \$100; Errol Stone \$1000; Baraka BPC \$500; Mersing \$200; Myanmar Orph \$250, \$161; Sunday School \$50; Children's Msty \$50; FEBC \$500; Joshua/Hannah \$100.		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTE; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	2.30 pm	Gospel Light BPC Wedding	(1) For Deacon JJ Lim: please get a new rice cooker. May the Lord preserve him and his family through the winter. The Lord will give him grace and more grace! Our Singapore dollar is so strong, perhaps Bro JJ can get a heater too. (\$600)		
	7.30 pm	Rev & Mrs Tow return, QF81	(2) Please channel my gift (\$820) to Mrs Tow's children's choir camp. Thank you Lord for all your blessings. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov 22:6). —A Lifer		
SUN	8.00 am	Paul the Man of God (Rev Colin Wong)	Set us afire, Lord, Stir us, we pray! While the world perishes, We go our way, Purposeless, passionless, Day after day. Set us afire, Lord, Stir us, we pray! —Cushman		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Baptism. Kow Liong Swee, 69, mother of Benny Goh, received the Lord Jesus as Saviour on the night of Nov. 14 and was baptised by the hand of the Pastor.		
	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			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	Sun-Fri	Rev Tow at YF Camp			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.					
Sunda School Offering: \$603.51; Attendance: 331					
Verse for the Week: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. Ephesians 2:19,20					



Primary students at Sekolah Hidup Baru (New Life School) Batu Aji, Batam



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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	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 217	No. 121
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	2 Cor 1:1-24	Psalms 51
Hymn	No. 109	No. 199
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 403	No. 268
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:11-12	II Peter 3
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Paul the Man of God (Rev Colin Wong)	All Should Come to Repentance (Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 376	No. 431
Benediction		

LETTER FROM BATAM

I would like to inform you that I have received the offering of Rp. 12,190,824.00 given to the building of a primary school at Batu Aji. I thank God for Life BPC for the love and concern shown to the ministry in Batam. Thank you for the offering! We will use it to pay for the school building materials and the extension of the Gospel at Batu Aji.

I thank God too for sustaining the work in Batam both at Batu Aji and Tanjung Piayu. Last Sunday we had 37 worshippers and 57 Sunday school children at Batu Aji; 27 people and 27 Sunday school children worshipping at Tanjung Piayu BPC. Thank God for the Word of God preached to us by Rev Colin Wong. May the Holy Spirit of God help the people and move them to repentance. I thank God and appreciate Mr. & Mrs Francis Sng too who come faithfully to Batam monthly. Praise the Lord for all they have done to both churches. Their love, concern, support and prayers are indeed a great encouragement to us. Thank God for the BP Pastors who also come and share God's word to us.

The schools both at Bt Aji and Tg Piayu have altogether 163 students:

83 kindergarten children and 53 primary students at Sekolah Hidup Baru Batu Aji

17 kindergarten children and 10 primary students at Sekolah Hidup Baru Tanjung Piayu.

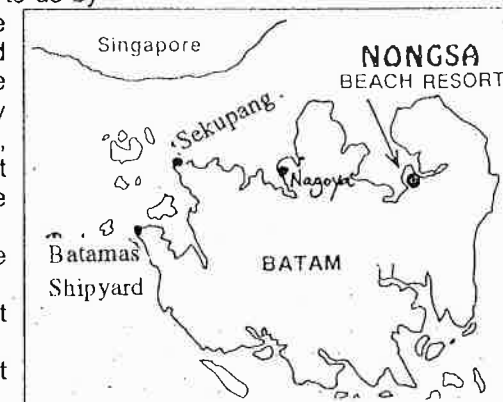
Our schools are meant to help the poor children with their education and at the same time we want them to experience *hidup baru* (new life) in Christ. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge . . ." (Prov 1:7). We offer them low school fees and a good education. Thank God that He provides us with 7 good trained Christian teachers.

God willing we plan to open a new work at Batu Aji Permai next year. We pray that God will lead our step there. We hope to start with children's work. Please pray for us!

At this opportunity I would like to thank Life Church for helping me with the medical and hospital fees of my son when he was hospitalised in Singapore. Thank you for your love.

Do pray for me, Supartik and others who serve together with us that we may serve the Lord with the right spirit and humbleness of hearts for the glory of God and Him alone. Once again thank you for all your prayers.

—Roska Shihombing



WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES VIII

Chapter III

First Save the Soul, Then Save the Body

At the Easter Sunrise and Baptismal Service 1993, after I had baptised some forty candidates including infants, I was abruptly distracted by an elder who rushed up a hurried note, "There's a sick man here seeking baptism!" As usual, whenever there is an urgent request, I would respond with, "...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). Jesus, you will notice in the Gospel accounts, never turned off anyone who sought His help. In the case of the Syrophenician woman, Jesus' reluctance was evidently to test her faith (Read Mark 7:24-30).

I asked the sick man to come forward. Knowing in advance this middle-aged man was suffering from terminal cancer, I admonished him that baptism for salvation of his soul was much more important than saving of his body. I told him that there was no guarantee for his cure from cancer, but if he truly surrendered to Jesus, the Son of God, who died on the cross for his sins, his soul would be saved. He nodded emphatically to what I said, so I baptised him.

Not long after this, it was reported that Bro. Chu Kok Keng had gone to be with the Lord. As his wife was of the old Chinese religion and so were the deceased's parents, it seemed they would go for a Buddhist or Taoist funeral. We prayed to the Lord to soften their hearts, and soon came the answer yielding to a Christian funeral. Had not the deceased man been baptised in his lifetime, there could be no Christian funeral. Now this would be a golden opportunity to preach the Gospel to the whole bereaved family, relatives and friends. The soul of the deceased was saved so that the unsaved living might now receive the Word of the Gospel. To counter any Roman claims of the priest's power over the soul of the deceased we would declare, "We pray not for the dead but rather for the living!"

First save the soul, then save the body! Our Lord gave us this recipe in the healing of the paralytic brought into the house by lowering him through the opened roof. When he saw the paralysed man lying on his back and the faith of the men who carried him there, He said, "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee" (Luke 5:20). The soul

must be saved first before the healing of the body.

Often, requests are made to the pastor to pray for the healing of a parent or loved one. My first question to the inquirer is, "Will he (or she) believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? When the answer is yes, to make doubly sure, I'd ask further, "Does he (or she) have an idol or idols in the house?" Being caught unawares, for most of those who come have idols, they become hesitant. My condition: Unless the idols are removed, I will not pray.

Once I was invited to a home where Grandma wanted to receive Christ. This was due to the witness of her Christian granddaughter. But the house had an idol belonging to the daughter-in-law. Here came the chance for a bargain. I persuaded the daughter-in-law (that is, the Christian granddaughter's mother) to believe as well. Whether she really received Christ I could not be sure. For Grandma's sake, however, she surrendered her household god to me. Praise the Lord! The day came when Grandma went home to be with the Lord. A Christian funeral without question (for the idol was no more there to hinder) and what a glorious opportunity to preach the Gospel at the vigil services and at the Christian cemetery. Funeral time is the best time to lead those who are without hope to the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

The most outstanding case of the Lord's saving both soul and body, almost instantaneously, took place in 1960. I had just come home from an evangelistic campaign in Korea, when the phone rang as I stepped into the house. An Indian man, Chandra by name, spoke from the Hospital where his son of nine months was lying seriously ill with leukaemia. The doctors gave him one week to live according to Mr Tassicker our elder. He pleaded, "Pastor, please come and baptise my son!" Like answering a call for the ambulance I rushed to the General Hospital.

There I found Chandra carrying a Bible in one hand and gesticulating nervously with the other. Now, his wife was also with him, and she was a Muslim while her husband was a Roman Catholic. Accommodating their request to baptise their child, I laid down my conditions. Both of you, husband a Catholic, wife a Muslim,

must renounce your religions and receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour. "Yes!" replied both husband and wife in emphatic unison. I prayed for them first to confirm their vows. Then, borrowing a kidney dish from the nurse on duty (it was about 10.30 pm) I baptised Roslan the baby boy "in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The next morning came the wonderful news that the boy had recovered 50 per cent. In three days he was discharged, praise the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As for me, like Peter after the big catch of two shiploads of fish, because of my trembling faith, I could only prostrate before His Greatness.

We visited the Chandra family in Jurong. We catechised the whole family, father, mother and six or seven children. At the semi-annual Baptismal Service, the whole family were baptised. But that was not all, Chandra opened his Telecom quarters for us to start a Church (the wife dreamt this) from which has matured an English Church and a Tamil Church. From the Tamil Bethlehem-Jurong BP Church there have sprouted several others, three in Singapore and two in Malaysia. The latest report of progress is that the Tamil churches have banded together to buy a valuable property at the junction of Dunearn and Farrer Roads which they name Rehoboth, meaning *Enlargement for the Tamil ministry*. Roslan the leukaemia baby is today a healthy young man, a Christian, following in the steps of his parents.

TESTIMONIES

I was born into a Christian family and was baptised since an infant. Even when I was very small, my Dad and Mum had been telling me about God's love and how He sent His only Son Jesus to die for our/my sins. I know that I was a sinner and could only be saved by trusting in the Lord.

I accepted the Lord Jesus while attending the children's camp when I was in primary two. I learnt many things in Sunday school and during the choir practice such as Bible verses and stories from the Bible. I began to understand more things about the Bible than before. I am happy to believe and put my trust in Him for I am assured that He is always with me. I am glad to confess the Lord in reaffirmation of faith. I want to remain faithful to the Lord and be a true believing Christian.

—Gary Seah Chong Ming

I was born in the Philippines, a country with very strong Roman Catholic background. Since young I was told that we are created by God and that we must do good things and behave well in order to be able to go to heaven to be with God. I had no idea what it meant to be saved and how good one must be before a person could finally reach heaven.

In 1991, I left my hometown, my family and my friends to come to Singapore to work as a domestic help. My employer and her family are all Christians and after I had worked for more than one year, they took me to their church, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, every Sunday. I followed them there to take care of their 3 young children. Though there was a worship service, I chose to stay in the Junior Sunday School, to observe how the children sang songs of praise to the Lord, and how they studied the Bible with enthusiasm. I noticed that when they prayed to God, He seemed so close and real to them.

In early 1996, Brother Eduardo Morante our teacher approached me to attend the Bible Study Class. Since I had nothing to do, I decided to attend. His first topic was about salvation. As he explained the Gospel of salvation to me, my heart was very touched and for the first time, I realised that I was a sinner and needed a Saviour to save me from sin and hell. After the lesson, he asked me if I wanted to receive such a wonderful Saviour as my personal Saviour too. I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal Saviour at that moment.

Through Bible study every Sunday I learn many things about God. I trust and begin to commit my life to Him gradually. As I learn to hand over my worries and problems to the Lord, I can really feel that He is changing my life too. I experience the joy of my prayers being answered and how the Lord has always kept His promise in giving me His peace in difficult times.

After I was born again, I longed to follow the teachings of the Lord by going through water baptism but I had to attend the catechism class which lasted 10 weeks before the Church would agree to baptise me. I really thank God for giving me the opportunity to worship Him with other brothers and sisters in the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church.

I pray that God will use me to spread the Gospel to those who have not come to know Him yet. I want to witness for Him and tell others how He has changed my life and what He has done for me. His Name is worthy to be praised!

—Mary Jane B. Pineda

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 1 - 7, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	\$5,401.50 (8.00 am); \$11,498.00 (10.30 am)		
FRI-SAT		LTF Retreat	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>EBF II</i> \$3700; <i>Cambodia</i> \$100, \$250; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$800, \$100; <i>YF</i> \$50; <i>Yiew PS</i> \$50, \$100; <i>MsF</i> \$50; <i>Davenport (of Baraka)</i> \$200; <i>Mersing</i> \$100; <i>Vancouver Church</i> \$250, \$100; <i>Children's Choir Camp</i> \$200; <i>Thanksgiving</i> \$500, \$200; <i>Vietnam</i> \$1000; <i>Heng JS</i> \$300.		
SAT	3.00 pm	YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Tips for Healthy Christian Living</i> (Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye)	(1) We are grateful to the Lord for your kind support and encouragement during the recent bereavement of our grandmother Mdm Tan S.T. We are touched by the kindness of the members of both the English & Chinese congregation. May the Lord bless the ministry of the church and bring more souls into His kingdom. (\$500)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	"My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" (Ps. 5:3). If we felt more the majesty of life we should be more careful of its mornings. He who rushes from his bed to his business and waiteth not to worship is foolish as though he had not put on his clothes or cleansed his face, and as unwise as though he dashed into battle without arms or armor. Be it ours to bathe in the softly flowing river of communion with God before the heat of the wilderness and the burden of the way begins to oppress us. --C. H. Spurgeon		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	The young people of the Chinese Service has the desire to revive the Chinese Jr Sunday Sch. Those burdened to serve please see Caleb Lim.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	CEF is running a "Teaching Children in Mandarin" course, 8/1 to 18/2/98. Interested, inform Caleb Lim, pager 9418 7817.		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	7.30 pm	Children's Choir Camp (Sun-Thu)			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.					
Sunda School Offering: \$625.50; Attendance: 315					
Verse for the Week: <i>But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.</i> Psalm 37:39					
Baptism of Bao Xian Bin and Rao Lin was conducted by Rev Colin Wong, assisted by Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, on 26 Nov 97 at SGH.					



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"			
	8.00 am	10.30 am	
Call to Worship	On Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow	
Opening Hymn	No. 34	No. 255	
Invocation-Gloria Patri			
Responsive Reading	Psalm 108	Psalm 19	
Hymn	No. 134	No. 86	
Announcements			
Offering & Hymn	No. 418	No. 507	
Offertory Prayer			
Scripture Text	Rom 1:13-16	Rom 10:15-21	
Pastoral Prayer			
Sermon	<i>Paul the Man of God</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Do you say OH YEAH</i> <i>OR AMEN?</i>	
Closing Hymn	No. 453	No. 267	
Benediction			

My dear Readers Thursday, Nov 20, '97
LETTER FROM DOWNUNDER

We thank the Lord for a safe and pleasant flight to Adelaide in less than 6 hours. Rev and Mrs Paauwe kindly came to receive us. As Qantas includes 3 nights free hotel at Grosvenor Vista, within walking distance to the Mall, we were comfortably settled there. Today we leave hotel for Glen Elg our seaside resort till Nov. 29 when we return home. Staying in town gives us several advantages. We can spend more time with the Paauwes, and go shopping. As for me I'm delighted to bag a latest Banner of Truth Trust's *History of Princeton Seminary*, leading to 1929, Dr Gresham Machen. Also 28 Bible verse posters. These we got from Reformation Book Stop, Rev MacKenzie.

By catching up on the Internet our Sunday Weekly is read by Paauwe Monday morning. Our FEBC Anthem sounds beautifully on the screen. The day after our arrival we received Yin Chan's draft copy of the Weekly for proofreading, as well as Dr Paul Lee Tan's acceptance of teaching a week's Vacation Bible College, May 25-30 prior to Bible Camp, June 1-5, 98. I propose Daniel 7-12 *Prophetic History Made Easy*. As for the Camp, a study of the

Eschatological Complex. *Countdown to Armageddon*. Dn David Tan of the Church Camp Committee, I hope these two suggestions are O.K. with you? Dr Paul Lee Tan is an expert on the End-times. Lifers! Book early to come to the Waterfront City, Batam in order not to be left out.

Be prepared for the Millennium Bomb and Computer Meltdown which even Tony Blair admits Britain must humbly face. Let me boldly state in the light of Bible prophecy, WWII will flare up not between US and China, but in the Middle East, culminating in the Euphrates, which is Iraq (Rev 9:14; 16:12-16). Worse than the Millennium Bomb. Familiarity breeds contempt. But hear this --- "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb 10:37).

Henceforth FEBC will hold



Annual Graduation. For 1998, the date is Sunday, May 10 in conjunction with the Sunset Gospel Hour, Dr S H Tow speaker. We will have the biggest number graduating, 30. Rev Charles Seet will then be on the full-time staff and add to the teaching staff. Meanwhile Dr Jeffrey Khoo and Lok Kwok Wah are headed for San Francisco with four boxes of our books, especially Calvin's Institutes to sell at a Book Fair attracting hundreds of publishers. God bless their efforts to spread the knowledge of the Truth by Asian writers.

Apart from our two English congregations and Chinese Service, we have 5 foreign language services run by FEBC foreign students. All of them are up and coming — Thai, Filipino, Indonesian, Burmese, Chin. The Chin Fellowship meets fortnightly and has an attendance of 60. Many Lifers have domestic helps from each of these language groups, including the Korean Church. You are duty bound to give your servants Sabbath rest. Let them attend these services that the Lord may bless your family! Being converted from Catholicism, some are baptised in the Korean Church. One Indonesian woman from another faith has received the Lord and is also baptised, praise the Lord. —T.T.

WEEKLY COUNSELLING RECIPES IX

Chapter III

First Save the Soul, Then Save the Body

Here is another moving story of the saving of the soul over saving of the body. A twelve-year old Sunday School student of Life Church was dying of a fatal heart disease at the General Hospital. He himself called for the pastor to baptise him (his parents were Buddhists), for he had believed with all his heart. Moreover, he knew his days were numbered on his fingers. I rushed down with an elder to see him. There and then he requested baptism again. When a surgical bowl filled with water was brought in, and as I was about to baptise him now sitting on his bed, the young man pointed to the bowl, "Shall I drink all the water in this bowl too?" There was no doubt about his entering into life. Immediately he was baptised, a glow of joy brightened his pale-yellow face, like the

appearance of the rainbow above the clouds.

Suffice it to recount a third instance of God's marvellous working in the saving of the Buddhist wife of a Lifer Yee Keong Hui by name, who later became a Deacon. This young woman was lying in hospital who requested me to pray for her recovery. At that time Rev John Grauley had come from America to assist me at Far Eastern Bible College. I brought him along to help pray for the lady. I also brought along a bottle of olive oil. Before we prayed, anointing her with the oil (James 5:14) I asked if she was willing to renounce her Buddhism. She nodded an emphatic yes. Whereupon I put my hand on her forehead in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Immediately after prayer, a most wonderful thing happened. Her yellow cheeks suddenly glowed a healthy pink. She declared she felt completely healed! She added, "I want to baptise this coming Sunday." I baptised her as requested. She testified before the congregation to the rejoicing of all.

Many are the testimonies of those who first find Christ before the saving of their bodies. Such testimonies are given at the Tuesday night prayer meeting of the Church. Suffice it to add this well-known story from our Indonesian Service. A young Chinese-Indonesian couple came to Singapore for medical treatment at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The wife was lying half paralysed in bed. We visited her and spoke to them the Gospel. We told her the stories of Jesus healing the maimed and the paralysed. Immediately she believed! She believed Jesus could also raise her up. Whereupon she asked to be baptised. "But what about your husband?" I demanded.

When we visited her again she gladly declared her husband was ready to confess Jesus in baptism also. Upon a stated afternoon members of the Indonesian service and the pastor visited the paralysed woman. There stood her husband by her bedside waiting for us. He knelt spontaneously beside her. First I baptised the woman, then the husband. I prayed for the speedy recovery of the half-paralysed wife. We sang praise choruses to the Name of Jesus.

A fortnight later, while the morning service of the English congregation was on, there suddenly arose from the pews that Indonesian lady, walking stick in hand, stepping steadfastly to the

Lord's Table platform. She climbed the two steps herself, and requested to give her testimony. A hush came upon the whole congregation. Whereas she had to be carried about before, now she could walk by herself with a stick. Glory filled the house as all stood, praising Him! "Blessed be the Name, Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

The young couple followed up with regular attendance at the Indonesian afternoon service for some weeks before returning to their home in Surabaya, Indonesia. Every year, for a good number of years, she sent us a Christmas card with words praising and thanking the Lord.

This chapter on the importance of saving the soul before saving the body cannot be complete without testifying for a lady of our Chinese Service. Sister Hwa began to suffer from depression when her husband would not come home. This depression so upset her that she developed insomnia. Being spiritually tormented day and night, she consulted both western doctors and oriental mediums, *dukuns*, and bomohs. She spent a fortune visiting both Chinese and Indian temples, going even to Batu Caves in Kuala Lumpur to see the Hindu holy men — all to no avail.

A patient of my brother Dr S H Tow she was recommended to attend Life Church Chinese Service. For many months she came, regularly hearing the sermons preached by Rev Jason Linn of *Pioneering in Dyak Borneo* fame. (Rev Linn was our guest staying on the Church premises.) As she waited patiently on the Lord, with the support of the whole congregation's prayers, she suddenly came to herself one Lord's Day afternoon. Whereupon she sought me quickly and announced, "Praise the Lord, I am well, I am well."

At the Christmas Eve Service, 1975 she requested to give testimony of her healing by hearing the good news of Jesus Christ regularly at the Sunday Chinese Service. "I have put on ten pounds. Whereas all the doctors, bomohs, *dukuns* and mediums could not heal me, JESUS has! He touched me one day and I woke up with a clear mind. I am well, I am well." In thanksgiving she offered \$3000 to construct a Galilee Sea Fountain for the Churchyard, which functions to this day. The Lord saved her soul, then her body also recovered. Madam Hwa has since that date served faithfully in our Chinese Church. She does not miss Church for a Sunday. Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

TESTIMONIES

My parents were Christians when I was born and thus I grew up, going to Church every Sunday. When I was very young, I did not really understand the principles of being a Christian, like how to be saved and how to serve God well. I treated the Lord as a figure of authority, something like my parents, or, well, a relative living away from home. I thought that by singing many songs that praised him and doing handicrafts in Church every week, I would be automatically saved. Only now do I realise that I was very foolish then.


I did not think very much of salvation until very much later when I joined first the Children's Choir, then the Junior Worship Service. Sometimes, before that age, when the thought came to my mind, I sometimes would think that because my parents were Christians, I would be saved, or even humorously, during the rapture, if they rose up and I did not, I would grab on to someone's leg and hang on. I was wrong.

One Sunday, after hearing a very interesting message, the sermon sort of made me question my salvation. That night, I thought to myself, "Was I saved? Would I go to Heaven? Would I go to hell?" I finally decided that I was far from being saved, and I saw that I was a terrible sinner, so I confessed my sins to the Lord and prayed to him to forgive them and guide me to be a saved Christian.

I really thank the Lord as he answered my prayer. The following Sundays were filled with more messages of salvation and how to be an effective Christian, so I was guided onto the narrow path of being a Christian with a clear light from God. —Colin Tan Jingxian

I was born on the 14th of May 1985. I was later baptised on the 24th of December in the same year. My family has been attending Life Bible-Presbyterian Church since 1983. All these years, I have been attending my Sunday School and the Children's Choir led by Mrs Tow. I love listening to church hymns and reading the Bible. I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour because He died for my sins. The Lord is my Counsellor and my Teacher. He has always guided me through my examinations and is always by my side when I am troubled. The Lord has always been my shepherd because He has taken care of me well. Praise be His Name. Amen.

—Elvin Liang Chong Wen

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 8 - 14, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	\$7,110.00 (8.00 am); \$12,757.50 (10.30 am)		
THU	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	OFFERINGS FOR: Extn of Gospel \$900(Coinafor), \$400, \$41.75(Box); Cambodia \$90; E Band \$500; New Life Kenya \$1000, LBS Kenya \$2000; Vancouver \$500; Rev Tow \$100; Mrs Tow \$100; Eld Khoo \$100; Dr Jeffrey Khoo \$100; Moses Hahn \$100; JJ Lim \$50; Thanksgiving \$50;		
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House	(1) Thank you gracious Lord for softening my parents' heart that they did not stop me from going for my baptism. Thank thee also for seeing me through. Pray that Father you will continue to help me to walk faithfully with thee, for in thy presence is fulness of joy, Ps 16:11b. A small token of \$500 to be distributed to Rev Tow as a beloved Pastor and Principal of FEBC and for his faithfulness to God, Mrs Tow for her labour of love, Elder Khoo for his compassion and care, Dr Jeffrey Khoo for his steadfast contending and his gifted teaching, Moses Hahn as he fearlessly evangelises and teaches (Ps 136:1).		
SAT	11.00 am	Bartley Christian Church Wedding	 JESUS SAVES CLOCKS NEWLY ARRIVED. FROM \$19.50. PEWTER CLOCKS, \$29.50. CHINESE ART CALENDERS, \$2.50.		
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	"The Bible for Every Home." Chinese Gospel Meeting on 13 Dec 97, 6pm at FEBC Hall. Hokkien with interpretation into Mandarin. Speaker: Rev John Chang Jen Yen.		
	4.00 pm	Covenant EFC Wedding			
	6.00 pm	Chinese Gospel Mtg, FEBC Hall			
SUN	8.00 am	The Just shall live by Faith (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Tan Eng Boo			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	1.30 pm	AF AGM			
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service; 4pm Indonesian Ser			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$477.60 ; Attendance: 340					
Verse for the Week: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God. Eph 3:19					



This is our Kuching congregation, worshipping in an upstairs flat at 1st floor, 78 Jln. Kedandi, Tebuan Dusun 93350, Kuching. Tel: 02082-362305. Pray for Calvin Loh as he speaks at their Christmas Rally, Sat. Dec 20.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 31	No. 28
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 103	Psalms 95
Hymn	No. 142	No. 341
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 160	<i>Bring all...</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Col 3:1-17	Rom 11:1-6
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Tips for Healthy Christian Living</i> (Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye)	<i>Priority Ministry to the Remnants</i>
Closing Hymn		No. 302
Benediction		Lord's Supper

Multiple Blessings on Those Who Honour God With Their Substance

(Message delivered by Pastor Timothy Tow to Hope B-P Church, Adelaide, Nov 23, 1997)

Text: Mal 3:10-11. *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.*

I am so delighted to worship with you this Lord's Day morning in the beauty of holiness of this sanctuary. This is a good attendance, but how I wish it is filled to overflowing.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans of his coming visit, he wished he might "impart some spiritual gift" to them (Rom 1:11). So, it is my desire also to bring you a gift that will be a blessing to you

and your Church. And the way I do it is by a song I've composed recently. It is *Bring All The Tithes Now Before Him* (to the Tune of *Give of your best to the Master*).

Bring all the tithes now before Him (Mal 3:10)
Appear not with empty hand (Ex 23:15)
God has promised you who love Him (Ps 103:1-5)
Mercies and grace without end. (Jn 13:1, Prov 3:9,10)

He'll cast from you every sickness (Ps 103:3; Mal 3:11)
He'll prosper you with good health (Ps 103:4,5)
He'll watch o'er your steps with all keenness (Ps 103:4)
He'll give you power to get wealth. (Deut 8:18)

Bring all the tithes now before Him (Mal 3:10)
Appear not with empty hand (Ex 23:15)



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Plainly, this Sermon is on the Blessings of Tithing. We have restated it more sharply, "Multiple Blessings on those who Honour God with their Substance." Now, when I introduced the song to the 8.00 am Service (we have the main service at 10.30 am), a young Lifer got very upset! He wrote complaining against the pastor that I was too money-minded, that I should have considered his spiritual needs than ask for money. Besides, he wanted to know from where I got the promises of blessing. This morning are you also taken aback by my sermon on tithing? And having come from a background of Dispensational teaching, you would further retort, "Tithing is done away under Grace. It was required only under the period of Moses' Law. We are under Grace today. We are not bound to give the one-tenth."

Those who repudiate tithing are wrong! The offering of the tithe to God was initiated by Abraham, long before Moses legislated it. It was the sacred tenth that he rendered to the Almighty after victory over the foreign kings who had taken Lot his nephew in captivity. It sprang gratefully from his heart, because God had helped him without loss of life or limb. If you are a child of God, would you not do the same to thank your Lord and Saviour?

Abraham's grandson Jacob must have heard this wonderful story from his grandfather. Thus, when he was fleeing for his life from Esau his brother who wanted to kill him, and God protected him from all harm in the "howling wilderness" (Dt 32:10) with a dream of angels watching over him, he vowed to give God one-tenth. Jacob also lived long before Moses.

Lastly, we have our Lord Jesus confirming the tithe. In His denunciation of the Pharisees tithing "mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God," Jesus said, "these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Lk 11:42). Jesus required love and judgment over the tithe, but He said the tithe should also be given. Love first, tithe second. But the Pharisees put the tithe first and love last, which must be corrected.

Now, what multiple blessings does God

promise us? 1. He will open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it. 2. Equally positive, He will rebuke the devourer, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground. He will increase your produce, bless the work of your hands, which in Deut 8:18 is a reminder, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth..." In Ps 103:3-5 David stresses the spiritual, viz., the forgiveness of our sins, the healing of all our diseases. (In Chinese, no sickness is great gain.) Further God saves us from death, such as in accidents, natural disasters, war. He further bestows us with radiant health and a good appetite, so we can enjoy the bounties of life. He watches over every step we take that we may not fall. Won't you count your blessings, name them one by one?

My daughter tells me that in America the Govt takes 1/3 of her salary, promptly on pay day. When I worked under the Japanese during WWII, my salary could hardly last one week. We were always in want. What is it that we give back a tenth to God when he has blessed us so richly: saving our souls, forgiving our sins and giving us good jobs and the power to get wealth?

When we give our tithes, the Lord will also bless our Church. Here is my testimony as Pastor of Life Church. In 1979-83 we built New Life Church at Woodlands. Our offerings in 1979 were hardly able to maintain the Church. By 1983 when the new Church was completed, our income rose ten times over. Then the Lord gave us Beulah House 1989-1990 and our people rallied. The Lord so blessed us that now our giving is 20 times that of 1979. So, we can support 14 missionaries, etc. Our people keep on giving, cheerfully, because they have experienced the blessing of tithing. We still have \$200,000 loaned by members, but they "just leave it there," because "God has blessed us."

If every member of Hope Church will tithe, both tithers and Church will prosper together! Believest thou this? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts." Or will you hear Him say, "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6).

—T.T.

BABY FAITH

Kian Sing and Swee Luan

Our little daughter, Faith, contracted meningitis (an inflammation of the brain membranes) in August and was admitted to KK Hospital. She was only 3½ months old then.

She had hydrocephalus (excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid within the ventricles of the brain) at birth and had undergone two operations since then. The second one was done when she was two months old. A shunt was inserted into her brain to relieve the pressure and the fluid diverted into a cavity (an empty sac) in her abdomen.

With much fear and trembling, we cried out to our Lord to deliver her from this infection. The infection was further complicated by the presence of the shunt as the bacteria might cling onto the shunt, making it difficult for the bacteria to be eradicated completely. It was with much relief and thankfulness to our merciful God when the test result was negative. It was a miracle that the shunt was not infected.

We had so many answered prayers during the one month of stay in the hospital. We thank God for the treatment of Faith's illness. The speedy and efficient testing of the right antibiotics for the infection and her ability to receive and respond well to the treatment was not taken for granted. The Lord's healing hand was upon her when her fever finally subsided after the 10th day. The shunt, though blocked by the dead cells of the bacteria, was not infected at all. So the surgeon need only to change the catheter in her brain and leave the rest of the tube in her body alone. This is a less major operation than if the whole system needs to be changed. We praise God for the love and comfort of Christian brethren who encouraged us not only spiritually but also physically. Sisters in the AF came with fruits, food and even home brewed tonics for the breast-feeding mother. Truly, the love of Christ has touched us deeply through His children.

The Lord has continually comforted us through His Word and His people who overwhelm us with their love, care and concern. All these are the Lord's blessing upon us which we are always grateful for. By His Grace He has also given us opportunities to share Christianity with a Filipina nurse and an Indonesian couple whose baby was also admitted for surgery.

We praise and thank God for all His benefits towards us and through all these, He is increasing our faith and exercising our patience. We are still learning to say:

*Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded our helpless
estate and hath shed His blood for my soul
It is well with my soul. Amen.*



First fruits from Kuching. Mr Bong is holding the Baptismal Bowl.

Condolences to Madam Maureen Chia on the passing of her husband, Mr Kenny Chan Kum Wah, 49, Dec 1. Funeral on Dec 4 was officiated by the pastor.

Last call to Mission Trip to Mandalay, Burma, Jan 29-Feb 2, '98. All inclusive, \$1298. Please phone Wendy, Transglobe 532-4288 or Mrs Ivy Tow.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Dec 15 - 21, '97)


TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
FRI	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Sharon BPC)
SAT	2.00 pm	Sunday School Christmas Party
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC
SUN	9.30 am	Life Combined Praise Service
	9.30 pm	No Sunday School
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah.

Sunday School Offering: \$478.45; Attendance: 322

Verse for the Week: *Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.* Psalm 118:28

Infant Baptism, next Lord's Day, 9.30 am.
Parents who wish their infants to be baptised please inform Church Office by Tue, 16 Dec, giving child's name, parents and date of birth.



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*"Steps to Eternal Life" Children's Camp
Dec 8-12, '97*

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS

\$4,886.00 (8.00 am); \$14,895.00 (10.30 am)

OFFERINGS FOR: *EBF II* \$3700, \$2770(Chinese Ser); *Extn of Gospel* \$470, \$182(Boxes); *Cambodia Mission* \$200, \$100, \$1000(AF); *Baraka Conf Centre* \$100; *Rev Tow* \$1000; *Men's F'ship* \$300; *Rehoboth* \$500; *Rev Wan* \$500; *Vietnam* \$20, \$1000; *Robert Peh* \$250; *JJ Lim* \$400, \$30; *Jack Sin* \$150; *C Seet* \$100; *Cambodia* \$500, M\$669(Kemaman); *Mersing* \$300; *Missions* \$150; *Sunday School* \$50, \$1000; *Children's Msty* \$50; *Mersing* \$150; *Clements* \$300; *21CRB* \$30; *Africa Mission* \$100; *Rev Colin Wong* \$100; *Myanmar Orph* \$326; *Seets* \$50; *Vancouver Church Project* \$1907 (Choir Vespers); *Jonathan Lee* \$150; *JS Heng* \$250; *Chiangmai* \$1000(AF); *Kenya LBS* \$100(AF).



This Chinese couple Mr & Mrs Bao, after having received the Lord in SGH was found by David Fung, a Lifer. Knowing they would be returning to China, David contacted Life Church to have them baptised. Whereupon Rev Colin Wong and Elder Khoo Peng Kiat visited them, and baptised them. Now they are returned to China, praising God.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder Geoffrey Tan	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 93	No. 151
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 71	John 3:1-21
Hymn	No. 404	No. 157
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 227	No. 137
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:17	Luke 2:8-20
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Just shall live by Faith</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>When Christmas loses its biblical meaning</i> (Rev Tan Eng Boo)
Closing Hymn	No. 454	No. 165
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

Great Is Thy Faithfulness — A Testimony

By Dr Joseph Selvanayagam, Hope BPC, Adelaide

I would like to share something about what the Lord has taught from a particular experience over the last 15 months. I do this not to gain your sympathy (for I don't really need this) but rather to testify to the goodness, mercies and faithfulness of God to me over this period of time.

In March 1996, I was informed that a female patient whom I had seen the year before as an intern at the Royal Adelaide Hospital had made a complaint about me to the police. The allegation was that I had performed an internal examination on her without her consent, which equates to a charge of rape. This was obviously a shock and extremely difficult to deal with emotionally at that time. To compound matters, I had to look for my own legal support, as the hospital did not indemnify me. The matter is still up before the courts with the trial in November, but suffice to say that over the last 15 months I have been to court about a dozen times, and the disruption has meant that I have had to defer my specialist training for the time being.

Well, what spiritual lessons have I learnt from the experience? Firstly, God never forsakes His children and His promises never fail. To His children He says "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb 13:5); "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt

11:28); "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps 55:22); "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut 33:27). I can truly say that I have found these, and many more promises to be as true today as when they were first written. The Psalms especially are a comfort — they are a 'balm to the troubled soul.' By His grace, I have the assurance that all things will work together for (spiritual) good to them that love God (Rom 8:28) and that the judge of all the earth will do right (Gen 18:25).

Secondly, I have learnt even more of God's inexhaustible supply of grace. God's will does not lead us, where the grace of God does not provide. His way may seem hard, but along the way He has resting places and oases for refreshment. When you are His child and you turn to Him in prayer, He gives you grace to bear your trial. In fact the grace he gives is directly proportional to the trial, difficulty or hardship you might be facing. If you have a small trial he gives you little grace; when faced with a bigger trial, His grace is still sufficient (II Cor 12:9). Moreover, the grace he bestows daily is sufficient for that day. God does not give the graces that you need months ahead of time. As I look ahead, I have the assurance that if God permits the trial to proceed later this year, He will give the corresponding grace and

strength to bear this and whatever outcome the trial may bring.

God promises the Christian His peace with every hardship, *if we seek it*. "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7). Peace with God was secured at Calvary through faith in Jesus Christ. The peace of God floods the Christian's soul only as we pray, praise and thank Him in every situation. Isaiah 26:3 says: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." God gives us His peace which surpasses all human understanding when we keep our minds fixed and focused on Him, His attributes (Just, Holy, Wise, Loving etc), and the promises in His word.

The 'fire' of trials and testing that God permits in a Christian's life is sometimes there in order to purge the 'dross' and impurities in our life. Impurities such as arrogance, pride, self-will, anger, love of money, impatience and an unforgiving spirit to mention a few. "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness" (Mal 3:3). The 'fire' that He sometimes takes us through moulds us closer to the image of the Lord Jesus. However, God, who created us, knows how much difficulty or hardship we can cope with and the 'fire,' though hot enough to mould us, is never hot enough to burn us (I Cor 10:13).

I have learnt that it is far better to trust in the Almighty and infinite God than to put confidence in finite man, even Christians. Even as the psalmist says in Psalm 118:8,9 — It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes." I can truly say that the Lord Jesus has been my closest friend, "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov 18:24). Even if your friends sometimes wittingly or unwittingly let you down or not meet your expectations the Lord NEVER lets His children down; children who lean on His everlasting arms.

Most importantly, God permits trials, difficulties and hardships into the lives of His children because He loves us and wants our faith in Him to grow. We pray, and sometimes complain because God has answered our prayer. Have you ever prayed God, increase my faith, then complain because of the hard chain of events that God sent. God answer that prayer except by sometimes sending a hard trial and crushing experience where our faith is taxed to

the very limit. Then He gives you more faith. We pray God, draw me nearer and in answer He sends some sorrow and heartache that drives us to our knees in prayer.

Have you ever prayed: Lord, keep me humble? Can we expect God to wave a magic wand over us to make us a giant of humility instantly? No, it doesn't work that way. He might need to send some humiliating experience in our lives to answer that prayer. We pray, make me pure, and He sends testing purifying fire. We pray, give me patience, and everything seems to go wrong, for "tribulation worketh patience" (Rom 5:3).

The well-known poem called 'The Weaver' contains so much truth about how God works in the painful affairs of this life:

*My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colours
He worketh steadily
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow
And I in foolish pride
Forget that He seeth the upper;
And I the under side
Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skilful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned*

My dear reader, I would like to conclude by posing two questions to you. Firstly, are you saved? I don't mean are you going to church, do you read the Bible, are your parents Christian, or even if you are serving the Lord, but rather, have you confessed your sinfulness to God, believed in your heart that the Lord Jesus died for your sins, and asked Him to forgive your sins. If not, do not delay. Do it today, for "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor 6:2). God's period of grace will not last forever and soon your heart may be hardened and he may take this opportunity away. The Lord Jesus says, "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). When you become His child you will experience His bountiful grace in all aspects of your life and peace which passeth all human understanding. Whatever trial, hardship or difficulty you encounter He becomes your "refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm

46:1). Nothing will be able to separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:35-39).

Secondly, if you are saved by the Lord's grace, **what position does He hold in your life?** Is He both Lord and Saviour to you, or Saviour only? Is He at the absolute centre of your life or is it something or someone else that is keeping Him out of this position? This might be your current occupation or potential career, studies, your house or some material possession, even family, spouse or close friend. If you are unsure of this, think if you had to make a decision and choose between God and the aforementioned thing who or what will you really choose. Would you rather have Jesus, than silver or gold, worldly applause, houses or lands or even your closest, dearest earthly friend? Really? May we pray as the psalmist prayed: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me" (Psalm 139:23,24), and God will reveal any thing in our lives that is interfering with Him having first priority in our lives. He desires to be Lord as well as Saviour of our lives.

(Editor's note: Praise the Lord, the judge ruled on November 7, 1997, that Joseph had "no case to answer after hearing the entire prosecution case." The defense was not even called upon to present its case. In a statement in "The Advertiser" of November 8, 1997, Joseph said, "I would like to thank God, my family, friends and colleagues who have supported me through this difficult experience over the last 18 months." All glory be unto God.)

Pastoral Chat

My dear Readers,

A leader of the second generation

The testimony by Dr Joseph Selvanayagam has deeply touched my heart. How he has sought the Lord in the Psalms — a balm for his troubled soul — echoes to mine, and yours. Should you be cast down in the Valley of Baca (tears), may you be uplifted by one who has passed through it and come out rejoicing.

Dr Selvanayagam is a leader of the second generation. The first generation, his parents, are from Sri Lanka. They migrated to Australia because of the civil war, raging even now in their country. And six or seven families from West and East Malaysia, from Indonesia, make up the rest of the Church. The remainder are students, hailing from S. East Asia, including Singapore.

Time was when the Church was worshipping at the Old Scout Den (1986). But the Lord graciously led them to acquire the Stone Mansion with 28

rooms sitting squarely on 46,000 sq ft of land for 0.85 million dollars. That Joseph should arise a leader of the second generation is of great significance. And together with him are other young leaders too, who love the Lord and our B-P stand.

After 12 years' service, the Lord is calling the Paauwes back to the headquarters, the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. It is an unanimous call, and we should add ours to the decision. The Paauwes have done a good job and are leaving the Stone Mansion a heritage for the generations to come. With their expertise in all the modern means of communication they would contribute to the running efficiency at the Board. They need our prayers. They plan to leave Adelaide early June via Singapore, making their way to USA end of August. Their place will be filled by Rev Ki Ock Man, now taking his Ph.D. at Pensacola Christian College.

In order to help the Church grow spiritually and financially we preached on tithing with the help of a song. The first to respond warmly to the message was Mr Selvanayagam, father of Joseph, who is of the same mind. We are sure to see an increase in their giving, to the glory of God.

"A Priority Ministry to the Remnants"

God has put His Spirit on Dr S H Tow to advance what I have called, "a priority ministry to the remnants" (Rom 11:1-6). With the growth of the BPC more and more of our members are migrating to the four corners of the earth. We have mentioned Hope BPC, Adelaide, but there are another three in Australia, viz., Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, then London, Toronto and to be inaugurated on Watchnight Service, Vancouver. Vancouver has the greatest concentration of BPs. Yet they are our remnants, whom if we do not go to gather together would be scattered like sheep. A priority ministry to the remnants "according to the election of grace" (Rom 11:5). By Dr Tow's strategy of first acquiring a Church building, he has expedited growth by leaps and bounds, as the older B-P Churches, Perth and Melbourne, have shown. These two Churches are now self-supporting and contributing to missions. If you have the Lord's money, a portion of your tithe will encourage the hands in this "Priority Ministry to the Remnants."

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 22 - 28, '97)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:	
MON	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	\$6,763.00 (8.00 am); \$23,536.50 (10.30 am)	
TUE	8.00 pm	No Prayer Mtg because of carolling	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250; Extn of the Gospel	
WED	8.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	\$100(LTF), \$67(Boxes), \$50, \$200, \$100; Cambodia \$100;	
THU	10.00 am	Wedding of Gideon Ng & Eunice Chee (Rev Tow)	Kenya \$100, \$1000, \$1000(AF); Batam \$50, \$150; JJ Lim \$400; Missions \$1500, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$150; Rev Colin Wong \$200; Seets \$200; Tract Msty \$30; Maranatha Bldg Fund \$570; Myanmar \$50; Myanmar Orph \$100; To 9 individuals \$4000.	
	1.00 pm	Korean Christmas Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	4.00 pm	JSM Christmas Service	(1) I thank God for answering my prayer by giving me a better paid job. May I always remember to focus on heavenly things and not to chase after the treasures on earth. This is a small portion of what the gracious Father has given to me — may it be used to further the extension of His Kingdom. —A grateful soul	
FRI	8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Christmas Service	(2) My love offering to the Lord. Thank Him for the bountiful blessings on my family. Thank you, Lord Jesus. (\$1000)	
SAT	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)	(3) Thank God for blessing us with another child on 19 Nov 97. (\$200)	
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Madam Kow Liong Swee, 70, mother of Mr Benny Goh went home to be with the Lord, Thu Dec 18. Funeral on Sat. Dec 20 was officiated by the Pastor. Who will kindly donate O plus blood for Mr Tan Keok Hong now at Mt Elizabeth Hospital? Page Tracy: 9224 6546.	
	5.00 pm	Sharon BPC Wedding	Collection of goods for 3rd container to Cambodia resumes.	
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Why is God angry with the Heathen</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	FEK requires a part-time cleaner. Call Elder Mahadevan at 4664059.	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Furnished Master Bedroom for rental at Bt Panjang. Please call Florence at 769 5540.	
	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/Filipina F'ship/SBC		
	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service		
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour		
No NBC This Week.				
Sunday School Offering: \$648.06; Attendance: 311				
Verse for the Week: <i>There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.</i> Isaiah 45:21b				



Life Church YF Camp at New Life Church, 30 Nov - 5 Dec 97



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THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS 1997

There is a tiny enclave of Christians who do not celebrate our Saviour's Birth because they say there is no commandment in the Bible, besides its celebration coincides with some ancient heathen practice. Moreover it is being commercialised to such an extent that many think it is Santa Claus' birthday. And who is Santa Claus? He is the progenitor of departmental stores.

Our answer is neither is there commandment in the Bible not to celebrate, nor do we associate the Birth of Christ with any heathen practice, ancient or modern. We have no connection with Santa Claus. We celebrate from a heart overflowing with thanksgiving and praise on the Coming of the Lord to save us. We join with the angels and heavenly hosts who were the first to announce the Birth of Christ and sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill toward men." We join with the shepherds telling forth the good news, "glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them" (Lk 2:20). We kneel with the Wisemen in worship, and we bring Him a gift, as "they presented unto him gold, and frankincense and myrrh" (Matt 2:11).

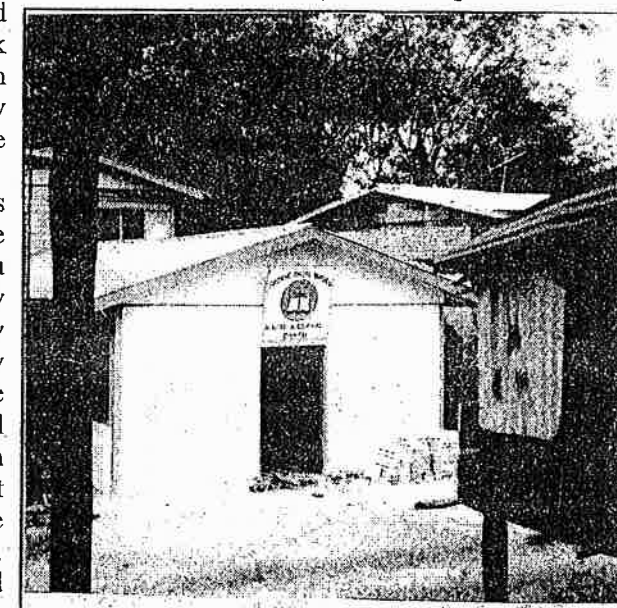
Christmas 1997 sees Singaporeans celebrating with tables full of good food, like spreading a feast. Jesus says, "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, . . ." (Lk 14:12-14). Therefore in our apportionment of Christmas gifts brought in by you, we must channel a portion to the Cambodians, the poor, the sick, the hungry. (The same sister who gave \$2,000 to feed

poor Cambodians has brought another \$2,000.) To some Singapore struggling charitable bodies like Helping Hand and Breakthrough Mission. To worthy needy members, missionaries and missions too.

The most important thing is to preach the Gospel at such an opportune time. Bring an unsaved friend to Christmas Eve Service. It is still day, but night is fast descending. The night cometh when no man can work. Pray for Calvin Loh who is sent to deliver the Message to a big crowd gathered at our Kuching Mission, Dec 20 and 21.

Alongside Kuching B-P Church, we want to thank God for the construction of a new Church, seating 100 by Kebaktian Indonesia (Elder & Mrs Charlie Chia) at the long-house village of Marau, 2 hours drive from Kuching. This Church is under the care of Tram Epoi (FEBC Iban graduate).

From Kuching, let us hop to the far north, Japan, where God's special evangelist to school





A Story for Christmas

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, and somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angry, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money, you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day.

Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still gift-wrapped Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

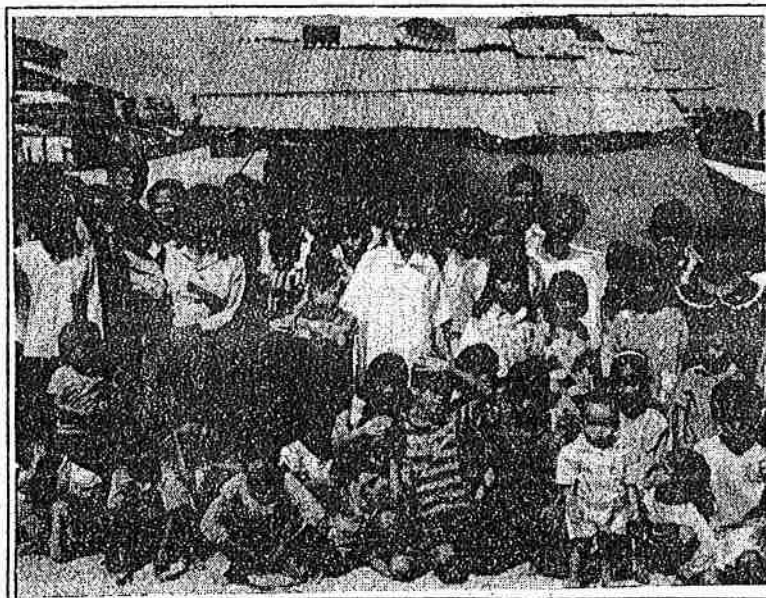
As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because we can't see past our own desires?????

children is — Miss Setsuko Takashima (FEBCer 1984). Her new address is:

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From Japan let us hop south to Cambodia where Moses Hahn keeps up his evangelistic outreach. Photo shows him after preaching to a new crowd at the Village of Obai. But two policemen came and warned them not to meet again until they register with the Govt. "When God works, Satan also works." —T.T.



Testimony of David Soh

I have been a Buddhist all my life and yet never felt comfortable being one. There were lots of questions which I wanted to ask, but being a Buddhist, one is taught not to question too much as it might offend certain deities and I would be re-born a chicken in my next life as a punishment.

There were times when I came across some Christians who tried to talk to me about Jesus, but I would always brush them off or even mock them. You can say I was an anti-Christian. Still, deep inside me I hungered to know who God was.

In 1989, I was overseas and I noticed a Chinese man walking in the pouring rain giving out Christian pamphlets. I thought he was crazy but nevertheless accepted a pamphlet. I kept the pamphlet without reading it. It was much later in 1990 I came across this same pamphlet at a time when I was going through an upheaval in my life. The title on the pamphlet was "New Light" and on reading it, I realised it talked about a God who is loving and wanted those in the dark to have new light in their lives. That is the first time that God knocked on my door.

There were many instances when God gently knocked on my door, but being stubborn and arrogant, I failed to heed His call. Some time in 1993, I got to know my present wife, Sharon, who lent me books written by Rev Timothy Tow. Praise God!

Much later, she lent me a KJV Bible which had a text highlighted in it. I wasn't too keen on reading the Bible as it was thick and hard to understand.

It was not until 1995 on a morning when I was feeling bored and troubled that I turned to the highlighted verse of Matt 11:28. I felt a peaceful calmness descend on me as I read this verse over and over again. I really didn't want to believe it, but deep inside me, someone was pushing me to read the Holy Book.

I read the Bible in 2 weeks and hungered for more. I avidly devoured books on Christianity and particularly enjoyed reading Rev Tow's books on John Sung and books relating to Daniel and Revelation.

God said in Jeremiah 29:13 that "ye shall seek me and find me." Now that I have found the living God, I wish to be baptised and be a part of God's Holy family, to seal the covenant, to receive his Grace and to find peace unto my soul.

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Cheung Hao Han, Ryan
s/o Mr & Mrs Rick Cheung Chee Wai
02. Huang An, Jonathan
s/o Mr & Mrs Ng Keok Wah
03. Lai Chi Peng, Timothy
s/o Mr & Mrs Lai Seng Kwoon
04. Lee Chun Han, Daniel
s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Kian Chai
05. Lee Wei-En, Theodore
s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Heok Seng
06. Mark Choo Morante
s/o Mr & Mrs Eduardo Morante
07. Quek Yi Ning, Lois
d/o Mr & Mrs Quek Keng Khwang
08. Tai Cac Ryn
d/o Mr & Mrs Tai Mem Yee
09. Toh Hui En, Hazel
d/o Mr & Mrs Collin Toh Kim Ho

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Tan Sze Ern, Grace *Student*

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

02. Tan Mui Mui *Student*
03. Quek Sharon Cassandra *Customer Relation*

BAPTISM

04. Soh Chai Yeow, David *Businessman*
05. Tan Yie Theng, Eunice *Accounts Asst*

CALLED TO CAMBODIA

Miss Monica Ong is well qualified not only for an evangelistic ministry in Cambodia but also for a ministry of healing. She is a graduate of S'pore Bible College and has lately studied at FEBC. She is a qualified nurse and midwife, and has served 3 years with the OMF Hospital in Thailand. Her knowledge of Thai helps her to learn the language of the Khmers. But it is the



constraining love of Christ for the down and out in Cambodia that will bear fruit for the Lord. She is leaving Dec 23 with Rev & Mrs David Koo and 3 children for Kompong Som, where Moses Hahn will have rented a house in time for their accommodation. Monica will be commissioned by the laying of the elders' hand today. Pray for her as she serves a 3-month stint for a start.

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 29, '97 - Jan 4, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$44,341.00		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	OFFERINGS FOR: EBE II \$600(JSM), <i>Extn of the Gospel</i> \$600, \$20(Boxes), \$84.50(Boxes), \$530(Boxes); Cambodia \$100, \$1000, \$100, \$50, \$300, \$500, \$200, \$500, \$1100, \$2000; Rehoboth \$500; Baraka BPC \$240, \$200; JS Heng \$360, \$200; Missions \$1100, \$300, \$800; Moses Hahn \$7, \$400, \$600; Rev Tow \$100, \$500, \$100; Loy Huei Ching \$100, \$200; Yiew PS \$100; JJ Lim \$200, \$100; Vancouver Church \$500; Rev C Wong \$100; Seets \$100; Needy Missions \$100; Foreign Missions \$300; Robert Peh \$500; Tan Bee Choo \$600; Ho Heng Sau \$300; Needy FEBC students \$1000; Yusniar \$600(Keb Ina); Missionaries \$5000; Thanksgiving \$2000.		
WED	7.00 pm	YF/YAF Combined Thanksgiving Anniv, FEBC Hall (Rev Tow)			
	8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Watchnight Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.45 pm	Watchnight Service (Rev Wong)			
THU	12.00 mn	Korean Watchnight Service, FEBC Hall	(1) "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God" (Ps 62:7). Thank God for His precious gift of salvation. Also thank Him for His protection as well as His goodness towards us during our oversea tour. Please channel this token of thanksgiving (\$500) to the needy ministries of God. —A thankful Lifer		
	11.00 am	William Teo & Rachel Goh Wedding (Rev Tow)			
	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Tow)	(2) Thank God for preserving my wife's life. Indeed we should never take for granted our everyday safety. Token of thanks for mission work (\$800).		
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Covenant EFC)			
FRI	8.30 am	FEBC New Semester Opens	NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.		
		Day of prayer, Sanctuary			
SAT	10.00 am	Covenant EFC Wedding	We extend our deepest condolences to Eld Heng Yow Tong of Zion BPC, and Treasurer of FEBC, on the sudden home-going of his beloved wife, Christmas Eve. Funeral on Sat Dec 27 at 'CCK' Cemetery was officiated by the Pastor of Faith and Zion Churches.		
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Edwin Lim & Irene Lim, Rev Tow			
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF			
SUN	8.00 am	Rev Wong			
	9.30 pm	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Charles Seet, Lord's Supper			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)			
	10.30 am	Nursry/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Ser; 12.30 Korean Ser			
	12.30 pm	Filipina F'ship; 3pm Thai/Chin Ser			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser.			
Verse for the Week: For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Psalm 31:3					



Rev & Mrs Moses Hahn and family missionaries to Cambodia.



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 165	No. 162
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 2	Rev 22:1-15
Hymn	No. 295	No. 222
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 91	No. 421
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 1:18-32	Lk 13:1-5
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Why is God angry with the Heathen? (Rev Colin Wong)	A Time to Mourn
Closing Hymn	No. 317	No. 420

Wishing You a Happy New Year in the Lord!

STEPS TO ETERNAL LIFE CHILDREN'S CAMP

The children had to memorise the "Baby Catechism," the scaled down version of the Shorter Catechism. This resulted in many of the first-timers receiving Christ as their Saviour.

There were seventy (short of two) campers. 10 FEBC students became their instructors. A vivid Gospel video shown every night produced good results.

Here are 4 samples of what our children, from 7 to 14 were thinking about the Camp. Parents, after reading them, would surely pray for another Camp, 1998.

Gabriel Goh (12 years)

It all started when my father asked me to come to camp. I refused at first, but finally agreed. I went to camp in low spirits and sad. I was proven wrong. The camp was fun. I believe that it has changed my *whole life slightly*. Before I came to camp, I was unsure of my salvation. Now I am sure I am a child of God. What I enjoyed most is the video shown every night. I also learnt that I should tell others about God. I thank God for helping me to get into the camp. I thank God for the camp. I thank God that He made it enjoyable.

Lemuel Yiew (14 years)

This camp is the first that I have attended as a helper. This has opened a door of service in helping the younger children. It was a new experience, after attending previous camps as a camper. The theme of the camp was *Steps to Everlasting Life*.

Despite having only 4 sessions of Bible study, I had benefited much. The lesson on victorious Christian living touched me most. I was reminded that we are always to depend on Christ, for He is the true vine. We should trust in Him, abiding in Him and not *with* Him, not just being superficially attached to Christ, for God will cut away those that do not bear fruit. The lesson on the end-times reminded me not to be too deeply attached to the things of this world, for they are but temporal things. It also showed me that true fundamental churches firmly rooted in God's Word are in the minority, with many churches falling away, showing that Christ's second coming is near. Though we do not know when He will return, we are to pray and watch for His return.

I thank God too for the warm fellowship amongst all the campers. Even though there were discords among some of the campers, the Lord has taught us how to forgive our enemies.

Amy Goh (7 years)

I thank God for the camp. The thing I like most about the camp is the video shows. I learn to love Jesus more. I thank God for the rest time because after the rest I feel fresh. I enjoy all the Bible stories. I have asked Jesus to come into my heart.

Jason Tan (10 years)

Hi there! My name is Jason Tan. My dormitory's name is Mount Sinai. Well, I will tell you how I feel about the camp. Should I start with the good points or the bad ones? Well, I will start with the good ones. The games were HYPER good. We had a game of wacko, poison ball and many other fun games. The food here is very delicious. The best food that I had eaten in the whole camp is the hamburger, some fries and Mrs Tow's famous fruit jelly. Now, on to the next point! I really like the video shows. They were *The Thrilling Last Chance Detectives*, *Escape from Fire Lake*. The touching story called *Whispering Mountains* and the heart-breaking, all exciting, show *Rescue*. Oh yes, one more thing, the teachers are very, very kind. As for the bad points, I have none. Well, I hope I would be able to come to the next church camp. See you and may God bless you.

**"Son, go work today in my vineyard"
(Matt 21:28) by Monica Ong**

These were the words spoken by the Lord Jesus in the parable of a certain man who had two sons. The first answered, "I will not; but afterward he repented, and went. The second answered, "I go, sir: and went not." The question asked by the Lord was "Which one of the two did the will of his father?" Today, if God is speaking these words to us, dare we disobey him?

How do I know God wants me to go into Cambodia? In my case, if I am to approach a missionary organisation, they will surely tell me, "You are too old to work in a cross-cultural situation. You'd better stay home and serve God in your home country." But our God is not bound by human limitations. He opens one door and shuts another. Cambodia is a door God has opened to us, "though there are many adversaries." God's call comes to me very unexpectedly. It came about that in July four of our FEBC students went on a mission trip to Cambodia. They had to return prematurely because they found themselves caught in the midst of a political crisis. Amongst foreigners fleeing the country were missionaries and relief workers. Then there was the sudden appearance of Mr Jimmy Rim and his wife at our regular Tuesday prayer meeting. It came upon us like a wind blowing all the way from Cambodia. We were shaken out of our usual sharing and testimony time. We listened attentively to this

man from Cambodia telling us of the crying needs of the people in this land. We heard his testimony and saw the slides he showed us of the refugees; the children and orphans; victims of civil wars. The Church was moved to give generously to support God's work there. At the same time God moved the hearts of some FEBC graduates to respond to his call. Since that day, I began to pray consistently for the church in Cambodia and the ministry of the Gospel there. As I prayed I was constrained to give some practical help to our missionaries as they made preparation to enter the field. Never did I expect myself to be making the same preparation in the coming days.

Someone asked me, "How about your parents? What have they to say to your going into Cambodia?" At the beginning, I was afraid that my father would get anxious, but his response came as a surprise. When I discussed with him, he did not give me a "No" answer. Instead, he said to me, "You pray further." I took this as a positive answer from God. Some days later my father said again to me. These were his actual words: "No parents will want to see their children go to a place like Cambodia. But since it is God's will, we will not stop you." This to me was without a shadow of a doubt, a second confirmation from God. After discussion with our pastor it has been decided that I go on a short-term period of two and a half months. My parents are old and I have to consider their needs as well. Though I have a brother, I am the only one close at hand whenever an urgent need arises. In my absence, I know the Lord will take care of them.

If you read the OMF book entitled, "Killing Fields, Living Fields," you will know that truly the church in Cambodia has been built on the blood of martyrs. Today is a new generation of Christians who are unaware of the sacrifices made by their predecessors. But God knows and hears their cry: "I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Rev 6:9-11).



Rev & Mrs David Koo and 3 children, our 3rd Korean Team to Cambodia, Dec 23, '97



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

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

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

*Make your Church ever more beautiful
Of all the good in which you share
The love that around you lies
And you will see with glad surprise
The Church has need of You.*

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

by Sylvia Wong

Myanmar Mission Trip, Jan 29-Feb 2, '98.
For S'pore-Yangon ticket please make out \$600 cheque to *Transglobe Travel Service Pte Ltd*. For Yangon-Mandalay ticket and hotels, etc. a \$698 cheque to *Life B-P Church*. 3 passport size photos are required with \$30 for visa application. Contact Mrs Ivy Tow. The time is short, hurry!

**Hear Rev Charles Seet on
Lord's Day, Jan 4, 10.30 am**