

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 5 - 11, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$7,511.00(8.00 am); \$19,407.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	OFFERINGS FOR: Extn of the Gospel \$52(Boxes), \$400 (Coinafon); \$12; Cambodia Missions \$100, \$1000, \$200 \$100, \$1000, \$50; Calvin Loh \$50, \$150; Chai family \$200; Chan Mui Hyong \$100; Robert Peh \$500; Creation Science Fdn \$300; Reformed S Bible \$30; Vancouver Church \$4108; Rev C Wong \$150, \$1000; Moses Hahn Family \$500; Jonathan Lee Family \$500; Chinese Sv \$570; Eld Khoo \$200; China \$50(Chinese Bibles); Baraka BPC \$50; Needy FEBC Students \$1000; JS Heng \$100, \$200, \$250; Philippines \$50(Rice Fund); Children's Choir \$1000; Children Msty \$500; Dn Yiew \$300; Myanmar Orph \$200, \$700, \$241(YAF); Rev C Seet & Family \$100; Rev Djunaidi \$200; Rev Tow \$300; Missions \$200;		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS: \$40,584.00		
THU	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Peter Chua)	OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$2000; Rev Mark & BCEA \$1000; China Mission \$700; Kenya Missions \$10; Dn Lim JJ \$400; Rev J Sin \$200; Rev C Seet \$200; Rev C Wong \$200, \$50; Dn Yiew \$100; Hilltop Msty \$300; FEBC \$500; JS Heng \$500; Poor & Needy \$100; Baraka Conf Centre \$300; Myanmar \$3000; Rev Koshy \$50.		
FRI	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFERINGS: \$21,211.00		
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House	OFFERINGS FOR: Baraka BPC \$150; Baraka Conf Centre \$100; Cambodia \$50; Gloria Bible Msn (Kenya) \$10; Missions \$100; Thanksgiving \$200, \$500.		
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall	The Burning Bush (Jan '98) is out. Get your free copy from the Bookroom.		
SAT	2.00 pm	Wedding of Michael Low & Berenice Cheng (Rev Tow)	Catechism Class for Easter Baptism will begin next Lord's Day with Rev Colin Wong at Beulah House (Music Room) 9.30 am.		
SUN	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	FEK part-time cleaner urgently needed. Mon to Fri, 2 hours a day. Either 6 to 8 am or 2 to 4 pm. Please call Hui Tin, tel: 4661656.		
SUN	8.00 am	Judgment is according to Man's Accountability (Rev Colin Wong)			
	9.30 pm	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)			
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	3.00 pm	Thai/Chin Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.			
No NBC This Week.					
Verse for the Week: 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. 1 Tim 6:12					



Combined Men's and Ladies' Fellowship
visit to Breakthrough Mission (Simon Neo)



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

Call to Worship	8.00 am	10.30 am
Opening Hymn	Elder Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Invocation-Gloria Patri	No. 11	No. 533
Responsive Reading	Matt 7:1-5	John 10:1-18
Hymn	No. 554	No. 532
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	No. 295
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 2:1-5	John 8:12-20
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Judgment is according to God's Truth (Rev Colin Wong)	The Light that Shines in the Darkness (Rev Charles Seet)
Closing Hymn	No. 289	No. 266
		Lord's Supper

Wishing you a Bright and Happy New Year in the Lord.

LEADING A GODLY LIFE THROUGH HARD-TIMES AHEAD

(Pastor's New Year's Eve Message to YF and YAF)

Text: Eccl 9:9-12

The recent crash of Silkair 737 near Palembang in which 104 lives were lost, including 46 Singaporeans, brings eventful 1997 to a close with a doubly sombre note. No one would suspect such a tragedy to happen when it is a brand new aircraft of 10 months under the helm of an experienced pilot with 6,900 flying hours. How true is our text which says, "the race is not to the swift. . . nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all" (Eccl 9:11).

"For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare: so are the sons of men snared in an evil time when it falleth suddenly upon them." This statement is again vividly illustrated by the sudden death that befell the victims of the Silkair disaster. (v. 12)

The lesson for us is clear. The best airline in the world with a perfect record for safety, can no more be fully relied upon. We must put our trust in God. "As chance and time happen to all," and we do not know when disaster might strike, let us make sure we can face death without fear, any time. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto

them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Can you say that? Can you meet your Saviour with confidence? Yea, even with joy which is our Blessed Hope, should He come in 1998.

Having made sure our salvation so that we can face any eventuality, let us occupy till He comes. Let us lead a godly life, a life that is without blemish, well-pleasing to Him through hard times ahead.

As Young Lifers and YAFers I have two points to make, according to our text (v.9,10) in my advice to you on how we should live. We should not be conformed to this world (Rom 12:1), i.e. to the lifestyle of this present age. For example, we should not follow the worldly ways of indulging in time-consuming sports (for bodily exercise profiteth little, I Tim 4:8). We should not go to the cinema for the fleshly films, nor go to parties that serve intoxicating drinks. And you know many of the newfangled things that I am not acquainted with. All these indulgences dissipate the strength and glory of your young life. These can lead only to destruction. I need not talk about smoking, which is universally judged anti-social, nor drinking, for you are all royal sons of God (I Pet 2:9)! King Lemuel's mother has this word to say to him and to us, "It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts" (Prov 31:4-6).

How about sex? You cannot eat the cake and have it. I am not talking of free sex, casual sex, promiscuous sex. "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell" (Prov 9:17,18). Aids, Aids, Aids! I am talking of couples intending to marry and you may decide it's O.K. so long as it is O.K. But in my counselling of Church members and those outside our Church there are the cases that did not work. The peerless example of Joseph and Mary should teach young couples to keep their virginity to the Day they make their vows.

Not given to such worldly living, you should put your heart and soul to building up your career. Young Lifers, your days are very competitive. Most of you are in tertiary education. I need not tell you to work hard. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (v.10). You have to make hay while the sun shines. You must succeed at whatever level of attainment God has given you the talent to achieve it. If you are not cut out to finish a tertiary education, be content with a Poly diploma. Calvin says it will spell disaster for you a one talent man to try to do a five-talent man's job. Whatever your hands find to do, do it with thy might, God will bless you for it.

The YAFer, now having obtained your degree can go further. But do not attempt beyond your means, like those going to China to invest, but many tell me they have lost out. We have the results of the Suzhou project. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves with many sorrows. . . But godliness with contentment is great gain." Be not ambitious for the world, but rather for the Lord. Therefore do not fall away from attending Church and prayer meeting, and do not neglect your personal devotion and gathering of your loved ones in devotion together as a family. Be a Bible-Presbyterian not only in name but also in deed, reading the Bible everyday.

The next point logically following career is marriage. It is the will of God generally that a man should marry when he comes of age and so

with the woman. "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun." This is the lot given us in this temporal world of 70-80 years. Every Christian should be happily married.

But we have a problem of those coming of age and are not married, especially among our young ladies. Here comes a great temptation and that is to marry outside the fold. To marry a non-Christian, a Roman Catholic, a Seventh-Day Adventist is fraught with sorrows and tears. This has proven true time and time again. I had a young lady worshipping at our Chinese service. She was engaged to a Chinese-educated fellow saved from drugs. But some time before the wedding day he fell back into drugs again. I advised the young lady not to marry him, but being pressurised on all sides she gave in. A few months after the wedding, she met me sheepishly. She was now divorced. She said to me, "Pastor, you are right."

Though your case is not as bad as this, oil and water do not mix. An American pastor friend of mine had a son who was in love with a R.C. girl. His father warned him not to marry, but he persisted. He and his wife were divorced in six months. Should you be stuck in such a situation, Wang Ming Tao advises you should get out of it. To break now before marriage is ten times better than after you are married.

As another year piles up on you, look up and trust the Lord, your Heavenly Father who knows best. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, His righteousness, and He will work out for you. There are later marriages that work out even more wonderful as in the case of Boaz and Ruth. To those who have decided to live a single life, why not dedicate it to serve the Lord full-time?

This is my message to you Young Lifers and YAFers as we cross into 1998. In the light of Scripture, we are living in the last days and perilous times shall come. This currency crisis will bring in a foreseeable greater crisis in exactly two years when trillions will have to be spent to combat the Millennium Bomb or Computer meltdown. And we are living in the Computer Age. This one item alone will bring great upheaval to our livelihood. But the Scriptures predict also an overturning in the physical world. Famines and pestilences, earthquakes and wars. In the spiritual realm the Church will be dominated by false Christs and

false prophets.

Despite these warnings, "For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them" (Eccl 9:12).

"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" (1 Pet 4:7-10). Like the Vietnamese Boatpeople, let us pull our oars together, helping one another, through hard times ahead. As the Chinese saying goes, "Striving together in the same boat."

Leading a godly life together through hard times ahead will be worth it all when He comes again to save us from a world that will soon be destroyed. —T.T.

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth..." (Ps 121 : 8)

I would like to thank the Lord for preserving my life (and my boss'). He has truly preserved our coming in and going out. Thank God for delivering us from death as we'd almost taken the Silkair plane that crashed last Fri.



My boss and myself were in Jakarta for business and were booked on a SQ flight at 5pm (Jakarta time) to return to S'pore. On Thurs night in Jakarta, my boss told me to call on Fri morning to change the flight to a earlier one at 3/3+pm as our business would end before noon and that it would be a waste of time waiting for the 5pm flight. Further I knew that he had a family dinner that night and the timing would be just nice if we return via the 3pm flight as we'd arrive in S'pore at 6pm.

On Fri morning, we had our first meeting at 8am which ended before 10am. The second meeting was at my company's Jakarta branch and the timing for the meeting was flexible. Somehow, despite knowing that I was supposed to call to change the flight, I did not take the opportunity in the gap between the 2 meetings to call to change the flight (thank God my boss did not remind me to call either). The second meeting ended before noon and the branch's manager then invited us for lunch which my boss agreed. The lunch ended at about

1.15pm and so I told my boss that there was no point changing the flight as it'd be rather rushed to have to go back to the hotel to check out and then to the airport. My boss did not disagree and we returned safely to Singapore at 8pm.

It was on Sat morning that I learnt about the plane crash. At first I'd thought that we could not have gotten onto the Silkair flight as we were holding SQ tickets. I got to learn that if we had wanted to change to the 3pm flight - it would have been that M! flight which went down!!!

I thank God for preventing me from making the call to change the flight. It was the first time I had not acted on my boss' instructions and am I glad I didn't. I cannot really understand why I didn't make the call. Whilst my boss is of the opinion that it was the lunch invitation that saved us, I know that God has used the branch manager as an instrument to ensure that we'd reach home safely. I have been totally shaken by the whole event - the Lord has delivered and preserved my life - I know that He has given me another chance to serve Him better as I have been disobedient and slothful in my service. I have been focusing on the many things in this life that are perishable - career, condominium and the many things which are of no heavenly value. Whilst I am not entirely afraid of death (because I know I am saved), I shudder to think that I was so close to death, and when I have not served God enough.

I am glad that the Lord has given me another chance to live and to serve Him. This incident has opened doors for me to share with colleagues and friends God's grace toward us and many of my non-Christian colleagues (including my mother) acknowledged that it was God who has saved us.

Praise God!

—Siew Ling

CAMBODIA MISSION

Monica reports all is well. Distribution of 2 containers of relief goods is now in progress, to orphanages and churches and other charitable organisations. We need some more goods to load up the third container which will go not to Phnom Penh but Kompong Som to furnish the mission house which has 6 rooms for the Hahns, Koo, and Monica to stay. Bring all within next week.

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MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$5,805.00(8.00 am); \$24,880.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1744(Chinese Ser); Extn of the Gospel \$500, \$300, \$2000, \$50, \$300(JSM), \$400, \$500(Maranatha BPC); Cambodia \$200, \$50, \$300, \$451(Boxes), \$500, \$50; Tract Msty \$50; New Life Africa Project \$200; P'pines Rice Fund \$250, \$1214.60(YAF/YF); China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Peter Clements \$50; Yusniar \$100; Rev Tow \$500, \$1000; Rev Colin Wong \$300; FEBC \$300; Missions \$400; Seets \$100; Children's Msty \$100(Boxes); Nirand/Jess \$500; Special Thanksgiving \$1100.		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	1) Praise the Lord on high. Thank you God for letting my grand children to do well in their exams also for your care and love and good health for my family throughout 1997. (China-Chinese Bibles \$50, Baraka Church \$50)		
SAT	2.30 pm	Gospel Light BPC Wedding	2) Thank God for protection from harm and danger. (\$1000)		
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	3) In gratitude for a blessed year, good career, excellent heath, a healthy and growing toddler, a happy family and other boundless blessings. We are very grateful for God's gracious love and blessings. (\$50)		
	6.30 pm	AF Anniversary, FEBC Hall (Rev Tow)	4) Thank God for His grace and mercy towards me and my family during this past year. Please use this offering for the work being done in Cambodia. With this gift, go our prayers that God will watch over Bros Jonathan Lee and Moses Hahn and their families. (\$2000)		
SUN	8.00 am	Marks of a Spiritual Christian (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)	5) We would like to thank the Lord for the past year—for good health, for blessing the family and for His provision to our every need. Enclose \$500 as a small token of our thanksgiving. —A Lifer Family		
	9.30 pm	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
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NBC This Week. Wed Henderson; Fri Bishan, Bt Timah.					
Verse for the Week: The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. Psalm 28:7					
Catechism Class begins today. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.					



Jonathan Lee and Moses Hahn visiting a converted old couple at Obai, Kampong Som



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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	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 2	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 138	Psalms 119:9-16, 41-48
Hymn	No. 85	No. 255
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 38	No. 378
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 2:6-16	2 Tim 3:14-17; 2:15
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Judgment is according to Man's Accountability (Rev Colin Wong)	Am I a Student of God? (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 265	No. 389
	Lord's Supper	

"THE YEAR'S PLAN IS MADE IN THE SPRING"

There is a Chinese saying, "The year's plan is made in the Spring, the day's plan is made in the morning." Despite the currency crisis that is getting worse in the New Year, Singaporeans are spared the worst. As for the Church, particularly Lifers, God has kept us in good shape by His mercies that are fresh every morning. We still have good jobs, good health and strength, that we may earn a living. In grateful thanks to the loving Father let us cast off the garments of slothfulness and let us put on the armour of service. Do something good for Jesus everyday. Let us not be Sunday Christians, but everyday Christians, seeking to contribute to the advancement of His Kingdom, conscientiously, resolutely.

One avenue of service is Cambodia. Our missionaries, like Joshua and Caleb, have brought back good reports. Souls are being won, one by one, as the photo on the back page shows. Here you see Moses Hahn and Jonathan Lee visiting a newly converted old couple at Obai. The wife in sarong first believed. The husband in white singlet followed suit the week next. At Obai, a village on the outskirts of Kampong Som, souls are coming into the Kingdom. Recently 40 were baptised.

I wonder what impression has been made upon you? Just news? Let me challenge you to be a prayer partner. Pray for

Cambodia, a wide field where the souls are "white" to harvest. Give! It takes a goodly sum per month to keep 3 Korean families and one S'porean Lifer on the job, as they daily witness to hungry people. With these in need the missionaries often share of their substance. There are the medicines that Monica must dispense to heal the sick, in the steps of our Lord Jesus. To further advance the Gospel together, Jimmy Rim is coming to see us. In the interval we are despatching the third container and sending off Mrs Hahn and two young children. Her big son will stay in FEBC under our care to continue his education in Singapore.

Pray for Burma! This is a field we entered long before our Government. As early as 1986 through Rev Thawm Luai. We are still supporting their Bible College which we built, a four-storey "condominium," the length and breadth of Life Church. This investment pays off. The graduates of the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology have helped to increase their Presbyterian Churches from 22 in 1986 to 55 in 1997.

To show our support there are 22 of us visiting Burma (now up to Mandalay) to speak at their Annual Conference as well as to ordain Andrew Kam

who separately is running an orphanage of 20. (The date is 29 Jan - 2 Feb.) Andrew also heads some country churches in Chin. State where a new Church was built with our help two years back. There are great opportunities before us, but we must grasp them by the forelock!

Joining such a mission trip is not only a holy excursion, but also a venture. The last trip to Rangoon sparked off buying a Gospel van for the Bible College—by the “missioners” themselves. Those who are coming with me this time cannot be less enthusiastic.

In our “immediate” context, our young people especially, under the leadership of Elders and Deacons, are making regular visits to Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban, Kemaman, Kuantan, Tanjung Uban, Batam, and even Kuching. By these regular visits the tiring hands of missionaries on the spot are lifted. In this connection our Chinese Service is to be commended. Our Chinese Service, having taken up the responsibility for Uban, Kuching and Cambodia is truly blessed. The congregation is aroused to serve the Lord as never before.

One area of our spiritual life we must further cultivate is the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting. It is here that we also hear frequent reports from the fields through the silver screen. The Church that prays together stays together.

In pursuance of our policy of decentralisation, so that we have 14 or so fellowships to cater to different age groups and purposes, we note that many of these fellowships have their own prayer meetings. And there are the several Neighbourhood Bible Communities with their regional meetings. This might be as well. So we cannot forget them in their efforts to seek the Lord.

Far Eastern Bible College forges on with a new intake of 15 students, as follows:

1. Go Tek Hun, *Australia*
2. Randhir Singh, *India*
3. Evalyna Simarmata, *Indonesia*
4. Bai Bon-Soo, Michael, *Korea*
5. Kwon Dae Uk, *Korea*
6. Park Eun Young, *Korea*
7. Su Jin Cheon, *Korea*



8. Tee Chung Seng, *Malaysia*
9. Mang Sun David, *Myanmar*
10. Maung Tin Than Luke, *Myanmar*
11. Paul H. Van Hre, *Myanmar*
12. Pong Hyan Mone, *Myanmar*
13. Tan Kiat Siong Henry, *Singapore*
14. Suksit Thep-aree, *Thailand*
15. Tran Anh Kiet, *Vietnam*

Those who have left us include the following graduates: Ahn Young Hee, Errol Dale Stone, Hahn Eun Sil, David Koo, Siriwan Lalidaphanchai. The 23rd Graduation Service will be held May 10, 98 at Calvary Pandan BPC.

Testimony of a New Convert in Saipan

by Chang Chow Yun

I have been a man of no religion. I take religion to be the product of one's empty heart. I believe in trusting myself. Everything else is useless.

I have a younger brother who left home many years ago, without trace. My mother is a devout Buddhist. She gets up early everyday to burn incense to Buddha and pray. To pray for my younger brother's protection and return. However, Buddha has not been moved by her devotions, nor has my younger brother come home. I said to Mother in tears, "Why hasn't younger brother returned home in spite of your daily devotions?" Mother explained, "Maybe I had done bad in my previous life, so Buddha has punished me." I felt real bad about this: Why is Buddha so merciless?

After this I got through an examination to come and work in Saipan. I have an acquaintance in Tao Ying, a Christian girl. She preached to me the Gospel and urged me to receive Jesus. I thought Christianity was a foreign religion, not at all for me. For, I've heard my fiancé said that her maternal grandfather and aunt were Christians, and after they died went to heaven (at that time I thought heaven was but a fairy tale). Nevertheless, my fiancé wasn't very clear about Jesus, for the grandfather lived in Taiwan and she had reported little about him.

My life had seen no peace, even after coming to work in Saipan. I have had many hard knocks. Facing up to many confusions in interpersonal relationships, I had been overwhelmed with weariness and dreariness. Once I looked up Tao Ying for an outing. She told me that believing in Jesus would bring peace and joy. She brought me to Saipan Chinese Christian Church to hear

Rev Pang Kok Hiong. He spoke on sin, and how everyone is a sinner. I was greatly offended. "Why do you say I am a sinner the first time I visit your Church? Nobody ever told me I am a sinner. It shut up my ears." Rev Pang moreover said, "There is only One True God in the universe." But, Buddha? We Chinese mostly believe in Buddha. But Rev Pang said Buddha was useless. Only faith in Jesus is life's true answer. I became the more antagonised by the preacher. You can believe in your Jesus. Why do you talk bad of Buddha? So I asked Rev Pang some questions about Buddha and God. He smiled and without a word gave me a book on *Knowing the True God*. He wanted me to read it first before questioning him.

I brought it home and read it carefully till 2-3 am. I thought of some points favourable to Buddhism to question Rev Pang, but could find none: this book had brought me to know Jesus truly, that He lived and died for my sins on the cross. Moreover I realised we were not evolved from monkeys, but made by God from earth in His own image. By His breath we became alive. That night I was moved to kneel before the Lord and I prayed, "I acknowledge I am a sinner and You can forgive my sins. If you are true God, then let my younger brother come home. Tempted by Satan, he had left home many years, without our knowing whether he is dead or alive. I dare not hope him to return safely, but hope the Lord to let me know if he is dead or living. May the Lord make me know You deeper." Believing Him a true and living God, I prayed in tears, for I loved my younger brother.

I remember the date of my prayer to be 7 Sep 97. Wonderful is God, He is loving and gracious. On 7 Oct I received elder sister's letter, that Father saw younger brother mid-September, and younger brother also saw Father but disappeared without a word. He looked very tired but Father did not take hold of him. My sister said, "Let him alone as he would." But we know he is alive, not far from our city, so we became more relaxed. When I got another letter my heart leapt out, for younger brother appeared in mid-September after I prayed. So I prayed for younger brother that he would return home. On Nov 10 when I phoned home on the 3rd birthday of my daughter, my wife reported younger brother had come home. I was so happy that I shed tears. Thank the Lord, He had heard my prayers.

The grace of God caused my

mother to know the vanity of Buddha. But she did not know the difference between Christianity and Roman Catholicism. So she attended an RC Church. But I know God will make it clear to Mother what the Gospel is, that our whole family might come to the Lord in repentance, etc., etc.

TESTIMONY

All glory to God who called me to His fold when I was a young lost lass in Perth way back in Sept 1981.

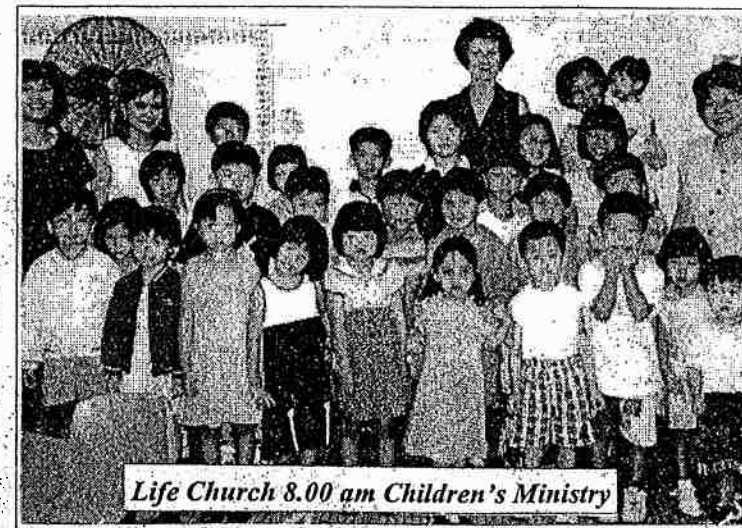
I was like many young people of my time. I grew up in a non-Christian family whereby academic excellence was set as my focus of life. Upon completing my secondary education in Malacca, Malaysia, my parents sent me (together with an elder sister and a younger sister) to Perth for Matriculation and University.

At that point of my life, I started to question the meaning of "LIFE." I began to feel very empty inside and "lost." Even though I was well taken care of by my elder sister, I felt miserable and "chained."

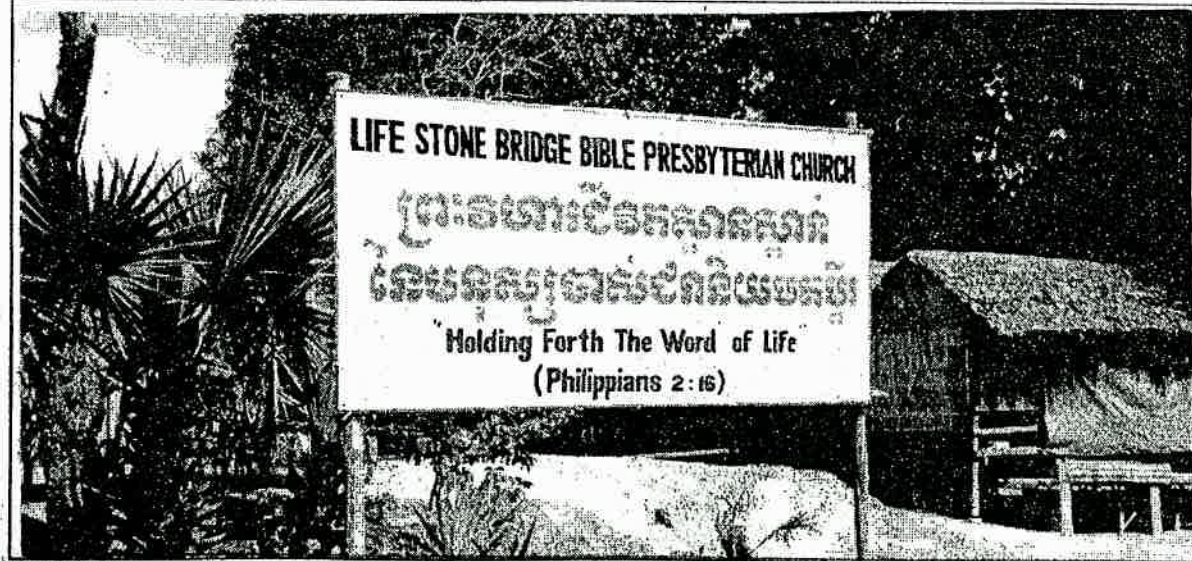
It was at that point that the Lord placed me in a circle of Christians who shared the Gospel. However, I did not accept it immediately. I struggled with it for a while. Then came one day I knelt down and prayed with a sister in Christ, repented of my sins and accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour.

Since that day (16 years ago), our Lord has been graciously guiding me and leading me. Thank God that I could claim on His promise of Rom 8:28 through the last 16 years of good and difficult periods.

—Ong Siew Chin



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 19 - 25, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$5,046.00(8.00 am); \$14,614.50 (10.30 am)		
	8.00 pm	FEK Board Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250; Extn of the Gospel \$50.		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$247, \$50, \$4.20(Boxes); Cambodia \$150, \$150, \$100;		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Henry Tan \$100; Seets \$200; Gloria Bible Msn, Kenya \$10;		
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	Yiew PS \$50; Peter Clements \$50; Baraka BPC \$50;		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	Thailand \$100; Philippines \$100; Sunday Sch \$50;		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.30 LBC	Children's Msty \$50; Chinese Ser \$1200; Holy Communion		
SUN	8.00 am	The Cross is a Radical Thing (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	trays for BPCWA \$500; Batam \$100(LF).		
	9.30 pm	Sunday School	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	1) "I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live... What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?...I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD" (Ps 116:1,2,12,17).		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	Thanking God for the gift of a lovely, healthy baby boy on Nov 22, 1997. Thanking God for speedy recovery after a Caesarean section. Thanking God for wisdom, strength and patience to care for my baby and coping with the changes and challenges of being a new parent. Thanking God for good health and daily providence. Thanking God for the love and care of brethren-in Christ whom he has sent to rejoice together with my family on the arrival of a new member in my family and also for their encouragement.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	Praying that I will be able to return to church to worship Him again together with the baby. Also praying for the salvation of my husband in God's good and perfect timing.		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)	A small token for the extension of God's Kingdom. (\$200) —A God-fearing servant		
	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 Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.			
No NBC This Week.					
Sunday School Offering: \$524.70; Attendance: 338					
Verse for the Week: But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. Psalm 22:19					
Catechism Class. 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	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 21	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Matt 5:1-16	Psalms 127,128
Hymn	No. 445	The Home that God Blesses
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 419	No. 28
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Psalms 1	Rom 11:7-12
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Marks of a Spiritual Christian (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)	First Last, Last First
Closing Hymn	No. 523	No. 285
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

Kuantan

Prior to the opening of Selamat Kindergarten, Kuantan, Dn Henry Tan spent a profitable time running a first DVBS with Rev Kim Kah Teck. Beyond expectation 34 came from the Housing Estate at Jalan Alur Akar. The new kindergarten opened with 23 children, divided into 2 classes. May our



kindergarten ministry be the nucleus of an effective Gospel outreach to Kuantan, capital of Pahang.

Mersing

Praise the Lord, things are beginning to move for Mersing. For a year we've been stuck. Now we know why. The Currency Crisis which puts us in more favourable position to the ringgit gives us a better deal in our contract. We have found the right contractor, an experienced and well-established builder to do the job. The price is around S\$1.5 million. We came to an agreement with Practech Development Sdn. Bhd. of Klang, W. Malaysia a week ago in the presence of Architect Victor Loo. Our papers are submitted to the Malaysian Govt. Once approved we can start building.

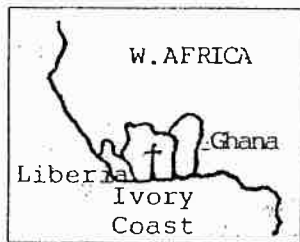
The B-P Youth Camp is built like a mini square city, a two storey compact building. It will cater for a hundred campers inclusive of 8 "hotel" rooms. It will have comfortable quarters for a



pastor and his family who should double as Church Warden. There are two rooms for a caretaker and his wife. The running of the Camp will be maintained by freewill offerings.

Ivory Coast

From the South China Sea let me take you to another sea, viz. the sea bordering Ivory Coast,



West Africa. Here Joshua Wonsia, FEBCer (1992) has established a growing work. As he is a faithful and enterprising servant of the Lord, we remember

him with an annual gift from our Christmas offerings. He is a missionary of Sembawang BP Church (Rev Bob Phee). On the front page we see both Wonsia and Bob wearing the robes of chieftains. The four women in the front row are deaconesses.

In spite of a heavy building programme, Sembawang BPC slackens not to support such a distant Gospel outreach. Presently they are building a new sanctuary at Simei and they call the new Church Moriah B-P Church. The whole project will be completed by April '98! Your support will be much appreciated by them, to be sure!

Sharon, Maranatha, and Korean Churches. One brother seeing how the poor are blessed was moved almost to tears. This video should spur us to redouble our efforts to relieve the hungering and thirsting. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt 25:40).

We are sending a 4th Container in Feb. According to Rev Jimmy Rim, what the Cambodians need particularly are children's clothing, toys, milk powder, tinned foods. Please send your goods direct to Beulah House. Mr Ahn is chief packer with the help of his wife and children, and FEBC students.

Mrs Moses Hahn and two young children are leaving in a fortnight for Cambodia. The new address of the Hahns is:

c/o Chum Hoeun
Group 18 Mondol 1
Sangkat 2
Kham Mitapheap
Sihanoukville

Cambodia (Sihanoukville is Kompong Som)
This applies to Rev & Mrs David Koo and Miss Monica Ong.

Let me close with a blessing from the Lord to you who keep on supporting the Cambodia Gospel Outreach: "Blessed is he that considereth



Cambodia

From Ivory Coast let us sail through southern oceans to the Gulf of Siam to land on Cambodia. Last Tuesday night at the Prayer Meeting, we saw a video on the distribution of two containers of relief goods donated by Singapore Christians, particularly from Life, Calvary,

the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble" (Ps 41:1). Amen.

Myanmar

In ten days we will be leading a contingent of 20 to Myanmar, Jan 29 - Feb 2. We leave at 1335 hrs. After touching down at Yangon Airport, we will transplane to a local flight to Mandalay in Upper Myanmar. We will also visit Maymyo up the mountains, for both at Mandalay and Maymyo are established two of Ev. Presbyterian Church's 55 churches. I shall speak 3 nights at their General Conference on (1) Self Support; (2) Our Presbyterian Heritage; (3) Doubling Up for God's Kingdom. Please pray for me "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).



On the 4th day we fly back to Yangon. The same evening we have the ordination of Andrew Kam. In this connection I alone cannot ordain; for in our Presbyterian system we need the hands of the Presbytery. I am therefore delighted to have my brother ministers come along — Revs Colin Wong, Jeffrey Khoo, Jack Sin and Das Koshy.

Andrew Kam has all along been running an orphanage of 20. He also has built a new Church at Tui Kal Village in Chin State. He has been serving the Lord faithfully the last three years.

Our going to Myanmar should strengthen his hand, as well as the hands of Rev Thawm Luai, at whose Bible College (Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology) Andrew will be ordained.

On the fifth day, we fly back early to S'pore.

A word to my fellow "missioners" to Burma. This is Myanmar's cool season. It will be 15°C and cooler at night. Bring your warm clothings!

Bukit Batu

Finally, Bukit Batu. It means Stone Hill. It is situated at the 33rd mile Kulai Rd, on the main highway to K.L.

After building New Life at Woodlands, Oct 1983, the Lord led us to acquire 25,000 sq ft of land at Bukit Batu at one ringgit per ft. This property is exactly the same size as beautiful Kelapa Sawit. It also stands on high ground.

Why have we not developed Bukit Batu? The reason was we had leased a shophouse in the centre of the village and used it for three years before it was taken back by the owner. For several years our witness at Bukit Batu has fallen silent.

Now that there is a stirring in the hearts of our members in neighbouring Air Bemban and Kelapa Sawit, is it not time for Life Church to arise and build? With the ringgit down that is an advantage to our pocket. S\$50,000 will do the job of raising a Church-Kindergarten complex. Let us rise up and build! Here will be another outreach for young Lifers to sustain and extend! Amen.

—T.T.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan 26 - Feb 1, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$6,661.00(8.00 am); \$14,675.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	NO Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$500(Kebaktian Ina); <i>Extn of the Gospel</i> \$200, \$10(Boxes); \$200; <i>Cambodia</i> \$200, \$200, \$200, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$100, \$100(Sunday Sch), \$300; <i>Cambodia & Africa</i> \$562; <i>Gloria BP Msn(Kenya)</i> \$15; <i>Vancouver BPC</i> \$500, \$1040(AF); <i>JS Heng</i> \$100; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$359; <i>Vietnam Msty</i> \$100; <i>A Kam</i> \$100; <i>Dn Henry Tan</i> \$250, \$50; <i>Rehoboth</i> \$250; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$50; <i>Calvin Loh</i> \$100, \$500; <i>Thanksgiving</i> (for most needy cause) \$820; <i>Missions</i> \$2000, \$200, \$200; <i>Moses Hahn</i> \$150; <i>JS Heng</i> \$250; <i>Monica Ong</i> \$200; <i>Mersing</i> \$300(Pepsi), \$250; <i>FEBC</i> \$300.		
WED	8.00 am	Chinese New Year Service (Rev Peter Chng)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	1) Thank you God for giving those I pray for and myself good health and protection from danger. praise the Almighty God. (\$200 for Cambodia Mission field). —Lifer		
THU	1.35 pm	Rev Tow & team to Myanmar	3) Thank God for carrying me through 1997 — for preserving the lives of all my family members, for blessing us with various blessings, for granting me results that are more than what I deserve and for not dealing with me according to my sins. —Lifer, a student. (\$50)		
THU	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	<i>Myanmar Trip.</i> We fly Jan 29, 1.35 pm, Terminal 2, Bring warm clothing!		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF	<i>New Church Project.</i> Before and After School Care Centres. Job vacancies are available for guardians to take care of primary school children. Please contact Dn Henry Tan, 9560 1850(P); 7590383(H)		
SUN	8.00 am	Give God First Place (Eld Khoo Peng Kiat)	<i>Baptism of Lai Choy Yoke</i> , 73, was conducted by Rev Tow and Rev Colin Wong on 15 Jan at S'pore General Hospital.		
	9.30 pm	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Rev Peter Chua, Lord's Supper			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
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	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.			
No NBC This Week.					
Sunday School Offering: \$1022.76; Attendance: 372					
Verse for the Week: Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Psalm 65:4					



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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. 26	No. 47
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 32	Isa 54:1-10
Hymn	No. 93	<i>My Only Friend</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	<i>Yerushalayim</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Pet 3:18-22	Rom 11:12-26
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Reason of the Cross</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Lesson from Olive Grafting</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 179	<i>Yerushalayim</i>
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

A Profitable Investment

Rev Robert Thawm Luai was a graduate student at FEBC for one semester in 1986. During his term of study here he disclosed to me his burden to start a Bible College in his homeland, in Yangon. Our church concurred, and he launched out by faith to rent a house. And so the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology was established on May 21, 1987 at 6D Nanthani St, Insein, Yangon with 17 full-time students.

Before the founding of FEFST the Lord had moved Thawm Luai to gather a group to start the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Myanmar on Oct 17, 1983. Beginning with 22 congregations the Church has now a total membership of 10,000, made up of 55 Churches, and 50 ministers.

How come such rapid growth? This was the result of Life Church acquiring them the house they had rented and further building on another acquired property, a four-storey building, the extent of Life Church, 48 x 96 ft. excluding the front porch. With much increased facilities they were able to take in up to 70 students. With the graduation of many batches of students during the intervening years and their ordination, new

churches, one by one, were born. We visited Myanmar with a contingent of 48 on Feb 18, 1996 to dedicate the new College (which also houses a Church pastored by Thawm Luai).

After two years, it is time for us to visit them again. Our going this time has a dual purpose: (1) To speak at the General Conference of the Ev. Presbyterian Church, 400 miles north of Yangon at Mandalay, for here is established an EPC and another at nearby Maymyo up the mountains. (2) To ordain Andrew Kam at the FEFST in Yangon, for this is 3 years after our brother has fruitfully ministered to an Orphanage of 20.

Whenever the Lord sends us to the mission field, it is our pleasure to expand our visit to include members of the church that they might see the fruits of labour by our missionaries. By such contacts they are led to take a greater interest in missions. Who knows, some might also hear the Master's call? Will one of my 20-member contingent come full-time into His service? "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men" (Lk 5:10).

As I conclude this short report I'd request your prayers for all our missionaries, whom we fully support, as follows:

Roska, Yusniar	Indonesia
Nirand & Jess	Thailand
Charles Seet & Frieda	Philippines
Kim Kah Teck & wife	West Malaysia
Bong Boon Chong & wife	East Malaysia
Moses Hahn & wife	Cambodia
Jonathan Lee & wife	Cambodia
David Koo & wife	Cambodia
Monica Ong	Cambodia
Thawm Luai & wife	Myanmar
Andrew Kam & wife	Myanmar

On Benny Hinn

We reproduce herewith a clipping from *Australian Beacon*, Jan. 1998, on Benny Hinn, by Plains Baptist Challenger, Aug '97. I'd comment only on one point, that on the Larry King program a clip was shown of him "slaying several people at once." In this sort of slaying process, the victims fall backwards and lie on the ground exposed, so that blankets or sheets are thrown over them to cover up their shame. Do we have any precedence of such phenomenon in the Bible? Yes. Wang Ming Tao refers to it in his own magazine *Spiritual Food Quarterly*. In I Sam 19:23-24 it is recorded that Saul went to Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he stripped off his clothes also, . . . and lay down naked all that day and all that night . . ."

Comments Wang Ming Tao,
"Now when Saul lay naked, he was not under blessing of

God but rather under His punishment to his shame . . . he was over-turned in disgrace."

We acknowledge there is a power in Benny Hinn to subdue his audience (that's how he can get \$50 million in 1996 and can display that power by staying in Presidential suites at as much as \$2,000 per night [in S'pore it is reported he changed to a Presidential suite from a less glamorous booking]. But it is a power not to lift men up from their sins and sorrows, but to "slay" them. It is a curse and not a blessing. Never did Jesus in this fashion nor the Apostles. All who came to Jesus and the Apostles were delivered, who arose praising God, and not struck down in disgrace.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. . ." (Matt 7:15,16). "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt 7:21).

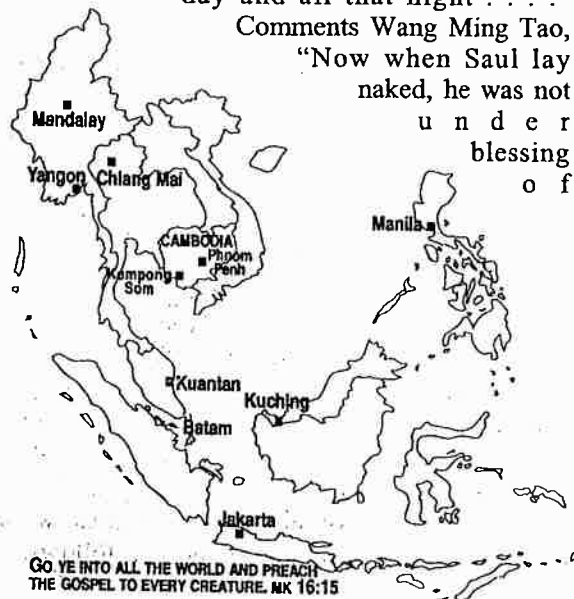
—T.T.

Thoughts on Lunar New Year

*The sounds of crackers bring new blessings
May it bring you health and happiness
And fill your heart with cheer.
This is my New Year wish for you all
Each day throughout the year.*

*Let's enter into a grace filled year
Four precious seasons that promise to bring
Chances to love God, our Father the King
Twelve months to serve mankind's needs
Fifty two weeks to do loving deeds
Hundreds of fresh days our lives to fill
By doing with our angpows God's holy will
Enter with joy for rich blessings are there
Enter as a child by God's watchful care
Enter with love gifts always for
"Love casts out fear"
With joy a good 1998 is here
Then trade time wisely for graces that last
Moments are fleeting a year will soon be past.*

Sylvea Wong



Inter-fellowship

Offerings for Cambodia

Give Ye Them to Eat (Matt 14:16)

At the Adults Fellowship 17th Anniversary Thanksgiving on Sat, 17 Jan 98, Rev(Dr) Timothy Tow spoke on *Commemorating our Anniversary with Timely Service* and challenged the AFers and other Fellowship groups to do something for Cambodia. An "old Lifer" and the FEBC had each contributed \$2,000 (therefore totalling \$4,000) for the work in Cambodia and Rev Tow proposed that the sum be used for the purchase of foodstuff and other basic necessities for Cambodia. He suggested that the AF and other Fellowship groups should rally together to jointly undertake this project of bringing relief to the people in Cambodia.

A working group was thus formed consisting of Dn Charlie Chan, Dn Henry Tan and myself. As advised by Rev Tow, we will source for food products (e.g., milk powder, biscuits, tinned foods) and other basic necessities which are of great demand in Cambodia (e.g., stationery). These will be purchased from the wholesalers in bulk for shipment to meet urgent need. The fourth container will be packed for shipment sometime in Feb. and we appeal to you and your fellowship members for cash contributions for the purchase. The AF has decided to offer a further \$2,000 in aid of this project. It does not matter if your

Benny Hinn? His Golden Egg

HINN'S HOARD- Two recent television programs of CNN dealt with Benny Hinn, the outlandish charismatic evangelist who delights in 'slaying' people in the spirit.

They revealed that Hinn, with his monetary hoards, is far removed from the humble Saviour, Jesus Christ, who had no place to lay His head, or the apostles Peter and John who acknowledged that 'silver and gold had (they) none.'

Hinn seems to be managing quite nicely thank you in a house worth \$650,000 US, which he claims was not paid for with ministry funds.

It was also revealed that when traveling he stays in Presidential suites at as much as \$2000 per night.

A trip of several days to Europe by Benny Hinn and his entourage (flying on the Concorde and staying in luxury hotels) cost \$9000 return for each of them.

His ministry took in \$35 million in 1995 and \$50 million in 1996. On his television programs he appeals for donations of \$10,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000. For donations of \$100 and \$500 respectively, Hinn offers his viewers personally autographed Bibles and Benny Hinn books. He also offers Benny Hinn coffee mugs. —Paid no doubt, by the mugs that support his outlandish ministry.

PLAINS BAPTIST CHALLENGER AUGUST 1997

HINN'S HERESY - Benny Hinn made the following statement during an appearance of CNN's 'Larry King Live' program, 'God did not have to send His Son, but He did because He uses men'. It is Hinn's contention that Christians are 'little Messiah's' and 'little gods'. He has even gone so far as to state, in reference to himself, 'I face devils as the Son of God.'

Hinn claims that people are healed at his meetings:

- just sitting there
- just by entering the building
- as they drive into the car park.

At Hinn's meetings he 'saves' people by waving his hand at them and saying 'whoosh' in a loud voice. On the Larry King program a clip was shown of him 'slaying' several people at once.

Hinn 'healed' every sick person watching King's program! He instructed those who want to be healed to reach out toward their television screens as he raised his hands and prayed for them by 're-buking' their illnesses in Jesus name.

He even claimed that once when he had a headache he turned on his own program and was healed by himself in the same manner!

Jesus said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name! And in thy name done many wonderful works? And I will profess unto them, I never knew you" (Matthew 7:22,23). —MBW

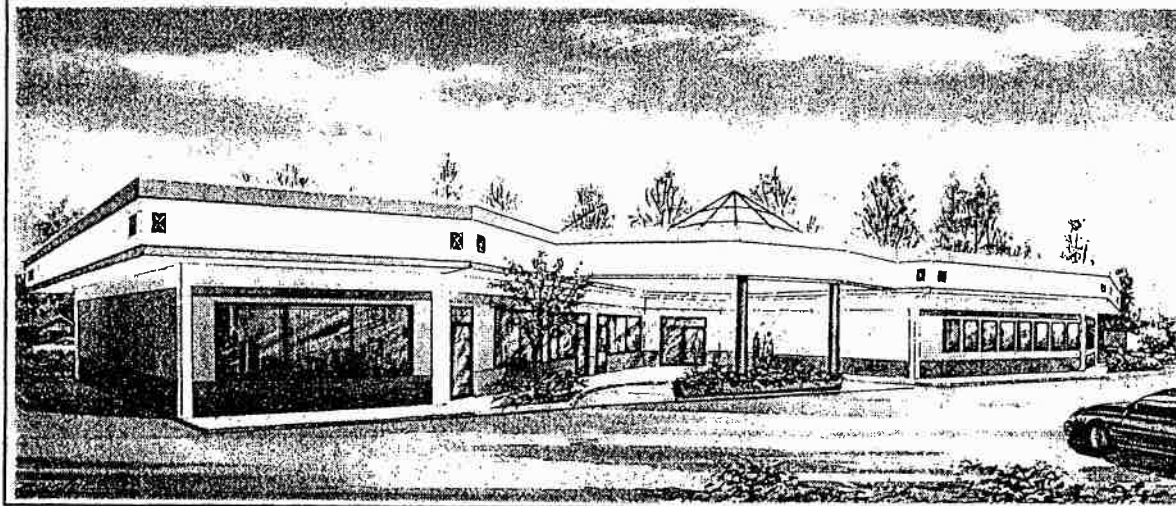
contribution is small as the spirit of giving out of love for the furtherance of His kingdom is what really matters. If you are unable to give, please pray as this is most important in accomplishing God's work in the field.

This appeal for funds will last up to middle of February after which the funds will be consolidated for the necessary purchase. We therefore once again appeal for your help to meet this urgent need. Cash may be channelled either to Dn Charlie Chan or Dn Henry Tan or myself. Cheques may be made payable to Life B-P Church Adults Fellowship. Please do not hesitate to call me at tel. no. 7751631(H) or 2793219(O) for any clarification.

—In His Service, Lim Pin

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 2 - 8, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	12.20 pm	Rev Tow & Team return, UB 231	\$7,818.00(8.00 am); \$17,027.00 (10.30 am)		
	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$1000, \$500, \$40(Boxes); <i>Cambodia</i> \$500, \$2000, \$200; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$70, \$100, <i>JS Heng</i> \$100, \$180; <i>Colin Wong</i> \$100; <i>Andrew Kam</i> \$50; <i>Africa</i> \$100; <i>Kenya</i> \$50; <i>Seets</i> \$50; <i>Needy FEBC students</i> \$500; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$326; <i>Vietnam</i> \$500; <i>Pastor/Asst Pastor & full-time workers</i> \$500; <i>House of Israel</i> \$100; <i>FEBC</i> \$100; <i>House of Joy</i> \$100; <i>Ptg of Rev Tow's books</i> \$100. Corrigendum: Last week's offering for Cambodia from Sunday School should read "\$200."		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(1) Please channel my thanksgiving gift of \$320 to the most needy cause in church. Thank you Lord for good health and peace of mind. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps 46:1). (2) Praise God for His grace and mercy in granting me a promotion. His blessings overfloweth! (Ps 75:6-7). \$500 for Cambodia, \$500 for needy FEBC students. (3) My gratitude to God for watching over me, especially in straightening my paths at work, answering my prayers in difficult situations. —A lecturer (\$1000)		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort. Camp registration begins today. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm.		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	Before & After School Care Centres. Two primary schools, Yishun, vacancy for paid staff. Wkday: 7.30am-3.30pm, and 10.30am-6.30pm. Sat.-half day. Contact Dn Henry Tan, 95601850(P); or Office, 2569256.		
	2.30 pm	Rev Tow at LTF			
SUN	8.00 am	The Good News: Justification by Faith (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)			
	9.30 pm	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Rev Prabhudas Koshy			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
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	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan.					
Sunday School Offering: \$551.55; Attendance: 362					
Verse for the Week: <i>Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.</i> Psalm 65:4					

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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	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 46	No. 122
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 37	Haggai 1:1-15
Hymn	No. 120	No. 414
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 565	I'd Rather Have Jesus
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Matt 6:25-35	Matt 6:19-24
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Give God First Place (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)	Two Treasures (Rev Peter Chua)
Closing Hymn	No. 265	No. 420
Benediction		Lord's Supper

The Silkair Flight MI 185 Crash in Retrospection — An Elder's Exhortation

The Silkair disaster hit the headlines of all Singapore papers on the morning of 20th December, 1997. Apparently, Silkair Flight MI 185, was winging its way from Jakarta to Singapore when it suddenly crashed near Palembang in Southern Sumatra with total loss of the lives of 104 passengers and crew. There was initial disbelief followed by shock and horror because there was no reason for the crash: the weather was good, the plane barely 10 months old with an experienced pilot flying it. Furthermore, Singapore Airlines is reputed to be one of the safest airlines in the world!

Amongst the 104 who died were 46 Singaporeans, making it the worst air disaster affecting Singaporeans in living memory. The Singapore authorities moved quickly—a crisis centre was set up, rescue operations went into full gear with Indonesian support. Foreign experts were called in to help determine the cause of the crash. Intense interest was focused on the flashback of events on T.V. day after day until most recently, the two "black boxes," deeply entrenched at the bottom of the Musi River, were recovered.

The tragedy emotionally overwhelmed loved ones, friends and acquaintances of the deceased, and touched the heartstrings of all Singaporeans! The questions left unanswered are "Why?" and "What went wrong?" As the experts begin the task of studying the wreckage and the "black boxes" to determine the cause of the crash, we, too, could learn important lessons from this tragic event.

The first and obvious lesson is that life is unpredictable and transient. Death overtakes all, the young and the old, the wealthy and the poor, the good and the bad! The Psalmist tells us, in poetic language, that our existence on earth is "as the grass, the flowers of the field, so it flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone" (Ps 103:5). But cynics say that death is acceptable if it is anticipated for example, in illness or old age, or is it?

To the people of the world, longevity is a greatly desired goal in life. The search for the "Elixir of Life" could be found in the annals of Eastern lore. More recently, many food fads and exercise regimes for improving health and prolonging life have caught the fancy of many. But what does the Bible tell us about the span of a person's life on earth? Psalm 90:10 affirms that "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."

A second lesson could be learnt in answering the question, "Why do people have to die?" God created man as an immortal being, but because Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they were condemned to die (Gen 2:17). One might argue that this death applies universally to all mankind, and so death will naturally overtake an individual when his time comes for departure from this

world. But what about the Silkair passengers and crew, the majority of whom were in the prime of their lives, not counting a good number who were children? What wrong had they done to deserve such an abrupt and early death?

In Luke 13:4 the story is told of the Tower of Siloam which fell on 18 bystanders killing them all! Jesus explained that calamity can happen to anyone because we are all human. But it is not a measure of a person's righteousness or unrighteousness. Anyone can get killed. It is by God's grace that we are alive. The important thing, Jesus tells His questioners, is that unless they repent, they too will perish, as only repentance can assure them of a place in God's Kingdom.

What, then, is the purpose of life? If it is purposeless and unpredictable, shall we not "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we shall die?" (Luke 12:19, Is 22:13).

Sad to say, this, indeed, is the philosophy of the world. But as believers we know that the purpose of our living is to "glorify God and enjoy Him forever" (Westminster Shorter Catechism).

Life is fleeting, and death is not the end. For we have the blessed hope of our Lord's soon coming which is "even at the doors" (Mark 13:29). "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess 4:16-17). Amen.

—Elder Tow Siang Yeow

The Servant's Mind

Message preached by Chadarat Chaikor at the Homiletics Class, Wednesday 21 Jan 98

Text: Phil 2:3-11. We are told that Paul encouraged the Philippians to have the mind of Christ when he says in v.5 "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Likewise, it also applies to us today.

This morning, God willing, we are going to find out together what kind of mind Paul was referring to. According to the context, v.5 tells us that it is the mind of Jesus Christ. We are challenged to have this mind which was also in Christ Jesus. But, to talk about the mind of Christ, it is a very wide topic. So, I would like to restate my sermon as "The Servant's Mind."

The servant's mind of Christ we are about to discuss has also many characteristics. Thus, I would like to touch only on 3 of them, namely: humility; obedience; and willingness.

However, before we look into those 3 characteristics, it is good for us to know briefly,

"Who is Jesus Christ" and "Why do we need to have the servant's mind of Christ?" Or else, what we are about to discuss later will be of no use at all.

According to verses 6 and 7, we are told that Jesus Christ, though He was God, "thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

He, who was God, humbled Himself to become human and lived a perfect life on this earth some 2,000 years ago. And in Mark 10:45, it says, "the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Thus, it is very clear that Jesus Christ came into this world as a servant. Or rather, as a slave. He came to serve, and not to be served. Likewise, Jesus Christ expects all of us, who are His followers, to have the servant's mind too. Why? Because we are told in Rom 8:29 that we are to be conformed to the image of Christ.

Clearly, Jesus Christ, by coming into this world, has set for us a very good example that we, as Christians, should seek to follow Him. Therefore, it is needful for us, as commanded by the Apostle Paul, to have the mind of Christ, that we may be more like Him in every area of our lives.

Now, let us consider the first characteristic of the servant's mind of Christ, that is the mind of humility.

Humility is one of the most essential characteristics of a servant, and we are all servants of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that when we become Christians, we are not of our own anymore. We now belong to Jesus Christ for we are bought with a price. Thus, the person who wants to serve God must be humble. Why? It is because to be a servant is to be in a very low position. If there is a choice, I think nobody would want to be a servant. Simply because, to be a servant, you have to give up all your rights and time to your master, in order to do whatsoever he commands you to do from morning till night. It means to live for the master and no more for self. It means to put the master first in everything, whether you like it or not. Therefore, it requires the servant to be humble in order to please his master. But, if the servant doesn't have this quality, he would not be classified as a good servant. Thus, may I ask all of us here this morning, "Do we have the mind of humility as a servant of Jesus Christ?" Are we able to do what Paul says in Phil 2:3-4, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than

themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

Now, the second characteristic of a servant's mind is that of obedience. We are told in Phil 2:8 that our Lord Jesus Christ humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. And likewise Heb 5:8 says, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." It is important that Jesus Christ has to be obedient to God the Father, even to the point of death because this is the purpose of His coming into this world, that we might, by His active and passive obedience, be saved.

But, on the contrary, the consequences of being disobedient is death. We are told in Genesis 3 that Adam sinned against God by being disobedient. He ate of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which Eve gave to him. Thus, Romans 5:12 says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Nevertheless, we thank God that because of Christ's perfect obedience to God the Father, we are being reconciled to God and thus, have a new relationship with Him. Rom 5:19 says, "For as by one man's disobedience (that was Adam) many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (that was Jesus Christ) shall many be made righteous."

The third characteristic of the servant's mind is that of willingness. As servants of Jesus Christ, we are to be ready and prepared to serve Him with a willing mind. Just like the Apostle Peter commands the church elders in 1 Pet 5:2 saying, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." We can be very busy in the church, doing a lot of things, and this is good. But I want to ask all of us whether we are doing the thing willingly or grudgingly? will we say, "I have so much assignments to do, why still ask me to help?" So, if we complain within ourselves, we are actually serving unwillingly, although outwardly, we may seem to be doing a lot of things.

Moreover, it is not how much we can do, but how willing are we to do. There are many people who have a lot of abilities but are not willing to commit themselves in any service. And on the other hand, there are also people who keep saying that they cannot do anything and thus, ended up doing nothing. They are not willing to even give it a try and this is not good too.

By way of testimony, I would like to share with you what God has taught me recently.

Since that day I knew that I have to preach this morning, I was very anxious. I don't think that I can do it because I keep telling myself that I can never

do it. So, one day, I decided to go and talk to Mrs Tow, hoping that she would change her mind and change my preaching to another person. But, do you know what was her answer to me? By seeing me standing up here this morning, I guess you all know that she wanted me to try. After that, I told myself, No choice, it is God's will, I have to accept it." So, I started to pray for a theme and prepare my sermon. But, it was all done with an unwilling mind because I know that I don't have any quality of a good preacher.

However, later I realised my mistake. I know that it is not so much of my ability but my availability. In other words, it is not whether I can or I cannot, but am I willing to do it? If I am willing, He is able to teach and help me. Likewise, my dear friends, how about you? Are you serving God willingly with your whole heart and mind?

Elder & Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat, our "Roving Missionaries"

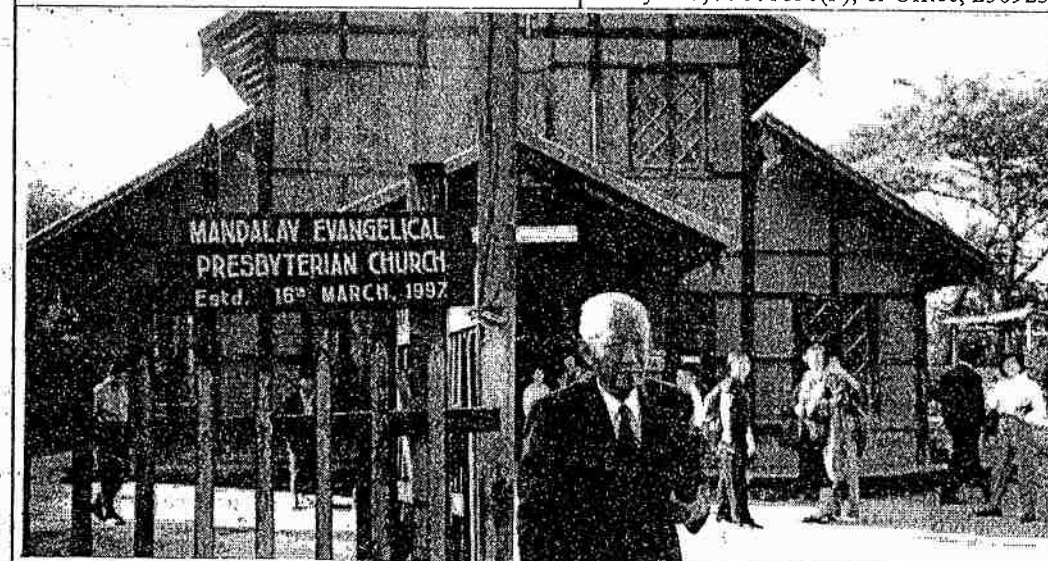
Last week I listed our missionaries labouring in all the Asean countries save one or two (we have contacts in Vietnam). This week it is my duty and honour to write about Elder and Mrs Khoo Peng Kiat, our "Roving Missionaries."

Since 1986 the Lord had sent them first to Perth, and thereafter for one decade they have been shuttling between S'pore and Melbourne. They do the work of more than a pastor's. Elder Khoo has not only ably supplied the pulpit, but also counselled many, visiting the weary and sick. They have always made themselves available. They are sought after by the whole Bethel congregation.

From Feb 2, '98 when they fly to Vancouver, they will minister the next three months in the new-found City, to be followed with another fortnight's ministry in Toronto. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa 40:31). Truly, the Lord has rewarded them with the vigour of youth for they have not failed to keep up with the Lord's busy schedules the last 12 years. "God be with you till we meet again!"

Their Vancouver address: *Marlborough House, #438-3098 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, V3B 7W8. Tel: 1-604-552 9330.* —T.T.

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MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$8,436.00(8.00 am); \$15,580.60 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Myanmar Slides)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF \$1794(Chinese Ser), \$1000;		
WED	6.00 pm	Korean Church Wedding	Cambodia \$50, \$20, \$100(for food), \$100, \$200, \$1000 each		
	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	for Moses, Jonathan and Monica; JJ Lim \$50; Vancouver		
THU	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Church \$200; Saipan \$50; Nirands \$20; MsF \$100; Chinese		
	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	New Year Service Offerings \$3,095.00; Extn of Gospel		
FRI	7.45 pm	LF, Beulah Hse; MF, FEBC Hall	\$173.70(Boxes).		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	4.00 pm	Covenant EFC Wedding	(1) Thanks to our Gracious Lord, for He has		
SUN	8.00 am	What Is the Unpardonable Sin? (Rev Tow)	answered my prayer even when I had such little faith.		
	9.30 pm	Sunday School	May the gracious Lord continue to work in the heart		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	of Michael, a Jewish friend of mine, that one day he		
	10.30 am	Rev (Dr) Goh Seng Fong	will accept the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, his		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	Messiah. (\$70 for Baraka BP Church)		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship (Beulah House)	(2) Enclosed herewith is cheque for \$3000 to be		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	distributed as follows: Cambodia mission \$200,		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Vietnam mission \$500, Pastor/Asst Pastor/full-time		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	workers \$500. May God's name be glorified in this		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	and His name spread to all corners of the world.		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	Amen.		
	1.30 pm	AF; 3.00 pm Thai Service	Tan Keok Hong was called home to be with the Lord on		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	1 Feb 98. Funeral was held on 3 Feb.		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	Medical Dental Mission , March 7-12. Interested, contact		
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.			Dr David Cheong, 220 7853(Office).		
Sunday School Offering: \$882.70; Attendance: 337			Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina		
Verse for the Week: Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. Psalm 37:24			Resort. Please register with full payment and photocopy		



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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	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 263	No. 29
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 119:97-112	Ps 91
Hymn	No. 255	No. 355
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 67	No. 324
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 2:17-29	2 Cor 12:1-9; 9:8
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Judgment is according to Christ's Gospel (Rev Colin Wong)	Sufficiency of God's Grace (Rev Prabhudas Koshy)
Closing Hymn	No. 266	No. 335
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

Trip to Myanmar by Ruth Tan

A team of 18 (5 pastors, one deacon and 12 other members) led by our beloved Pastor, Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow left for Myanmar on the 2nd day of the Lunar New Year. The team was to spend 4 days in Mandalay and Yangon. Our going to Myanmar was twofold – first, Pastor Tow was to speak at the 14th Annual Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Myanmar at Mandalay and second, to ordain Brother Andrew Kam at the Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology (FEFST). This visit was also to allow members to see the fruits of the labour of our missionaries.

We thank God for a safe journey throughout, be it by air or road and even up the mountain through narrow roads (above 3000 feet) to a town called Maymyo to visit another outreach of Rev Thawn Luai.

The team left on 29 Jan 98 and returned safely on 2 Feb 98. Rev Thawn Luai, Bro Andrew Kam, Bro Amos and brethren warmly received us at the airport. On arrival, the team was immediately transferred to an internal flight to Mandalay. The flight to Mandalay took 1hr 20 mins (483 miles).



On arrival at Mandalay, we were checked into the Swan Hotel. Besides attending the 3 evening worship services of the 14th Annual General Assembly of the EPC, the team was given the opportunity to tour the country.

Mandalay was generally a clean town although the place was without much modern facilities. The people were poor. We visited the King's palace, which comprised 114 Royal buildings. It was in this palace that the Bible was translated into the Burmese language! The tour guide (who is a Muslim) told us that the first missionary to Burma, Rev Adoniram Judson, was put in prison in the palace. His wife would bring him food daily in which were hidden pages of the



Bible. He spent his time translating the Bible into the Burmese language. We thank God that the Burmese people through the zeal of Rev Judson are able to learn the Word of God in their language.

Pagodas are the striking features of Myanmar. These remind tourists that Myanmar is a Buddhist country. Great expenses had gone into the building of these pagodas and the people revered the Buddhist statues. What we saw in a cottage industry truly sadden us. We saw how paper-thin gold leaves were made. The Burmese devotees would purchase these gold leaves to paste them on the statue of Buddha, one of which was the famous Maha Muni Image in Mandalay. We were told that this statue has increased by 4 tons of gold within a period of four years as the people have been pasting the gold leaves regularly. Brethren, please pray for Myanmar that the gospel could spread quickly in a land steeped in idolatry.

During the 3 evenings, Pastor exhorted the brethren on 1) How to be a prosperous people and a prosperous church 2) What is precious to our Presbyterian heritage 3) Why Jesus must return quickly and what we must do.

On Sabbath day, Rev Tow, together with Rev Thawn Luai and another pastor ordained brother John Sarluai, a graduate of the FEFST who has been pastoring the mountain Church in Maymyo. This Church, which has 60 to 70 members, was started by Rev Thawn Luai with a gift of \$2,000 from Life BP Church.

Following the Sabbath Day Worship, the team took the internal flight back to Yangon to witness the ordination of Brother Andrew Kam.

Brother Andrew Kam started an orphanage

after he completed his studies in FEBC four years ago. Currently, the orphanage has 21 children ranging from 6 to 16 years. He also started 2 BP Churches up in the Chin Sate. The management of the orphanage and the 2 churches comes from love gifts from Life BP Church. Prior to his ordination in the evening, Bro Andrew Kam was presented to the 5 pastors who assessed him on his

commitment, his stand for the BP movement and his knowledge of the Church doctrines and constitution. The 5 pastors were in agreement that he could be ordained. Rev Timothy Tow, Rev Thawn Luai, Rev Colin Wong, Rev Jack Sin, Rev Jeffrey Khoo and Rev Das Koshy laid their hands on Bro Andrew Kam during the service held at the FEFST in the evening. In his message, Rev Tow warned members on the importance of holding and teaching the right doctrine with the emergence of liberalism, modernism and Charismaticism. Rev Colin Wong delivered the charge to Rev Andrew Kam. Rev Andrew Kam gave a very touching testimony on his life and the love of the Lord Jesus for him and why he chose to start the orphanage. To facilitate the movement of the orphans, Rev Tow was moved to encourage the team to make a first contribution to purchase a van. The van would cost approximately US\$15,000. The team contributed S\$10,566 towards the van fund. Thank God for the spirit of giving.

We thank God for this mission trip. We were not only fed from the word of God daily, but the team was also ministered by the brethren in Myanmar.

Beware of the Millennium Bug!

In less than 24 months, the year 2000 Anno Domini will dawn. Many are already preparing for its arrival. Celebrations are being planned on remote islands just west of the international date line and at the pyramids in Egypt. New Agers hail the new millennium because they believe it will usher in the age of Aquarius. **However, others watch its approach with dread.** These are computer programmers

battling with the Millennium Bug, also called the year 2000 computer problem. They fear that the new millennium will bring widespread disruption!

What is the Problem?

The Year 2000 problem (abbreviated to Y2K) originated with the early computers. Computer memory was very limited and therefore expensive. To economise, programmers decided on a six-digit date. Thus January 25, 1968 became 25/01/68.

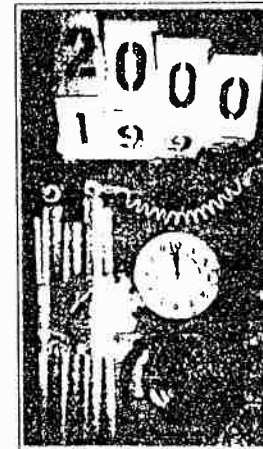
The computer date 31/12/99 will be followed by 01/01/00. You will understand that to be Saturday, January 1, 2000, but the computer will not be able to reach that conclusion. **Unless the problem is rectified, the date likely to appear on mainframe computers will be Saturday, January 1, 1900 and on PCs Friday, January 4, 1980!**

This may seem a minor irritation, but it has serious implications. Assume that a man born on 25/02/58 has an insurance policy. On 25/02/98, the insurance company's computer will subtract 58 from 98 and conclude he is 40 years of age. It will adjust his premiums accordingly. But on 25/02/00, it will subtract 58 from 00 and conclude he is -58 years old! **The calculations it makes on the basis of this error would be nonsensical.**

There are many other calculations in computer systems which involve dates. These include: transaction dates (for a medical claim, an invoice, a cheque deposit), service period dates (electricity/water consumption, telephone usage), accrual periods (interest received and owed), expiry dates (eg on credit cards) and start and end dates (for medical aid membership, etc).

The consequences of date confusion will range from irritating to disastrous! For example, air conditioning in high rise buildings may not work on Monday, Jan 3, 2000 because the control system assumes it is Sunday, Jan 6, 1980. Time delay safes in banks will not open, but will have opened on Sunday, Jan 2! Cheques may be rejected as stale, debit and credit interest may be reversed or calculated at enormous amounts, etc.

Problems of this nature caused the US Office of Management and Budget to state in a report dated February 6, 1997: "With



the arrival of the year 2000, people will know that '00' stands for 2000. However, the hardware and software in many computer systems will not understand this new meaning. **Unless they are fixed or replaced, they will fail at the turn of the century in one of three ways: they will reject legitimate entries, or they will commute erroneous results or they simply will not run."**

An indication of the complexity of the problem is provided by the American Visa credit card company. Its card carry a four year expiry date which in 1996 was 2000. "Visa therefore made sure before issuing the cards that its systems were fully Year 2000-compliant," said a Y2K expert, "but they did not check their clearing house partners' systems. The result was that cards were swallowed by machines and customer credit refused."

In Britain, computers of the marketing chain Marks & Spencer mistakenly ordered the destruction of tons of corned beef, believing they were more than 100 years old!

The problem affects more than just computers. Every device that monitor dates must be checked and perhaps modified. These include time clocks, microwave ovens, elevators, security systems and even postage meters.

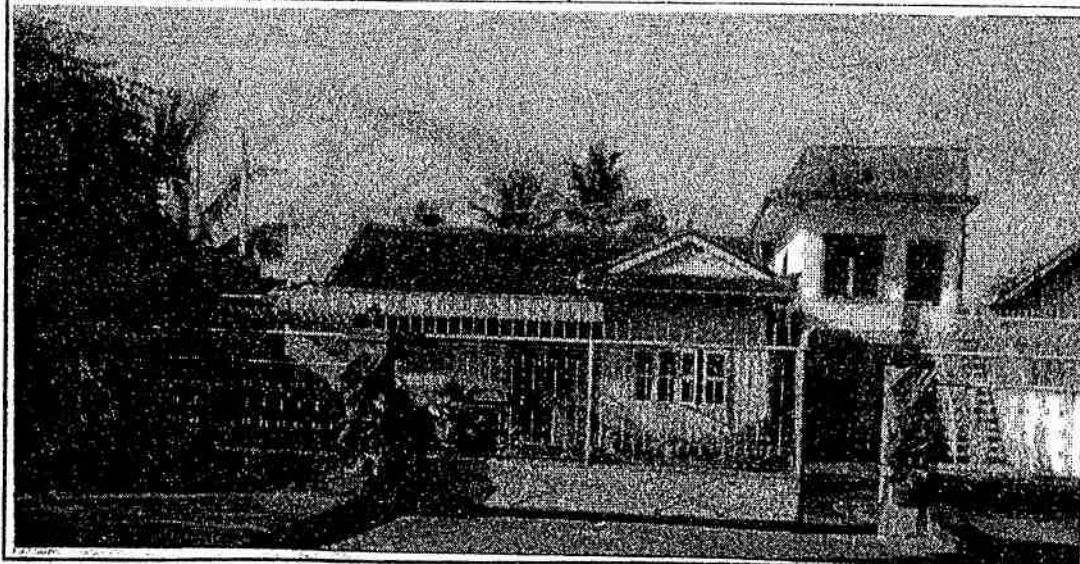
Although the Y2K problem is in itself simple, **fixing it is not. Nor is it cheap!** "In April last year it was estimated that the worldwide cost of making software compatible for the Year 2000 was \$6bn," said Brian Holmes (*Computing S.A.* 20/10/97). "One year later this estimate has increased one hundred fold to \$600bn and could reach \$1 000bn by the end of the century." But the cost is not the biggest problem. **The inflexible deadline is!**

Despite tens of thousands of computer programmers working on the problem, there is **no assurance that it will be completely solved within the next two years.** In fact, over 85 percent of all major computer projects are not completed on time. **But it is not possible to delay the arrival of the year 2000!** In other words, if the problem is not tackled soon enough, it will not be solved in time!

"There are two kinds of people," says Nigel Martin-Jones of Data Dimensions (*Newsweek* 2/6/97). "Those who aren't working on the Y2K problem and aren't worried, and those who are working on it and are terrified."

— from *Signposts*, S.Africa

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MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$8,438.00(8.00 am); \$11,972.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF \$2200(Chinese Ser), Cambodia \$86, \$10, \$1000, \$50, \$10(for food), \$200, \$100, \$500, \$272(Boxes), \$150; Baraka BPC \$100; Sunday Sch \$127; RPG \$10; Thailand \$100; Myanmar \$100; Rev David Koo \$20; Rev Ronny Khoo \$100; Vancouver BPC \$200; Rev Moses/Jonathan Lee \$100; Henry Tan \$100; Myanmar Orph \$500, \$161; Indonesia \$50, \$20; Batam \$100(LF); Mersing \$1073(Kebaktian Ina 16 Anniv); Myanmar Van Fund \$8750, \$641(US\$392).		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	(1) Our Heavenly Father, Thank you for the bountiful grace and mercy you have bestowed on us. Lord, teach me thy way. O Lord, thank you that I have a Christian and loving mother. Praise the Lord! Please accept my love gift to you. (\$12 for Mersing Camp)		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	(2) Praise the Lord for answering our prayers. We would like to return thanks to the Lord for answering our prayers and blessing us. Please channel this sum to Vancouver BP Church for the expansion of the Lord's kingdom. (\$500)		
SAT	10.30 am	Daniel Goh & Lim Leng Leng wedding	Medical Dental Mission , March 7-12. Interested, contact Dr David Cheong, 220 7853(Office).		
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan, 95143392.		
SUN	8.00 am	The Bad News: Condemnation under Sin (Rev Colin Wong)	Before & After School Care Centres. Two primary schools, Yishun, vacancy for paid staff. Wkday: 7.30am-3.30pm, and 10.30am-6.30pm. Sat.-half day. Contact Dn Henry Tan, 95601850(P); or Office, 2569256.		
	9.30 pm	Sunday School			
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
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Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 24	No. 103
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 139	Ps 25
Hymn	No. 340	No. 365
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 241	My Jesus, As Thou Wilt
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Matt 12:15-37	Mark 9:14-29
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What is the Unpardonable Sin?	Timid Prayer (Rev Dr Goh Seng Fong)
	No. 245	No. 336
Closing Hymn		
Benediction		

MILLENNIUM BUG: BLAIR TO MOBILISE WORLD ACTION

(The Straits Times, Tuesday, February 10, 1998)

LONDON — British Prime Minister Tony Blair is mobilising world leaders behind a campaign for urgent action against the "millennium bug", after a warning that it could cost £250 billion (\$667 billion), The Independent reported yesterday.

Many computer systems are unable to distinguish between the years 1900 and 2000, because the date component of their programs is recorded by just two figures — "00" — for both dates that in fact stand 100 years apart.

Programmers predict that the date change will result in chaos for many computerised systems, such as those covering hospital registration, banking activities and food sell-by dates.

Following a discussion last week with US President Bill Clinton during Mr Blair's visit to Washington, it was agreed to put the issue on the formal agenda for the next summit of the G-8 world's major economies in Britain in May, the London-based daily said.

Britain is current president of the G-8.

Mr Blair has also agreed with Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok that Britain, as holder of the rotating presidency of the European Union, should stage a "round-table conference of senior industry figures", also expected in May.

The Independent said that a source close to Mr Blair said last week that the bug could wipe 2 per cent off the national income of all G-8 countries in 2000: a £250 billion bombshell.

That warning, it said, has been traced back to Wall Street

guru Edward Yardeni, chief economist for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in North America, who gave evidence to a US Senate hearing last November.

He told the hearing: "Based on what I know so far, I believe there is a 40-per-cent risk of a worldwide recession that will last at least 12 months starting in January 2000, and it could be as severe as the 1973-74 global recession."

Nearly 50 per cent of European firms are ignorant of the full implications of the millennium bug which could leave their operating systems in shreds, according to a survey published in November.

The survey, carried out by the Brussels-based PA Consulting Group on 1,000 private and public-sector companies in 15 European countries, revealed that only 55 per cent were prepared fully for the potential consequences of the millennium date-change.

According to the survey, awareness of the problem runs at 73 per cent among large enterprises, compared to just 43 per cent of small- and medium-sized firms. —AFP.

BEWARE OF THE MILLENNIUM BUG (II)! Just How Big is the Year 2000 Problem?

"The Year 2000 Software Problem is... quite likely to be the greatest challenge ever faced by the world economy," says Elmar Roberg of Business Transformation Services. "Its size, scope and solution, as well as the immovability of its

end date, are likely to show that it will be one of the most complex projects ever undertaken by mankind."

One or two Fortune 500 companies may fail as well as between 1 500 and 2 100 medium sized American companies, says Capters Jones, one of the most respected analysts in the information technology industry. Should this happen, millions would join the ranks of the unemployed, triggering a recession.

Visa's experience illustrates the complexity of the problem. Computers interface with other computers. One company's computer may be 100 percent year 2000 compliant. However, if the computers of just one company to which it is linked is not, complications are likely to arise.

If a non-compliant supplier fails to deliver a vital component to a compliant company, the latter may be forced to halt production. Even a delay in delivery could disrupt the whole production schedule and set off a chain reaction in an industry, a country and even the world. The failure of suppliers to meet contractual obligations because of the Y2K problem could result in large-scale litigation. In America, the cost of litigation could exceed \$100bn.

Picture a situation where 10 percent of companies fail to meet their commitments in January 2000. In February, another 10 percent fail because they are dependent on the first 10 percent. Before the end of the year, the whole country could grind to a halt! If banks are not compliant, the situation would be greatly compounded. Suppliers would not be able to get payments from either their national or foreign customers.

European Union governments and companies are paying too little attention to the Y2K problem because they are preparing to introduce a common currency in 1999.

Embedded Chips and Software

There are two aspects to the Y2K problem - embedded chips and computer software.

Embedded chips are microprocessors which are inside all sorts of devices. Some modern cars have as many as 100 chips. Those with date-sensitive controls could cause problems. An estimated quarter of fire engines produced since 1985 will not start on or after Jan 1, 2000 because their embedded chips will indicate that the mandated engine maintenance has not been conducted for a century!

Embedded systems will cause fifty percent of the control systems to fail at four Alcoa Steel Plants, Jay Abshier, manager of Texaco's Corporate Year 2000 Office, said in November 1997. A twelve percent failure rate has been

identified in the Shell-Exxon's North Sea platforms, pipelines and gas plants.

The American Nuclear Regulatory Commission warned all 107 US nuclear plants on 24/12/96 that they were not Y2K compliant. If the NRC closes them in late 1999, America would lose 20 percent of its electrical power in winter! Another 20 percent of electricity comes from coal-burning power stations. No American railroad is yet Y2K compliant. If they are unable to deliver fuel to the coal-fired power plants, the consequences are unthinkable!

To fix a software fault, the offending component must be found, changes made and then tested to ensure that the problem has been solved. But, on average, for every 100 software bugs fixed, seven new ones are introduced!

There are a further two complicating factors. The first is the sheer size of the problem. The American Social Security Agency became aware of the problem in 1989. It has 300 million lines of computer code to check, of which about ten percent need to be repaired. Since 1991, it has had 400 in-house programmers working part-time on the project. By June 1996, they had completed only 20 percent of the task. **Realising the problem was far bigger than originally anticipated, more resources were committed and a year later, 65 percent of the problem was solved!**

BankBoston, America's 15th biggest commercial bank, realised early in 1995 that it had a problem that could bring it to its knees. It has to probe 60 million lines of code and 200 applications. Its Team 2000 has 40 people working full time to solve the problem, but the harder they work, the more complicated it seems.

The financial concern Merrill Lynch has an 80-person Y2K division working in shifts, 24 hours a day, seven days week, at a cost of \$200 million. **"Our return on this investment is zero" said the senior vice president. "This will just enable us to stay in business."**

The second complicating factor is that the software of many mainframe computers was tailor-made to suit particular customers. Some of the most critical applications may be between 15 and 20 years old and written in a half-forgotten computer language. This means that there is no quick-fix solution or "silver bullet" which can be universally applied. Each system has to be dealt with individually, a slow, painstaking process.

"If you're not changing code by November 1997," warned Peter de Jager, a top Y2K consultant, "you will not get this thing done on time - it's that simple."

Although the problem is largely with mainframe computers, personal computers are also affected. "If you're one of the handful of people using 8-year-old DOS versions (3.0 or below), your program will not roll over to the year 2000," says Newsweek (2/6/97). Old BIOS will also fail.

By the end of 1999, Y2K expert Capers Jones will have backup records (on floppies and on paper) of all important documents, such as bank statements. He will get a full tank of petrol and have plenty of cash on hand!

—from Signposts, S. Africa

A 3rd B-P Church in Burma

Under Rev Andrew Kam there is the Orphanage of 21 children which he runs in Yangon. On the Lord's Day about 10 "outsiders" come to join the orphans in worship, and these form the 1st B-P Church in Burma.

The second is the splendid new Church, costing US\$10,000, which he built at Tui Khal Village, now pastored by his elder brother.

Pictured here is a 3rd B-P Church, now being constructed at Khampat, Chin State, by Amos Go Za Sum, another FEBC graduate. We publish here his letter to pastor Tow, with photo; dated Jan 29, 98:

Greetings in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We have no time to speak in Yangon. So, I would like to say thank you in everything which you have done in Myanmar.

This is my report of what I did in my hometown. Our Khampat New Life B-P Church was born on the 4th of August 1997, with only my family. Now the Lord added five families. At the same time I started a Children Ministry with (15) children. I bought a compound 36 ft by 120 ft. I start to build a small house for Children Ministry as well as for the B-P Church. We have finished the building foundation as you see in the picture. I already spent the money all I have for the Lord's ministry. We are praying for the covering zinc roof.

We humbly request your prayerful and financial support for this poor church. Please remember me in Tuesday night prayer meeting.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

because Jesus is near.

—Your sincere student,
Amos Go Za Sum, Khampat (c/o Andrew Kam)

Correspondence from Moses Hahn

Greetings in the name of our Lord.

Brother Koo's family and Sister Monica are well in Kompong Som. Monica is teaching English and Bible in church and house.

Our English Bible classes are going on well at the rented house. In morning time, four-six persons are regularly attending the class. We have 2 hours study in the morning time. Sister Monica teaches Genesis. I teach Pentateuch (lecture notes by Charles Seet) and Westminster Shorter Catechism. In the afternoon, I teach Luke, one hour, for church members.

We need to apply for permit for this Bible class. Please pray with us.

*Brother Phannith can stay with us. But many people went to the border. Thank you for your prayer.

*Thanks a lot, brother Jialiang and a sister, for recording the tapes of Essential English Conversation Book I & II. Now we are using in secondary school.

*Sister Monica went to Phnom Penh today (16 Jan) to survey Cambodia with Jimmy Rim.

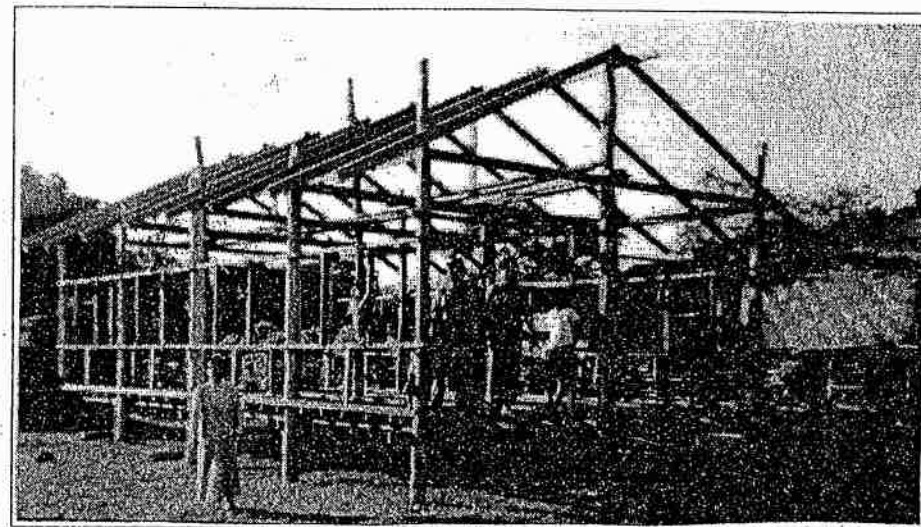
*We installed the telephone (855-34-933731).

*Koo Kyen Hoe (David) Account No. S/ 002.000230/0, First Overseas Bank Ltd., Sinhanouk Ville Branch.

*Motor taxi is expensive. Motorbike will be helpful for transportation.

Our Lord's peace be with you.

—Moses, Kompong Som, 16 Jan 98



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MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$7,325.00(8.00 am); \$15,291.00 (10.30 am)		
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WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Mr Oh Thiam Cheng , 74, father of Peter Oh, was baptised by the pastor at NUH Wd 43, Sat. Feb 14, 98 before son and in-laws, with great rejoicing.		
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Congratulations to the following parents: Mr & Mrs Pang Kim Hwee , a boy, 6½ pounds, Feb 17, 98 at Orange Country, USA; and Dr & Mrs London Lucien Ooi , a boy, Joshua, Feb 17.		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	Medical Dental Mission , March 7-12. Interested, contact Dr David Cheong, 220 7853(Office).		
SAT	2.30 am	Tan Beng Lee & Lam Chiew Ying Wedding, Rev Tow	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392).		
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SUN	8.00 am	What does the Bible say about suicide? (Rev Jack Sin)			
	9.30 pm	Sunday School			
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		Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$568.70; Attendance: 353					
Verse for the Week: For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. Job 34:21					



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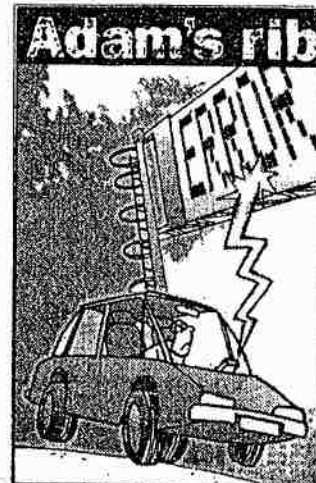
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Opening Hymn	No. 86	No. 35
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 38:1-22	Ps 46
Hymn	No. 293	No. 326
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 281	No. 293
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 3:1-20	Lk 21:25-36
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Bad News: Condemnation under Sin (Rev Colin Wong)	Have you packed your bag?
Closing Hymn	No. 287	No. 220
Benediction		

Over 1,000 ERP devices with 'error' to be replaced (Straits Times Feb 17, 98)

More than 1,000 vehicle owners will need to replace their Electronic Road Pricing (ERP) in-vehicle units because of a software error in the system.

Notices will be sent out to the affected group — mainly car owners — from today, said a spokesman for Philips Singapore, which leads the consortium of companies supplying the system.



She added that staff would be sent to the homes of the vehicle owners to do the replacement at no cost.

All the faulty in-vehicle units should be replaced by the third week of March, before ERP starts on April 1 along the East Coast Parkway.

Citing the problem as a "software bug" she said that the in-vehicle unit would not have functioned properly if the problem had not been detected.

"The unit would register an

invalid status when the vehicle passes through the gantry".

The error was discovered during a routine check, she said.

"We promise that this is the first and last error.

"We have since gone back and checked all the units and there is no problem."

Out of the more than 690,000 vehicles registered, more than 200,000 have been fitted with in-vehicle units.

A spokesman for the Land Transport Authority said yesterday that it had been informed of the programming error and had asked Philips to rectify it.

OUR COMMENTARY.

Out of 690,000 vehicles in S'pore 200,000 have been fitted with in-vehicle units. What if all the 200,000 vehicles were bitten by the software bug?

In the light of the 1,000 ERP devices with 'error,' the magnitude of the chaos that will be brought by the Millennium Bug will be global. Why we call it the Millennium Bug? It will be the inability of computers world-wide to recognise the date at the turn of the millennium. The date has 6 digits, e.g. it is 31/12/99. When first of Jan, 2000 comes the computer will register 01/01/00. But what year? It will be 1900 instead of 2000! With this anomaly, the computer is at a

loss! For the date is pushed back one century!

When the Millennium Bug bites (because half the world's computers will not be corrected in time) it will send a deadly chill to users around the world. That is why Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, "is mobilising world leaders behind a campaign for urgent action," for the BITE would cost £250 billion (\$667 billion). Some respected quarter says, US\$1,000 billion. In comparison, the sum needed to save Indonesia is peanuts.

The Millennium Bug will affect banks, hospitals, government departments, even your PC's, and lifts and microwave ovens. I will not mind if my microwave oven does not work, but I will not be flying on Dec 31, 99 and Jan 1st, 2000. My plane might drop out of the sky (BBC). So here is another news cutting from Straits Times, though published a fortnight earlier.

Safety fears as millennium bug overwhelms US aviation agency

WASHINGTON — At its current pace, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will not be able to remove all the "Year 2000" bugs from its hundreds of critical computer systems before the turn of the century, and this could jeopardise airline safety, increase costs and delay flights, the General Accounting Office has warned in a new report.

The report, which was to have been released yesterday, lays the blame on the aviation agency's management.

"At its current pace, it will not make it in time," it said, citing the FAA's late start in correcting the problem and — among other blunders — appointing a Year-2000 manager who retired at the end of last year. He has not yet been replaced.

The FAA uses computers for everything, from directing planes in the sky to managing and maintaining its inventory of safety and navigation equipment and scheduling inspections.

Many of the computers and programs are old and designed to recognise only the last two digits of the year. They would therefore recognise 2000 as "00" and assume that means 1900, experts say.

If the problem was not corrected, "the

potential serious consequences include lower levels of safety, grounded or delayed flights, increased airline costs and customer inconvenience", the congressional auditors said.

Based on IBM's recommendations, the aviation agency is replacing its computers as its control centres, but is facing problems doing it within 23 months. It is also having financial problems — it has no money in its budget for computer replacement. —NYT.

What is one fear from the Millennium Bug? It is the fear of millions and millions thrown out of job. ("There will be no money for computer replacement," to begin with.)

With the present downturn in Singapore's strong economy, we are trying to brace up to meet the situation. The currency turmoil keeps on buffeting the ASEAN countries. But, no sooner is strenuous effort made to tackle this ordeal than looms the ugly head of the Millennium Bug. Do you know it is only 22 months away? Then, there is the impending strike by US on Iraq. And the Indonesian SMOG (not haze) is on the spread again, while 4,500 have just perished in the Afghan earthquake. In spite of all these catastrophes, we slumber on! "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matt 24:37-42).

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Our Study of Revelation at Tuesday night prayer meeting takes us to Rev 9:13-21. This is the outbreak of WWII (Walvoord) originating from the "great river Euphrates," the region of present day Iraq. Does this ring a bell? It is nearer than you think.

It is of the Lord's higher planning that our June Camp at the Waterfront City, Batam will study "Count down to Armageddon" with Rev

Dr Paul Lee Tan. Incidentally, Dr Lim Teck Chye has asked on behalf of New Life BPC to join us at this Camp. Welcome New Lifers! With our former members coming in, let us register early to find a place.

Lim Pin, on behalf of AF, reports the receipt of \$27,643.50 collected from the various fellowships, S.S. and individuals in our campaign to send a 4th container of food for Cambodia. At 25% off the bulk price list, we have plenty of milk powder, biscuits, sardines and baked beans to send by end of February.

Latest report from Moses Hahn tells of the starting of a joint Sunday Service at the Mission House at Kompong Som, between a Baptist pastor and our own, David Koo in charge. As David teaches a computer class to church members he would appreciate it if you can donate your used 486-computers (with hard disk). Computer tables are also needed.

Now, I am planning a 4-day visit to our missionaries in Pnomh Penh and Kompong Som, leaving May 12 and returning 15. The ticket, \$25 less than usual, will cost \$445 (including S'pore airport tax). How much will the hotel cost, we will find out as soon as possible. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Miss Joan Davenport

Miss Joan Davenport, who has served us through 6 Pilgrimages, 1992-97, is visiting us till Mar 2, 98. Though we are not leading one this year, Elder Dr George Foong of Calvary and his wife will go in Sept. Lifers who wish to go may join the Calvarians. Then Elder Dr Boaz Boon is leading another next year, '99, and he represents Calvary Tengah. This will give Miss Davenport great encouragement.

For, she has been faithfully standing in the gap of a lonely outpost. Baraka, which in her heyday saw the employment of 80 staff when she was a T.B. Sanatorium for the Kingdom of Jordan, is



today dwindled to a Pilgrim's Hospice. She needs more patronage.

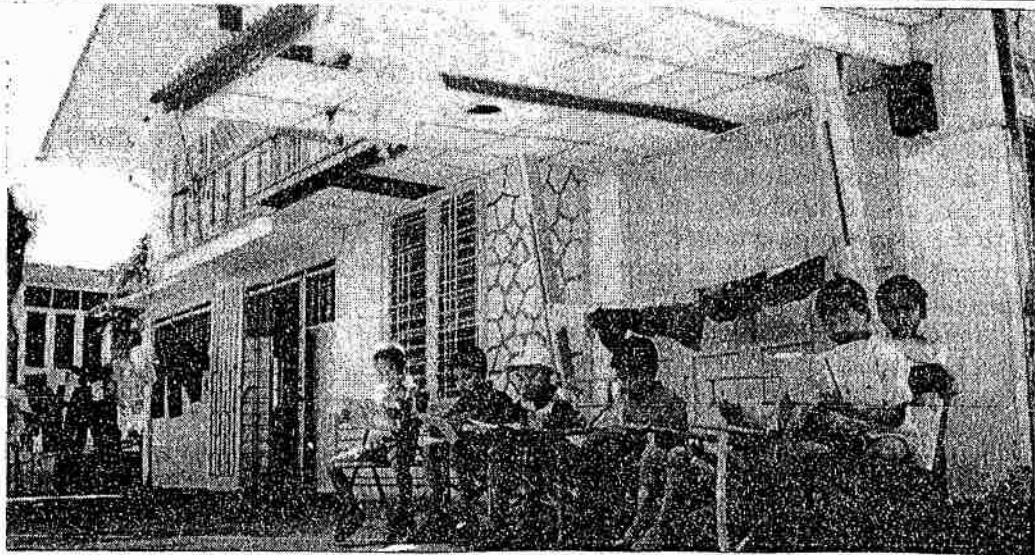
Though Baraka Conference Centre seems depleted, something good has come out of her. A number of her employees imbibed the Christian Faith, which was faithfully transmitted by Dr Lambie, Baraka's founder. These are the stalwarts of faith that constitute the membership of the Baraka B-P Church in Bethlehem. (There Dr Lambie also built a Church with 2 missionary quarters. This affords the Palestinian congregation a place to worship to this day.)

The Church at Bethlehem has been a boon to Singapore Pilgrims, for it affords us an opportunity to join the descendants of Abraham in Lord's Day worship. The Baraka Church is open to the worship of other tourists, for Bethlehem is on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Once a party of 35 Britons joined us on the Lord's Day, so we were able to preach to the sophisticated. (And all this is possible because Miss Davenport is willing to stand in the gap.)

What I am driving at is she is worthy of our support. By her frugal management of the big property of 7½ acres, Baraka can be run on a shoe-string of only US\$2,000 a month. If ex-Pilgrims can each chip in some, "many a mickle makes a muckle." Hitherto sums for Baraka have appeared on the back column, not the least one from Sharon this week. And why not, if your stay in Baraka still brings back fond memories? One good turn deserves another. And we see what strength the gift of a KIA mini-bus has added to her ministry of ferrying the children to Church and Sunday School each week!

Baraka Bible-Presbyterian Church has a bright future. The youngest son of Rev George Awad, Danny, has studied at Bethlehem Bible College and further entered a Presbyterian Seminary in the Philippines. He is graduating this March. He will return to help his pastor father. He will particularly add to the growth of the Youth Fellowship. Another son, who runs an orphanage, the House of Joy, brings the handicapped to Church on Sunday. The Church is growing steadily as she celebrates her golden jubilee this year (1948-1998). —T.T.

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	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	(1) Here's my small offering for God's grace, mercy and especially his love for my family and throughout our lives. (\$200)	
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	(2) Please channel my thanksgiving gift of \$820 to the most needy cause in church. Thank you Lord for good health and peace of mind. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps 46:1).	
SAT	2.30 pm	Paul Cheong & Cecilia Kung Wedding, Rev Tow	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392).	
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SUN	8.00 am	The Good News: Justification by Faith (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)		
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NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok, Yishun				
Sunday School Offering: \$605.06; Attendance: 340				
Verse for the Week: For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Psalm 86:5				



B-P Orphanage (Rev Andrew Kam), Yangon
Here you see the young lads sweating out for final school exams.



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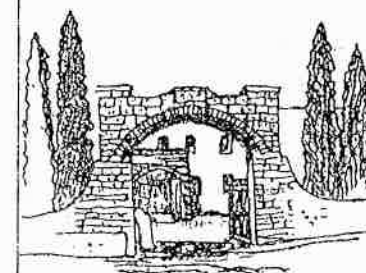
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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

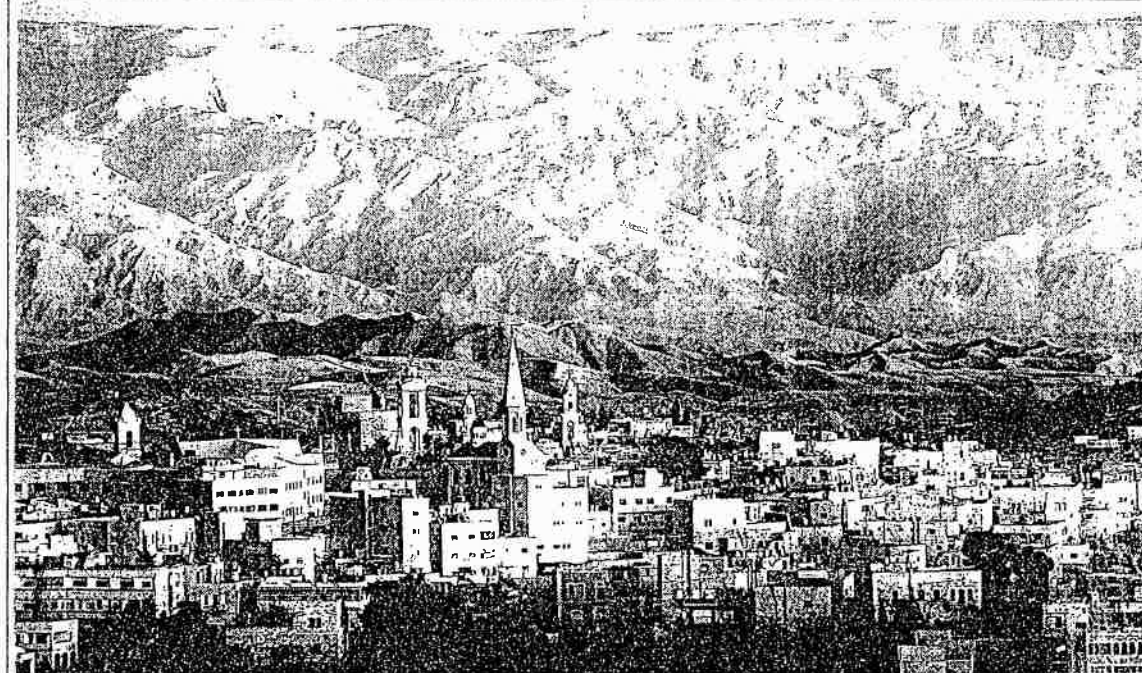
	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Wee Chin Kam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 21	No. 28
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 3	Psalms 42/43
Hymn	No. 311	No. 14
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 421	Song to the New Jerusalem
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Sam 31:3-7; 2 Sam	Rom 11:25-36
Pastoral Prayer	17:14-23; 1 Ki 16:15-20	
Sermon	What does the Bible say about suicide? (Rev Jack Sin)	Climax of All-Complete Plan of Salvation
Closing Hymn	No. 368	No. 87
Benediction		Lord's Supper

BEIT EL BARAKA Bible Conference Center



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Beit El Baraka
Joan Davenport, Director
Box # One
Bethlehem, via Israel



Bethlehem in bright sunlight with mountains of Moab as its backdrop.



Our Center

We would like to shout to the whole world about our unique conference center. First, we are located just south of Bethlehem, secluded on 13 dunams of land and surrounded by a high stone wall, which provides privacy and protection for our guests. Secondly, the new bypass highway from Jerusalem (Gilo) comes to our gate.

There is a small chapel and a large chapel available for services and lectures. Whether one or two individuals or a tour group of 50, we have the resources to serve you.

Our grounds are large enough for picnics, meetings around the campfire, with much room for sports activities and various outdoor functions.

Yet, we are able to provide a quiet country-setting for those who may come simply for a rest, a retreat, or fasting and prayer.

Did you know when you come to Beit El Baraka you are exactly where King Jehosaphat defeated his enemies in the Valley of Baraka? This biblical story appears in II Chron 20:10-22 where Jehosaphat and his men defeated a multitude of their enemies as God said, "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle. Set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you . . . the Lord will be with you."

Related Activities

Our guests are invited to the various functions conducted by the Baraka Bible Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem. These functions include Sunday School, Sunday morning and evening service, and a mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday. There is a Saturday youth meeting, a weekly children's Bible class and a ladies' Bible study. A bus or public taxi can be taken from our front gate. Also, special services and activities can be requested by conference groups.

Accommodations — Kinds and Prices

Our rooms are clean, spacious and comfortable for individuals and groups. We have some rooms with private bath, some rooms with half-bath, and also rooms with easy access to hall

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Rates are as follows:

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Half Board — 2 meals/day, US\$25, am & pm

Bed & Breakfast — US\$20

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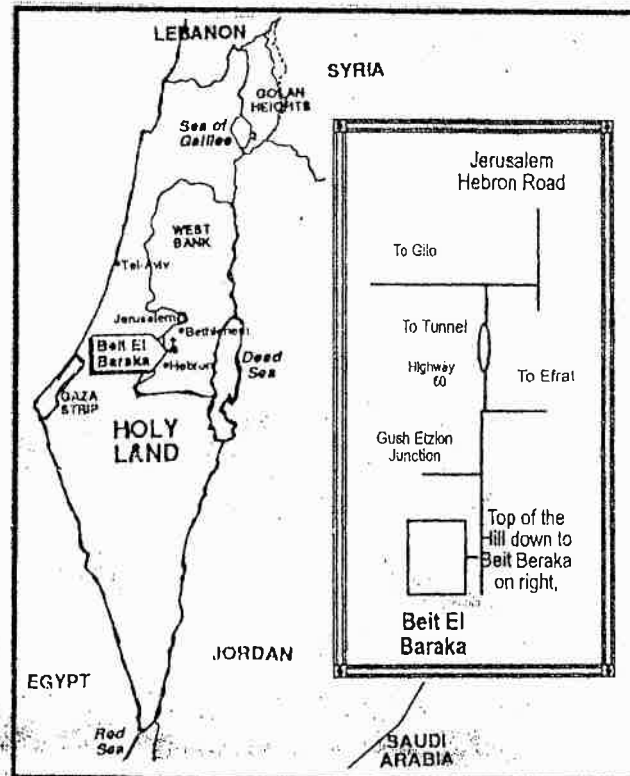
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Sightseeing . . .

From the crusader castles around Dan in the



North to the Red Sea in the South, individuals and groups will find Beit El Baraka a convenient hub for sightseeing adventure. Whether the interest is Biblical archeology, the steps of Jesus in the Galilee area, the many ancient sites in east Jerusalem, the biblical ruins at Jericho, a dip in the salty Dead Sea, or the lure of Eilat for snorkling, deep sea diving, sunbathing and swimming, you may choose your personal itinerary to make your visit to the Holy Land an unforgettable experience.

A Map to Find Us . . .

Beit El Baraka (House of Blessing) is located ten miles south of Bethlehem via the "tunnel-by-pass" out of Gilo, Highway 60.

REPORT FROM JONATHAN LEE

Praise the Lord.

During the last 6 months much has happened in Cambodia. Our mission team was recently in charge of distributing goods from the first two containers sent to Cambodia. We had the help of Cambodian government officials throughout the distribution.

Do you know that Cambodia is a very sad and very poor country? So the Cambodians were very happy to receive with tears your goods and your love.

They do not have enough food to eat and clothes to wear, but we have to pray for their salvation. Rev Jimmy Rim and I, sometimes sister Monica, have prayer meeting at the local church where we share the gospel with the Cambodian members.

I have been involved in teaching the Bible two times a week to 12 youths at a local church in Phnom Penh. Also about 20 football youths come to my house to learn the Bible, with their pastor.

Whenever I have free time I cut the hair of Cambodian orphans. About 30 children from my neighbourhood come to my house to have their hair cut. When they come to my house I try to share the gospel with these children.

There is a church which is small in number. Jimmy Rim and I visit this church regularly and support the church financially. We also have Bible study with the church leaders. The congregation numbers 60 (adults and children). We have given the name of "Life Stone Bridge B-P Church" to this church. But this church does not have their own building. So they have a service every Lord's day

under a big tree.

I know that the rainy season is coming soon. This church needs US\$2,000 to build her church building. Please pray for the Life Stone Bridge B-P Church in Cambodia. (\$\$3,200 has been designated by 3 Lifers to build the Stone Bridge B-P Church.)

So dear Lifers, please continue to support the work in Cambodia with your continual prayers and contributions. I know that God loves Life Church and FEBC so much. Especially you Lifers have good Bible teachers and good church leaders.

May God bless all of you.

DAY BY DAY

*Each day is a new beginning
Fresh as the morning dew
Sent as a gift from God with love
To start your life anew.*

*Yesterday's trials are over
Learn from them and let go
Live in the now, not in the past
And in holiness grow.*

*Worry will get you nowhere
Learn to follow His way
His grace is more than sufficient
Trust in Him, day by day.*

*For only God knows the future
Your life is in His care.
We share our many troubles
Our mutual burden bear.*

*Each day is a new beginning
Fresh as the morning dew
Sent as a gift from God with love
To start our lives anew.*

—Sylvia Wong—

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 9 - 15, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$8,227.00(8.00 am); \$15,777.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$150, \$400; <i>Cambodia</i> \$100, \$300, \$400, \$300, \$125; <i>Baraka Conf Centre</i> \$100, \$100, <i>JJ Lim</i> \$200, \$131, \$50, <i>Seets</i> \$100, \$100, \$100, <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$100, \$50; <i>Yiew PS</i> \$100; <i>Henry Tan</i> \$100; <i>Myanmar Van Fund</i> \$100, \$1000, \$1300(Maranatha BPC); <i>FEBC</i> \$300; <i>MsF</i> \$100; <i>Vietnam Msn</i> \$300; <i>Tan Bee Choo</i> \$100; <i>Thailand</i> \$100; <i>Sunday Sch</i> \$50; <i>Children's Msty</i> \$50; <i>Philippines</i> \$100; <i>Eld Khoo PK</i> \$600; <i>Andrew Kam</i> \$400, \$100; <i>Nirands</i> \$100, \$300; <i>Hendro</i> \$300; <i>Rev David Wong</i> \$300; <i>Monica Ong</i> \$50; <i>Myanmar</i> \$125; <i>Bong Bun Chong</i> \$20; <i>JS Heng</i> \$250; <i>Batam</i> \$50(LF); <i>Frankie Matus</i> \$1700.		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	(1) Although the Lord has cursed the ground that we toil in labour, yet God has given us blessings of the herb of the field and bread to eat. \$30 to Hilltop Rice Fund, Philippines.		
	8.00 pm	FEK Board Mtg	Reaffirmation of Faith. Leonard Joseph Wong Loong He at 8.00 am Service today.		
FRI	7.45 pm	Rev Tow at Ladies' F'ship, Parsonage	Far Eastern Kindergarten		
	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship AGM, FEBC Hall	Registration for 1999 (children born in 1993-95). March 30 - April 3. Call Mrs Jane Koh (2513676).		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBS	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392).		
	7.30 pm	FEBC Gospel Rally, FEBC Hall	Before & After School Care Centres. Two primary schools, Yishun, vacancy for paid staff. Wkday: 7.30am-3.30pm, and 10.30am-6.30pm. Sat.-half day. Contact Dn Henry Tan, 95601850(P); or Office, 2569256.		
SUN	8.00 am	Justification is by Faith, Not Good Works (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	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 Service; 3.30 pm LBC			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$435.70; Attendance: 346					
Verse for the Week: Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Psalm 36:5					



— Beginnings of a Cambodian Bible School —
Moses Hahn



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder George Tan	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 47	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Eph 2:1-22	Titus 2:1-15; 3: 1-7
Hymn	No. 441	No. 289
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 267	No.307
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 3:21-31	1 Tim 1:12-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Good News: Justification by Faith (Rev Colin Wong)	Grace Paul Received (Elder Chia Kim Chwee)
Closing Hymn	No. 183	No. 111
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK

The coming to terms between Iraq and the Secretary General of UN, Kofi Annan, gives the world a breather, before it will be finally overtaken by the dreaded WWII. All this is foretold in Rev 7, 9 and 16.

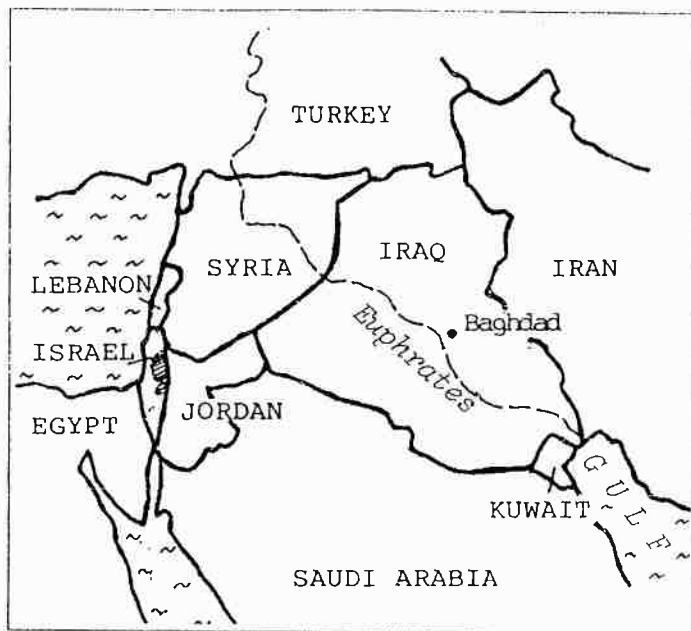
In Rev 7 we see a world war averted. "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Rev 7:1-3). The purpose of withholding the outbreak of this world war is to seal the foreheads of 144,000 Jews that they might be saved before it comes. A great company of Christian Jews is being gathered in these closing last days. For how many more years?

With the sounding of the trumpets in Ch. 8, WWII is unleashed from the great river Euphrates, which flows through modern Iraq and parts of Turkey and Syria. God Almighty is He, not America, who presses the button, "Saying to the sixth

angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men." Then we see an army of 200,000,000 rushing to battle (Rev 9:16).

When we come to the near climax of WWII in Rev 16:12-21, when the sixth angel pours out his vial (bowl of wrath) upon the great river Euphrates, and the water thereof dries up that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared, we must ask who are the kings of the east? The kings of the east must include all the Arab nations east of Israel, which are Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran. These can include Afghanistan, Pakistan and beyond which is China, etc., etc. Then are gathered also the kings of the earth and of the whole world to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. . . . And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon, which means Hill of Slaughter. Armageddon is the famous battlefield lying between Haifa and Galilee because it is the passage way to Jerusalem in the South. Armageddon is the last battle to be fought.

The Antichrist- World



Dictator will be locked in the death throes of nuclear and germ warfare with the Eastern forces. And they will kill one another until a river of blood 200 miles (8 furlongs = 1 mile) long flows from Armageddon, through Jerusalem, right down to Eilat in the south (Rev 14:14-20).

Who is the Winner? Neither East nor West. God will let them cancel one another. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain" (Ps 76:10). The Winner is Jesus Christ our Lord. In His Second Coming it is He who will save His own, Israel, by descending on the Mount of Olives (Zech 14:4). Upon His touching down on the sacred mount an Earthquake will split the mountain, which triggers a chain reaction of Earthquakes around the world. As Israel will be decimated by two-thirds of her population (Zech 13:8-9), so must the nations be judged.

So we read in Rev 16:18,19 "And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city (Jerusalem) was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." Because of the Earthquake triggering from the great city (Jerusalem) which hits the cities of the nations (capitals of the world and fall of Babylonism) neither can Singapore be spared. The Babylon of London, New York, Los Angeles, Hawaii, Tokyo,

Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc., etc. Yea, all the big wicked cities of the earth must crumble!

The interval of a phoney peace between WWI and WWII was only 21 years (1918-1939). The interval between WWII and now is 53 years (1945-1998). How long more can this state of uneasy peace be sustained? It is later than you think.

"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.

2 Pet 3:10-14

What do these words teach us? Be prepared for that awful Day of Declaration of WWII. Between now and then, live a life for the Lord's coming by our holy walk and holy work. "Do something good for Jesus everyday."

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt 24:14). "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13) and wait for our Rapture at the sound of the 7th Trumpet which is the last trumpet of I Cor 15:51-53. Amen.

My dear Lifers,

Occupy Till I Come

To be busily occupied in the Lord's business is to be at the ready for the Lord's coming.

Let me report to you what our Church is involved in, and may you play a part in one of the following:

(1) The FEBC Gospel Campaign, Sat. May 14, 7.30 pm. The Lord's messenger is Rev Teo Kiak Hock, MEng., MTh. He is Chin Lien Bible Seminary's Academic Dean. Pray for him that God will give souls for hire. The message will be Mandarin-English. A Gospel tract, "For What is a man profited" in Chinese and English, over 20,000, is now being distributed to nearby housing estates. Most important of all, bring an unsaved relative or friend to hear the Gospel.

(2) With the help of Deacon Lee Hwan Ku of our Korean Church, we are sending a super Container 20x40 ft. It will be loaded mainly with milk powder, biscuits, sardines, baked beans, children's clothing, toys, etc., thanks to AF's and FEBC's efforts. We will take a break with this 4th Container. So do not send any more to Beulah House or Church for the time being.

(3) Our projected visit to Cambodia, May 12-15, is being negotiated. What price?

(4) Dr David Cheong is leading another Medical-Dental Mission to Vietnam, Mar 7-12. Pray for their safety in travel.

(5) Before and After School Care (BASC) under Dn. Henry Tan representing Life Church will be installing 2 Containers at two schools in Yishun, in preparation for School re-opening Mar 23. There is vacancy for one full-time worker.

(6) FEK under Mrs Jane Koh, our new principal, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, is coming alive. A marked increase in enrolment!

(7) Our Annual Bible Camp at the Waterfront City Resort, Batam, is steadily filling up. With New Life Church joining us, it will be on a "first come, first served." We have an eminent speaker in Dr Paul Lee Tan. There will be a one week pre-camp Vacation Bible College May 25-30, granting one credit for students who sit for the exam.

(8) Good news has come from Vancouver in the Municipal approval of the rezoning of our property for a Church. Attendance of late is exceeding 40. Pray for Elder and Mrs. Khoo Peng Kiat our ambassadors to Vancouver.

—T.T.

DUST

God formed us, sin deformed us,
Christ transformed us.
As we live in this world tiny
particles of sin
Can easily build up in our lives:
Resentments, sharp words,
impure thoughts,
And selfish attitudes, all take their toll.
Unless they are confessed at once
They begin to form a layer of dust
That shuts us from the light of
His Grace
While others will sense something
has gone wrong
If unconfessed sin has gathered
in our soul
We will no more enjoy the
sunshine of His love.

—Sylvea Wong—



Rev & Mrs Im Seong Ho (FEBCer 1992)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 16 - 22, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON		FEBC Vacation/No evening lectures	\$4,794.00(8.00 am); \$19,106.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250; Missions \$2000, \$200, \$160, \$254.20(Boxes); Cambodia \$200, \$180(Orph), \$400, \$200, \$500; 21CRB \$30; Tract Msty \$20; Rev Colin Wong \$50; Frankie Mathius \$20; Batam \$50; JS Heng \$100; China-Ch Bibles \$50; Baraka Conf Centre \$50, \$500; Calvin Loh \$50; Nirands \$20.		
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF Gospel Rally, FEBC Hall	(1) "The Lord is merciful and gracious... What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Ps 103:8, 116:12). Indeed, the Lord has not dealt with me according to my sins and iniquities. He has been most merciful and longsuffering towards me, blessing me, guiding me and helping me all these years. In times of anxiety and uncertainty, the faithful Lord is always there to cheer, comfort and strengthen me. Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul and for all Thy goodness towards me. Enclosed herein is \$500 for Andrew Kam's work in Myanmar; \$100 for Dn Yiew PS and \$100 for Dn Henry Tan.		
	3.00 pm	YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Far Eastern Kindergarten		
SUN	8.00 am	Justification is by Grace, Not Law (Rev Colin Wong)	Registration for 1999 (children born in 1993-95). March 30 - April 3. Call Mrs Jane Koh (2513676).		
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	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah					
Sunday School Offering: \$807.48; Attendance: 359					
Verse for the Week: <i>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Gal 5:22-23</i>					
Mr Chew Hui Kwang, 91, went home to be with the Lord. Mar 10. Funeral Mar 14 was officiated by the Pastor.					



Sunday Service on 1 March 1998, Yangon B-P Church (Rev Andrew Kam)



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Yiew Pong Sen	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 197	No. 270
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 85	Ps 41
Hymn	No. 301	No. 363
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 457	Lord, Here I take My Cross...
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 4:1-8	Rom 12:1,2
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Justification is by Faith, Not Good Works (Rev Colin Wong)	A Living Sacrifice
Closing Hymn	No. 359	Take My Life...
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

BIBLE CAMP AT WATERFRONT MARINA RESORT, BATAM

By going to Batam, June 1-5, 98 we kill three birds with one stone. 1. **Proximity.** Instead of driving for almost a day to some Malaysian resort, we rather enjoy a refreshing sea-trip of 45 mins. 2. We have a resort that is under American management. 3. We can also visit our mission work on Batam Island both at Batu Aji and Tanjung Piayu, and shop cheaply in Indonesian currency. We will arrange for such an outing.

Above all it is the spiritual food we'll get from the superb teaching of Dr Paul Lee Tan, a world authority on Eschatology, the doctrine of the End-times in which we live. "Be Prepared."

Campers are subsidised 20% and FEBC students much more. Our capacity is 350.

As New Lifers are joining us, register early! First come, first served. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:33). There's a blessing for you on Batama Island!

Preview of Vacation Bible College

Dr Paul Lee Tan will teach the Prophecy of Daniel:

1. Introduction to Daniel
2. Daniel in Babylon (Chap. 1-3)
3. Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar (Chap. 4-6)

4. Daniel's Four Beasts (Chap. 7)
5. The Ram and the He-Goat (Chap. 8)
6. The 70 Weeks Prophecy (Chap. 9)
7. The 70 Weeks Prophecy (Chap. 9)
8. Invisible World's Warfare (Chap. 10)
9. Pre-Written History of Kings (Chap. 11)
10. Concluding Events (Chap. 12)

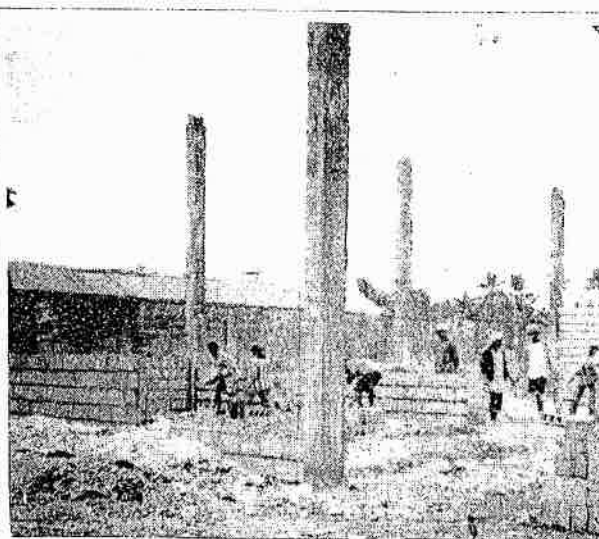
If you take the Final Exam, one credit will be awarded. Date: May 25-30, '98. Place: FEBC.

We shall be using his book, *A Pictorial Guide to Bible Prophecy.*

Letter from FEBCer, Cebu to Principal

I would like to thank you for the past three semesters of theological studies in FEBC. The sound theological teachings which I have received are now put in practice at the House of Hope (Drug Rehabilitation Centre) where I am given opportunity to teach, preach and counsel. I have never regretted coming to FEBC, and I will encourage others to come and study there.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve at The House of Hope for one year. I am sure you will remember me constantly in your prayers. God willing, I will be back early next year to continue my



studies.

It is my prayer that God will grant you many years of good spiritual and physical health and multiply His blessings upon you and FEBC as you train many for the Lord of the Harvest.

Enclosed are some photos taken from the House of Hope in Cebu and the new land donated by a Chinese lady in Mactan, about 50km from our present location where the building of our new home is in progress.

—Daniel Lim, House of Hope, 542A Rizal Ave, Cebu City, Philippines

Daniel Lim is one of several young men sent by Robert Yeo, Director of Helping Hand, to train at FEBC. He is one of the bright students, serious minded and dedicated. After three semesters, he is chosen to head the House of Hope, Cebu City, Philippines, a branch of Helping Hand. He takes care of eight rehabilitating drug addicts. After his term of service in the Philippines, he desires to return to FEBC to finish his studies.

Our contribution to this drug rehabilitation work includes paying for a 20 x 40 ft container to be sent to the Philippines in May. We have asked Deacon Lee Hwan Ku of the Korean Church to help out. One good deed leads to another. Pray for Daniel Lim. He is seen sitting at the head of the table, speaking to the drug inmates, amidst green surroundings.

Talking about the Philippines, our Church

took the initiative to launch the Building Fund for Hilltop (Rev Dan Ebert III) before Calvary BPC took over and completed the mammoth project with S\$3 million. To God be the glory. For six years we have supported the Bible School at Hilltop by sending Rev and Mrs Charles Seet to teach. Charles will complete his assignment there when he returns end of March. Nevertheless we still maintain fellowship and have remitted US\$1,200 for the students' RICE FUND, in view of the Monetary Crisis.

Another ministry to the Philippines is the sending of theological books to pastors and seminary students. Per carton of books, including postage, is about \$100. We send about 20-25 parcels a year. (We've just sent 6 cartons this week.)

Report from Andrew Kam, Myanmar

Last week one of my children suffered from stomach ache and constipated for four days and was always crying because of it. We sent him to the clinic near our place but he did not get any better. At the last we sent him to Yangon Children's General Hospital on 27 Feb 98.

As soon as we got to the hospital at 10.30 pm, the doctor gave him some medicine. The next morning 3 worms came out of him, and then he got well. Thank the Lord for it.

Now I am sending my report for Feb 98. Thank the Lord for opening the way for me to share His good news to the unbelievers. On the

second week of Feb 98, I could not have any visit to the unbelievers' houses to share the Gospel, because I was busy with helping my wife's giving birth at the hospital. Thank God, He gave me time to help the sick people by praying for them and distributing the Gospel tracts to them, while my wife was in the Hospital. From 16 Feb 98 I started doing evangelism to the unbelievers. I do it with the Y.B.P. Church elder MR THAN HTAY. We visited house by house. God wonderfully blessed us. The house owners who are unbelievers accepted us, and gave us their attention. Three families accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Now we have five new converted families already. Every Monday and Saturday we have visiting house and share the good news and pray for them too. Coming Saturday on 7 March 98 we are going to show Gospel "magic" to them, and I will give short and sharp Gospel message to them.

Now I am preparing for this message and praying very hard that the Lord will bless it and touch the people's heart. Since we are working with the unbelievers we need your prayer support. Please pray for us. We are also going to have a video show THE LIFE OF CHRIST on Thursday, 12 March 98. Matthew 9:37-38 touched my heart and the Lord gives me a strong desire to share His good news to the unbelievers. (A Liteace Toyota van will greatly facilitate the Orphanage and Church ministry! Thank God, two-thirds have come in!)

Happily, after outing to distribute gospel tracts



From Myanmar to Malaysia

Deacon Henry Tan, who visits Kuantan once a month, reports good attendance at the newly started worship, Sat. evening. There were 16, half of whom were rehabilitating drug addicts. Now they are also preparing for the next Daily Vacation Bible School. There were 34 in the first DVBS. The Selamat Kindergarten has 23 pupils in two classes.

Resuscitation of Bukit Batu, 7 miles north of Kelapa Sawit. Rev John Ling, having fully recovered, is full of zeal to restart Bukit Batu Sun. School. He has found a house on a hillock to lease, and a Chin Lien student to head the work. Eventually we will build a Church complex on land purchased since 1983. We need S\$4,000 as "capital" and S\$200 a month to keep the work going. "Occupy till I come." Amen. —T.T.

Filial Piety by Sylvea Wong

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (Ex 20:12).

Filial piety is a prime virtue. It is the reverence held in the hearts of children. To care for one's parents should be one's duty.

Good manners practised at home, such as giving respect and preference to parents — to take time to talk, to sit and to eat at the dining table — all these are important.

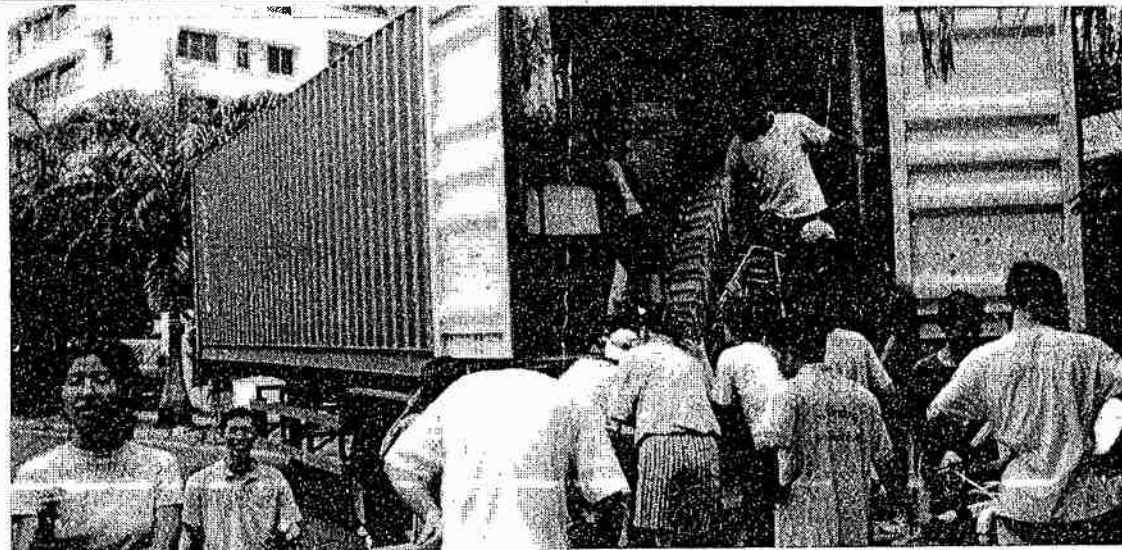
Since life comes from our parents, we must not take our lives lightly or do anything that harms our bodies. While we need to be independent, we should also follow a moral path that our parents' names be honoured.

The following qualities should go a long way in contributing to what filial piety is:

1. Loyalty and perseverance
2. Humanity and love
3. Trust and righteousness
4. Incorruptibility and sense of shame
5. Propriety and humility
6. Impartiality and harmony
7. Tolerance and forgiveness
8. Strength and courage
9. Industry and thrift
10. Truthfulness

The collection of items for Cambodia is now over. Thank you for your support! Visit FEBC Bookroom for KJV Bibles \$15!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 23 - 29, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$7,214.00(8.00 am); \$18,884.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$100, \$300, \$16(Boxes); Cambodia \$400(Food), \$100; \$180(Orphanage); Frankie Matius \$150; Seets \$100; Hilltop \$488; Thailand \$600; Rev Colin Wong \$100, \$200; BASC \$100; Monica \$150; MsF \$100; JS Heng \$1291; JJ Lim \$20; Children's Choir \$820; Yusniar \$620(Kebaktian Ina); Batam \$100(LF).		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	(1) Please channel my gift of \$820 to the Cambodian ministry. Thank you, Lord, for so many miracles in our lives so that we all know that You "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.		
SAT	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	(2) Thank God for the great blessings He has bestowed on my family. (\$100 for Cambodia)		
	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	(3) Praise God and thank you for all the blessings and protection for my family and myself. (\$100)		
SUN	2.30 pm	Wedding of Titus Yong & Debra Tan (Rev Tow)	(4) Thank my Heavenly Father for the manifold blessings in my life. I hope this money can go to: LBPC \$900, Burma ministry \$300, Cambodia ministry \$300.		
	8.00 am	How to try the Spirits (Rev Charles Seet)	(5) Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the Lord's mercies and blessings and answered prayers during our recent wedding. (\$2000 for missions)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Far Eastern Kindergarten. Registration for 1999 (children born in 1993-95). March 30 - April 3. Call Mrs Jane Koh (2513676).		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg. 95143392).		
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	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship			
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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			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson; Fri Queenstown.					
Sunday School Offering: \$555.50; Attendance: 320					
Verse for the Week: Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. Colossians 1:11					



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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	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 38	No. 31
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Titus 3:1-9	Ps 91
Hymn	No. 289	No. 417
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 44	No. 276
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 4:9-17	Rom 12:3-8
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Justification is by Grace, Not Law (Rev Colin Wong)	Liability or Asset, Which Are You?
Closing Hymn	No. 563	No. 245
Benediction		

EPISTLE FROM NEW YORK TO MEMBERS OF HOPE BPC, ADELAIDE

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." (Psalm 19:1-2)

My dear Hopefuls,

I would like to report to you, some very recent developments in the evolution/creation debate going on in America today. We should first understand the two fundamental errors many people are making when they consider this issue. The first error is that this conflict is being cast as a struggle between the indisputable facts of science and the "dogmatic" beliefs of religious fanatics. The second error is that many educators are using two entirely differing definitions of the word, SCIENCE, thus obscuring the nature of the discussion.

In the late 1980's, a group of scientists came together in a gathering now known as the Origin of Life Conference in Berkeley, California to produce a plausible scenario for how life itself could chemically evolve without the need for divine intervention. The result was a complete failure. One of the participants, Dr Robert Shapiro later wrote a book decimating the reigning ideas of how life could have evolved from non-

life. The book is entitled: "ORIGINS: A SKEPTICS GUIDE TO THE CREATION OF LIFE ON EARTH." In the early 1990's, Michael Denton, a non-religious scientist from New Zealand wrote a devastating book entitled, "EVOLUTION, A THEORY IN CRISIS". He ends his book with the following statement: "The Darwinian Theory is the great cosmogenic myth of the 20th century, like the Genesis based cosmology it was supposed to replace." Note that these men are no friends of religion. Yet, after very rigorous research, both men came out with compelling arguments against the idea that known natural processes by themselves are adequate to explain the origin of life.

In the mid 1990's, Michael Behe, a cellular biologist and University professor with impeccable credentials wrote a devastating book which rocked the scientific establishment. The book, "DARWIN'S BLACK BOX" showed how life is so irreducibly complex that there are no detailed Darwinian accounts for the evolution of fundamental biochemical or cellular systems. Many people have tried to criticize his book but have thus far, not provided any plausible refutation of his

thesis. In the world of paleontology, Niles Eldridge, one of the world's leading experts in vertebrate fossils describes a problem regarding the fossil records: "When we see the introduction of evolutionary novelty, it usually shows up with a bang, and often with no firm evidence that the fossils did not evolve elsewhere. Yet, that's how the fossil record has struck many a forlorn paleontologist looking to learn something about evolution" (quoted in 1995).

Science can be defined in two ways. The first, is that it is a METHODOLOGY, where one observes, experiments and tests one's theories. This allows scientists to discover facts about the world. Christians have NO QUARREL with this definition. The second definition is PHILOSOPHICAL. Here, the scientific establishment defines science as NATURALISTIC MATERIALISM. Here, we have a PRIOR adherence to material explanations which DISALLOW any notions of God. At first blush, evolution seems to be about scientific facts. But when the evidence suggest an intelligent designer, many evolutionists quickly invoke the second definition. Thus, any scientific research that supports intelligence design is summarily disqualified by the scientific PHILOSOPHERS (the ones who insist on the second definition) as "religion disguised as science". Consider this analogy. When a dead body is discovered, an impartial investigation of the scene might indicate foul play and not accident. In the same way, when you study the world and life itself, the evidence DO POINT to INTELLIGENT CREATION rather than chance. Contrary to the rhetoric being spouted by many evolutionists, this is not faith vs evidence. It is evidence vs evidence, and the evidence strongly points to a Creator.

You see, once a person PHILOSOPHICALLY disallows God and presumes evolution, many pieces will seem to fit. If you simply presume that someone associated with a crime is guilty, you are bound to find some pieces of evidence that appear incriminating. But if your suspect produces an ironclad alibi, you must reconsider your assumptions if you are honest. In the same

manner, Darwinism has fatal flaws, in spite of some circumstantial evidence for common ancestry. Behe and Shapiro have shown that natural selection is not adequate to produce life from non-life. Niles Eldridge has shown that the gradualist pathways from one transition to another cannot be reconstructed from the fossil evidence. Thus, to label creationist objections as "religious zealots conducting stealth campaigns" as one editorial did is simply an attempt to avoid discussing the enormous scientific problems faced by evolutionists.

It should be clear to all that the evolution/creation battle is not about scientific evidence. It is about the power of an academic elite to enforce a philosophy on the American public. Once this fact becomes obvious, then evolution will have to stand on its own merits and so far, it has shown that it is unable to do so. We are perhaps, witnessing the twilight of an idea.

So my dear Christian friends, take courage, study, learn and fight the good fight of truth, and do not run away. The evidence is on your side.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15)

Your partner in hope, **Nathaniel Lim**
—from *Lively Hope*, Adelaide

PREACHING THE WORD

Dr Archibald Brown, a co-worker of Spurgeon, gave this advice to young preachers:

*The Gospel is a fact;
therefore, tell it simply.*

*It is a joyful fact;
therefore, tell it cheerfully.*

*It is an entrusted fact;
therefore, tell it faithfully.*

*It is a fact of infinite moment;
therefore, tell it earnestly.*

*It is a fact of infinite love;
therefore, tell it feelingly.*

*It is a fact of difficult comprehension to many;
therefore, tell it with illustration.*

*It is a fact about a Person;
therefore, preach Christ.*

—from *Lively Hope*, Adelaide

Singalong with John Sung

It pleased the Lord to use a man, like John the Baptist, poor in social grace but rich with Holy Spirit power, to blaze a meteoric path of revival not seen before or since in China and South East Asia.

John Sung, in fifteen fiery years, was mightily used of God to revive dying churches and sweep unnumbered thousands into God's glorious Kingdom. The lasting fruits of his unusual ministry remain to this day in scattered places throughout the world.

John Sung choruses, and John Sung style "corporate prayer" in vocal unison, are marks of the Spirit-blessed legacy from six and seven decades ago. May it please the Lord to speak to you through a re-enactment of John Sung, that a greater work of the Spirit may be ignited in your heart.

Dr John Sung visited Singapore in four successive years, 1935-1938. He brought blessings untold to thousands, lighting revival fires in many hearts, some still brightly burning today.

His compilation "Revival Choruses" played a vital role in his preaching ministry. He was a genius of spiritual hymnody. Every preaching session of two hours was punctuated by appropriate chorus-singing which strongly reinforced the message.

John Sung needed no song leader or choir. He was his own song leader, his choir — the congregation! He would strike up in the midst of a sermon, at the right moment with the right chorus, and both audience and pianist would be carried along instantly — at his tempo and key!

John Sung choruses left their deep impression especially among the Chinese speaking Christians of the older generation. God was pleased to do a lasting work in revived hearts.

May the Spirit of God through these Spirit-filled choruses begin a deep work in your heart.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col 3:16).

—Dr S.H. Tow

**ATTEND SPECIAL JOHN SUNG SERVICE
AT SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR,
WITH MANDARIN INTERPRETATION,
SUN. APRIL 5, 5.30 PM**

"Give Ye Them To Eat!" (Matt 14:16)

In obedience to this injunction to feed the Five Thousand, we have sent by the 4th Container, as shown on the back page \$4,764.24 biscuits, \$5,520.80 baked beans, \$2,400 milk powder and \$9,000 sardines, totalling \$21,667.04. A surplus of \$6,874.46 will be remitted to the missionaries to buy food on the spot for hungry church members. This latest food container had many other good things for sure.

We thank God for Monica returning safe and sound after a stint of 85 days: She reports things in Cambodia being normal, and she has given us a good description of the land. As a result of giving free tuition in computers to the young people (over 100 have registered), the Church service on Sunday has to have an afternoon session. One condition of learning free is the student "must"

attend Church on Sunday. Do you have a computer to spare? We need at least 10 more. Please send yours to Beulah House. A medical mission to Cambodia would fill a great need — one to Pnomh Penh and another to Kompong Som.

With Monica's return we have the data for fixing the cost of our itinerary. Our total package for 4 days, May 12-15, is \$735.00. (The way to Kompong Som from Pnomh Penh is good, no rickety bridges to cross.) Please register with Mrs Ivy Tow. First come first served. Come and hear Monica at Prayer Meeting.

—T.T.



Liem Hong San, 75, of Sarabaya, father of Linda, FEBCer 1975 received the Lord Jesus Christ in tears at SGH Wd 55, Sat. Mar 14, 98 and was baptised before his Christian wife and daughters, the Pastor officiating.

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MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$4,717.00(8.00 am); \$11,572.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$100, \$562, \$50(Boxes), \$150; <i>Cambodia</i> \$50, \$150, \$6874.46(AF), \$50, \$500; <i>Myanmar Van Fund</i> \$2000, \$1100, \$100, \$50, \$500, \$1000(Isa 41:10,13); <i>Calvin Loh</i> \$100; <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$10; <i>Setsuko</i> \$60; <i>Jemima Khoo</i> \$2000; <i>MsF</i> \$50; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$200; <i>VBS 98</i> \$100; <i>Andrew Kam</i> \$300; <i>JS Heng</i> \$200; <i>Rfd Tract Dis</i> \$20; <i>Vanessa Lau</i> \$500; <i>Chinese Sv</i> \$5000.		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	<i>Ms Saw Chooi Mei</i> , please see Eld Charlie Chia today.		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek SY)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SAT	2.30 pm	YFLTf; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	(1) I like to thank God for answered prayers during the recent passing of my mother. Despite being diagnosed with inoperable liver cancer one year before her passing, she was relatively free from pain. We believe this was God's answer to the prayers of family and friends. Thank God also for His mercy in saving my mother. Please disburse the enclosed offering (\$100) equally for Myanmar and Cambodian missions.		
PALM	8.00 am	What is Sanctification (Rev Jack Sin)	Infant Baptism. Register with Church Office by Friday, 3 April (Tel: 2569256)		
SUN	9.30 am	Sunday School	Easter Breakfast. Members who wish to contribute please inform Elder Sng (tel: 2747660) and Dn Yiew (Pg 96085800).		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	Vacation Bible School. 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers needed. Application forms for staff and children are available at the VBS booth. People needed to follow-up the children after the VBS.		
	10.30 am	Mr D.P. Rowland, Lord's Supper	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392).		
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	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser			
	5.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sing-along with John Sung			
NBC This Week. Fri Bt Batok, Bishan, Yishun.					
Sunday School Offering: \$436.45; Attendance: 316					
Verse for the Week: <i>My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.</i> Prov 3:11,12					
Far Eastern Kindergarten. Registration for 1999 (children born in 1993-95). March 30 - April 3. Call Mrs Jane Koh (2513676).					



These Burmese Buddhist children are very happy to know about the love which was shown on the cross 2000 years ago. —Andrew Kam



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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. 105	No. 71
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	1 Jn 3:18-29	Psalms 56
Hymn	No. 87	No. 403
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	No. 479
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Jn 4:1-6	Rom 12:9-21
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>How to try the spirits</i> (Rev Charles Seet)	<i>The Secret to joy and happiness</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 283	No. 376
Benediction		

My dear Lifers,

THOUGHTS ON CAMBODIA

At Chinese New Year, 1995 we made a first contact with Vietnam through Seen Seen's father, Mr Michael Lim. We spent six days there to great profit.

One Sunday morning I preached at Life Church, Ho Chi Minh City. Being a Teochew Church, they trace their roots to Swatow inasmuch as Lifers in Singapore are from the same source. I spoke on a couplet, "From time immemorial, Man lives but to 70 years, And how often does he see the moon in full?" (Man's life is short, Man's life is a struggle.)

A Cambodian Chinese towkay (tycoon) who took refuge in Vietnam during the Pol Pot persecution, returned to Ho Chi Minh City. Being a devout Christian he came to worship. After service he invited me to Cambodia where he had purchased a house to start a Church. I half-promised him to visit Pnomh Penh. How did I know the Lord is sending us, May 12-15, 98 to oversee our own mission with the 3 Korean missionaries!

With Cambodia in sight, our Church will have covered all the Asean countries, except Brunei and Laos. Yet, we can say,

we have taken a hold of Brunei through Khoo Wah Ann, who is a Lifer serving with a Church in the Bruneian capital.

You have all heard the good report about Cambodia from the lips of Monica Ong. We are happy that the three of them are immersed in the lives of the common people. Through the computer David Koo is drawing one hundred not only to the classroom but also to the Church. Moses has his Bible classes and ministry with a local Church and outreaches. Jonathan Lee is stationed in Pnomh Penh. He has a ministry with children and two local churches.

As for Monica she has fulfilled her first stint of 85 days. For the moment she will stay to take care of her aged parents who have not been well of late. But we are praying for someone or two who would consider Cambodia, for the door is wide open, and the need is great. Both English and Chinese are great assets to the Cambodian work.

Our work in Cambodia began as early as September, 97. Half a year has gone by. An impact through the 4 containers has been made. And we do not want to forget Jimmy Rim. Through him we are getting

more involved. Another link with Cambodia will be forged when we publish Jimmy's personal account of the Killing Fields. One job I must do visiting Cambodia is to catch up with him to clear up some points in the English version of his book. (I understand he has published a Korean version.) This book of his is a thriller.

The elections in Cambodia scheduled for July are entering a crisis. In Chinese, crisis is formed by two characters, Danger-opportunity. While there is danger on one hand, there is opportunity on the other. Our going to Cambodia is well-timed of the Lord. There are great opportunities of soul-saving inasmuch as the hearts of the people are well-ploughed for the sowing of the Gospel seed.

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isa 6:8).

—T.T.

JOAN DAVENPORT REPORTS

Greetings from Beit El Baraka, Bethlehem in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For several months I've been asking you to pray about my going out for my visa. I thank you for your prayers. God has answered. After Miss Jones returned the first of November, I thought I would go, but then Christmas was too close. Folks need transportation for the services. So I planned to go after Christmas. I had the end of the year accounts to do in January. After I finished them I stole away to a warm climate.

That warm climate was Singapore. Each year Dr and Mrs Tow, as well as members of their tour groups, would invite Miss Jones and I to come to Singapore to visit.

I had a cold week in Amman, Jordan, as it was rainy, wet and cold the same as in Bethlehem when I left. I hovered over the stove to stay warm. Somehow it seemed colder than Bethlehem.

On Thursday I took the long night flight to Kuala Lumpur and then on to Singapore. I was dressed in wool stockings, heavy corduroy skirt and several layers underneath with a long sleeved turtle-neck cotton blouse. I arrived in the "hot-humid" weather of Singapore. If I hadn't been so cold, I would have roasted coming into Singapore.

Better than the hot weather, I was met with a warm welcome by Dr and Mrs Tow and others. I was given the lovely guest apartment at the Far Eastern Bible College—Life Bible Presbyterian Church complex. From the moment I arrived I was given a "kingly reception". There wasn't anything they wouldn't do for me. I was asked, "What do you want to see? Where do you want to go?" Plans were made to take me around the island to see many of the Bible Presbyterian churches and what God has done through them.

On my first long trip, I was driven some three hours into Kelapa Sawit, Malaysia to see the first Bible Presbyterian Church that was established (1954) and how God was using it. My second trip was with Mrs Tow in one of the Indonesian Islands of Batam, an hour's ferry ride, to see the work established there. In both of these places, the countryside and the people reminded me of Kenya.

Singapore is a well kept and well planned city. Most of all it reflects the blessing of God upon it. The people, though hard working and diligent, have given themselves to God. The dedication and trust in God that I saw in the people was refreshing. Their love and understanding was a wonderful example to see. In gratitude for their stay at Beit El Baraka, they delighted to return to me their love and appreciation by taking turns in taking me out to meals for fellowship and food. Each meal was a delight and challenge to learn about their culture and eat Chinese food. It differs greatly from American style. There are numerous kinds of "fish" in the ocean around the island of Singapore. I've lumped them all under one category, but to the Singaporeans, or Chinese, there is a big difference. I only began to understand and appreciate the difference.

Many "pilgrims" came up to me and asked, "Do you remember me?" After inquiring what year they came, I could recall a few, but not many. It didn't matter what year; they glowed with love, acceptance and a desire to help. They wanted to know if there was anything they could do to help, or take me any place to make my stay enjoyable and refreshing? The fellowship and the times together were a blessing and made me wonder what it will be like in heaven!

I did go to the zoo, bird park, night safari and the tourist island of Sentosa as well as around

the main island, but most refreshing was the love and acceptance that was lavishly showered upon me.

I was amazed and thrilled to see the F.E.B.C. and the example put into action of the training of men and women to carry the Great Commission to "the ends of the earth". Many former students who are now pastors of churches, workers in the remote areas and reaching out into other countries are all working together in reaching the "lost" for Christ. I have received Dr Tow's weekly Sunday bulletin for some time, but it wasn't until I saw "first-hand" that I understood the tremendous work that is being done.

A picture is worth a thousand words and seeing it "first-hand" is better. Often it cannot be explained in words. May I say to you at home, "Come see 'first-hand' what God is doing. Visit the field of your choice. It will change you and help you to understand the 'Great Commission'."

Beit El Baraka needs your help! We need visitors and tours, whether individually or as groups. Come! See! And Help! Even with the great economic crisis in Asia and the Far East, the Life Bible Presbyterian Church gave support for two months. Please help!

Now I'm back and there is much waiting to be done. I continue to need your prayers for wisdom and understanding to know how to get everything done, and accomplish it all for the glory of God. Thank you for praying. God answers prayer.

I thank the Lord for His enabling me to go to Singapore, and I say a big THANK YOU TO ALL who made my stay in Singapore a blessing.

I am grateful for all of you who are keeping me on the field by your faithful gifts of support. May the Lord bless each of us as we labor together in "His vineyard". Truly, "we are laborers together".

—Sincerely in Him, Joan Davenport



TAKE TIME

by Sylvea Wong

*At the break of day take time
To enjoy the simple things
Before it grows hot and tired
Enjoy whatever morning brings.*

*Take time to ponder all that's new
These that He gives you and me.
Take time to enjoy every one
And remember that they're free*

*Become one with the morning
As growing things come from sod.
Take time to enjoy earth's splendor
Then offer your day to the Lord.
Psalm 126:3*

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8. Invisible World's Warfare (Chap. 10)
9. Pre-Written History of Kings (Chap. 11)
10. Concluding Events (Chap. 12)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 6 - 12, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$6,388.00(8.00 am); \$12,550.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$3000 (Asean Mission works), \$150, RM1000(Kemaman); Cambodia \$100, \$500 (Rev Jonathan Lee), \$100, \$300, \$10000(Prayer Mtg); Thanksgiving \$5000; Thailand \$200; Philippines \$100; Children's Ministry \$200; Dn Henry Tan \$100; Rfd Tract Dist \$20; JS Heng \$250; FEBC \$40(Boxes); S Takashima \$200; Rev Djunaidi \$500(Ch. Serv); Life Church RM1500; Patrick Leong RM500; Book Ministry \$337(Kemaman).		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo) (Film: The Forbidden Book)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	9.00 am	Rev Tow to Tg Pinang	(1) Thank God for His great blessing of our newly born baby girl. Thank God for good recovery of my wife. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Jos 24:15). Pls channel the money to Orphanage ministry. Thanks \$2000)		
	8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Maundy Thurs. Service/ No evening lecture	(2) All praise and thanks to the Almighty God for the recent promotion I receive (Ps 75:5-7). Please channel this token as you deem fit to our mission work in ASEAN countries. (\$3000) —An unworthy sinner saved by grace		
FRI	8.00 pm	COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)	Easter Breakfast. Members who wish to contribute please inform Elder Sng (tel: 2747660) and Dn Yiew (Pg 96085800).		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	Vacation Bible School. 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS; application forms available at the VBS booth. For enquires, please email to "vbs@letterbox.com".		
SUN	7.00 am	COMBINED EASTER SUNRISE BAPTISMAL SERVICE (Rev Tow)	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392). Closing date: 26 Apr 98.		
	9.00 am	Easter Breakfast (No Sunday School)			
	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			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$719.35; Attendance: 395					
Verse for the Week: <i>For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.</i> 1 Cor 6:20					
Used original software needed: Microsoft MS-DOS Ver 5/6, Windows 3.1/3.11 and Word 6. Please pass to Mr Roger Kok at the Camp Registration Office.					



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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	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 3	No. 197
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 141	Matt 21:1-17
Hymn	No. 192	No. 198
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 400	No. 263
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 6:11-22	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What is Sanctification? (Rev Jack Sin)	Message from Mr D.P. Rowland
Closing Hymn	No. 409	No. 254
Benediction		Lord's Supper

"NOW IS OUR SALVATION NEARER THAN WHEN WE BELIEVED" (Rom 13:11)

In what sense? In "the redemption of our body" (Rom 8:23). Our souls are saved when we have trusted the Saviour with all our heart, but our body, going through this earthly pilgrimage, must still encounter sickness, the frailties of old age and finally death. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom 8:22-23).

One happy aspect of the "redemption of our body" is that we will not go through death, but we will be raptured! "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (I Cor 15:51-53). This joyous transformation occurs at the Second Coming of Christ which is further expounded by Paul in I Thess 4:13-18.

Our Lord is coming and nearer than you think. Why make

such long term plans for your life? The signs leading to His Coming are listed in Matt 24.

1. Turmoil in Geology — Earthquakes. Studies have shown an intensification during the last decade. In three months of 1998 there have occurred 3 earthquakes in the Afganistan-Pakistan area. The first one destroyed 4,500 lives. As we go to press another Quake of 6.5 has hit the West Coast of Sumatra.

2. Turmoil in Ecology — Pestilences. Those that befall animals — mad British cows, so hundreds of thousands were slaughtered. "Mad" Taiwan pigs and millions of Hong Kong "flu" chicken. The earth: 1,000 fires now raging in Kalimantan and haze returning to Singapore.

3. Turmoil in Economy. The toppling of currencies in S.E. Asia resulting in riotings in Indonesia, and influx of illegal immigrants to Malaysia and Singapore because of a battered livelihood. Singapore is now appealing for \$5 million to feed Indonesia's poor. Is this not famine?

4. Turmoil in Ecclesiology: False Christs and false prophets, such as Benny Hinn "slaying in the spirit," by a counterfeiting spirit. Benny Hinn collected \$50 million in 1996.

5. Turmoil in Diplomacy. WWII is building up in the Euphrates region, which is Iraq (Rev 9:14-15). Saddam is alive and kicking and Clinton is being wagged by his tail.

6. Turmoil in "Computerology". This can come under Pestilences. When the Millennium Bug bites hard in less than 21 months, and we live in the age of computers, the disasters that will trigger from it has scared computer experts. One Hong Kong newspaper paints the scenario of planes colliding in the sky. Don't fly, I advise for Jan 2000. Pray, hugging Mother Earth! It will cost one million million US\$ according to latest estimates to make computers compliant. Millions upon millions worldwide will be thrown out of job. The Indonesian crisis now is but a faint foreshadow of sinister hordes of things to come.

Christ is all set to come within our life-time, but the Church is soundly slumbering. Repent, "awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Rom 13:11-12).

Put on the armour of light in holy living. And put on the armour of light in holy warfare! Evangelise! Tell it to all nations the Saviour cometh. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt 24:14). Even so, come Lord Jesus, Amen.

WHAT THEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE?

With the advent of Palm Sunday this Lord's Day, we enter Holy Week. We see Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem in what is described as The Triumphal Entry, to the resounding Hosannas sung by the children (Matt 21:15). "And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way" (Matt 21:8).

Now, both Mark 11:2 and Luke 19:30 noted that the donkey they presented the Saviour to ride was an "unbroken" animal "whereon yet never man sat." So was the tomb wherein Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus laid the body of Jesus to rest, "a new sepulchre, wherein was

never man yet laid" (John 19:41). What theological significance can we discover in these two exclusive statements? Whatever we offer to the Master's use must be of virgin quality, immaculate, solely set aside for Him.

How about His Birth? Isaiah's prophecy on our Saviour's birth by a Virgin can have one reference only, viz., to Mary and no other. This is given in no uncertain terms in Matthew: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS" (Matt 1:18-15).

For a host of new study Bibles, foremost NIV, to teach that the prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ was first fulfilled in Isaiah's second wife and subordinately to Mary breaks the exclusivity of the prophecy. If what the NIV Study Bible teaches is true, Jesus had also sat on a donkey rough-ridden by others, and Arimathaea's tomb was desecrated by some corpse laid there before. The Son of God is utterly humiliated when His sacred birth is declared to be foreshadowed by the birth of a son by Isaiah's so-called second wife. ["I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another" (Isa 42:8).] There is one and only fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy on the

Virgin Birth of Christ and that is by Christ Himself through the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Period.

The "unbroken" donkey and the new tomb "wherein was never yet man laid" has such theological significance as to confute the double dealing of NIV commentators and their ilk.

Other Holy Week Services

Let Holy Week Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting be preparatory to Good Friday Night Service, 8.00 pm. Let not any member absent from Good Friday Night Service, if you love the Lord! I shall be away preaching at the Maundy Thursday Service in Tanjung Pinang, but I must hasten back for Good Friday.

Easter Sunrise Service, as usual, will be held in Church and under the royal palms, 7.00 am sharp. Twenty odd new members will be added through baptism or transfer of memberships. The message will be interpreted into Chinese. Then comes the Breakfast around the Church Gardens with a time of speaking to one another. After this some will go visitation or out evangelising. Hallelujah, He is Risen!

We hereby extend a very cordial invitation to Sharonites and the Kebaktian, Filipino, Thai and Burmese members to join us at Easter Sunrise Service and the Breakfast following. Welcome all FEBC students. Amen.

—T.T.

We extend a cordial welcome to Mr D.P. Rowland, General-Secretary of Trinitarian Bible Society, London. "The Society only publishes faithful translations of the Holy Scriptures that have been made from the providentially preserved copies of the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, which we maintain are to be found in the Masoretic texts of the Old Testament and the Received Text of the New Testament. The Society remains outside the ecumenical association of the National Bible Societies preferring instead the prayerful support of Christians who personally know and value the Bible as the Word of God and who as Protestants maintain the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and uphold the WHOLE BIBLE as the inspired and inerrant Word of God, the sole, supreme and infallible rule of faith and practice."

Pray for the Sick!

Frankie Matius, Heng Siak Thiang, Patrick Leong, Lim Hong San, father of Linda, of Surabaya, Vanessa Lau.

—T.T.

LET GO AND LET GOD

Sylvea Wong

Yield your life and problems to God.

Let go and let God. Rev 22:13.

It is not easy if you are chosen to be the front person of a household.

The "point man" is what they call it in military service.

It is impossible without getting pricked.

I may seem strong in my advanced years, but sometimes on the inside

I need a loving arm,

and a sympathetic ear.

Sometimes I find myself close to tears.

So I pray and let go, and let God, as children bring their broken toys with tears to mend.

I brought my broken dreams to God.

Because he is my Friend

But then instead of leaving Him

In peace to work alone

I hung around and tried to help with ways that are my own.

At last I snatch them back and cry,

"How can You be so slow?"

"My child," He says, "What could I do?

You never did let go."

Life holds us in a fragile web

Its links are torn and broken

Have patience and trust God to build again the broken threads

That life has blown apart.

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MON	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes (Rev Tow)	\$6,684.00 (8.00 am); \$15,284.50 (10.30 am)		
TUE	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Berean BPC)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250(Sharon BPC),		
	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$1744(Chinese Sv); Missions \$14(Box), \$75.30(FEBC);		
WED	7.30 pm	The KJV-NIV Debate (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Cambodia Mission \$150, \$160; Baraka Conf Centre		
THU	7.30 pm	Joshua, Judges, Ruth (Rev Quek S Y)	\$100; Easter Breakfast \$50, \$70(Ladies' F'ship);		
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Providence Ref.)	Vanessa Lau \$80; Myanmar Orph \$326; Nirands \$200;		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTFYF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF	Bt Batu Project \$430; Batam \$50(Ladies' F'ship);		
	2.30 pm	Providence Ref. Church Wedding	Batam Camp 98 \$1980(Campers).		
SUN	6.00 pm	Men's Fellowship Anniv., FEBC Hall	Mr Heng Siak Thiang was called home to be		
	8.00 am	Justification is by Resurrection Power (Rev Colin Wong)	with the Lord on Thursday, 9 April 1998, 5.00		
	10.00 am	Rev Tow at Kelapa Sawit	am at SGH. Rev Tow conducted the funeral		
	10.30 am	Rev Charles Seet	service on Saturday.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	Vacation Bible School 16-19 June. Helpers and		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS;		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	application forms available at the VBS booth. For		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	enquires, please email to "vbs@letterbox.com".		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 3.30 LBC	payment and photocopy of passport details at the		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser	Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm;		
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour	Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bt Batok.			contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392). Closing		
Verse for the Week: Jesus said unto her; 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. Jn 11:25,26			Annual Congregation Mtg.		
			Lord's Day, April 26, 9.30 am sharp.		
			It is your duty as a member to attend.		
			Sunday School Offering: \$730.30; Attendance: 327		



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HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN LIVE HIS LIFE?

(Message by Jang Sae Kwang, preached at the FEBC Homiletics Class, April 1, '98)

Text: Luke 5:1-11. I am sure that many of you have heard of the novelist Hemingway. He is a very famous novelist, who has written many books.

The Old Man and the Sea is one of his great books. The main character of this story is the old man. He was a fisherman. One day he was out at sea. But he could not catch even one fish after 84 days. Suddenly, the old man found a very big fish. He was so surprised and excited about it. He tried to get it with all his strength. But, it was very difficult because the fish was very strong. Finally after struggling three days he got the big fish and he tried to bring it home. But, unfortunately, while he was heading back home with the fish, some sharks began to eat up the big fish so that it was reduced to a mere skeleton. The old man was very sad and tired too, after all his efforts.

Eventually, when he arrived home, he brought nothing back but the bones of a fish. I remember reading this story when I was very young. May be during my middle school years.

During the last winter holiday in Korea I was buying some books in a bookstore when I happened to see this story book, so I just picked it up and read it again.

I was very impressed but on the other hand, I felt very empty in my heart because he worked very hard to catch this big fish, but finally what did he get? He got nothing. Now I would ask you a question, "What is life?" The author of this story committed suicide. He did not know the meaning of life. Even though he wrote so many good story books, he could not find the value of life. Because he did not know Jesus Christ. He was a pessimist. He thought that life was meaningless.

Now, let me introduce one who had the same job as the old man. He was also a fisherman. He was a prominent disciple of

Jesus Christ. Before he met Jesus he was earning a living as a fisherman. Who is he? He is Peter.

The life of Peter was different because he believed in Jesus Christ. Now it is appropriate to ask the question, "How should a Christian live his life?"

First, we must trust God even in times of danger and crisis. The event which is recorded in Luke 5:1-11 happened on the Sea of Galilee. The sea was very deep and in Christ's day it was full of fish. But according to v.5 Simon said to Jesus, "Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing." Simon Peter and his partners tried to catch fish the whole night but they could not get even one fish. In v.4, Jesus told Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." When Peter heard these words he did not understand what Jesus was talking about. Peter was an expert fisherman. He was the best on the Sea of Galilee. He knew everything about fishing. He knew the time of the winds and when and where the fishes gathered together. Because he had been a fisherman all his life, he had pride in his knowledge of the sea and fishing.

When Jesus Christ gave His command, the words seemed out of place, impossible. But, in v.5 we recognize the faith of Peter and his trusting heart. Let me read v.5 "nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." It is a wonderful confession.

We must take note of one very important word here. That is "nevertheless." What is the meaning of "nevertheless" in v.5?

"Nevertheless" means he could not get anything the whole night. Even though he worked so hard with his experience, technics, knowledge and his power, he could not get anything. However, when he heard

"nevertheless," it meant "I would rely on Jesus, depend on Him, I would let down my net." He gave up all his experience, technics, knowledge before the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have to have the faith of "nevertheless" before Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ's command was against the common practice of fishing. It was not natural. It was strange to Peter. If I were Peter I might ask Jesus, "Why do you say such words? I have so much experience in this Sea of Galilee. Jesus, what do you know about that? Have you ever experienced fishing before?" Something like that. But, Peter did no such thing. He did not complain. He did not ask any question. He just said, "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." The result was a magnificent catch that showed Jesus' deity.

That is the power of Jesus Christ. That was a miracle. How about you? Do you trust yourself or do you trust Jesus? Do you trust other people or do you trust Jesus?

How should a Christian live in life? **Secondly, we should confess all our sins every day.** According to v.8 Peter confessed to Jesus, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

Every man in this world is a sinner as Romans 3:10 says, "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one."

Peter also realised that he was a sinner and he did not have any qualification to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. He was not a scholar. He was not like the Pharisees who knew the laws well. He just knew how to fish. As you well know, later on, he denied Jesus three times. Do you think that he had any qualification to be a prominent disciple of Jesus Christ?

Peter did not choose Jesus. But Jesus chose him. Though he was a sinner, he did not feel shameful before the Lord. It is a wonderful and humble confession! What about us? We also should have this kind of confession in our lives. Even though you have some wonderful and powerful talents, if God is not with you, you can do nothing. And if God does not have any plan for your life, you cannot be here.

We should know we are really nothing without our Lord. But many people in this world think they can do everything. Christians should know that we are nothing without God.

True repentance comes from a true humble heart. Do you remember St. Augustine? He came

to believe in Jesus because of the prayer of his mother Monica. After his conversion the people called him a Saint. But he felt he was a sinner, and he was nothing and he felt his weakness all the time because of his sins.

So he wrote the Confessions book. Our new lives really begin from repentance. We must repent of our sins everyday. If you begin your day without washing your face you will feel very uncomfortable. If you do not brush your teeth when you talk with others the bad breath may come out of your mouth, causing unpleasantness to others. Sin is like that. If we do not confess our sins and do not repent, it will affect our spiritual life and we will be a bad influence to others like a bad breath.

God uses people who are humble and repentant.

How should a Christian live his life? **Lastly, we must follow only Jesus.** According to v.11, Peter threw away everything and followed Jesus. That means giving up all worldly things and seeking the kingdom of God. To glorify God.

Dear brothers and sisters, do you think this is easy to do? He gave up his job. And he followed Jesus only. Because he knew that Jesus is more precious and more important than his ship and fish.

It is very easy to say we depend on the word of God and we are repentant. But it is not easy to give up everything and follow Jesus unconditionally. According to Hebrews 11, our example of great faith is Abraham. He did not know where to go but he went only by faith. We also need this faith. Just trust Jesus and follow Him.

When I was in military service, I had a strong desire and vision for mission. So I decided I must be trained for mission work.

But when I looked at myself I felt I was very weak and I could not do anything so I just prayed, "O Lord! Please open the way for me to be trained for mission." After army service, God opened the way for me to come to Singapore to study theology. I have been here for about 2 years.

I think that this is the greatest blessing and best opportunity in my life. Although studying in FEBC is not easy for me because I am a foreigner, and my mother language is totally different from the English language, but I thank

God for His grace. If I tried to study with my own strength, may be I would fail. But I am sure that because God is with me and He gives me wisdom to study in FEBC, I could continue until now. Especially, whenever I study Greek. Oh! It is really a time of great struggle for me. I lost much weight. But the more I study Greek the more I felt a strong desire for knowing the Word of God. Look at me! I am still surviving!

Sometimes I feel homesick. I miss my parents and my mother church and friends but I am sure that this experience in Singapore will be very helpful for my future ministry.

Dear brothers and sisters, We are here now. Do you think that it is by our will? The Bible says even the bird in the sky can never fall without the permission of God.

He knows the number of hairs on the head. God is our father. God loves you. Only Jesus has the key to open our way. In His name there is the key. There is no other name. In His name there is hope, there is future.

In conclusion, Jesus visited the disciples who were not able to get any fish and were very tired too. God never turns His face from us when we are in need. He will come to us. He will visit us. He will help us.

God sent Jesus for us. Jesus is God Himself but He gave up Heaven's glory and came to us. He died on the Cross because of you and me. He endured all sufferings on His cross. The nails went through His hand but he endured all pain to save us from our sins. Let us rely on the Word of God. Let us repent every day, every minute. Throw away all our worries and fears and follow Jesus. God does not want many people. God wants the one who has the heart of Peter.

According to legend, Peter was crucified upside down. We also need such a devotion. If we are followers of Jesus we have to endure all persecution because we are Christians.

In Korea there was persecution under the Japanese for 36 years, when many pastors and Christians died. In the 16th century, many church fathers were burned and suffered for the truth. We are the ones who know the truth. Suppose the persecution is here, will you still follow Jesus? Can you suffer for Jesus like the early church fathers? Let me repeat, God does not want many people. God wants real believers who follow Jesus whatever the cost. Would you be that one?

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d/o Mr & Mrs Andrew Tee Fook Boon
06. Wong Jinn Yi, Joanne
d/o Mr & Mrs Wong Khong Toon
07. Wong Shu Miin, Naomi
d/o Mr & Mrs Edmund Wong Kok Keong

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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| 01. Goh Shi Wei, Timothy | Student |
| 02. Lum Hui Min, Eunice | Student |
| 03. Lum Jian Hua, Clement | Student |
| 04. Ong Lin Min | Student |
| 05. Ong Ming Chuan, William | Student |
| 06. Tan Teng Wei, Andrew | Student |
| 07. Wong Zhu Han, Daniel | Student |

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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| 08. Choo Khoon Wan, Rachel | Labour Relations Offr |
| 09. Chua Mee Chin, Alison | Air Exec. Offr |
| 10. Chua Choon Guek, Joyce | Teacher |
| 11. Ho Li Ching, Selina | Research Analyst |
| 12. Lee Chou Hor, George | General Manager |
| 13. Lim Yew Chin, Fiona | Admin. Offr |

BAPTISM

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| 14. Chan Hwa Seng | Engineer |
| 15. Edna Dedcades | Domestic Helper |
| 16. Foo Ee Cheng, Michelle | Accountant |
| 17. Galario Brigida | Domestic Helper |
| 18. Hui Sin Wan, Alice | Accounts Manager |
| 19. Jenaline Vallejd | Domestic Helper |
| 20. Jenelyn Badlig Manuel | Domestic Helper |

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| 21. Kwek Boon Cheng | |
| 22. Lau Li Loon, Vanessa | |
| 23. Lea Panganiban Cuevas | Domestic Helper |
| 24. Lee Chee Siong | Engineer |
| 25. Maribel Espejo Tagal | Domestic Helper |
| 26. Pundavela Anola Medina | Domestic Helper |
| 27. Soh Cheow Kien | Student |
| 28. Soh Yunxiang | Student |
| 29. Tan Kwak Meng | Music Instructor |
| 30. Tan Ling Ling, Hannah | Teacher |
| 31. Tham Kok Pheng, Glenn | Student |
| 32. Tow See Yei | Undergraduate |
| 33. Wee Eng Kiat, Christina | Secretary |
| 34. Wong Yee Mool, Liza | |

CHINESE SERVICE

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| 01. Lim Li Jing (Baptism) |
| 02. Yew Yuen Hay (Baptism) |
| 03. Wang Li Ying (Baptism) |
| 04. Mak Poh Hong (Transfer) |

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 20 -26, '98)			GOOD FRIDAY OFFERINGS : \$14,810.00		
MON	7.30 pm	No Lecture	OFFERINGS FOR: Cambodia \$550, \$100, \$100(Life Stone Bridge BPC) , \$1010(Cambodia Children); Thailand \$600; VBS \$5, \$10; 21CRB \$30.		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS : \$40,766.50		
WED	7.30 pm	No Lecture	OFFERINGS FOR: Cambodia \$50, \$100, \$100, \$1000(Moses Hahn & Lee), \$300, \$100, US\$2000; Africa Mission \$500; Dn Henry Tan \$52; Batam \$200; Frankie & Julia \$20; Wee Siew Neo \$100; Vanessa Lau \$500; Rfd Tract Dist \$20; China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Baraka BPC \$50; JJ Lim \$50; Andrew Kam Orph \$500, \$20, \$100, \$400, \$1000; Rev Charles Seet \$100; Rev Colin Wong \$100, \$500; Baraka Conf Centre \$100; Rev Tow \$500; Eld Khoo Peng Kiat \$400; Dn Yiew PS \$300; Khoo May Ann \$250; Khoo May Lynn \$250; Stella Seet \$250, Michael Seet \$250; John Wong \$250, Joy Wong \$250; Thailand \$50; P'pines \$50; Children's Ministry \$50; Sunday Sch \$50; P'pines Rice Fund \$200.		
THU	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	Missionary F'ship Meeting. "Mission Challenge," Rev Dr Goh Seng Fong. Sunday 26 April '98, 12 pm. All are welcome		
FRI		FEBC Exams begins	Vacation Bible School. 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS; application forms available at the VBS booth. For enquires, please email to "vbs@letterbox.com".		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.30 LBC	Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office. Sun 10.30am-12.30pm; Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392). Closing date: 26 Apr 98.		
SUN	2.30 pm	Berean BPC Wedding	Used original software needed: Microsoft MS-DOS Ver 5/6, Windows 3.1/3.11 and Word 6. Please pass to Mr Roger Kok at the Camp Registration Office.		
	8.00 am	The Blessings of Justification (Rev Colin Wong)			
	9.30 am	Annual Congregational Mtg			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship			
	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	MsF Mtg / Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	1.30 pm	AF; 3.00 pm Thai Service			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.			
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson; Fri Queenstown					
Verse for the Week: In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul. Psalm 138:3					
Annual Congregational Mtg					
Next Lord's Day at 9.30 am sharp					
It is your duty as a member to attend.					



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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	Eld Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 203	No. 121
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	1 Cor 15:1-20	Rom 12
Hymn	No. 209	No. 431
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 419	No. 414
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 4:18-25	Phil 3:7-17
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Justification is by Resurrection Power (Rev Colin Wong)	Living For Jesus (Rev Charles Seet)
Closing Hymn	No. 292	Living for Jesus
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

Visit to Tanjung Pinang after 3 years

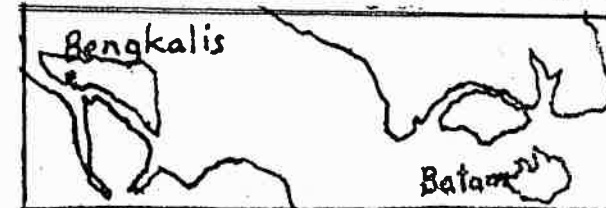
The Lord sent me to Tanjung Pinang in Aug 1973. Since then I had been moderator of the Zion Presbyterian Church until 1991. I visited the Church in Nov 1995, and now after 3 years, or 2½ to be exact.

In the meantime Rev Bob Phee and Rev Koa Keng Woo of Muar have stood in for me. Under their ministry the Church has grown signally. An afternoon service in Indonesian for the younger set has been started. Once a month Joseph Liu the preacher visits Tanjung Uban, jointly run by Tg. Pinang and Life Church. Joseph is due for ordination in August.

At the Maundy Thursday Service there was an overflowing crowd of 220. Two men and a boy were baptised. The choir sang spiritedly.

New Outreach to Bengkalis

One purpose of our visiting Tg. Pinang was to coordinate a new outreach to Bengkalis. Bengkalis is a big island off the coast



of Sumatra. It is twice the size of Singapore

and lies almost on the same latitude. It is about 100 mile from Batam.

Some months ago a young lady from Medan was introduced by Haposan to stay at Beulah House while undergoing medical check up in Singapore. She came to see me about Bengkalis. She raised the Macedonian call that there are thousands of Hokkiens on this Island that need the Gospel. She wondered if I could send some one there. I immediately thought of Joseph Liu. Since she would visit Tg. Pinang I gave her Joseph's address. She found Joseph in good time. Hence our going to Tg. Pinang to coordinate the Bengkalis outreach.

A strong factor determining our visit to Bengkalis is the discovery of Ivy's ancestry from Benkalis. Her maternal grandfather Oei Chin Yam was Kapitan of the town. Kapitan was an honorary title conferred by the Dutch in Colonial days on leaders of a Chinese community. That being the case, we felt we owe them a gospel debt.

Kelapa Sawit 46th Anniversary

This week Elder Sng will take the wheel of our Church Minibus to Kelapa Sawit. Since I have been with Kelapa Sawit from the beginning, they have requested me to speak at their 46th Anniversary. Started in 1952 by Dr. Andrew Gih, the station passed into our hands in 1954. From Kelapa Sawit we have branched out to Air

Bemban, 3 miles north, and then to Bukit Batu, 7 miles north.

Bukit Batu

Air Bemban today is a Gospel Centre with a flourishing kindergarten. As to Bukit Batu we had a lively Sunday School which had 60-70 children. It lasted only three years and came to an abrupt end when the landlord took back the premises. There has been a lapse of several years.

Recently the brethren of Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban found a house sitting on a hillock, ideal for a Sunday School and Church for lease. Rev John Ling, who has completely recovered from his illness, has taken the lead to resuscitate the erstwhile Sunday School. A Chin Lien student is willing to bear the brunt of the work. So, here we go.

When we visited Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day, we will drive 7 miles north to Bukit Batu to view the property.

Sunset Gospel Hour

When we return the same afternoon, I shall be speaking at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan 6.00 pm. Under the Singalong Series, we shall introduce 12 new "Songs for Personal Quiet Time." Why not meet us there in the singing?

FEBC 23rd Graduation

How quickly time flies! In no time FEBC will be holding Final Exams. On May 10, at Calvary Pandan, there will be held our 23rd Graduation Exercises. Elder Dr Tow Siang Yeow, President of the College Board of Directors, is the Lord's Messenger. One important item appended to the Graduation will be the ordination of Im Seong Ho, who will also be conferred an MRE for translating several of the Principal's books into Korean. Mr Im is now missionary to the seamen of many nations who congregate at Incheon, Seoul's international sea port. He has the support of the Korean Seaman's Mission, which has requested us to ordain Mr Im. This is a great honour.

May 12-15, '98 will see a party of over 15 visiting our new work of 9 months in Cambodia. We are still working on the schedule. Please pray for the Lord's guiding hand.

John Sung My Teacher in Chinese now available @ \$5. John Sung Choruses with music notation @ \$4. John Sung 40 Sermons, Bk I, II, III @ \$1.

VBC and Bible Camp

After this, we are ushered into a week of Vacation Bible College to study the Book of Daniel under Dr Paul Lee Tan, May 25-30, inclusive of an Exam that gives one credit to those who pass it. Then follows the Bible Camp, June 1-5, 98 to be held at the Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. This will be another treat and a blessing as we will be brought up to date with events of the End-times: "Count Down to Armageddon." There's a special blessing, I'm sure, for each camper from the Lord, as He is interested in everyone of us. So, why miss it?

Do you know that every camper is subsidised 20%, and every FEBC'er much more? The days at Batam will not only be days of spiritual refreshing but also of the physical. Besides there is Missions brought to your door step when you will be transported from Hotel to see the fields cultivated both by Life and Calvary BPC. And also a visit to Matahari, the shoppers' paradise, for real good bargains!

Esther Chin, a 12-year-old Lifer writes Pastor

"I would like to thank you very much for sending me the *Wang Ming Tao and Temptation* book. I received it yesterday and I finished reading it on the same day. Thanks. This book helped me to understand more about spiritual life, to reflect more on my spiritual life and to guide me as I try my best to do well. It also gave me good information about Charismatism. I'll be praying for you. Thanks once again for giving me this really good book." —T.T.

On the Doctrine of Providential Preservation of the Holy Scriptures

- I. "The words of the Lord are pure words... Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them...forever" (Ps 12:6,7).
- II. "There is no sentence, no clause, no word, no syllable, no letter, but it is written for my instruction; there is not one jot but it is sealed and signed with the blood of the Lamb. . . no word, no syllable, no point or prick thereof, but it is written and preserved for Thy sake." —*Bishop Jewel at Salisbury; 1570*
- III. The Old Testament in Hebrew...and the New Testament in Greek...being immediately inspired by God, and by His singular care and protection kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical so as in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal to them. —*Westminster Confession of Faith 1:8*



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Fax: 855-23 427 322

Date : 08 April, 1998

From: HE Suy Sem, Secretary of State
Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour and
Veteran Affairs, Kingdom of Cambodia

To: Life B-P Church in Singapore and Rev. Timothy Tow

Dear Life B-P Church in Singapore and Rev. Timothy Tow,

On behalf of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour and Veteran Affairs of the Royal Government of Cambodia and on my own behalf, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks to Life B-P Church in Singapore and Rev. Timothy Tow for the donations of containers which includes: Milk Powder, Biscuits, Sardines, Baked Beans, Children's clothing, Toys, man & woman and girls' clothes etc. These stuff are to be distributed for the poor and orphan children who are extremely in need in the rural areas.

Anyway, thanks for the kind activities and the endeavours of Rev. Jonathan Lee Young Lyong in the cause of helping the our poor people and orphan children.

We still require the continued and strong support from Life B-P Church in Singapore and Rev. Timothy Tow.

Once again, I am most grateful for your assistance for the well-being and future of the Cambodian children.

Sincerely yours,



Suy Sem
Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Affairs,
Labour and Veteran Affairs, Kingdom of Cambodia

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 27 -May 3, '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON	7.30 pm Calvin's Institutes Exam.	\$7,344.00 (8.00 am); \$13,523.00 (10.30 am)
TUE	8.00 pm Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>EBF</i> \$500(Kebaktian Ina); <i>Missions</i> \$600, \$100, \$750, \$50, \$30(Boxes); <i>Cambodia</i> \$250(Children's Msty), \$200,100, \$300, \$3500, US\$2000; <i>Myanmar</i> \$2040, \$200, \$1500(Van); <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$200; <i>Children's Ministry</i> \$100; <i>Rev Jack Sin</i> \$100, \$200; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$200; <i>Rev Charles Seet</i> \$200; <i>Dn JJ Lim</i> \$300; <i>Dn Yiew PS</i> \$200; <i>Rev Das Koshy</i> \$100; <i>JS Heng</i> \$100; <i>Vancouver BPC</i> \$100; <i>Kelapa Sawit</i> \$100; <i>VBS</i> \$250, 500; <i>Children's Choir</i> \$820; <i>Easter Breakfast</i> \$287.50(AF); <i>Mersing</i> \$323(YAF).
WED	7.30 pm KJV-NIV Debate Exam.	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
THU	7.30 pm Joshua, Judges, Ruth Exam.	(1) A Thanksgiving gift to the children choir (Mrs Tow). "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee and he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Ps 55:22). Thank you Lord for all the many blessings and mercies. (\$820).
FRI	9.00 am Rev Tow at Homiletics Seminar, Calvary BPC(Jurong)	<i>Missionary F'ship Meeting</i> . "Mission Challenge," Rev Dr Goh Seng Fong. Today, 12 pm at FEBC Hall. All are welcome.
	9.30 am Combined F'ships Day of Prayer, Sanctuary	<i>Vacation Bible School</i> . 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS; application forms available at the VBS booth. For enquires, please email to "vbs@letterbox.com".
	6.00 pm FEBC End of Semester Thanksgiving Service & Dinner	<i>Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam</i> . Today is closing date. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office.
SAT	2.30 pm YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	For enquiries please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392).
SUN	8.00 am Having It All - Having Nothing (Rev Charles Seet)	Annual Congregational Mtg Today at 9.30 am sharp It is your duty as a member to attend.
	10.30 am Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	
	10.30 am Chinese Service	
	10.30 am Young Lifers Worship	
	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 Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.	
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Yishun		
Sunday School Offering: \$749.10; Attendance: 368		
Verse for the Week: O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. Psalm 31:23,24		



Visit to Bukit Batu B-P Sunday School by 2 van loads of Lifers after attending the 46th Anniversary Service of Kelapa Sawit, April 19, '98



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26 April 1998

"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. 5	No. 27
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 65	Ps 103
Hymn	No. 31	No. 37
Announcements		Installation of Rev Seet
Offering & Hymn	No. 403	No. 468
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 5:1-11	Rom 13:1-7
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Blessings of Justification (Rev Colin Wong)	Christian and Government
Closing Hymn	No. 441	No. 410
Benediction		

Three Spontaneous Offerings to Build Three Cambodian Churches!

An appeal for US\$2,000 was made by Jonathan Lee for the building of Life Stone Bridge B-P Church in Phnom Penh outskirts. At the Tuesday Prayer Meeting a S\$2,000 cheque was handed me by a sister who loves the Lord for the most needy. When I suggested it be put to the Life Stone Bridge B.F. she agreed. After this came to my hand S\$1,000 and S\$500 for building the Church. So, US\$2,000 was handed to Jonathan Lee. Now, building operations have begun.

No sooner had Jonathan Lee returned to Cambodia than an "old Lifer" caught up with a US\$2,000 cheque also for Life Stone Bridge. When she heard this sum was subscribed, she readily channelled it to build Jonathan's second project, "Hope for All B-P Church."

At the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, when I reported these spontaneous givings to build two churches (Cambodian style), I casually mentioned a third church proposed by Moses Hahn for the village of Botsemon, half hour's drive from Kompong Som on the highway to Phnom Penh. How did I know this moved a couple to respond in two days! This couple who has joined our FEBC evening class and Tuesday Night

Prayer Meeting (from another Church) came to see me one evening. They were grateful for the teachings received from our Church. So they would contribute to Moses Hahn's 3rd church appeal. The wife wrote a cheque for S\$3,500.

These latter two sums for Jonathan in Phnom Penh and Moses Hahn in Kompong Som will be handed to them when we visit Cambodia May 12-15. This saves on exchange and bank charges.

The needs of our missionaries, however, are frugally met. For some time they have hinted a more convenient means of transport. For, being on the go, they have suggested a motor bike each, for Kompong Som (to be shared between Moses Hahn and David Koo) and for Phnom Penh (Jonathan Lee).

At the 8th Anniversary of the Men's Fellowship, I felt urged to challenge them to donate US\$1,000 each for our two missions, K.S. and P.P.A couple of days after, I received a phone call from the President that the Men's Fellowship would meet this need. Praise the Lord! By the way, may I add a word for Andrew Kam's Van? It needs another US\$2,000.

And we want to thank the Lord for a much bigger cheque that was handed me earlier, for Cambodia, also after Prayer Meeting. This cheque goes to pay their monthly stipends and such expenses as \$1,338 for the 3rd Container (20 ft) and \$2,310.12 for the 4th Container (40 ft).

The letter from H.E. Suy Sem, Sec. of State, Ministry of Soc. Affairs, etc., Kingdom of Cambodia thanking our Church for the food and clothes items we sent recently through AF, shows how the Lord's work in Cambodia is pursued, with good speed and efficiency. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Amen. —T.T.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Rev Tow

Greetings to you and all Lifers in the Name of Jesus Christ. I am very happy because many Cambodian pastors are praying for FEBC and Life Church in Singapore. I'm sure that God wants to use Life B-P Church and FEBC more and more to spread the gospel to Cambodia.

Please pray for Cambodia. We need your prayers because the snake worship is on the increase in Cambodia. I feel headache sometimes because of statues of the snake. Anyway I have to say thank God, because God has provided US\$2,000 to Life Stone Bridge B-P Church to build the new church building. Thank God for helping this poor Life Stone B-P Church through Life B-P Church from Singapore. The new church building will be finished this month. I handed over US\$2,000 to the local pastor of the new church.

I have been to Life Stone B-P Church to preach and I have had very good fellowship with them. Also, I gave candy and cakes to the children who are very poor.

Now I humbly ask Lifers to help "Hope for All B-P Church." This church becomes a second B-P Church in Cambodia. This poor church has one Sunday school class which is surrounded by a cemetery. This old Sunday school class is very small and also very dirty. Around 20 Sunday school students are suffering from sore eyes, skin disease, lockjaw and other infectious diseases. I am sure that this old classroom is so



terrible for the children, especially their health. But this church cannot afford to build a new Sunday school class. The "Hope for All B-P Church" has been praying for the new Sunday school class. They need US\$2,000 to build. They have a piece of land already.

The poor Cambodian children want to learn the Bible to know Jesus Christ. These poor children have been praying for their Sunday school class since long ago. Whenever I see their terrible situation I am crying in the mission field because I do not have enough money to help them.

Jesus Christ gave His Body for our sins. Now it is time to give our love to these poor people.

—Jonathan Lee

Obituary. Rev Wesly Siregar, 85, was received into glory, April 21. Funeral in Medan was held April 23, Rev Philip Heng officiating.

Baptism. Mr Teo Poh Kong 72, friend of Dr S. H. Tow was baptised in his house before his family, April 22, Pastor Tow officiating.

READ SWORD & TROWEL, 1997 No. 3 & 4, the fascinating story of the Royal household of Henry VIII, of his last wife and his only son Edward VI. Read all the articles on various subjects of high interest. From FEBC Room, \$3. Read a *Theology for Every Christian* by Timothy Tow & Jeffrey Khoo on Knowing God and His Word, \$6. Also *John Sung My Teacher* in Chinese, \$5 and 40 *John Sung Sermons*, Bk I - VIII, set for \$5 only!

British expert warns that global warming is causing disease, environmental damage, falling food production and water shortage

NEW DELHI — Britain's former United Nations ambassador, Sir Crispin Tickell, said climate changes were causing new strains of disease and threatening food output and the homes of millions of people.

Sir Crispin, a former chief of Britain's overseas aid agency, told a conference of the 164-nation Global Environment Facility here on Thursday that changing patterns of temperature and moisture "were causing viruses and bacteria to proliferate".

"There has been a resurgence of tuberculosis with a new strain that is immune to medicine, there is Aids and the Ebola virus" he said, adding that they were linked to global warming.

"Climate change is being accelerated by humans. This has led to a growing number of refugees. There were less than six million in 1968 ... the numbers have risen to 27 million last year."

"This number excludes millions of undocumented aliens, job-seekers and about 20 million-plus people displaced by environmental factors such as drought, deforestation and soil erosion."

He said global grain production was plummeting.

"It peaked in 1984 and has now fallen to its lowest level in decades."

He said temperatures were expected to rise between 1 and 3 deg C by the next millennium, while the sea level could go up by 5 m.

Sir Crispin, currently Chancellor of the University of Kent, said pollution was everywhere.

"Even a self-respecting sea lion in Antarctica which has never seen a human is affected ... check its blubber and it contains human-made chemicals."

"Demand for water is doubling every 21 years, 17 per cent of soil worldwide has been damaged since 1945 and the global population has risen from one billion during the time of (economist) Thomas Malthus in 1800 to 5.8 billion."

Sir Crispin added that international disputes over water were almost certain, citing the Nile river, which courses through nine countries; the Tigris and the Euphrates whose waters are disputed by Turkey and Israel and her neighbours, and the Colorado, shared by Mexico and the United States.

—AFP (Straits Times Apr 4, 98)

Reflections

Life rushes on and it's now ten years that he's gone.

Time diminishes the pain but not the memory of that day

*Thank God for His strength and comfort
For the peace that passeth all understanding
Knowing that he is safe in the arms of his
loving heavenly Father.*

Nothing that God in grace allows is ever done in vain.

*Be it suffering the loss of a loved one,
as in my case.*

*Be it parenting disobedient children.
Or nurturing that 'thorn' as our 'earthly
tabernacle' groans
when old age takes its toll.*

With the confidence of Abraham, we can safely proclaim:

'Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?'

Thank you Lord for giving us the strength to persevere.

*Whatever our suffering may be,
You'll wipe away the tears and take away our fears. (Ps 112:7)*

*Lord, throughout the past ten years,
You've made me a co-worker.*

*To empathize with the bereaved,
To comfort and to encourage with my presence,*

To share the testimonies that come from my heart.

For in comforting others my wound is healed

Thank you, Lord for opportunities to do my bit for Thee.

—Linda Chan—

Ed. note: This report does not mention the flu epidemic that wiped out 1.5 million chicken in Hong Kong, followed by a "red-tide" that destroys 2/3 of HK fish farms; the fires that burn down E. Kalimantan, still burning, water shortage in K.L.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 4-10, '98)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	8.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House
	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF
SUN	8.00 am	In Adam or in Christ? (Rev Colin Wong)
	10.30 am	Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye
	10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Tow)
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship
	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
	7.00 pm	23rd FEBC Graduation Service
NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.		
Verse for the Week: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God . . ." (Ps 42:1-2).		
486 COMPUTERS! We need 10 more for Cambodia. This will be nucleus for a 5th container! Also children's clothes and toys, the more the merrier, for the orphanages.		

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
\$6,406.00 (8.00 am); \$12,358.00 (10.30 am)	
OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$10 (Boxes), \$300, 300; <i>Cambodia Mission</i> \$200, 100, 300, 200, 500; <i>A Kam's Van</i> \$100, 500; <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$400, 150, 10; <i>Africa</i> \$270; <i>Vietnam</i> \$1000, 200; <i>Myanmar Orphanage</i> \$100, 326; <i>P'pines Rice Fund</i> \$400; <i>Tract Ministry</i> \$80; <i>Easter Breakfast</i> \$650.	
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS	
(1) To God be the glory! Thou art great O Lord and doest wondrous things, thou art God alone. Thank you Lord for your many blessings and care for my family throughout the year. China Chinese Bibles: \$50, Cambodia: \$50. (2) Praise the Lord for blessing me with good results in the "O" Level examinations. Here is a small token for the Church (\$100). Thank God!— <i>A Young Lifer</i> (3) I would like to thank the Lord for the countless mercies He has bestowed on my family and me. Enclosed is \$550 for the Cambodian Mission. The money is actually my allowance while on military service in Taiwan. As the Lord has blessed and protected me while in a foreign land, I think it is fitting that I dedicate this sum of money to further His Kingdom in a foreign land. I also pray for journey mercy for the 2nd trip to Taiwan which I will be undertaking (also NS) 4.4.98-5.5.98. I hope that you would remember me in your prayers.— <i>A Grateful NS man</i>	
Change of Tel no. for Mdm Lee Lit Miah, 98166150 (Handphone), 3521649 (O) and Mr Francis Leong, 97398522 (Handphone), 6635505 (O).	
Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Closing Date is extended to 10 May, 98. Please register with full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp Registration Office, Sunday, 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. For enquiries, please contact Dn David Tan (Pg: 95143392).	



With my brother, Elder Tow Siang Yeow, on our Mersing Beach.



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3 May 1998

"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. 18	No. 29
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 144	Jn 21:15-22
Hymn	No. 109	My Jesus I Love Thee
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 421	Bring All the Tithes..
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eccl 1:12-2:26	Rom 13:8-10
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Having It All— Having Nothing (Rev Charles Seet)	By Royal Law triumph
Closing Hymn	No. 51	No. 4
Benediction		Lord's Supper

"LEAD ON O KING ETERNAL, THE DAY OF MARCH HAS COME!"

My dear Readers,



For several months we have been waiting on the Lord. And now "the day of march has come!" We are a contingent of 18, like the Myanmar expedition. Roll call: Pastor and Mrs Tow, Elder & Mrs Sng Teck Leong, Dr Jeffrey Khoo,

Mr & Mrs Errol Stone, Dn Henry Tan, Martin Sng, Tan Kian Sing, Chow Sow Chuen, Ada Chua, Ivan Toms, Hannah Yeo, Chan Choy Leng, Chiang Mui Leng, Yap May Ling, Susan Suryati. Please at Tues Night Prayer Meeting, May 5, to pay your dues, by cheque to Life B-P Church.

We leave by Royal Cambodge May 12, 5:25 p.m., and return on May 15, 11:40 a.m.-2:35 p.m. On a four-day journey, we can carry a light pack each. The extra weight, let us offer to the Lord, say 10 kilos each (we're allowed 5 kilos extra). This

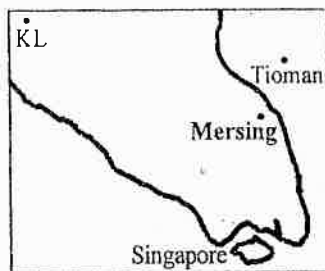
time, let us carry some goodies for the missionaries. Let me challenge the Ladies Fellowship to "cook up something nice." If any Lifer would "tumpang" us, you are most welcome. The rest of our luggage space should be given to the in-clusion of children's clothing and toys, which are most ap-preciated. "Do something good for Jesus every day. Do some-thing good wherever we go." And the Lord bless the work of your hands. (Between now and May 10, if you have things for the children, please leave them with the parsonage.)

Rev Jimmy Rim has requested me to publish his book in English, *With Christ in the Killing Fields*. With Miss Lau Yeong Shoon's help, we have it in first print, but I must check over with the author. So, we will be killing two birds with one stone. The book will be a thriller.

Do pray for our safety in travel, that wherever we go, whatever we do, we may be a blessing, not a burden.

THE TIME TO BUILD MERSING IS ALSO NEAR

Practech Development Sdn Bhd of Klang, our Contractor, has notified Dn Victor Loo of Ang Kheng Leng, our architect, that both the Department of Town and Rural Planning



and the State Department of Irrigation and Drainage have no objection to the change of use of our proper-ty from agriculture to tourism. As ours is

the only proper-ty blessed with a side road, we must yield 10 feet for the widening of the side road, which is normal for future development. But the main road fronting the sea was recently given a new coat of tarmac, which makes driving to our site very pleasant.

With road widening and detours from heavy urban traffic, driving up Mersing, 100 miles from Singapore, can be done in 2.5 hours. Tourists headed for Tioman can drive and park your cars in our Resort compound and you get there much faster than were you to sail from Singapore. When our B-P Youth Camp is finished, we will run it on a freewill-offering basis, no hardship for our young people. We have also 8 hotel-style rooms to cater to couples or young families—and you can enjoy the breezy South China Sea there, also by free-will offering. Mersing, Ahoy! Here we come!

The cost of building Mersing, as you have been told at the ACM, will be much reduced with the present exchange rate. God's timing is perfect! —T.T.

REPORT FROM KUCHING

I thank God for calling me to serve Him full-time in the ministry. And also for Far Eastern Bible College for giving me good teaching from the Word of God from 1990 to 1994.

Since I went back to Kuching, Sarawak, four years ago, God has blessed my ministry. The church where I serve has grown from two hundred to five hundred. They all come from different backgrounds and levels of life. About seventy percent are young people who come to study in the university and various institutes in Kuching. It is from these members, during these four years, that we have reached out to twenty-one villages.

We also would like to extend our thanks to Elder and Mrs Charlie Chia for building two churches in Kampong Marau Kelasau and Kampong Empili.

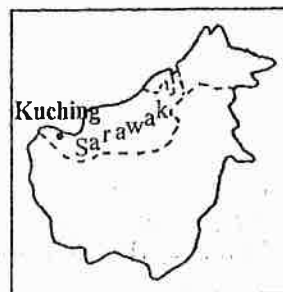
There is one village called Kampong Sungai Turong, that we evangelised end of 1997. The Chief who is now in his eighties, being the first person to receive Christ, is a happy person. He was deaf because of old age. One day, he went to the jungle to collect firewood. He called upon the Lord to heal him. To his amazement, he could hear many birds singing clearly around him. There, he realised that had answered his prayer and healed him instantly.

A woman who suffered from bleeding for about five years, after being prayed for, got healed from her bleeding. It is from these two testimonies that many have come to receive Jesus Christ in that village. This group has grown to about thirty people. God has manifest His power among them that they may believe that God is a living, true and powerful God. The Chief's younger brother, after receiving Jesus Christ, gives a piece of land to the Lord for church building and for burial ground. The church building will be started once we get some financial support. Do pray along with us for this need.

There are many villages that are still without Christ. Some villages claimed to have become Christian for 40 years. But they do not know about the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And they are still practising their old beliefs. There are many invitations but we are in lack of manpower.

Sister Marilyn Nanta, FEBC alumna, is also serving in Kuching. She is looking after a church. It is Iban-speaking church. Her congregation has grown to about one hundred and twenty. Her church most probably will be demolished because some complaints are lodged by the "other" group of people. Do pray for them as this case will be heard before the judge on 13 May. Pray for their lawyer, that God may grant him wisdom and knowledge to defend their case. To God be the glory.

A third church in Kuching of interest to our members is the B-P Chinese Church, headed by Mr Bong Boon Chong. It also runs a flourishing Indonesian Service. It has a gospel van, which helps greatly in the transportation of children to the Sunday School. This worker is supported by the Chinese Service of Life Church. —Tram Epoi



One way of transportation practised in Cambodia is to attach an open wagon to a motor cycle. Here you see Jonathan Lee riding at the far end of the wagon. To upgrade him on the road, the Men's Fellowship is giving him a second-hand motorbike.



This is Jonathan's fortnightly medical ministry to his poor neighbourhood. He employs a doctor to attend to dozens of the sick, and the funds come from Elder Dr Lee of Korea, who has also a great work with Rev Thawn Luai in Myanmar. This is highly commendable in view of the drop in value of the Korean won. Support missions with your dollars while the going is good!

THINGS JUST DON'T HAPPEN

Esther L Fields

from Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions

Things just don't happen to us who love God;
They're planned by His own dear hand.
Then moulded and shaped, and timed by His clock,
Things just don't happen; they're planned.

We don't just guess on the issues of life,
We Christians just rest in our Lord.
We are directed by His sovereign will
In the light of His holy Word.

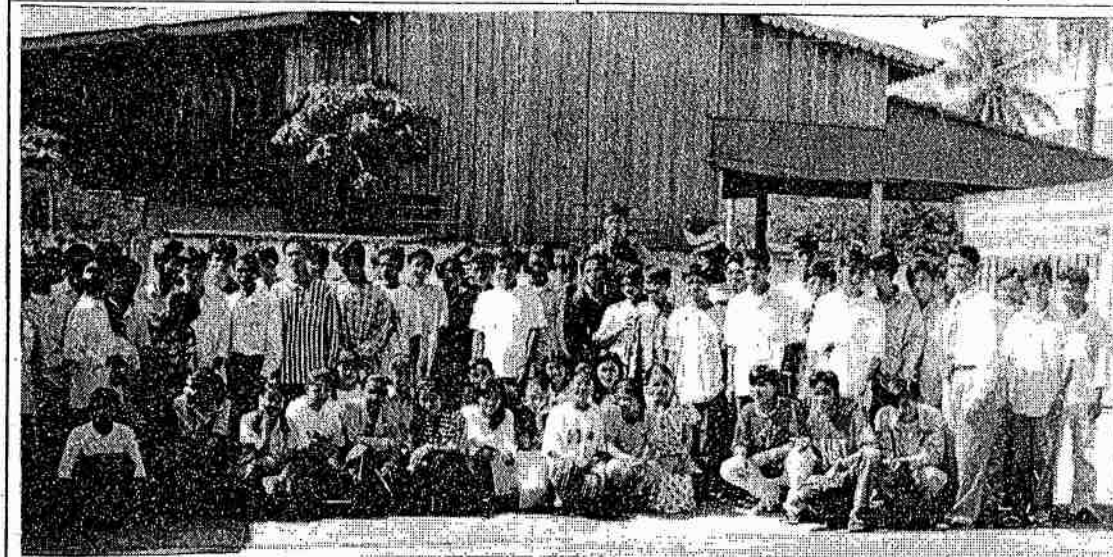
We who love Jesus are walking by faith,
Not seeing one step that's ahead,

Not doubting one moment what our lot might be,
But looking to Jesus instead.

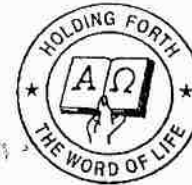
We praise our dear Saviour for loving us so,
For planning each care of our life,
Then giving us faith to trust Him for all,
The blessings as well as the strife.

Things don't just happen to us who love God
To us who have taken our stand.
No matter the lot, the course, or the price,
Things just don't happen; they're planned.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 11 - 17, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	11.00 am	Wedding of Heo Woong & Tan Ai Leen (Rev Tow)	\$10,689.00 (8.00 am); \$13,877.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	5.25 pm	Rev Tow & Co. to Cambodia	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF \$2250, \$1621(Chinese Ser);		
	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	Missions \$300, \$100, \$260, \$250; Cambodia \$600,		
FRI	2.35 pm	Rev Tow & Co. return from Cambodia	\$150(Sunday Sch), \$400, \$70; Moses Hahn \$1000; Jonathan		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.30 EBF	Lee \$1000; A Kam's Van Fd \$50, \$1600; Polish/Mtce of		
	4.00 pm	Koh Suan Kee & Julia Kwee Wedding (Rev Tow)	church vans \$600; Baraka Conf Centre \$100; Hilltop Rice		
SUN	8.00 am	Is Life a Treadmill? (Rev Tow)	Fund \$288; Bt Batu \$300; Roska(Batam) \$300; Seets \$70;		
	10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	New Life BPC Kenya Project \$400; Heng JS \$300, \$250,		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	\$2000; Myanmar Orph \$100, \$100; Mersing \$150; Frankie		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	Matius \$100; S Takashima \$400.		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>Claim your lost items</i> at the counter today. See Elder		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Chia for a bracelet. Unclaimed items will be given to		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	others who need them.		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	<i>Change of address</i> for Dn Victor Loo: 11 Jalan Pelatina,		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship; 1.30 AF	S'pore 577268. Tel: 252 1810(H).		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 3.30 LBC	486 COMPUTERS! We need 10 more for Cambodia.		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.	This will be nucleus for a 5th container! Also children's		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bedok.			clothes and toys, the more the merrier, for the		
Sunday School Offering: \$680.71; Attendance: 394			orphanage.		
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> Far Eastern Bible College announces the 23rd Graduation Service at Calvary B-P Church (Pandan) Lord's Day, May 10, 1998, 7.00 pm Refreshments following ceremony </div>			<i>Vacation Bible School.</i> 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers		
			needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS; application forms		
			available at the VBS booth. For enquires, please email to		
			"vbs@letterbox.com".		
			<i>Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina</i>		
			<i>Resort, Batam.</i> Closing date today! Please register with		
			full payment and photocopy of passport details at the Camp		
			Registration Office. For enquiries please contact Dn David		
			Tan (Pg: 95143392).		
			Verse for the Week: We love him, because he first		
			loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his		
			brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his		
			brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God		
			whom he hath not seen? 1 John 4:19,20		



David Koo, 4th from the right, and his computer students after Sunday Worship at the mission house.



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10 May 1998

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder George Tan	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 34	No. 333
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 84:1-12	Rev 5:8-14
Hymn	No. 87	No. 47
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 419	No. 184
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 5:12-21	Deut 31:30; 32:1-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	In Adam or in Christ (Rev Colin Wong)	A Song of Moses (Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 398	No. 39
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

My dear Readers,

A MATTER OF JUSTICE

Young Christians who are zealous for the Lord are apt to rush into making quick judgments. If their judgments are right, let us praise the Lord. But if they are wrong, a grave injustice is done. The Name of God, as they claim to judge in His Name, is taken in vain. How awful.

Therefore the Lord says to them: Go slow: "Judge not, that ye be not judged (*yourself*)". We should never pass judgment "according to the appearance (*when we have not studied thoroughly into the case*), but judge righteous judgment" (Jn 7:24).

Nicodemus put it this way, "Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?" (Jn 7:51). Can you judge a case without ever examining the evidence?

As Pastor and College President, I recently had to judge an inmate accusing another inmate staying in Beulah House. Inmate A accused Inmate B of banging on his door in the middle of the night. "Did you see him do it?" I asked. "I saw a shadow. I saw a shadow," said Inmate A twice. After some cross-examination, Inmate A then said, "I saw him coming..." Whereas he admitted he saw only a shadow, now he enlarged it to "I saw him coming," which Inmate B strongly denied. I dismissed the case thereat. Shadow boxing leads to no sure

judgment.

"Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?" Can we judge a brother to be bad before ever finding out what he does? "Judge not according to the appearance (*when we have not studied thoroughly into the case*), but judge righteous judgment" (Jn 7:24).

"My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation" (Jas 3:1). Amen.

This is an invitation to you, Lifers especially, to attend the 23rd Graduation Service in convocation at Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, Pandan Gardens, tonight at 7.00 pm sharp. By the grace of God it is another bumper crop with 29 graduands.

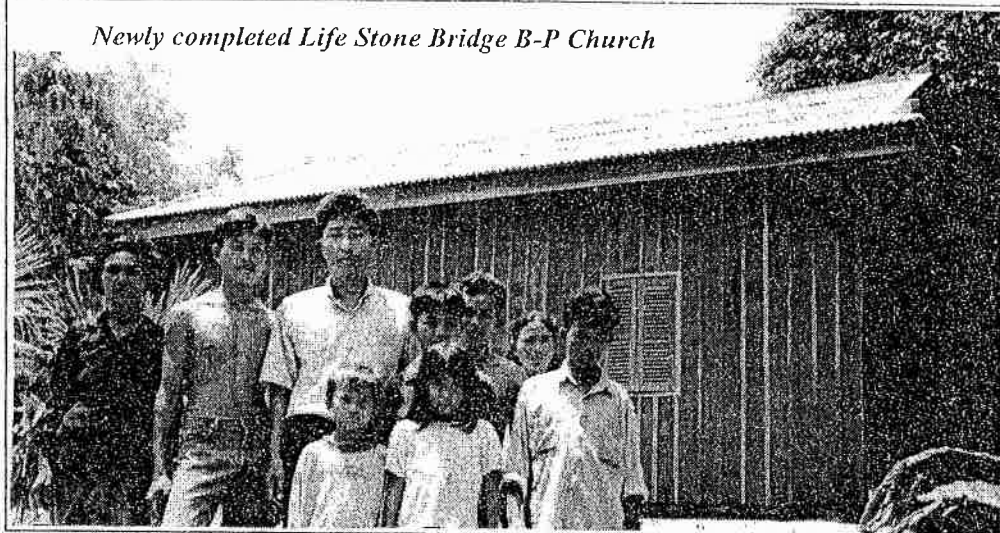
Elder Dr Tow Siang Yeow, President of the Board of Directors, is the Lord's speaker: "Peter's message to the Elders."

Elder Heng Yow Tong who has served most faithfully and creditably is now succeeded by Deacon Wee Hian Kok.

Faculty and Directors must take this Oath of Allegiance to the Word of God:

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

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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.

A special feature of the graduation is the conferment of the MRE degree on Mr Im Seong Ho for his translation of many of the principal's writings, especially *The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God* and the *Gospel of Life*. At the request of the Korean Seamen Mission of Inchon, Port of Seoul, the College will proceed to ordain Mr Im to the pastoral ministry.

The 23rd Graduation is further enhanced with the timely publication of *A Theology for Every Christian, Book I, Knowing God and His Word*, 176 pages, by Timothy Tow and Jeffrey Khoo, \$6.00.

A Short History of the Far Eastern Bible College

Like the sowing of the grain of mustard seed (Matt 13:31-32), Far Eastern Bible College had sprung from an idea first implanted in the mind of its Principal—Rev Dr Timothy Tow—as early as 1954. This idea arose partly from a pressing need to train a new generation of "evangelists, pastors, and teachers" (Eph 4:11) for the Church of Jesus Christ in the Far East, and partly from a theological confrontation with certain institutions in Singapore that had apostatised from the Faith. Setting up a biblically fundamental, and positionally conservative School is one way of

standard four-year training leading to the Bachelor of Theology (BTh). A three-year course granting a Diploma in Theology (DipTh), and a one-and-a-half-year course awarding a Certificate of Religious Knowledge (CertRK) were simultaneously given. From 1991, the Master of Divinity (MDiv) and Master of Religious Education (MRE)—graduate programmes requiring three years and two years of study respectively—were offered. In 1995, the external certificate and Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE) were added. In 1996, the certificate programme was revised to include the Certificate of Biblical Studies (CertBS). In 1997, the Master of Theology (ThM) was introduced to equip those specifically called to the teaching ministry. The "Basic Theology for Everyone" classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings offer biblical-theological training for the laity.

Beginning with three students and two teachers, the College has, by the grace of God, grown steadily to ninety in the student body, and a dozen on the faculty. After three decades, we have graduated more than 350 men and women who are now serving in the harvest fields around the world. If God has called you to be His servant, FEBC is a tested training ground for you. For the prospectus, write to: The Registrar, Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 309063.

earnestly contending for the Faith once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). The College formally opened on September 17, 1962 at Gilstead Road.

From its inception, the College has provided a

"Do Something Good for Jesus Wherever You Go"

Three more members have joined the expedition to Cambodia. They are Mrs Jannie Tang, Eld. and Mrs Khoo. Remember our plane Air Royal Cambodge flies 5.25 pm Tues. May 12. Be at Terminal I, 2 hours ahead of flying time.

Our giving must bring blessing not only to our missionaries but also the orphans and urchins, ministered to particularly by Jonathan Lee. We thank God and everyone of you who have responded so quickly with nice clothes and shining toys to gladden their hearts.

Time flies! Nine months have gone by. What have our missionaries done? They have gone to the masses, visiting poor homes and sitting on the wooden floors with them. They have established house churches. One Church, the Life Stone Bridge B-P Church, now stands glittering in the sun. Two other churches will receive the sums designated when we see them on this trip.

On the Lord's Day, April 26, the first batch of 63 converts were baptised by Rev David Koo with the help of a Cambodian pastor at the palm-beach of the emerald Kompong Som sea. What a joy to see them through video presented at the last Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting. This is the result of 8 months' sowing.

The photo on the back page showing David Koo with his computer students after Sunday worship speaks for itself. If you have any goodies for the missionaries and more things for the children, it is not too late to bring them in. Please send them to the parsonage the latest by tomorrow, Monday night. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble" (Ps 41:1). Amen. —T.T.



Toys, toys, toys...

"Jesus is Near, Sinners Come Home"

You may have had a bad start in life,
But you need not have a bad end.
You're going the wrong direction,
Remember God provides U-turns.
Now we are all God's children
And He loves us — everyone.
He is ever willing to forgive
All the wrongs that we have done.

A bad name does not have to be permanent;
Because Christ died for us on the Tree
His forgiveness wipes the slate white and clean
His power enables us to live full and free.

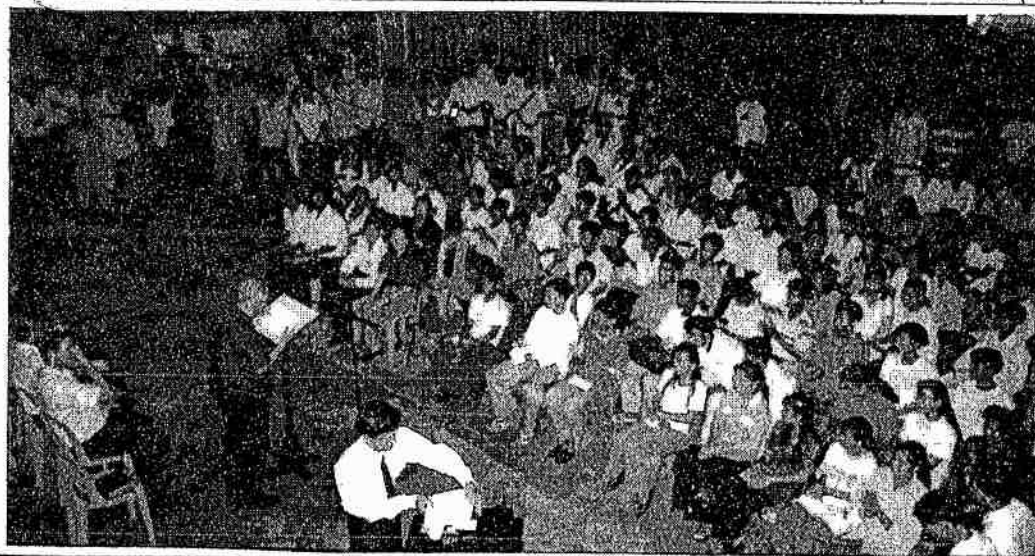
Once I was foolish, and sin ruled my heart,
causing my footsteps from God to depart
Jesus had found me, happy my case;
I am now a sinner saved by Grace.

—Sylvia Wong—



Pastor of Hope for All B-P Church with carton of milk powder.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 18 - 24 '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$6,138.00 (8.00 am); \$11,837.00 (10.30 am)		
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF \$100; Missions \$760; Cambodia		
SAT	2.00 pm	Young Teens Sunday School Seminar, FEBC Hall	\$50, \$100, \$150, \$200(Food), \$800, \$300, \$50, \$100(Orphanage), \$300, \$250(Hope for All BPC), \$3159.20(USD2000)(Life Stone Bridge BPC), \$2303(Boxes), \$150, \$500(LF); A Kam's Van Fd \$200; Kenya Mission \$100;		
SUN	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	Frankie Matius \$200, \$10; Baraka BPC \$30; Colin Wong		
	8.00 am	Dead to Sin ... Alive unto God (Rev Colin Wong)	\$100; Seets \$100, \$100; Andrew Kam Church \$500;		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	Indonesia(Roska) \$300; Nirands \$300; Poor & Needy \$1170.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	(1) I praise and thank God for His boundless grace		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	in: a) blessing me with a full recovery after my dental		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	surgery and b) turning me away from extravagant		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	living and spending habits. This is the first time I had		
	12.00 pm	Session meet Catechumens F'ship Lunch, Beulah House	been able to save this year. May this small offering		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	be channelled to fulfil the most pressing needs of		
NBC This Week. Fri Queenstown	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	the missionary works. Thank God for being so		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	merciful. —A backslided Christian (\$100)		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.	(2) This thanksgiving offering is for the work in		
			Cambodia. Thank God for his mercies - I was spared		
Sunday School Offering: \$428.20; Attendance: 367			from serious injury and loss of sight when hit on the		
Verse for the Week: The fear of the LORD is			eye by a tennis ball. I could have lost my job! May the		
to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil			Lord prosper your missionary trip to Cambodia. I'm		
way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.			praying for you and your team. (\$2000)		
Proverbs 8:13			Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina		
Vacation Bible School. 16-19 June. Helpers			Resort, Batam. Camp briefing on 26 May 1998 (Tuesday)		
and teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for			at 7:00 pm in the FEBC Hall. Attendance is compulsory for		
VBS; application forms available at the VBS			all campers. Campers are to assemble at the World Trade		
booth. For enquires, please email to			Centre Ferry Terminal on 1 June 98 (Monday). Details will		
"vbs@letterbox.com".			be given during camp briefing. NSmen to notify MNC at		
			Tel: 2747777.		
			Rev Charles Seet: tel. 352 1649(O) or 9256 2830(Pg).		



Crowds gathered at the Mission Compound at
Kompong Som on May 13th night to hear the Gospel.



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17 May 1998

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 25
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Eccl 12	Psalms 46
Hymn	Under the Sun	No. 247
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	Bring all the tithes	No. 355
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eccl 1:1-12	Matt 15:21-28
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Is Life a Treadmill?	Whom Does Jesus Help?
		(Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	Under the Sun	No. 348
Benediction		

EPISTLE FROM NEW YORK

(From Nathaniel Lim to Hope B-P Church, Adelaide)

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." 1 Peter 2:9

My dear Hopefuls,

Have you ever paused to ponder this question: "Is there a difference between CHURCH WORK and the WORK OF THE CHURCH?" If you stop and think about it, there really is a difference.

CHURCH WORK is being done when the church establishment is running its business. Worshipping, preaching, music, various fellowships, teaching, pastoral ministry, prayer meetings, accounts, the upkeep of the sanctuary and its premises. These are all CHURCH WORK. Church work involves its programs, organizations and day to day maintenance. When church work is in progress, the church is VISIBLE. CHURCH WORK is done to prepare members for the larger task of the WORK OF THE CHURCH.

When the WORK OF THE CHURCH is being done, the church is scattered and invisible. The WORK OF THE CHURCH involves what YOU and I, as individual members of Christ's body are doing between Sundays, when we are not congregated in the church building — business, industry, our respective professions, education, labor, agriculture, sales,

consulting, government work, household work, etc.

Our Lord commands us to be the salt of the earth. Therefore like salt, we, as the church must be scattered in our respective daily endeavors but penetrating every aspect of society so as to bring the gospel of Christ to bear wherever we might find ourselves.

If we as Christians simply confine our lives to CHURCH WORK, then we are like salt in a salt shaker, visible, but useless. Think about it, salt is only useful if it is used to give food its flavor. A seed, is useless when it is kept in the granary. It is only useful when it is scattered, penetrating the soil to bring about a bountiful harvest.

The central weakness of Christianity in America today is the shallowness of people's belief. There is an appalling lack of understanding of the Christian doctrine of the atonement, redemption, and God's character and demands for our lives. Many Americans don't have a grasp of these things, yet eight out of every ten say they are Christians. You see, there is a difference between KNOWING ABOUT and KNOWING. To KNOW ABOUT is KNOWLEDGE. To KNOW is to EXPERIENCE. You may know about a person yet not know him at all. Also, you may know a person but

know little about him. Many Americans due to this country's history and tradition, know a great deal ABOUT Jesus Christ. But many DO NOT KNOW HIM. That is where WE as members of the church can do the WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Our Lord wants us to reflect His character in our everyday lives so that people who see us and observe our character, will in effect see Him and as a result, will desire to KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM and eventually KNOW HIM. This is our task. This is why we were chosen.

So dear Christians, we have been called for a purpose. Let us not lose sight of this. Let us not merely as church members, confine ourselves to CHURCH WORK however important it is. Let us not let our organizational tasks blind us to our larger calling — To do THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, To lead others to a saving and deeper knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)



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Commentary on

"Theology for Every Christian"

This gem of a book could not have been published at a more appropriate time than "such a time as this", in this day and age of increasing brazen apostasy and deception. In a sense, this book is unique, in that it is quite unlike other books of Theology which are voluminous and cover a wide variety of topics. Here is a book which is concise and easy to understand for the layman. It zooms in on certain issues which are contemporary and refutes errors of a grave nature (polemical). It also strongly defends and jealously guards the authority of the Word of God (apologetical).

Today as never before, more and more vicious attacks are being hurled at the Inspired, inerrant and Infallible Word of God, not only by sceptics but worse, by so-called professors of Theology and unregenerate leaders of Christendom. I praise and thank God for raising such men as the authors, who are not ashamed to stand squarely on the Word of God against the flood-tide of evils of the present time because of their love of God's Word, both the written Word and the living Word, and also for His people.

I therefore very strongly recommend this book "Theology for Every Christian" so that you will "henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph 4:14,15). Amen.

—Elder Khoo Peng Kiat

Report on the Cambodian Trip

By Hannah Yeo

There is much that we can thank and praise God for in our visit to Cambodia. Rev (Dr) Tow, Mrs Tow and 19 of us were in Cambodia between the 12th to the 15th of May, to see the work of FEBC graduates, Rev & Mrs Moses Hahn, Rev & Mrs David Koo and Rev Jonathan Lee, and to encourage their hearts.

God's care and protection over our team was evident in all our journeys.

His care can be seen clearly in the way that the seven computers cleared the customs without our having to pay taxes for them.

In Phnom Penh itself, we had the privilege of viewing the work that Rev Jonathan Lee was involved in. Basically, it can be categorised into four areas. First, he is involved in the work of teaching the children in the slum areas. He teaches these children everyday, English, music and the Bible; including Sunday afternoon service.

Secondly, he is involved in the work of providing of food, clothes, and medicine to the villagers in his neighbourhood. This work is recognised by the Ministry of Social Affairs. For his expanding work, he has requested for three computers.

Thirdly, every Sunday, he is involved in 4 churches. He preaches at the Santhor Mok Church (the oldest church at Thakh Mao), Stone Bridge Bible-Presbyterian Church, and he teaches the Bible at the Hope for All B-P Church. Of most interest is the Stone Bridge B-P Church (named after a bridge near the church). This Church is dedicated after Life B-P Church in Singapore who has helped financially in the building with good quality wood. We had a time of prayer and Rev Tow presented this Church a *Jesus Saves* clock.

Fourthly, Rev Lee is also very much involved with orphanages. We had the privilege of visiting the orphanage where AIDS babies were housed. A good number of bags of rice were donated by Singapore to this orphanage. We also visited an orphanage of more than 70 years old situated along the Mekong River where an orphanage work of 6 years had just started. It was here that a request for a Foreign English teacher was revealed. The third orphanage we visited was actually a "Women and Children Vocational Association" situated near the airport where Rev Jonathan Lee says that he visits twice a month to cut the hair of the orphans.

Apart from this work in Phnom Penh, we also took a 4-hour journey to Kompong Som to see the work of Rev and Mrs Moses Hahn and Rev and Mrs David Koo. It was here that we were able to see the mission house where our missionaries are staying. This house is large with 2 halls, 3 bedrooms, 1 study, 1 kitchen area and a large compound. On the second day of our Cambodian trip, there was a gospel meeting in the night at this place. The fruits of Rev and Mrs Moses Hahn's work in teaching the Cambodians a repertoire of Bible, English and

Chinese lessons were reflected in the presentations given by some of them. After that, Rev Tow gave an exhortation from Matthew 28:19-20. Showers of rain descended on the full courtyard only after the benediction was pronounced. Truly many of us felt that this was a sign of the grace and mercy of God. We had a time of durian fellowship with the Cambodians while waiting for the rain to cease.

Within the vicinity of Kompong Som which is made up of 3 districts, there are house churches in the villages of Kok Chong, Suma Thai, Ream, Thanthang Prom and Otah Pang. Altogether there are house churches in 8 places in the whole of Kompong Som. We had the opportunity of visiting a church in Omai village, and also a devout Christian old lady and her family in the village of Botsemon where they have dug a new well. There has been a great desire to build a church at this place. Even though 97% of the inhabitants of Kompong Som are Buddhist, we praise God for this small but essential work that has been started. Much prayers have been requested by the missionaries.

All thanks and praise be to God who also preserved us on our return journey to Phnom Penh from Kompong Som, as a large bird of prey hit our windscreen but did not break it. Our skilful driver also had good control of the bus as he drove it to avoid two snakes blocking our path on the only highway in Cambodia.

Apart from the visit to our missionaries and their work, we also visited the gruesome Genocidal Centre at Cienng Ek with its Commemorative Stupa filled with human skulls and bones and the mass graves behind it. We also visited the Tuol Sleng Genocidal Centre where the torture chambers with the torture instruments and rows of pictures of the murdered victims who went through its chambers were displayed. It has been estimated that more than 2 million were killed in this campaign initiated by Pol Pot. This legacy which has devastated the country is reflected today in the many large bare fields that we passed as we travelled through the Southern area of Cambodia and the large population of poor and desolate inhabitants we saw throughout our visit.

Throughout this trip we have seen God's hand of protection over us, and His continual providence of our needs. We had comfortable quarters to put up in and good meals throughout our journey. At the end of the trip, we even had an extra of US\$400! This was promptly given to Rev Jonathan Lee for his work with the poor. It is encouraging to note that this country which is inherently Buddhist has small fires of Christianity burning brightly within it. May God continue to preserve His work and cause it to grow for His glory alone!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 25 - 31'98)	
MON - FRI	Vacation Bible College
TUE 7.00 pm	Camp Briefing
8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF
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NBC This Week. Wed Henderson.	
Sunday School Offering: \$665.80; Attendance: 388	
Verse for the Week: <i>Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.</i> Rev 5:12	
Vacation Bible School. 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS; application forms available at the VBS booth. For enquires, please email to "vbs@letterbox.com". Visit the fundamental Christian Ministry website at www.fcm.home.ml.org.	

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
\$6,784.00 (8.00 am); \$13,951.00 (10.30 am)	
OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$300, \$50, \$60(Boxes); <i>Cambodia</i> \$500, \$200, \$100, \$2000, \$500(LF); <i>Kpg Sungai Turong</i> \$200; <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$60; <i>VBS</i> \$300; <i>Children's Ministry</i> \$50; <i>Thailand</i> \$100; <i>Philippines</i> \$100; <i>A Kam's Van</i> \$820.	
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
(1) This is my thanksgiving offering to God, who saved my father before his death. (\$600) (2) Please channel my gift to the most needy cause in church (\$820). "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Prov 9:10).	
<div>  VACATION BIBLE COLLEGE begins tomorrow Monday, May 25 promptly at 9.00 am - 12.30 pm. For the further enjoyment and convenience of students, WELLA our College Cook will prepare you a delicious lunch. (Buy your tickets promptly at 9.00 am.) </div>	
Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Camp briefing this Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the FEBC Hall. Attendance is compulsory for all campers. Campers are to assemble at the World Trade Centre Ferry Terminal on 1 June 98 (Monday). Details will be given during camp briefing. NSmen to notify MNC at Tel : 2747777. Found! A bunch of keys left on one of the benches at the Red Porch last Lord's Day. Please claim it from the office.	



"The children are very happy to take the van."
—Andrew Kam.



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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	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 16	No. 20
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 16	Psalm 2
Hymn	No. 425	O Wherefore..
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 22	Bring all the tithes
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Romans 6	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Dead to Sin...Alive unto God (Rev Colin Wong)	By Dr Paul Lee Tan
Closing Hymn	No. 289	No. 305
Benediction		

My dear Lifers

On to Camp

Do you know that it has taken us one full year to prepare for the Vacation Bible College with Dr Paul Lee Tan next week, May 25-30, and immediately following, another week of Bible Camp at Batam, June 1-5? The coming of Dr Paul Lee Tan from Texas, USA, is a real boon to College and Camp. For, Dr Paul Lee Tan is a world authority on a most timely subject, *Countdown on Armageddon*. His lecturing on the Book of Daniel is also timely and complementary.

We are living at the very end of the End-times. Signs everywhere are pointing to the awful climax of history. The turmoil in Indonesia and the monetary crisis sweeping S.E. Asia, the nuclear testings of India will soon be overwhelmed by the Millennium Bug or Time Bomb — in only 19 months. Millions and millions will lose their jobs around the world.

The present deception of peace will give way to the sudden eruption of a Third World War, and that's it! Read I Thess. 5:1-11. This is not a general statement but specific prophecy. War will come when it is least expected. Our political leaders are hoping for recovery in two years' time, and prosperity again. But Bible prophecy says otherwise.

What is our duty as Christians? We are not to take it easy. But we are to be alert, like the sentry on the watch. Daily let us be prepared for the Saviour's coming. May this sense of

watchfulness be awakened in us through the lectures Dr Paul Lee Tan will deliver at the coming camp. To be watchful is to be "workful." Be involved in the Lord's work, occupying till He comes.

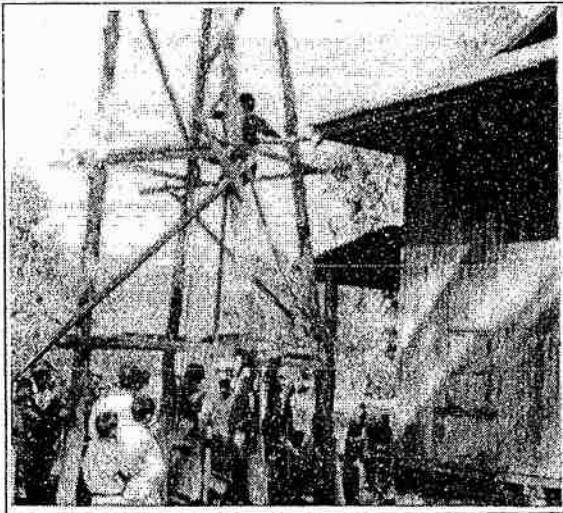
Here's a last appeal from your pastor. Why do you stay away from Camp when you should have signed up? "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (Jas 4:8). If you seek Him will He not bless you? There's a package of blessing He has earmarked for you, but will you lose it by default? By staying away? It's not too late to register! Our latest figure is 263!

One traditional feature of our camp is the showing of slides of our mission fields. In the evenings, you will visit Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, etc. by magic lantern and hear personal reports from the fields.

With the present unrest in Jakarta, is it safe to go to Batam? This question was put to me by two campers. Praise the Lord, the Sunday Times of May 17 had pre-answered them. No worry at all for Singaporeans to go either to Batam or Bintan. These two islands have no reason to violence, nor are the slightest signs detected. But our security is in the Lord. So, let us go forward in His strength. As we go to press President Suharto has resigned. The tension is over!

Andrew Kam's Expanding Ministry

The S\$22,000 we sent Andrew on May 8, '98 has reached him safely. It is equivalent to Ks.4,114,000. This works out to S\$1.00 = Ks.187. The cost of the van, a turbo Toyota



Townace is Ks. 3,800,000. On the back page you can see the happy faces of 15 of the orphans outshining the van.

Andrew Kam had built a magnificent church at Tui Kal Village in Chin State several years ago. With S\$1,000 extra we sent him some months ago, he had driven an artesian well next to that Church. Out of the drilling has sprung clear running water. This is used freely by the whole village. This is instant cure for sickening stomachs, hitherto drinking from polluted streams. The Gospel also brings relief to the poor.

—T.T.

In Memory of My Mum

My last outing with my mum was on 2nd May 1998 (Saturday). I took her and the family to Singa Inn Sea-food Restaurant at the East Coast for dinner. It was an early Mother's Day dinner of sort though I did not really indicate so. I knew with my tight travelling schedules, I may not be able to bring her out for dinner on Mother's Day (10th May 1998). Besides, my brother and family were away on vacation in Australia at that time. Taking mum out was always a pleasure. I always feel that mum deserves everything good from us since she had spent a great part of her life bringing up all her children.



Mum was practically illiterate - since she did not have the opportunity, which most of us have today, for education and schooling. She always lamented that if she had gone to school, she would be very much more polished in her outward disposition, and could have done much more with her life. Despite her lack of opportunity for formal education, to me, mum had always been a very sophisticated and intelligent lady. She was thoughtful and somewhat strict with us. Perhaps because of her experience with poverty and hardship, she demanded that all her children should study well and expected good examination results from us. As the eldest child, I was particularly singled by her to set good examples for my siblings. I used to top the class from primary one to three. But one day in primary four, I failed my English Composition. Naturally, I got a good canning from her. I knew then that mum loved me and really wanted me to do well - for my own good.

My dad was a broker all his life. He did well and brought back sufficiently for the family's upkeep. But mum being an industrious lady, and always thinking ahead for the comfort of the family, would regularly engage herself in some part-time work. As a kid, I remembered those days when we all helped to make paper bags by stringing and tying the threads. We earned one cent per paper bag! Though life was very simple, it was fun with mother around.

The most touching moment came when I became a Christian in 1975. Mum knew that I had stopped my Sunday routine of going to St. Theresa's Convent School to play basket ball with the neighbourhood boys, and went to church instead. She did not stop me. In fact, when I

was in primary four, some Christians came to my house and brought me to Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Robinson Road. Despite my not doing well in my studies, she allowed me and encouraged me to go! That was my first encounter with Christianity. Near our home at Cecil Street was Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church. Every Christmas, we would hear about the church giving away Christmas presents, mum said if we wanted to go, she would not mind. Then came 1976, when I sought for permission to be baptised. Mum did not object - but she said, "You better asked your dad about it." Such was mum's love for us.

My dad passed away suddenly on 1st December 1994 after a heart-attack. Mum was grief-stricken. She was physically not too strong at that stage either. In fact, shortly after, in June 1995, the doctor told her that she had heart arteries blocked and required heart by-pass. She refused operation at first for fear that she might not be able to go through. She delayed the operation for one year. The triple heart by-pass was carried out one year later in July 1996. The operation was successful, but mum went into a coma for four days. It was during this time that the Lord ministered to her. My sister ceaselessly read Psalm 23 to her. Later, she testified that during her coma, she could actually hear those scriptures being read. She saw herself and one other person being sent into a fiery furnace. Alcohol was poured on them. However, a bright figure prevented her from being burnt. She walked out of the furnace alive, but not the other person. In her heart, she thought it must be Jesus who had rescued her. After she recovered from the operation, she agreed to go to church and was eventually baptised on Christmas 1996. That glorious morning, the whole family attended the baptismal service at the Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church to witness mum's baptism. Since then, there was no turning back. In more ways than one, mum was able to reach out to her friends and invited them to church. She wanted her friends to come and know her beloved Lord Jesus Christ.

On 6th May 1998 (Wednesday), mum contracted flu. She was staying with my family. My brother and his family had just returned from their vacation the night before. I left home to attend a conference in Phuket, Thailand, that morning. Hence, mum went back to my brother's place. My brother took her to her regular doctor for consultation. She took the course of antibiotics prescribed for her. But she remained unwell, and was coughing quite badly. I called her from

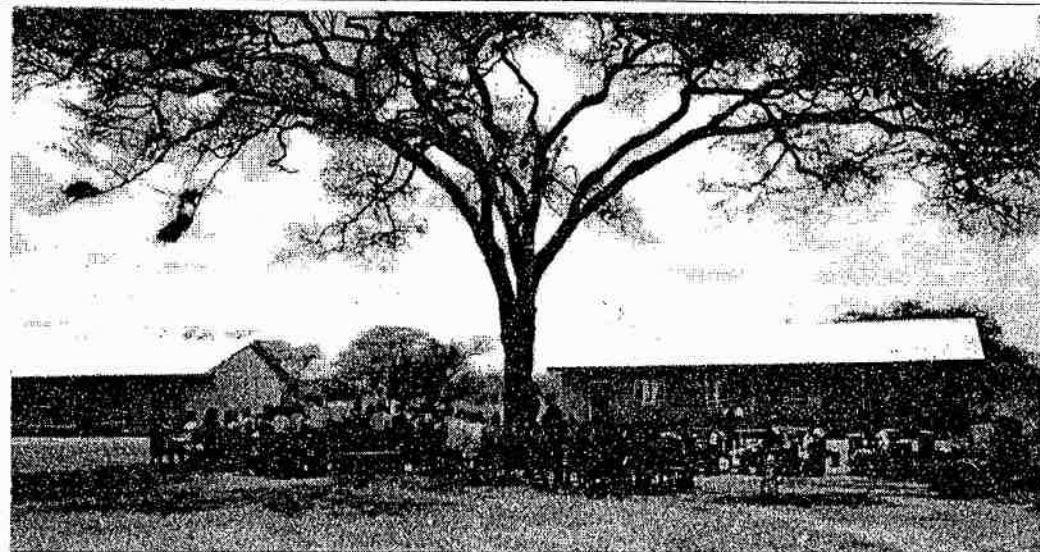
Phuket. She sounded very dejected. She had been saying to us, "If I am going to suffer this way, I rather go home to heaven soon." Apparently, she also told my younger daughter, Sandra, that she wanted to go to heaven to see my dad! Mum seemed to know it was about time for her to leave this world of sorrows and sicknesses.

On 10th May 1998 (Sunday), she had to miss church service on Sunday morning as she could not breathe properly. We did not realise the seriousness of her physical condition. I was working into the wee hours of Monday morning, and at 3.00 am, my brother called to say that he was going to send mum to SGH A&E for consultation. 15 minutes later, I got another call from my brother, that mum had gone home to be with the Lord! I could not believe what I heard, and straightaway I prayed to Lord to revive her. I dropped everything I was doing for my next business trip to India and drove to SGH. The doctor told me that they managed to get some pulse back, but no guarantee of her survival. At 4.20 am, the doctor called my sister, my brother and me to a waiting room, and announced the news that mum had left this world.

I know my mother is now with the Lord. She left this world so very peacefully. Like my dad, she had expressed that she would not want to burden us with having to nurse her in long periods of sickness. They both left without any final words. Such was the love of our parents for us. But I know if mum could speak, she would want to say these words to us, and especially to all her loved ones, "Come and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." Though I was unschooled, nor rich, yet the Lord had found me and saved me from eternal condemnation. I am now rejoicing in the presence of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The Lord had been very gracious to my mother. He allowed her to live for yet another 20 months after her triple heart by-pass, and gave her time to accept the Lord and enjoy Christian fellowship. Though we desire that she would have more time to enjoy Christian fellowship with us, but the Lord's timing is always best for us. She is now sleeping peacefully and has earned her well deserved rest in the Lord. For us who believe in the same Lord as she, one day, we will be reunited with her in heaven.

May all glory be to the name of the Lord.
*In memory of my beloved mother, Eng Lam,
on behalf of my siblings—15th May 1998*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 1 - 7 '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
MON - FRI Church Camp		\$6,734.00 (8.00 am); \$9,213.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg (Elder Mahadevan)	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF \$18500; Missions \$640, \$50; Cambodia \$150, \$180, \$250, \$200, \$200, \$50, \$500, \$200(Orphans), \$350(YAF); Myanmar \$500, \$500, \$200, \$100; Frankie Matius \$20, \$150; Vanessa \$150; JJ Lim \$300; Yiew PS \$150, \$50; Seets \$300, \$50; Indonesia \$250; Hendro \$200(YAF); Batam \$200(LF); Mersing \$600(Coinafon)	
THU	Rev & Mrs Tow to Vancouver		
SAT 2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.30 EBF		
2.30 pm	Wedding of Lau Beng Hwee & Joyce Chua (Rev Colin Wong)		
SUN 8.00 am	Wisdom, Knowledge and Joy (Rev Charles Seet)		
10.30 am	Rev Edward Paaue	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) I would like to thank God for being gracious enough to enable me to pass my exam with vast improvements, and more amazingly, to pass a subject which I had actually abandoned all hope on. Truly, our God is very gracious to his people even when we doubt Him and begin to have faith in His ability to carry us through any difficulty. I had actually thought that I would do worse than the last exam and was all prepared to retake the subject. But as the Lord said, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." Therefore, I would like to thank God with this small sum of money for the Indonesian Christians in Batam. All glory and honour be to God! (\$30) Bible Camp 1998 (June 1-5) at Waterfront Marina Resort, Batam. Campers are to assemble at the World Trade Centre Ferry Terminal outside "Lift Lobby D" on 1 June (Monday) at 7.30 am to 8.00 am. Campers who did not attend the camp briefing on Tuesday, May 26, please collect the Camp Briefing Notes today, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, from the Camp Registration Office. Pastor Tow preaches today at Sembawang BPC 9.30 am and 12.15 pm.	
10.30 am	Chinese Service		
10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship		
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship		
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice		
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice		
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3.00 pm	Thai Service		
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service		
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Ser		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Yishun.			
Sunday School Offering: \$694.20; Attendance: 331			
Verse for the Week: <i>That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.</i> Ephesians 3:16			
Vacation Bible School. 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS; application forms available at the VBS booth. For enquiries, please email to "vbs@letterbox.com".			



Dedication of 2 Maasai Pr. School classrooms by Rev Mark Kim. With US\$5,000 recently contributed by Life Church he has proceeded to build a Secondary classroom and dorm.



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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 Mahadevan
Opening Hymn	No. 49	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 62	Psalms 33
Hymn	No. 243	No. 58
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 421	No. 318
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eccl 4:4-9; 5:10; 6:6	Hebrews 1:13-14
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What Money Cannot Buy (Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye)	Angels and Believers (Dr Paul Lee Tan)
Closing Hymn	No. 321	No. 532
Benediction		

My dear Lifers

Sing-along with the Cherubs of Life

This evening at 6.00 pm, it will be our turn to present the Children's Choir at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary Pandan. They will sing a medley of John Sung Salvation choruses and two other hymns. Then it will be the congregation's turn to join in the singing of the Children's favourites. One of them is "Cheep, cheep, cheep," and the final: "There's a Church in a garden by the Greenwood." "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger" (Ps 8:2). So the children, in welcoming Jesus' Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David" to the displeasure of the chief priests and scribes (Matt 21:15), but to the glory of God. The Cherubs of Life can serve the Lord likewise. Come this evening to hear our Children's Choir!

To Batam Tomorrow!

Tomorrow morning, Campers will sail as one family to Batam. Enjoy a refreshing 45-minute ride over the Southern Straits to land at the Waterfront Marina Resort. While the Hotel will provide us with comfortable living, it is the spiritual that we should seek after. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (Jas 4:8). Pray for Dr Paul Lee Tan our chief speaker and for all other messengers of the Lord. For our missionaries also who will show slides of the various fields.

Pray that some who are not born again will find salvation, and for old-timers that they will be revived to serve the Lord, yea, even full-time. Pray that all will be awakened to the Coming of the Lord and that none will be found wanting. The Lord will come to save us from great tribulation, for this earth will be burnt by nuclear fire.

The nuclear testings by India and resultant response by Pakistan all add up to the nearness of His appearance. And why is America suddenly vaccinating all 2.4 million members of the armed forces against anthrax, "against the biological agents our adversaries are most likely to obtain or develop (Sunday Times, May 24 '98)? It is nearer than you think! Let us "occupy till He comes."

Serving in Vancouver, June 4 - July 14

We would love to go through the whole Camp, but duty calls us to serve in Vancouver June 4 to July 14. We have to leave Camp June 3 evening. But my speaking appointment is on the first evening, so I would have delivered myself. Pray for me.

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I shall be speaking through 6 Sundays. And I propose to preach on the *Clock of the*

Sevenfold Will of God. For the Friday Night Bible Study, I propose to speak on (1) Self, help, with God's help, is the best help (2) The Surprising Rewards of Tithing (3) Four-fold Great Commission (4) Evangelise or Fossilise (5) The First Commandment to the Church (6) Lose Out by being Unprepared.

Cambodia as I see it

From my observation, our three Korean missionaries are doing a wonderful job. They are instant missionaries. They have readily sown themselves in the Cambodian soil, like seeds into the ground. By using English, they have a double advantage. The Cambodian people are most eager to learn English. Crowds gather to hear the Gospel through their preaching in simple English and interpretation into Cambodian.

Having built the Life Stone Bridge B-P Church, and what a solid building it is, we will help Jonathan Lee build the Hope for All B-P Church, Phnom Penh, and Moses Hahn at Botsemon, with a

Christian family as its nucleus. Botsemon stands on the Highway between Phnom Penh and Kompong Son. It is accessible also by sea and canal (40 km).

The seven computers we've brought into Cambodia without taxation becomes a boon to David Koo's ministry. He has 100 students. These students do gladly attend the Sunday service. The first batch of 63 believers were baptised April 26, '98.

Insofar as Phnom Penh is concerned, Jonathan is staying in a 3-storey building but surrounded by poor squatters. The ground floor is used as a clinic twice a month with support from Eld Dr Lee of Korea. This has ample quarters for two lady missionaries. From this centre much good can be done. Who will go for Us?

With an influx of more computers and 3,000 pieces of clothing from a Korean Church for Cambodia, it goes without saying that a 5th Container must be sent. Beulah House is open again to receive your blessings. —T.T.

Satellite fails, hits US TV, pager services

(Straits Times Thursday, May 21, 1998)

NEW YORK — A United States communications satellite spun out of control on Tuesday, cutting pager services, television and data links to tens of millions of Americans in one of the biggest outages of its kind.

The Galaxy 4 satellite, operated by PanAmSat of Greenwich, Connecticut, a subsidiary of Hughes Electronics, tilted away from the Earth at 6.13 pm (6.13 am in Singapore on Wednesday), turning it into a floating hulk of useless circuits and transponders.

The company said that it did not expect to have the satellite working until the following morning at the earliest.

The loss of the satellite, which provides TV, telephone and pager services, effectively pulled the plug on what executives said could be as much as 90 per cent of the paging network in the US.

"This is the first time in 35 years that pagers have gone silent," said Mr John Beletic, chairman and chief executive officer of PageMart Wireless Inc, a paging company.

Some pager services estimated that between 20 million to 45 million pagers were knocked out.

TV news feeds and wire service news transmissions, including some from Reuters and United Press International, were hit.

PanAmSat's chief technology officer Robert Bednarek, said: "We are examining long-term options in the event that we cannot reactivate the satellite, including using available capacity on other PanAmSat spacecraft with domestic US coverage."

Company spokesman Dan Marcus said it had 10 satellites in orbit covering the US, including one spare that could be moved into position to pick up for Galaxy 4.

—REUTERS

Ed. Comment. According to a report in the Sunday Times, May 24, President Clinton noted that earlier in the week havoc was caused by a satellite failure that left millions of Americans without pager service and disrupted some credit-card systems as well as some radio and television broadcasts. He said, "If we fail to take strong action, then terrorists, criminals and hostile regimes could invade and paralyse these vital systems, disrupting commerce, threatening health, weakening our capacity to function in a crisis." This satellite failure is an early ominous signal of the much talked of Millennium Bug to come in 19 months. Before Christ's return "the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

Report by Andrew Kam

I am very glad to be here in Singapore again. I am especially happy to have this opportunity to stand in front of you all and report on my work for the Lord in Myanmar. As you know I am Andrew Kam. I was ordained by Rev Tow and some Life B-P Pastors on the first day of Feb 1998. Indeed today I have not much to say to you except my thankfulness to the Lord and you.

The Lord Jesus Christ was very hungry on His way to the city when He saw a fig tree from some distance. He went to it with great expectation to get some fruit from it, but He found no fruit at all, but leaves only. So He cursed the tree saying that "no fruits would ever come from it again," and the fig tree withered at once.

Dear brothers and sisters, today the farmer plants trees like papaya, mango and apple. He plants them with great expectation to get some fruit from them. If the trees bear many fruits the farmer will be happy and take better care of the trees to produce more fruit. But if the trees bear no fruit at all the farmer will cut the trees down and throw them away. Dear brothers and sisters, today we know that the Lord has planted the spiritual tree here to get many good fruits from it. This tree is none other than Life B-P Church.

Now there are many people who live in the very dark places and far countries who could say this spiritual mother tree bears many good fruits. Many people have already tasted its goodness and sweetness through the fruits. Yes I am one of the fruits of the spiritual mother tree here. Since I went

back to my country Myanmar in 1994, I have started the B-P Churches and at the same time I started the orphanage ministry. The Lord wonderfully blessed the ministry and now there are 5 B-P Churches in Myanmar. After I was ordained the Lord extended my ministry to the Buddhist people. My elder is living in the big Buddhist village. We visited house by house with the Buddhist people and shared the good news with them. At first they accepted us as their Buddhist preachers, but when we shared the good news of Jesus, they were surprised. Thank the Lord there are 4 real Buddhist families who have become our members in that village. Their relatives also want to join with us when I go back to Myanmar. Please pray for them to get happiness in the salvation of God. I also would like to express my thankfulness to you for your help. With your help I have bought a Turbo Toyota TownAce. It will be very useful for the Lord's work in the mission field.

Today I can serve the Lord happily and effectively in Myanmar not because of my ability, but because of the goodness of the spiritual mother tree of Life BP Church and all your prayers for me. I know you love me with the love of God our Father, and you help me from the kindness of your heart. I believe, all your help is very beautiful in the eyes of God. So I strongly believe that since you bear many good fruits, the Lord is happy and He will take better care of you and will bless you more in all your work. May the Lord bless you. Amen.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 8 - 14 '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON - FRI JSM Bible Conference, Sanctuary TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg FRI 7.45 pm Men's F'ship, FEBC Hall 7.45 pm Ladies' F'ship, Beulah House SAT 2.30 pm YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC SUN 8.00 am Wisdom, Knowledge and Joy (Rav Charles Seet) 10.30 am Rev Bob Phee 10.30 am Chinese Service 10.30 am Young Lifers Worship 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 NBC This Week. Wed Henderson. Sunday School Offering: \$838.10; Attendance: 414 Verse for the Week: <i>But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 1:20, 21</i> Vacation Bible School. 16-19 June. Helpers and teachers needed. Sign up EARLY for VBS; application forms available at the VBS booth. For enquiries, please email to "vbs@letterbox.com".		\$7,562.00 (8.00 am); \$13,574.00 (10.30 am) OFFERINGS FOR: EBF \$1000; Missions \$6(Boxes), \$400; Cambodia \$200, \$50, \$100, \$300, \$515(AUD500, Hope BPC); Mersing \$1050; \$450(Hope BPC), \$273(AUD265, Hope BPC); Baraka Conf Centre \$100; China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Baraka BPC \$50; JS Heng \$100, \$250; Gloria Bible Msn, Kenya \$10; Myanmar Orph \$100, \$326; P'pines Rice Fund \$200. FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) Thank you, gracious Heavenly Father for thy lovingkindness and grace upon me. Especially for the safe return and protection of my recent trip and the recent promotion. I know that all that I have is from Thee. In return of thy precious love and blessings, enclosed is a small token for the extension of thy Kingdom. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. (\$250 for Cambodian and \$250 for Indonesian missionaries) —A grateful servant. (2) Thank and praise the Lord for protecting me and for His grace and mercies to me. (\$200) (3) To God be the glory. Thank you, dear Lord, for my health and for my grand-daughter's good results and a scholarship. (China Chinese bibles \$50; Baraka Church \$50). Count Zinzendorf (Moravia and Bohemia). The world is the field, and the field is the world. That country is henceforth my home which most needs the gospel. I have but one passion; it is He, He only. —1700- William Carey (India). Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God. —1761-1833



Andrew Kam and his orphans
at the Lord's Day Service



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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	Elder Mahadevan
Opening Hymn	No. 25	No. 18
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 32	Psalms 55
Hymn	No. 137	No. 293
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 27	No. 335
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eccl 2:24-26; 5:18-20	Matt 6:6-13
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Wisdom, Knowledge and Joy (Rev Charles Seet)	God Answers Prayer (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)
Closing Hymn	No. 309	No. 201
Benediction		Lord's Supper

The Apologetics of the Virgin Birth

Note that "apologetics," spelt in the plural, has nothing to do with "apology." It comes from the Greek "apologeomai" = speak in defence = a reasoned defence. In the context of my witness to a Thai lady steeped in Buddhism, I was speaking not only defensively but rather positively, polemically.

This Thai lady, being immersed all her life in Buddhism and the virtues of Kuan Yin vis-a-vis Christianity, averred "All religions are the same. They teach us good, whether Buddhism or Christianity."

"But there is a great difference between Buddhism, Kuan Yin, and the Lord Jesus Christ," I replied. "Buddha and Kuan Yin, no doubt, were trying to do good and teach their followers to do good. But they were ordinary human beings. Though they tried their best to goodness, they could not save themselves, because when old age came, they died. But our Lord Jesus is different. He is not only Man but also God. He is the Son of God. Proof: He was born not of man but of God through the Virgin Mary. He had no human father. God Almighty by the power of His Holy Spirit caused Mary the Virgin to conceive. The Son born of her was Virgin-born."

"Being God's only begotten Son, he had no sin. The Holy One of God revealed His power by healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, casting out devils, making the blind to see, raising

the lame and the dead. He walked on the water, stilled the raging storm, gave five thousand to eat from five loaves and two fishes. Finally, He offered Himself to die for our sins on the Cross. He died and was buried. But because He was sinless, death could not hold Him. Because He is the Son of God, He rose from the dead on the third day, and lives forever more in Heaven. He is coming to judge the world very soon, and to save us from terrible war and destruction...."

When the Thai lady heard of the power and saving grace of Jesus, she brightened up. "Now, I know the difference between Buddha and Jesus. I understand He can save because He is God's Son and He lives. I am glad through Him I'm not bound for Hell but for Heaven."

Having shown such enlightened faith, I asked if she would pray with me, which she did. Then she requested, "Let me tell my sons and daughters when I return to Thailand. I do not want to believe without their knowledge." Then I concluded, "When you have witnessed to them and are ready, I'll be prepared to come to Thailand and baptise you!"

Christ is different from Buddha because He is the Virgin-born Son of God. Buddha was an ordinary human being. This is the apologetics of the Virgin Birth! —T.T.

Chiangmai Trip Report

by Mrs Rhoda Lim

Traditionally, Chiangmai's Family Bible Camp (FBC) and VBS had been held during the month of December. But for this year, it was held on 15 & 16 May to coincide with the children's school vacation (so as to encourage more school children and their parents to come to the VBS and FBC respectively). While previous trips were organised by the AF, this year's was a joint effort between Life BPC's Missionary Fellowship and the Seniors Dept. of the Sunday School. With Elder Edmund Tay as the team advisor and the main camp speaker, the rest of the team members were: Roger Lim (team leader), Benjamin Heng (Maranatha BPC), Timothy Ng Keng Tiong, Lim Hui Min, Liz Thng, Eunice Tai and Rhoda Lim.

15 May 1998 - Setting out for the camp...

Among the team members, we had arranged to meet at 6.30am sharp, Terminal 2 to check in for our MI 702 flight, as well as meet up with Dn. Yiew Pong Sen to unload 10 boxes of clothing from the church van. Thanks indeed to all the Lifers who had donated so heartily and readily. At 6.20am, almost all the team members had arrived. In fact, Dn. Yiew together with little

Luther were already unloading the boxes from the church van to the trolleys.

Apart from the punctuality of all team members, we were thankful for the presence of the entire team at the airport, especially for Elder Tay. This was because he was diagnosed with a viral infection on the previous day (i.e., 14 May), and was advised by doctor not to travel. Though he turned up at the airport with watery, slightly swollen and red eyes, Elder Tay was cheerful both in spirit and in countenance.

15 & 16 May 1998 - Serving at the camp...

In view of the economic crisis (which caused many Chiangmai brethren to lose their jobs or suffer pay cuts), this year's camp theme was "Revival and Renewal in the Lord". The intent was to exhort our fellow Chiangmai believers to re-direct their affection and re-focus their attention on the Lord Jesus Christ, especially during these hard times. At 7pm on 15 May, Elder Tay delivered the first theme message entitled "Is Your Treasure in Heaven or on Earth?". On 16 May — the second and last day of the camp, it was compact with two Bible Study sessions (one on the Book of Numbers, and the other from Galatians 6) and two theme messages (the 2nd theme message was "Are You

Abiding and Abounding in the Lord" and the 3rd theme message was "Why Jesus Must Come and What Must We Do?"). Concurrent with the FBC for the adults was the VBS for the children. Once again, praise the Lord for many cheerful and adept hands from the Senior 3G class of Life BPC Sunday School, who helped to prepare the art and craft materials required for all the five VBS sessions and the Junior Sunday School from 15-17 May.

17 May 1998 - 7th Thanksgiving Anniversary Worship Service...

Today, we celebrated the 7th Thanks-

giving Anniversary of Life BPC in Chiangmai. Another event which added to our thanksgiving to the Lord was the baptism of sister Pong from Ban Long, a village where Christians are marked, ridiculed and ostracised in a recent heightened wave of anti-Christian persecution. (Her aunt, aunty Jandee, was also recently baptised by Rev. Nirand. She came to know the Lord after attending the Thai services of Life BPC in Singapore.)

Elder Tay was the Lord's messenger. Being aware that many non-Christian friends had been invited to this Thanksgiving Service, his message was a Gospel-centred one which urged many to repent and receive salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. After service, all were treated to a simple but sumptuous home-cooked lunch, followed by photo-taking.

18 May 1998 - Full day in the mountains...

Today, we had a fruitful day visiting the tribal villages. After sending sister Pong, her son and aunty Jandee to Ban Long, we began our first visitation at the home of aunty Jandee's daughter-in-law. Thank God that while the Gospel was shared in English by Bro. Roger and translated to Thai by Rev. Nirand, she had listened attentively throughout the entire sharing — and sometimes even nodding in agreement. Do pray that the Gospel seed which was already sown in her would not be snatched away by the wicked one, and that she would one day accept Christ as she 'beholds the chaste conversation' (1 Pet 3²) of her own mother-in-law and sister Pong. As for Rev. Nirand's ministry at Ban Long, he is currently raising fund to build a shed for worship for the slightly over 20 worshippers to whom he has been ministering.

After Ban Long, we continued with Rev. Nirand's weekly circuit of visiting the tribal villages. At the next two homes, Bros. Timothy and Benjamin took turns to give a short exhortation followed by a closing prayer. And for the rest of the team members, it was a refreshing time of sharing and encouragement in the Lord at each home.

"For who hath despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerrubabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth." "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name; in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Zech 4¹⁰, Heb 6¹⁰). Though the tribal Christians are small in number, the team members are truly

encouraged by Rev. Nirand's love and compassion for the tribal people, and his perseverance in this good work despite long-distance driving to the mountains every week.

In Retrospect...

Despite report in The Straits Times on dengue fever outbreak in Thailand, we were hardly bitten by mosquitoes in Chiangmai. Indeed, the Lord had been good and faithful to keep all members safe in travelling and healthy in body throughout the whole trip.

MY TESTIMONY

Being born into a Christian family, it was hard for me to know when I became a true Christian. From young, I was told that I was a sinner and that if I believed in God, I would go to heaven. So that was what I believed.

I joined the Children's Choir when I was 6 years old. That was when I had my first bible lesson. But before that, my mother often told me about God and prayed with me every night. So when I was 9 years old, I decided to go to Sunday school. I got to hear more stories from the bible and came closer to God.

When I was 6 years old, I had eczema. My skin would get very itchy and I would scratch and scratch it till my skin bled. I tried very hard to control myself from scratching my skin, but every night in my sleep, I would unconsciously scratch it. So every day, my mother would pray with me and ask the Lord to heal my skin. After about 2 years of praying, my skin was completely healed and I never got the same problem again. It was then that I knew that there was a real God and that He would always be there for me whenever I needed him. Another incident was when I was one year old. I had facial palsy. My family prayed for me and amazingly, when I was taken to the hospital, my face suddenly turned back to normal. But soon, I had forgotten what God had done for me and started drifting slowly away from Him.

It was during one Children's Choir camp when I came closer to God. We had bible lessons throughout the day. I decided to get baptized the next year. After the camp, I became a more mature Christian and now attend service every Sunday.

God has done a lot for me and my family and I want to get baptised to let people know that I am a child of God and I believe and trust in Him.

—Ong Lin Min



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 15 - 21 '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
TUE - FRI Vacation Bible School		\$6,596.00 (8.00 am); \$17,326.00 (10.30 am)	
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF \$2250, \$1256(Chinese Ser);	
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC	Missions \$250(Paaues), \$150(Boxes); Cambodia \$1200,	
2.30 pm	Wedding of Tan Tua Choon & Eileen Ang (Rev Colin Wong)	\$100(Orph), \$1000; Calvin Loh \$300; Frankie Matius \$200,	
SUN 8.00 am	<i>Before It's Too Late</i> (Rev Charles Seet)	\$200, \$200; MsF \$100; Africa Msn \$100; Reformed Tract Dist \$200.	
10.30 am	Rev Charles Seet	Missionary Quotes Through the Ages	
10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>It Is No Sacrifice.</i> People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of the great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own reward in..., the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with such a word, such a view, and such a thought. It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege. — <i>David Livingstone</i>	
10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	<i>Robert Morrison</i> (China). The man... looking at him with a smile that only half concealed his contempt, asked, "Now, Mr Morrison, do you really expect that you will make an impression on the idolatry of the Chinese empire?" "No, sir," replied Morrison, "but I expect God will." (First Protestant missionary in China) —1782-1834	
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>Henry Martyn</i> (Persia). Now let me burn out for God. —1781-1812	
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Vacation Bible School. 9.00 am -12.30 pm daily from 16 to 19 June (Tue-Fri).	
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		
NBC This Week. Wed Bt Batok; Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bedok.			
Sunday School Offering: \$480.10; Attendance: 347			
Verse for the Week: <i>The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.</i> Psalm 138:8			
Missionary Fellowship 8th Anniversary on 28 June, 12.15 pm at FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Pang Kok Hiong. Topic: <i>Reaching Out to the Chinese Community.</i>			



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 112	No. 34
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Gal 3:1-29	Psalms 51
Hymn	No. 90	No. 122
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	No. 183
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Romans 7	Isaiah 1:16-20
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Dead to the Law... Married to Christ</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet</i> (Rev Edward Paaue)
Closing Hymn	No. 183	No. 398
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

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June 5, '98

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My dear Lifers,

Deacon Yiew kindly sent the five of us to Terminal II where we boarded SQ018 for our midway stop in Seoul. The flight took slightly over 5 hours. After a welcome break of one hour, we plunged relentlessly into the Northern Pacific, arriving Vancouver the same day we set out two hours later. This leg of the journey took 9.15 hours. Total flying time less than 15 hours. An improvement over the usual logging I noticed was the additional report on "Tail Wind" which in Chinese is given "Shoon Feng" (顺风) = Smooth Wind. With the SW Monsoon in season it read 50-55 km. When we left Seoul heading west, the reading shot up to 250! We had the friendly thrust of the Westerlies.

Life is like that. When circumstances conspire against us like the boisterous winds that confronted the Disciples that night on the Sea of Galilee they rowed and rowed to nowhere. When the Saviour entered the boat and the wind ceased they came to land in no time. O, how we need Divine help in every undertaking of our life. Did you seek His help in your recent

venture? "If you carry out His directive will, He will help you with His cooperative will." In the words of Abraham's servant, "I being in the way, the Lord led me" (Gen 24:27).

My daughter's coming with us, tailed by May Ann and Lynn, is God's marvellous plan for our comfort and well-being. By finding us a cheap SIA ticket at \$1,200 (\$500 less than the standard price) she "qualified" to accompany us. Since I don't drive in a foreign country, nor can Ivy, Mima comes in very handy as my chauffeur. Without her to drive us around we would become "legless crabs." Also, she comes in time to fill up as pianist, for Susan Chee happens to take a vacation to HK and S'pore between now and July (our assigned time here)!

In the Lord's service, we are like VIPs. Not only are we given a "happy send-off," we are also "happily welcomed." On this end we had Deacon Chee Ah Chai (old Lifer and Sembawangite) come with the Dodge 7-seater to bring us in. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov 25:25). The good news from a far country is his ready help in time of need. For, we all felt exhausted after a 17-hour journey.

We are lodged at the above address which is a two-

bedroom flat on the fourth (top) storey, fully self-contained, very comfortable. This is also the headquarters of the Church. Here is held every Friday night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Church services are held at Holiday Inn, 631 Lougheed Highway, Coquitlam B.C. V3K 385, pending renovation of the acquired property. Our arrival on Thursday fits us neatly into Friday night's appointment. By this time we are fully rested. One secret to a good sleep on the plane is, "Blessed are the short-legged for they can stretch fully to Slumberland."

The topic of my message is, "Self help with God's help is the best help." Text: Acts 20:32-35. This is the policy that has made Life Church stronger and stronger during our 48 years of ministry. To mention money in spiritual matters is not materialistic. Money used wisely and meticulously is spiritual. Money spent lavishly and uneconomically is carnal. Wasting of public funds dries up support from God's people.

Talking of support from God's people applies also to workers in the fields. How we serve, whole-heartedly or half-heartedly, is known not only of God but of man. Having a series of Missions Nights at Bible Camp the last few years has become a pattern and the beginning of a new tradition. The collections taken and divided by seven (we had so many missionaries) should encourage them further to greater efforts. "Countdown to Armageddon" was aptly chosen, and no one could have spoken better than Dr Paul Lee Tan. We should have a full report from our Camp Master, Deacon David Tan.

Poh Hoon, Ong Lan's sister, phoned to inquire about the Lord's Day Service (10.30 am at Holiday Inn). We hope to meet new people this Lord's Day. Pray for us as we pray for you!

—Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

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2. WHY "DEFINED?"

Archaic and difficult words will be defined with a modern equivalent as a FOOTNOTE. This is the painstaking work of Donald Waite Jr. It will give the reader greatest assistance in understanding God's Word, without having to use a dictionary. This "Ready Reference" will make the Defined KJB a real blessing to users around the world.

3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

THIS DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE is published for a fivefold purpose:

First, to call God's people back to the old faithful King James Bible, the preserved Word of God, the closest to the Divine Original.

Second, to awaken Christians to the deception of corrupted Bible versions and Ecumenical translations.

Third, to warn Christians of the universal falling away which has overtaken Christendom during these perilous last days.

Fourth, to alert Christians to the imminence of the long-awaited Momentous Event, the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Fifth, to make available to the reader a Bible with a ready reference to modern equivalents of archaic and difficult words conveniently located on each page.

4. THIS BIBLE IS NOT A "MONEY SPINNER"

Our object is to equip and encourage Christians to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

Our Lord's non-return of twenty centuries, has caused some Christians to conclude, "Since the Lord has not come when He said it was near, even at the doors, surely He will never come." Be not faint hearted, O ye of little faith! Let God's Word be our assurance and comfort:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9).

The Lord has not come simply because He is keeping to His everlasting unerring schedule.

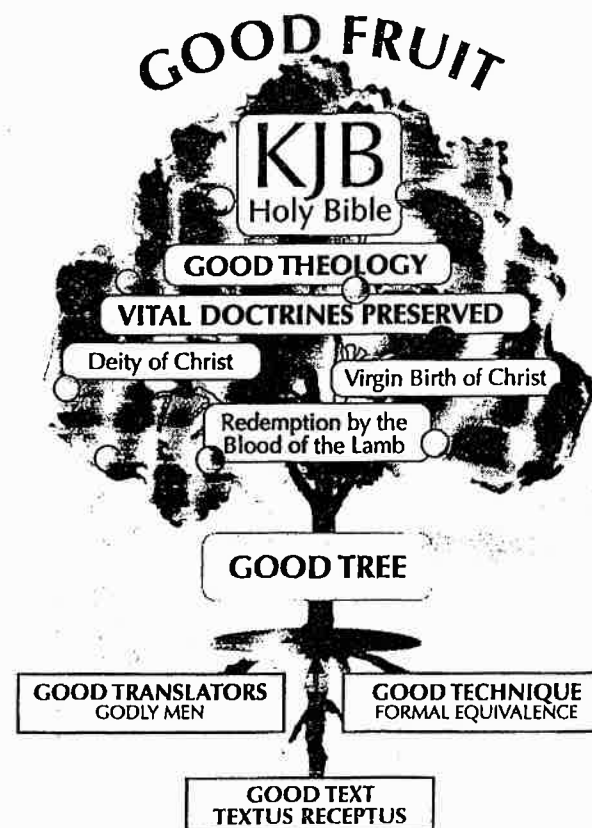
Our Lord is neither forgetful nor late. He is just patient and forbearing, giving sinners time to repent, and saints opportunity of witness. Soon we shall hear the midnight cry, "The Bridegroom cometh!" The day of Gospel opportunity will then be over.

Until then, go on actively witnessing for the Lord! "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

The harvest is urgent; the labourers are few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest. "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathered fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:36).

May the glorious challenge of this eleventh hour send you forth into the harvest field. Who knows, some perishing soul may be saved because you went? The time to go is now.

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation! —Dr SH Tow



Banquet at Batam Bible Camp

270 Lifers set sail in the Princess Falcon.
Each camper personally selected by the Lord
To attend a very special feast.

The venue for the spiritual banquet -
The Waterfront Marina Resort in Batam
The Lord's messenger, Dr Paul Lee Tan.

'Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you'
(James 4:8)

Our dear Pastor emphasised in his opening message.
'You are the blessed generation to live
in the last days...'

You may not need to die for you will all be raptured..
A comforting vision painted by the camp speaker
Whose candid testimonies never fail to touch
our hearts.

Altogether we had 13 'delicacies'
In the form of messages that comfort,
yet convict the soul.
The slide shows on the various mission fields
were an 'eye-opener'
A warm feeling pervades, our hearts gladden
When we see Lifers' contributions put to good use
Be it in the form of clothes or money
to purchase land.

But Rev Pauwwe's thought-provoking question
pricks many a heart,
"Our Korean brethren go out to serve in Cambodia,
But where are the Lifers, the Singaporeans?"
If we mothers pledge not our sons to serve the Lord,
Then who will the Lord send
to 'go ye into all the world
To preach the gospel,' to suffer for Him
who died for thee?

The Lord hath given me two sons, the elder of whom
He had called Home some ten years ago.
'Lord, take my second son and mould him
to serve only Thee
That I, in my evening years
will sit in the church pew
Listening to Him expound your Word.
This would be my vision O Lord.' Amen.

—Linda Chan—


APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 22 - 28 '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$8,339.00 (8.00 am); \$13,695.00 (10.30 am)		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$260, \$100, \$300, \$14(Boxes); <i>Cambodia</i> \$50, \$200, \$150, \$100, \$500, \$100; <i>F Matius</i> \$100; <i>Refd Study Bible</i> \$30; <i>Thailand</i> \$400, \$100; <i>JJ Lim</i> \$50; <i>VBS</i> \$75, \$200; <i>Nirands</i> \$50; <i>Yiew PS</i> \$50; <i>YF</i> \$50; <i>Seets</i> \$50; <i>P'pines Rice Fund</i> \$50; <i>Philippines</i> \$100; <i>Sunday Sch</i> \$50; <i>Children's Ministry</i> \$50; <i>Andrew Kam's Orph</i> \$500; 100, \$100; <i>Haposan Children's Ministry</i> \$100; <i>Setsuko Takashima</i> \$350(Boxes).		
SUN	8.00 am	<i>Dead to the Flesh...Led by the Spirit</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Rev (Dr) Goh Seng Fong	(1) Thank God for helping me to pass my final year exam. "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever." (\$75 for VBS) —a YFer		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	(cont'd from page 3)		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	Once again, I thank the Lord that I had the privilege to serve God and the church as camp master. It is not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God that the camp has been run successfully. I'm truly grateful for all the cheerful helping hands whose names are too numerous to mention. May the Lord continue to bless you richly as you serve Him diligently!		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Pet 3:11). . .?" —The Camp Servant, Dn David Tan		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Missionary Fellowship 8th Anniversary on 28 June, 12.15 pm at FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Pang Kok Hiong. Topic: <i>Reaching Out to the Chinese Community</i> . All are encouraged to attend.		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service			
	3.30 pm	LBC			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. <i>Wed</i> Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Queenstown.					
Sunday School Offering: \$593.81; Attendance: 351					
Verse for the Week: <i>Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.</i> Isaiah 40:28					
The Chinese Service would like to invite children from K1 to Pr 2 to attend the Chinese Sunday School from the 1st week of July. Please register with Caleb at the back of the FEBC Hall, 9.30 - 10.30 am. Those who are interested to teach, please let Caleb know (pager: 94187817).					


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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	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 61	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 39	Psalms 25:1-14
Hymn	No. 66	A Psalm of David
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 27	No. 421
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eccl 11:9-12:14	Psalms 119:105-112
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Before It's Too Late</i> (Rev Charles Seet)	<i>Pitfalls to Avoid in Life</i> (Rev Charles Seet)
Closing Hymn	No. 265	No. 431
Benediction		

CANDAGRAM II

June '98

Vancouver, Canada

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My dear Lifers,

"For death is come up into our windows" (Jer 9:21)

No sooner had I faxed Candagram I that this shocking news caught up with me. It was redirected to me Sun. morning June 7, 10.49 from Life Church office, and it reads: *I arrived Sat. at Kompong Som. But I found the burglars with guns come into my house. They tried to break the doors, but failed. Mrs Hahn heard the strange sounds outside, so she went out to see what's happening, three times. But she found nothing. But these burglars went to the next house and broke the main door, and killed one person. The dead man was an English teacher. He had also taught Khmer to Mrs Hahn before. Maybe Monica knows him. He had bought us, Pastor Koo, Monica, Mr & Mrs Hahn ice cakes. It is a great shock to us. Bro. Pannith and Aunt Cook also heard the sound of pushing doors. The neighbours saw they carried guns, small and big. It happened around 3 o'clock Sat. night. A few days ago burglars came into our house and carried away a small sofa and table when I was in Batam Camp. Sat. morning 4 dogs also were poisoned to death by them. O, please help us with prayers. Our Lord's peace be with you. 6th May '98. Kompong Som, Moses.*

What Moses Hahn and family have experienced is already catalogued by the Apostle Paul, "... in perils of robbers..." in

perils by the heathen, in perils in the city" (II Cor 11:26). Let us pray for their safety.

An Ideal Worship Centre at Holiday Inn

When I first heard that our Church in Vancouver was worshipping at Holiday Inn, I thought of a multi-storey block buzzing with holiday makers. Praise the Lord, ours is a two-storey country house with a dribble of customers. We have a staircase to an exclusive room on the first floor all to ourselves completely cut off from the whirl of the world. There's a kitchenette and storeroom attached. Also a big room nearby for the running of the Sunday School. All these for \$250 per Lord's Day.

After service we went to view our to-be-acquired property. It is along a highway with a parallel inner road. Here runs a row of business houses with a new hotel rising nearby. For location it is tops, for we are at one end of this business centre which stretches into an untouched shrubbery, rustling with wild life. This provides a frontier of tranquility and serenity. And we have parking for over 50 cars. I consider it a good buy with 8,000 ft built in space for \$1.1 million.

Deacon Chee Ah Chai

I asked him why he decided to migrate to Vancouver. His reply: It was 1980. I was working with Motorola. As we felt S'pore was a little too crowded and my boss would



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 29 - 5 July '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$5,067.00 (8.00 am); \$12,812.00 (10.30 am)		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$500(JSM), \$450(Kebaktian Ina);		
SUN	8.00 am	Praying for Someone other than Ourselves (Rev Colin Wong)	Missions \$350, \$50, \$309(YAF); Cambodia \$100(Orph), \$51,		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	\$200, \$1000, \$700; Glory BP Msn Kenya (Masal Project)		
	10.30 am	Rev Charles Seet (Lord's Supper)	\$500; Frankie Matius \$288; Lee Young Lyong \$300;		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	P'pines Rice Fund \$100; RPG \$100; Chinese Ministry		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	\$1000; Children's Choir \$340.		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	(1) I really don't know how to thank the Lord for		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	day after day he has been very good to me and my		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	family. The Lord has blessed my daughter with a job		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	and given her this job even before her results were		
	3.00 pm	Thai Service	known in this time of uncertainty and job		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	retrenchment. I wish to thank Life Church for the		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	unfailing prayers for the members week after week,		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Yishun.			always remembering the members who are absent		
Sunday School Offering: \$680.51; Attendance: 348			from church for some reason or other. I also wish to		
Verse for the Week: <i>I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jeremiah 17:10</i>			thank the Lord for preventing a very serious		
Second Hand English Books for Cambodia. Rev & Mrs Moses Hahn are conducting English language classes as a means of outreach to the Cambodians. If you have English books that are simple or for children (eg. old text books or Ladybird books), contribute them for the Lord's work! They will be sent in the next container.			accident while driving on Highway 5 in the States		
(cont'd from page 3)			while we were on holiday. Please use this amount		
out of His own good pleasure and according to His own counsel, not on our merits, we can gladly and humbly accept. To speak of a double predestination, that God casts away the lost by His predetermination seems hard to believe. Since there is no space I shall write about this last point in the next issue. The Sevenfold Will of God is comprehended in the All-complete Plan of Salvation or the Magna Carta of our Salvation. Dear Reader, do you know you are saved? That is the greatest question in life you must answer. You must know also how of all people God has chosen you in His Saving Plan. You will become a different person.			where the need is more urgent. (\$700)		
—Your affectionate pastor, T.T.			Amazing Grace! Vancouver B-P Church Approved! Amazing rezoning process stretched through eight long months, attended by the prayers of God's people, finally received official blessing on June 22, 1998. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Now begins the renovation and restructuring, expected to take over five months from now. Please PRAY and GIVE. You are invited to have a part in this joyous outreach in CANADA, for the extension of God's Kingdom. All glory to God. —Dr Tow		
			The Burning Bush Vol 4 No. 2 is available for collection at the FEBC Bookroom. Churches please collect yours from Mr Roger Kok.		
			486 Computers (DX-66)! (1) for Cambodia - leave them at Beulah Hse (2) Ten needed by House of Hope, Philippines by mid-July. Call <i>The Helping Hand</i> , 283 2204.		
			Missionary Fellowship 8th Anniversary TODAY at 12.15 pm, FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Pang Kok Hiong. Topic: <i>Reaching Out to the Chinese Community</i> . All are encouraged to attend.		
			Hear Dr Tow Siang Hwa at tonight's Singalong at Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary BPC (Pandan), 6.00 pm. FREE! To everyone a John Sung Bilingual Chorus Book!		
			Adult Sunday School Class for ladies. Invitation is extended to those 40 years and above to attend. Teacher: Monica Ong. Those interested please contact Monica (tel: 7372139) or Dn Henry Tan (pager: 95601850).		



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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	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 216	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 90	Psalms 5
Hymn	No. 111	No. 324
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 121	No. 284
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Romans 8	Genesis 19
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Dead to the Flesh... Led by the Spirit (Rev Colin Wong)	Remember Lot (Rev Dr Goh Seng Fong)
	No. 469	No. 425
Closing Hymn		
Benediction		

CANDAGRAM III

June 16 '98

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My dear Lifers,

Windfall of Blessing

Thurs. June 11 morning we drove to the airport to receive two VIPs from Life Church — Judith and Deborah. You cannot miss them with their slinging guitars. They were come to spend their vacation. We put them to stay in a guest room in our condominium at \$70 the first night and \$20 every subsequent night. The advantage of this arrangement is they can take meals with us.

Now the main reason is this. It was planned beforehand that they would make a trip with my family, short of me, to see the Rocky Mountains, known as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Since their trip would take four days, June 16-20 and Fri. June 19 is Prayer Meeting, I would stay behind. At our Prayer Meeting on June 12, when almost all the Church Committee came and found out our schedule, they with one voice urged me to go along. For if not, I would be missing this one chance in a lifetime. With the Committee's blessing, I'll go. "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov 10:22).

Yield Not to Temptation, for Yielding is Death

Our second Sunday here, June 14, saw an increase in attendance. I spoke on "The Punitive Will of God," a lesson

especially for Church leaders. The text is Num 22:1-21, the covetousness of Balaam. Accompanied by Judith, Deborah led in the singing, "O come back to the Lord." She also sang solo "Barley Fields and the Prodigal Son." This moved one lady to tears. She will sing another Sunday, June 21, before they return.

Fellowship Lunch

After Church, members who would join the Fellowship Lunch adjourn to a Chinese restaurant not far from our meeting hall at Holiday Inn. Eating out here is economical and saves time cooking. Some Christians will not eat out because they say that would be breaking the Sabbath. That would cause the restaurateur also to break the Sabbath. Our response: the eating shop run by a Gentile is open on Sunday, Sabbath or no Sabbath. We do not abet him to sell food on Sunday at all. We can learn a lesson from Moses where in Deut 14:21 he says, "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. . ." Here is a different application of the law. What is not lawful for the people of God is lawful for the Gentile. In fact, by eating out, we save sweating at home cooking a meal. We break no Sabbath either. Nor do we look askance at one who will not eat out on

Sunday. Here is Christian liberty. This is also Calvin's view.

The Story of Kemaman

Kemaman, also called Chukai, is a flourishing town in South Trengganu because of oil. It is about 250 miles from Singapore. Here is an ideal Presbyterian Church built by an *angmoh*, but bequeathed to the Chinese congregation. After Rev John Ling graduated from FEBC in 1992 or so he was called to Kemaman. He revived the Chinese Presbyterian Church as well as the English Service which went out of business for years.

He solicited our help. In July 1994, under Dr Jeffrey Khoo's leadership we organised a full panel of speakers to minister week after week without a break. It is now almost four years. Rev John Ling was greatly encouraged. But his illness led to his resignation from Kuantan, subsequent to his leaving Kemaman. Nevertheless, with his help, we continued running the English Service.

The Lord blessed this ministry significantly in the reviving of Dr & Mrs T.S. Wee. They rose to lead the Church Committee. The Lord also prospered them with a new mansion.

The Chinese Presbytery, seeing the B-P influence growing with the English Service, would now take over control. This led to a separation of almost all of the English Service, under Dr Wee. Those who voted to remain stayed with the Chinese congregation. Those who voted to secede followed Dr Wee.

As Dr Wee has built a new house, the old house comes in handy to become their new sanctuary. In a fax to Dr Khoo dated June 12, he reports: "Subject, First Worship Service. Dear Dr Khoo: We had 43 chairs prepared for the first service at the new place but there was not enough chairs. The service was in English except for the sermon, which was bilingual. Pastor Kim preached on the Lord's Prayer and Pastor Gan interpreted into Mandarin. Mrs Ruth Tan led the youth fellowship. . ."

So, another B-P Church is born. Let us pray for the new outgrowth in the Lord's work. I have been requested to visit them Sept 4 (Friday). I need your prayers. If any would join me and Ivy, please let us know.

From Kemaman to Bengkalis

Soon we would have another outreach to this Sumatran Island. Ev. Joseph Liu will make an

exploratory visit. We would follow suit. It is going to be a Hokkien work. If you wish to come, then pray. I hear it's a long journey from Batam, taking 7-8 hours. The speed boat stops at other ports along the way.

—Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

Ekspresgram to Colin and Charles: Your reports prayerfully noted. To Errol Stone: Many thanks for yours!

CANDAGRAM IV

June 20' 98

Rocky Mountains, Canada

My dear Lifers,

Directive and Cooperative Will of God

The classic example is in Abraham's servant taking an oath to return to Abraham's old country, Mesopotamia, to look for a bride for Isaac. When he obeyed meticulously to find her, the very first girl he met was it! When Rebekah not only gave him water to drink but also his camels, two signs he prayed for were instantly fulfilled. "I being in the way, the Lord led me" (Gen 24:27). When we seek to do God's will, He will cooperate to our success. He blesses our effort.

Partial obedience, however, brings in His punitive will. Read this in I Kings 13. The prophet from Judah, sent to rebuke Jeroboam the breakaway King of the Northern Kingdom, was obedient up to a point. He transgressed the Lord's command not to eat there when an old prophet lied to him that an angel told him that he could. So he did, so easily beguiled by a fellow prophet. Ps 62:11 says, "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this." When God speaks we must hear with both ears and meticulously do what He says. If God so quickly changes His mind, He cannot be trusted. The prophet of Judah was bitten by a lion. Let us learn a lesson. Partial obedience is rebellion that puts us under God's punitive will.

His Punitive Will

That leads us to the classic example of Balaam, Num 22. Since Balaam was tempted by Balak's sevenfold increment of rewards, he asked God if He would allow him to go. God does not force us to obey. He wants utter devotion. He allowed a double-hearted servant to go — and die (Num 31:8). How often a servant of God is deposited for yielding to covetousness.

The Preceptive Will

The word comes from precept, command.

The preceptive will of God are the X Commandments, which comprehends all ethical teachings and all examples of obedience and disobedience — indeed the whole Bible. Hence His Word is a lamp unto our feet, and a road map (Ps 119:35). By following the directions we can't go wrong. It is daily bread, to our soul (Matt 4:4). We have 3 meals to feed our bodies. How much Bible do we read? At least 3 chapters to equal our 3 meals. Don't practice Bibliomancy! Some who don't read the Bible will open it in time of need, close his eyes, and point to any page that comes along. There, that is God's will for me — but it refers to Judas' portion. Read Mt 27:5!

The Bible is not only our spiritual food, but also medicine. "He sent His word, and healed them" (Ps 107:20). In my book "Counselling Recipes" I tell of a member of Sharon Church who came to me for counselling after he had failed to get any result consulting another B-P Pastor. I admitted I was no better than he but if he would accept my formula, read the Psalms. (He had been a nervous wreck. He had stayed in a mental hospital.) He read the Psalms several times and was completely healed. He got back his job, was sent to China for some years. One night at our Prayer Meeting he came forth to testify how God had healed him. When I related his case in my book and he gratefully read it, the Lord spoke to his heart. How is it you were completely healed by Me and you never gave thanks? He soon brought me a cheque addressed to Life B-P Church. When I opened it, it read \$10,000. The Word of God heals more than our body, yea, our souls. Peter confessed to Jesus "Thou hast the words of eternal life," Paul says to Timothy, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim 3:15). Says Dr William Lyon Phelps of Yale University, "A knowledge of the Bible without a college education is better than a college education without the Bible." How true! These are the first three messages being preached to Vancouver BPC. The people are hungry for the Word.

The Permissive Will

The classic example is the case of Job. God permitted Satan to wreak havoc on Job's children and properties, and even afflict his body short of killing him. God permitted not out of weakness like an old indulgent father not able to control his rebellious daughter. God permitted out of strength

to prove the sterling quality of Job's devotion to Himself. Job declared, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15). This trial happened to me 33 years ago when the Lord took Nancy and youngest daughter Le Anne in a motor accident at the foot of Cameron Highlands. I have by His Grace submitted to his will. God be praised, He has doubly rewarded me. Dear Reader, His will is best. Do not weep too long! Or else you are fighting GOD.

The Desiderative Will

One day a minister of a Reformed Church in Singapore surprised me by saying that Jn 3:16 is God loving the elect, not the whole world. This caused me to write on the *Sevenfold Will of God*. To answer him on his interpretation of Jn 3:16 as referring only to the world of the elect, I pointed to Calvin's which includes all mankind. Though God has special love for the elect, there is also His desiderative will for all. It is not His nature simply to cast off the lost, to just consign them to hell. Ezekiel 18:23 says, "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." When a departmental store conducts a sale it has a big WELCOME sign with open door for everyone to enter. That is like the Gospel invitation. It doesn't say, "Only buyers can enter." Nor does the preacher announce at the outset of his sermon on Jn 3:16, "God loves only the elect. If you are not the elect, God doesn't love you. You can leave now!" The desiderative will of God that meshes with the decreative will is a blind spot in the hyper-Calvinistic class of those who hold the Reformed Faith. Let those who disagree present your case. Since the publication of my book on *The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God*, no one has challenged our desiderative will. "For we can do nothing against the truth but for the truth."

The Decretive Will

is the deepest and most difficult subject, and we must tread carefully. That God has chosen us before the foundation of the world merely

(cont'd overleaf)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (6 - 12 July '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$6,477.00 (8.00 am); \$10,848.00 (10.30 am)		
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$260, \$55(Boxes); <i>Cambodia</i> \$100, \$250, \$100, \$200(Orphanage), \$200; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$326; <i>Bible College of E Africa</i> \$500; <i>Seets</i> \$20; <i>Dn Henry Tan</i> \$200; <i>P'pines Rice Fund</i> \$150; <i>Andrew Kam</i> \$1000; <i>Jonathan Lee</i> \$1000; <i>Moses Hahn</i> \$500; <i>Ho Heng Sau</i> \$350; <i>Tan Bee Choo</i> \$100; <i>Ng Sang Chew</i> \$350; <i>Susan Suryati</i> \$400; <i>All other Indonesian students in FEBC</i> \$800; <i>Thanksgiving</i> \$6664.60(JPY560,000)		
FRI	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	(1) The Creator of heavens and earth and our blessed Saviour has been so merciful and gracious to answer my two cries: 1) for a job, yea even a good one, in these bad times; 2) for securing peace and security in Indonesia so that we could attend the Bible camp and that our Christian brethren and their families in Indonesia are safe. May the name of Jesus Christ be blessed and praised forever for He is good. As part of my thanksgiving to God for His mercy and grace, please find attached an offering for the following brethren: Andrew Kam \$1000, Jonathan Lee \$1000, Moses Hahn \$500, Ho Heng Sau \$350, Ng Sang Chiew \$350, Bee Choo \$100, Susan Suryati \$400, all other Indonesian students \$800. "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God" (Ps 20:7).		
SUN	8.00 am	Whose Intercession is Better - Christ or the Saints? (Rev Charles Seet, Lord's Supper)	(2) Thank you Lord for my grand-daughter's good results for her A level exam. Please continue to help my other grand children do just as well in their exam. China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Baraka \$50.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	5th Container to Cambodia leaving on Fri, 10 July 98.		
	10.30 am	Rev Tan Eng Boo	486 Computers (DX-66)! Ten needed by House of Hope, Philippines by mid-July. Call <i>The Helping Hand</i> , 283 2204.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship			
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice			
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	12.00 pm	Burmese 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 Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$544.21; Attendance: 352					
Verse for the Week: <i>And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.</i> 2 Chronicles 31:21					
Adult Sunday School Class for ladies. Invitation is extended to those 40 years and above to attend. Teacher: Monica Ong. Those interested please contact Monica (tel: 7372139) or Dn Henry Tan (pager: 95601850).					



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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 George Tan
Opening Hymn	No. 20	No. 47
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 5	Psalm 23
Hymn	No. 43	No. 193
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 408	No. 403
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Col 4:2-4	Jn 6:37-40, 10:27-29
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Praying for Someone other than Ourselves (Rev Colin Wong)	The Benefits of Knowing Christ (Rev Charles Seet)
Closing Hymn	No. 365	No. 314
Benediction		Lord's Supper

CANDAGRAM V

Rocky Mountains, Canada

My dear Lifers, June 20 '98

The difficulty in accepting God's predestinating the lost and not being the author of their sin, is easily solved when we have His desiderative will. He not only desires the lost to repent (Ezek 18:23), but showers upon them the same saving grace as He rains upon the elect. (Read Heb 6:4-8.) The classic example is Judas. One of the Twelve, Treasurer of the Apostolic College, heard every Sermon, saw every Miracle, from his Lord and Master. Yet he rebelled against Him. Who sent him to hell? Let's hear the verdict from Jesus' mouth, "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).

A moot question discussed in Law can throw light on our problem. Suppose I invited you to my party. On the way to my house you tripped on a banana skin and broke your knee-cap. Am I answerable? Can you sue me? The Law says no. The immediate cause is responsible — your own carelessness. My inviting you being the remote cause is not responsible. Why did Judas sell Jesus? He never knew anything about predestination. He sold Jesus out of disagreement with his Master's policy, and resultant hatred. (Here's a lesson for subordinates.) Jesus says he must pay for betraying Him. That

settles it. The loss of the lost is in themselves also from rejecting God's desiderative will.

On our way up here, some members of the Church Committee suggested I write a poem on the beauties of the Rockies. All their beauties pale into nothingness in the light of God's saving plan for mankind. Rather, the three days up here are spent putting the Sevenfold Will of God to rhyme. Let me dedicate the 21 verses to Vancouver BPC.

Parsonage, Vancouver,
June 21, '98

This is the beginning of summer time. Most people take to the hills or to the sea. Attendance plummets. Certain churches close for the summer holidays. Instead of dropping, ours shot up. Deborah and Judith presented the musical items again before returning on Thursday. From Sacramento, USA, there flew in Peter Sim and Jonathan Chan, Lifer and Lifer abroad. They brought an ex-Lifer Duncan Chew with his family, and two other families, all living in Coquitlam, nearby! My Aunt Madam Chia Siew Koon and daughter attend regularly. Today I also baptised the 3 young children of Andrew and Shirin Chow, Lifers migrated to Vancouver. It was wonderful to hear from the father on Father's Day why he requested baptism for his whole family. He quoted the example of Cornelius and his

kinsmen and near friends (Acts 10:24) who believed and were baptised. I fortified his statement with Paul baptising the Philippian jailor, together with his whole house, "he and all his" (Acts 16:33). "All his" must include his wife and children, and even slaves, as the Hebrew custom was.

Also, when we got home after service there had come Colin's report on Magdalene, wife of Tan Soo Phiow, being diagnosed for breast cancer. We've faxed to her a message of upliftment and trust in the Lord and of the Church's prayer for her speedy recovery according to God's will. We also remember Frankie, Patrick. Glad to hear of VBS good success.

—Affectionately, T.T.

The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God

(Dedicated to Vancouver B-P Church)

1. The clock of God's Sevenfold Will
Teaches us the deep things of God
Which relates to our well-being
Which is found in His Holy Word.
2. The directive is clearly given
By Abraham to his servant
And when it is fully obeyed
God's cooperative will actions.
3. When we seek to do God's will
He will bless us forever more
The blessing of the Lord makes rich
And He doth add to it no woe.
4. Balaam and His punitive will
Teaches us to be attentive
When God speaks once, we all must hear
With both our ears and submissive.
5. To lure to Balak's increment
Of a full sevenfold honour
Leads to his ruin and his death—
A graver lesson to ponder.
6. The preceptive will of the Lord
Are all the commands of His Word
The Holy Bible is a lamp
And a map to show the road.
7. The Word of God not only guides
It is daily bread for our soul
It's good medicine to heal the sick
It saves our life and makes us whole.
8. The permissive will of God transcends
The evils of Satan to tempt
To trip a gentleman like Job
But o'er the temptation he triumphs.
9. When tested by the Lord Himself

Who sends us trouble and distress
Yield to Him be it great or small
And in yielding will you be blest.

10. The desiderative will of God—
Is that a blind spot in your eyes?
Does God love only the elect
And never pities him who cries?
11. The decreative will of God is deep
Is deeper than the heavenly
It must be studied with great care
On bended knees in humility.
12. Of a truth we didn't save ourselves
Not by our merits in the least
Only by His grace and through faith
Can we be pardoned and released.
13. A deeper truth is He chose us
He chose us before time began
Not for any other reason
Than His own counsel and His plan.
14. But He set aside the lost ones
The condemnation that's their own
By His wisdom he determined
The lost are lost themselves alone.
15. Yet God's merciful to the lost
He desires that they should repent
He e'en gave Judas a last sop
But the Redeemer's love was spurned.
16. Thus to Judas comes the sentence
The Son of Man goeth indeed
But woe to him who betrays Him
It's good he'd ne'er been born to it.
17. If you cannot accept this truth
That Jesus our Lord has revealed
Then listen to the parable
In which this truth is now concealed.
18. Should I invite you to my feast
And on the way you carelessly
Stepped on a green banana skin
And broke your knee painfully.
19. Can you sue me before the Judge?
He'll say, "The immediate cause
Is responsible for your fall
But ne'er shall be the cause remote."
20. The deep decreative will of God
Is now plainly made known to us
It humbles us all before Him.
To God's glory the truth shall last
21. The clock of God's Sevenfold Will
Teaches us the deep things of God
Which relates to our well-being
Which is found in His Holy Word.

—T. Tow

Before and After School Care

An Update by Dn Henry Tan

Let us thank our Lord Jesus for sustaining the work of the two BASC Centres for almost 2 months since its opening on 4 May 98.

We thank God for sending the children to the two Centres. The number of children in the month of May averaged 48. In June, the number of children, both registered and prospects, was about 55. This is a slight increase over that of May. The Centres can accommodate a total of 104 children.

Let us thank the Lord for sending the guardians, all of whom are Lifers, who have been serving either on a long-term or a short-term basis.

Let us thank those who have prayed for the BASC ministry and who have contributed in kind such as books, games, etc.

First Harvest for the Lord

Let us thank the Lord for 16 of the BASC children whose parents have responded positively to the invitation of the guardians to allow them to attend the VBS.

Some Information

The daily programme includes time for Study, Reading, Games, Outings and Lesson on Moral Education, Home Skills, Personal Hygiene and Manners. Moral topics from the Bible are being taught. Related subjects like creation, were covered in the month of May and June, and in the next term, subjects like sin and the great flood will be covered.

Opportunities Where Lifers Can Serve

If you are moved by the Lord to involve yourself in the BASC ministry, one of many ways is to visit one of the Centres to see the work for yourself, so that you can pray better and select an area of service for you to avail your spiritual gifts, talents and time.

Please contact any of the Committee members, Eld Tan Nee Keng (3633383), Dn Victor Loo (2209757), John Hoe (2394044), Lee Chee Seng (2794350) or Dn Henry Tan (Pg 95601850), or, any of the long-term serving guardians, Lucy Koh (7557990) and Alvin Soh (7548819).

Please pray that the name of the Lord Jesus will be glorified in the BASC ministry.

Prayer Need in Staffing

As we would like our centres to be staffed by Lifers, please pray for some to come forward to serve the Lord in these positions:

1. 2 long-term workers with 8-work hours a day, and a half-day on Saturday.
2. Brethren who are prepared to serve for 3-4

hours once a week or once in 2 weeks.

3. Brethren who will consider a once-off serving on agreed timing, due to urgent need for staff.

All glory to our God in Christ Jesus till His Second Coming which is ever so near.

Report on Kompong Som

By Moses Hahn

In the village of Botsemon, after six months of continuing visits, eight families have come to the Lord. This is the place God has led us to open a church. Now, with the help of Life B-P Church, we are starting to build. We dug a well at the church site. It is eight meters deep and we have found water. This water could be used for drinking by village people during the dry season (Jan-Apr).

Also, we have applied for the permit to start a Bible school in Kompong Som. By getting the permit, we can teach Bible, English without trouble with the government, and also we can give the certificates according to students' performance. Now five students are studying with us full-time, and one a local pastor. I teach them three hours a day. We are praying for teachers of the Bible and English.

Now we are weak. Please help us and advise us. I'm sure the door for Cambodia is opened wide. It is His opportunity and also the servants' opportunity.

We have also 5-7 Chinese Bible students. We finished the study of John's gospel. Now we enter into Luke. Your short-term teaching with us will be highly appreciated. We have three vacant rooms. Pastor David Koo moved to another house because of his many students and increased installation of computers.

In Cambodia, there are many places where churches can be built. Also they need pastors and teachers. Our vision for Cambodia is to train young people in the word of God on the one hand and to build churches on the other. For the training of future lecturers, we are praying some students in Cambodia could have the opportunity of studying theology in FEBC.

Please pray with us: Bible, English, Chinese teachers and Bible school permit, future lecturers, and Botsemon Church. May our Lord's peace be with you. (May 28, '98)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (13 - 19 July '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$7,750.00 (8.00 am); \$15,856.00 (10.30 am)	
	10.10 pm	Rev & Mrs Tow return, SQ17	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$2250, \$2007(Chinese Ser);	
THU	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Missions \$250, \$242(Boxes); Cambodia \$260(Orph),	
SAT	2.00 pm	Wedding of Asa Timarong & Rebecca Woon (Rev Tow)	\$100(Orph), \$500; Myanmar \$600(Andrew Kam's ministry);	
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	FEBC \$200; Tj Pinang Ch Sunday Sch \$288; Needy Indonesian brethren \$150(Roska/MsF); P'pines Rice Fund	
SUN	8.00 am	What are the right things to do in Prayer? (Rev Colin Wong)	\$150; Moses Hahn \$200; Roska \$200; Churches in Indonesia \$120; JS Heng \$250.	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
	10.30 am	Rev Tow	(1) Thank God for being so gracious and merciful in sustaining me through the FEBC night classes and especially the exams, even though I had been foolish enough to let the pressures at work and pursuit of worldly pleasures to crowd out time to study and meditate upon His Word. May this small thanksgiving be channelled to the most pressing area(s) of God's work. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" (Lam 3:22). —an unworthy Lifer	
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	(2) A thanksgiving gift for the many blessings of journey mercies, good health and peace of mind. Thank you Lord for everything. Please channel \$1000 to Cambodia, \$1000 to the Chinese Ministry and \$340 to the Children's Choir under Mrs Tow. "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord that walketh in his way" (Psalm 128:1).	
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	(3) Thank and praise God for keeping and protecting me during my flying training these 2 months in Pearce, Australia. All glory to Him.	
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	(4) This amount to be channelled to the brethren in Indonesian churches to aid them in their plight. Acts 2:44,45. To God be the glory. (\$120)	
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	486 Computers (DX-66)! Ten needed by House of Hope, Philippines by mid-July. Call <i>The Helping Hand</i> , 283 2204.	
	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		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bedok.				
Verse for the Week: <i>The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. Psalm 28:7</i>				
Adult Sunday School Class for ladies. Invitation is extended to those 40 years and above to attend. Teacher: Monica Ong. Those interested please contact Monica (tel: 7372139) or Dn Henry Tan (pager: 95601850).				



The Singing of the Lower Primary Department, VBS, 16-29 June 98



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn George Tan	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 16	No. 209
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 92	Psalm 23
Hymn	No. 362	No. 341
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 306	No. 389
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Heb 7:22-28	Acts 4:32-37
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Whose Intercession is better-Christ or the Saints?</i> (Rev Charles Seet)	<i>Be An Encourager</i> (Rev Tan Eng Boo)
Closing Hymn	No. 200, 187	No. 454
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

CANDAGRAM VI

Parsonage, Vancouver, Canada

My dear Lifers,

June 23 '98

The final reading on the re-zoning of 1651 Loughhead Highway, our Church property, took place on June 22nd, 7.30 pm. Deacon Chee Ah Chai took me along to the Council Meeting. When it came to our turn the Mayor dealt with the matter in two minutes! He simply referred to the item and wished our Church well. But he also expressed with a smile that our Church should give a donation to the Council! That's it. So we can begin with the renovation. There is a neon sign that comes with the sale. On the highway they should see a JESUS SAVES sign soon. And we would add that a cross be prominently displayed by the architect. The reason why we've bought this property is its strategic location. There were other properties, even churches, for sale, but they were in hidden corners.

Vancouver certainly has a bright future. Here is a growing group that means business, with a strong children's ministry. The weekly attendance averages 40-50. The offering is \$1,000. They love to sing my tithing song which I taught at Prayer Meeting. By the way, the weekly rental is not \$250 as previously reported. It is \$200 only. While we are made up of B-P expatriates, we have those of other denominations joining

us, including a Dutch lady of Reformed extraction. As her Reformed faith is exactly like ours, including the Pre-millennial Return of Christ, she is most zealous and attends Prayer Meeting regularly.

July 5, '98

Vancouver BPC is the global BPC after Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide, Toronto, London, Sydney. It is part of a Church movement that began 1986. God raised a man, and a woman. He is Dr S H Tow and she Dr Tow Siew Ai, who gave substantial sums to Perth, Adelaide, London and whose estate after her decease is used for Toronto and Vancouver. There was no human plan at all, but the moving of the Spirit. God also raised up auxiliaries to fill the pulpits, foremost of whom is Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, and of late Elder Koh Kim Hiang for Sydney. Rev Stephen Khoo as full-time pastor for Melbourne takes a load off my brother's shoulders. Errol Stone comes for such a time as this to take care of Perth. Even Rev Peter Chua is appointed of the Lord to step into Adelaide with Paaue leaving for the States, and no one is available from USA.

As for Vancouver renovations we're glad to note that Calvary Jurong has assumed responsibility of its financial burden. (Visitors this week numbered 7 of whom are Enid and daughter from Toronto,

Sharon Seow from Life.)

With cheap tickets available from SIA every now and then I'd recommend you to attend Vancouver's Dedication. Watch for the announcement!

Here's a poem submitted by my son John to echo our Camp Theme:

Watchful and Wakeful

As the world rushes on
To its appointed end
The call goes out once more:
Let one and all attend!
Awake out of your sleep,
For sooner than you know
The trump will sound, and lo,
It will be time to go!
The meeting in the air—
With saints from everywhere!
Will you be ready then?
If not, take care, prepare!
Be watchful and waiting,
Prayerful everyday,
Be workful and helping,
Sewing in every way.
Minding the things of God:
Living in peace and love;
Doing what really counts,
'Til we get called above.

—T.T.

A Report on the Vacation Bible School, 16-19 June 98

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Ps 127:1).

This theme has been highlighted throughout the planning and the execution of VBS. Planning for VBS commenced around Jan/Feb 98. To facilitate planning, the Exco took 260 as the target number of children that would eventually sign up for VBS 98. This was 50 more than last year.

Nevertheless, the Lord had greater things for us and we learnt a valuable lesson on faith. Application forms trickled in slowly at first. But by the time of the VBS, the total number reached 360! Which was way beyond what we had envisaged and planned for.

The materials ordered were insufficient, especially for the lower primary department. The budget had to be increased and transport

arrangements had to be reshuffled to meet the needs of the additional 100 children. All these had to be done within the space of one week before VBS commenced. Thanks be to our Lord! It was through His guiding hand, His provisions, and His strength, that we were able to meet the increased needs.

The daily attendance for the 4 days was 300-320 children. 40 to 50% of these were non-Christians. Thus the Gospel message reached 130 children of all age groups. Further, the Gospel was reinforced in children from Christian families. In the process, many came to accept Christ and some even reaffirmed their faith.

To meet the staffing needs, the Lord moved the hearts of 97 volunteers to sign up for this ministry. Some turned up at the VBS itself to lend a hand. The talents were numerous and there was not one area where we lacked expertise.

For transport, 17 vehicles were used. With God's grace, we were able to meet the needs of all the children who requested for transport. We thank God for seeing that the transport plan ran smoothly and for ensuring the safety of the children.

Nursery

The nursery programme included singspiration, a puppet show, video clips, games and art and craft. We thank God for providing helpers to assist the teachers in controlling and giving the children the individual attention they need. The staff worked tirelessly to prepare the materials.

Lower Primary

The lower primary department saw the greatest increase in number with a total of 130 signing up. As such the singspiration had to be held in the main sanctuary, which was half full. Despite the big number, the children were very attentive.

The theme for the lower primary department was "Hooked on Jesus" and the programme was planned around it. On the third day, a miniature treasure hunt was conducted to reinforce the classroom lessons. Other programmes included a film show, art and craft and games.

Upper Primary

The upper primary children were located at Beulah House. They shared the same theme as the lower primary children with the materials from the United States. The children had a great time on their outing to the Botanic Gardens.

Seniors

The seniors were taken on a hike from MacRitchie Reservoir to Bukit Timah Hill. Although it was tiring they learned lessons of cooperation, teamwork and reliance on God. A workbook was specially put together by the staff for the 4 days.

All in all, we thank God for our pastor Rev Tow who has taken an interest in the events from the very beginning. His support had spurred us on to put together a VBS focused solely on the power of God.

We thank God for the Church warden, Dn Yiew, for assisting in logistics by ensuring that there were sufficient rooms for the children, and equipment for the teaching staff. We thank God for Dn Ong, for sharing his vision for VBS and his advice on planning and execution. We thank God for the support of the Sunday School too, both its financial and non-financial contributions. We thank God for bringing together a dedicated staff and giving them a love for the children.

But most importantly, we want to thank God for giving us, His unworthy servants, a little role to play as part of this ministry. We have received more than we gave in our service, for it is indeed a joy to see children coming to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

VBS has come a long way since it started as a project about 10 to 15 years ago. It has become a movement, for many similar VBSes have been conducted in various mission stations, and all are based on the same principle: to bring the gospel message to children by conducting classes and providing a fun environment.

Prayer Requests for VBS Follow-Up

Please pray for the follow-up programme. This will require more planning and commitment from volunteers. The Lord has brought the increase. It is He who would have to work in the hearts of the children, but we on our part must continually reach out to them, and be vessels for the Master's use.

A child may be lost if he is not continually fed with God's word. It is our hope and prayer that we may come up with a programme for follow-up when the Exco meets. We covet your prayers and whatever assistance you may be able to contribute in this area, should the Lord speak to you to support this ministry. A newsletter will be sent to the children on a regular basis.

May the Lord bless Lifers for their support. More importantly, we thank our Lord who has given us this salvation, for all the great things He has done. PRAISE THE LORD!

—Benedict Tan

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (Psalm 23:1)

For the Christian, this is not an option but a fact. It is the most assuring fact but alas, how many paid only lip service to this and missed out on the experience. When we are in the valley or up the mount in our spiritual experience, do we languish between self-pity and self-righteousness? Will our spiritual and emotional life remain stable and steady come what may? That rightly depends on who is our Shepherd.

The Lord is our Shepherd

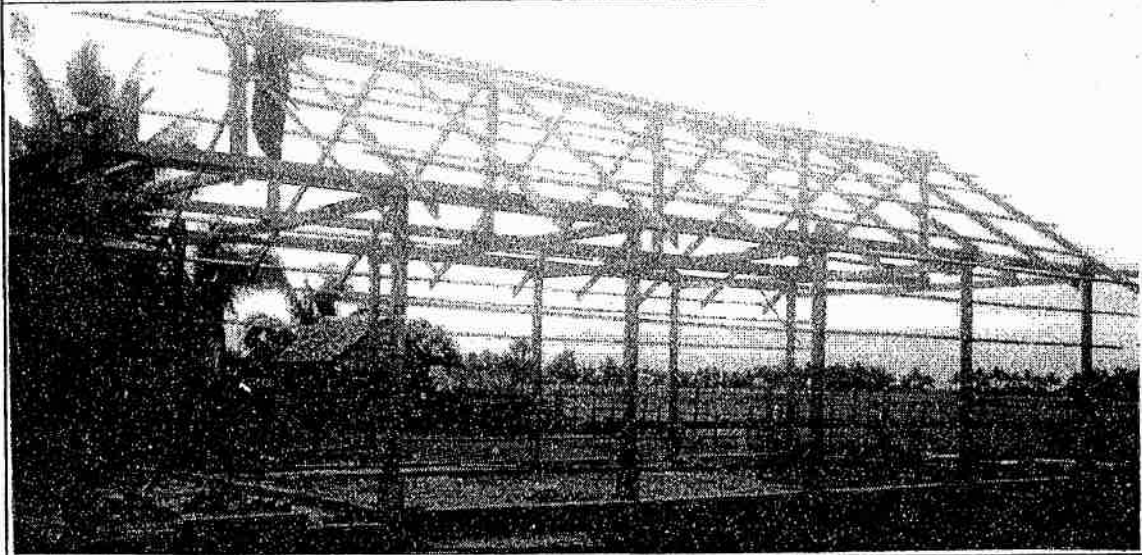
*This is the same Lord that made the heavens and the earth.
The Lord that knows our frame;
who remembers that we are dust.
He qualified Himself at Calvary
to be our Shepherd.
The only privilege we become His sheep
or lamb was that He chose us.
He chose us that He can shepherd us. What
grace if we can focus our
thoughts on the Shepherd.
He made it His responsibility to save,
to lead, provide, to love, protect, care and to
keep.
All the sheep or lamb did was
simply to lie still and rest.
The Lord, our Shepherd keep a constant
eternal watch over us.
Rejoice in the Lord always.*

[by the late Preacher Leong Chee Sun on 5 Jan 98 around the time when he was to undergo his 10th radiotherapy treatment]

BASC Volunteers to serve the Lord every day, as guardians and/or teachers 3 to 4 hrs or as teachers only (1 to 2 hrs). Interested, please contact Dn Henry Tan, Pg 95601850, Lucy Koh 75595550, Alvin Soh 7548819, or any committee member.

BEYOND VERSIONS by Dr S H Tow. Book will be launched today at a special 40% discount (today only). Promotional offer at 20% discount. Usual prices: \$8 (paperback) and \$10 (hardcover). Obtainable from Tabernacle Books. Call 5601111.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (20 - 26 July '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	8.30 am	FEBC Day of Prayer, Moriah BPC	\$8,375.00 (8.00 am); \$13,910.20 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$400, \$260; <i>Cambodia</i> \$70, \$50, \$1000, \$50; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$25; <i>Polemic Study Bible</i> \$30; <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$200; <i>Moses Hahn</i> \$200; <i>Calvin Loh</i> \$100; <i>Vancouver Ch Renovations</i> \$1000; <i>Setsuko Takashima</i> \$350(Boxes); <i>Chinese Bibles</i> US\$150; <i>Anonymous cheque</i> \$11,920; <i>Burma Printing Press</i> US\$400(from Japan); <i>Journeying Mercies</i> \$1000; <i>FEBC</i> \$1,220(Maranatha); \$200(Kuantan).		
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetic Books (Rev Charles Seet)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	(1) Father, Thank you for guiding me all the way through these bad times and helping me secure this job. Do channel this to Cambodia, or wherever you deem fit. Thank you! (\$1000)		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	(2) "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits" (Ps 103:2). Thanks to God for all the blessings of being your child and also thank you, Lord for an unexpected increment in my salary. Surely the Lord has given more exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. All praise and glory to our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend! Please channel this offering to the following brethren - Frankie Matius \$200, Moses Hahn \$200, Calvin Loh \$100.		
		Charismaticism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Catechism Class will begin 2 Aug 98. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class at Beulah House (Rev Colin Wong).		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF: 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	Deepest condolence to the family of Oh Thiam Cheng, 74, who went home to the Lord, Fri. July 17. Funeral will be held Mon. July 20 at CCK Christian Cemetery, the pastor officiating.		
SUN	8.00 am	What are the Right Attitudes to have in Prayer? (Rev Charles Seet)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship			
	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			
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr			
NBC This Week. <i>Thu</i> Henderson; <i>Fri</i> Queenstown.					
Sunday School Offering: \$605.46; Attendance: 371					
Verse for the Week: <i>Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.</i> Psalm 65:4					



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19 July 1998

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder Tan Nee Keng	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 237	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	John 14:1-14	Psalms 103
Hymn	No. 284	No. 37
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 557	Bring all the tithes
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Kings 3:5-15	Ps 103:1-5; 15-18
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What are the Right Things to do in Prayer? (Rev Colin Wong)	Thank God for Keeping Us Alive
Closing Hymn	No. 380	No. 400
Benediction		

CANDAGRAM VII

Parsonage, Vancouver, Canada

My dear Lifers,

July 12 '98

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

I. In 3:16 is only for the elect! This is the interpretation given me by a minister of a Reformed Church in S'pore. If you look up Calvin, who is father of all Reformed Churches, he says otherwise. He agrees with the Truth that the Gospel is offered to all. It was this hyper-Calvinist interpretation that provoked me to write the Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God. My exposition on the Desiderative Will removes the blind-spot of the ELECT-only school (if they would). For God also loves the non-elect (desiderative will) when He says, "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" (Ezek 18:23). Again, "For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye" (v.32). God is not like Nero who exulted in the death of those he killed. God loves sinners, elect or non-elect, and the death of His Son is offered as the means of our salvation, whoever would believe.

II. The Coming Reign of Christ on earth, from Jerusalem. Zechariah, after describing in Ch.14 how Christ

must land on the Mt. of Olives to put down all rebellion, will establish His government on earth, in Jerusalem. "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one...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..." (Zech 14:9,16). Let the amillennialist answer the scores of statements to this effect that Israel will be restored by Christ himself, reigning from Jerusalem.

III. We can only sing Psalms in our Worship and nothing else. And Calvin's absolute view is quoted. We agree it is Biblical to sing Psalms, and in Life Church's history you can look up the number of Psalms printed in the Weekly, and apart from the Weekly. Lately we sang Ps 2. But to exclude hymns and spiritual songs (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16) would be the extreme view on the right with the Charismatics on the left. Psalm singers would not occupy 1% of the singing churches. By their devotion Martin Luther would be discarded, and the host of Godly hymn writers, Charles Wesley, Fanny Crosby, Harvegal, etc. My tithing song, every line Bible supported, should not be sung

before offering. But Vancouver Church immediately adopts it!

IV. **John Sung is not for us of the Reformed Faith.** Admittedly, John Sung is Arminian. While we don't go along with his position on eternal security, we support him for his Holy Spirit-filled preaching whereby hundreds of thousands were saved. Wang Ming Tao who was Calvinist did not like John Sung at first. But when he realised the souls he saved were negligible, he repented and supported John Sung. He officiated John Sung's funeral. The great doctor Gresham Machen said, "I'd rather work with an Evangelical Arminian than with a modernist Calvinist" is another admonition for the narrow-minded hyper-Calvinist. The printing of 40 John Sung Sermons in 8 booklets has been blessed of the Lord to the saving of souls, thousands of copies have gone out as never before. A visitor to Vancouver BPC thanked me profusely after reading John Sung's Life and Sermons, and bought more for distribution. Dr Peter Masters of Spurgeon's Tabernacle, a world renowned Reformed Pastor, after reading *John Sung My Teacher*, was so blessed that he got me to give four lectures at his School of Theology on John Sung, 1986. And he even wrote a Foreword to my second book on John Sung, *The Asian Awakening*. He has the spirit of Gresham Machen.

V. John Sung was one who preached on accelerating of the Gospel in the light of Christ's soon return. Patterned after his Evangelistic Band that was exhorted to witness every Sunday afternoon, we formed the E-Band of our Church. In furtherance of the Gospel on every front, we supported Setsuko Takashima ever since she graduated from FEBC. Setsuko conducts open air evangelism with school children. She wears a JESUS SAVES T-shirt when she preaches to the children. Her Reformed pastor did not like her preaching on grounds that a woman must not "speak." She survived the great Kobe Quake, and in thanksgiving for all the support we gave her, returns thanks by remitting S\$6,664.60 to Life Church! I propose we use this sum for Church planting in the neediest field — Cambodia, but we will continue to support Setsuko indefinitely.

VI. We gave US\$1,500 as requested by

Moses Hahn to build a Church at Botseman, 6x12m. By lengthening it to 6x14 he requires \$700 more. A second church Moses is building, costing US\$3,600 (land and house) is funded by his mother-in-law's friend (from Korea in this hour of downturn). What a sweet savour sacrifice. This Church is at Onyahaeng. Moses further reports, "Two old ladies will come to Kompong Som with Mrs Hahn around middle of July (Mrs Sim and friend from Prinsep St. Life Church). They will be teaching Chinese and visit the Teochew people."

Two ladies, Setsuko and the anonymous Korean lady have given their widow's mites to accelerate the Gospel. How they put to shame those who split theological hairs when the Great Commission is at stake. John Sung's watchword was "兴旺福音" (Revive and Promote the Gospel). The Reformed Faith can degenerate to the Deformed Faith, when John 3:16 is twisted to mean the Gospel only to the elect.

VII. As for Life Church, we will pursue the course of the Church of Philadelphia. We will keep His Word, defending the King James Bible against the new versions based on the corrupt text of Westcott and Hort, false teachers crept in unawares but now thoroughly exposed—necromancers, Mary worshippers, homosexual associates, friends of Darwin and Freud (called a Fraud by Straits Times), Deniers of Christ's Blood and Resurrection, etc. We will keep the Gospel door wide open that no man can shut. We will continue to accelerate the Gospel in the light of Christ's Return, our Reformed Faith must be a Transformed Faith, vibrant and dynamic, not Deformed and Static. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who promised to bless Israel, will return to a Restored Israel as His unchanging Word has declared. We look forward to that Day when we will reign with Jesus on earth. Let us be involved in high and mighty issues, and not in narrow byways of theological bigotry. Amen.

—Affectionately, T.T.

Testimony: A Lifer, having read our defence of the KJB vs. the NIV has given up his KJV-NIV Bible, and bought a KJB Study Bible recommended by FEBC Bookroom. He realises now by carefully comparing the NIV with KJB he has been short-changed by the NIV.

When Christ Delays.... by Linda Chan

You've waited oh so patiently,
But there is no reply.
"Lord, you've heard my prayer,
Be merciful to my father, Lord.
He's already past three score and ten,
Will you not soften his heart?
My friend, you've prayed for almost two decades,
Yet your father's heart is as unyielding as lead!
You're about to give up praying.
You wonder why the Lord delays.

You've prayed oh so ardently,
But there is no reply.
"Lord, I'll soon be forty,
Is singlehood my destiny?"
Help me then to accept your will."
We have friends whom we know
Would make wonderful wives and mothers.
We've prayed for our dear lady friends,
Who're about to give up praying.
They wonder why the Lord delays.

You've prayed oh so intensely,
But there is no reply.
"Lord, I've tried and waited,
Yet I'm still barren, Lord.
Be merciful to me, Lord.
You remembered Hannah, do remember me,"
My childless friend cried in agony.

My heart goes out to her as she's already forty.
She's about to give up praying,
She wonders why the Lord delays.

As true saints of God, you've prayed intensely,
Yet it seems the Lord did not hear your pleas.
We cry and agonise over our loved ones
outside Christ,
We prayed for deliverance from on High
For our loved ones suffering from cancer.
It seems as though our boats are tossed
by the waves
And our Master continues to sleep, unperturbed.
Won't He awake before our boats sink?
I think He delights in testing out faith.
Yet at the same time He give us strength
to carry on.

Our prayers are never breathed in vain,
They're never unnoticed or unanswered,
Christ's delays may be refusals and denials.
And it pleases Him to cause our patience
To be exercised, to hear our prayers energized.
We know that Christ works according to
His purpose.
If you've called upon Him and He did not answer,
Do not despair, do not give up at all.
As you pray earnestly, relentless, with intensity.
He *will* wake up and still your storm!




Far Eastern Bible College reopens Mon. July 20, 8.30 am with Day of Prayer at the new Moriah B-P Church (Rev Dr Bob Phee), Simei Road. There's an intake of 16 new students from 7 countries. Evening courses (7.30 - 9.30 pm) are as follows: Mon. *Isaiah* by the Principal; Wed. *OT Poetic Books* by Rev Charles Seet; Thurs. *Evangelism* by Dr Goh Seng Fong, Thurs. *Charismatism* by Dr Jeffrey Khoo. We invite those who are interested in public speaking to attend every Wednesday morning's Preaching Hour, 8.00 to 9.00 am. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim 4:2). FEBC highly recommends new book just off the press by Dr S H Tow, *Beyond Versions*, 152

pages, obtainable from FEBC Bookroom.

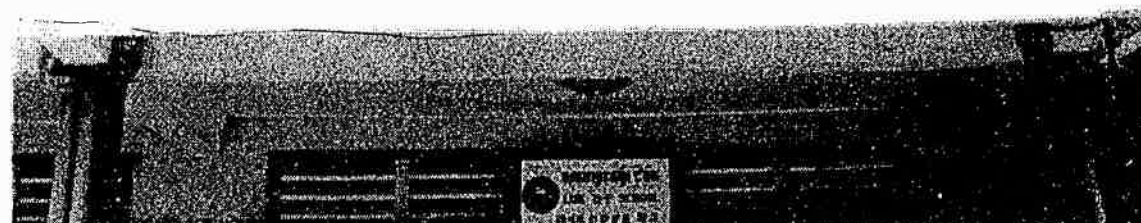
The principal is called overseas again, to speak at the 62 Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, Florida Aug 6-10 and at the 50th Anniversary of the ICCB, Amsterdam, Aug 11-14. He will be accompanied by Mrs Ivy Tow. His subject is *The Unfinished Commission*. Please pray for us! —T.T.

David Brainerd (Native Americans). As long as I see anything to be done for God, life is worth having; but O how vain and unworthy it is to live for any lower end. O, that I could dedicate my all to God. —1718-1747
Andrew Bonar (Palestine). God's part is to put forth His power, our part is to put forth faith. —1810-1892

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (27 July - 2 Aug '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	\$6,772.10 (8.00 am); \$14,999.00 (10.30 am) OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$500(Chinese Ser); Missions \$50, \$100, \$500(Africa), \$500(Thailand), \$500(Vietnam), \$400; Cambodia \$50, \$200, \$200; Frankie Matius \$100, \$10, \$100; Tan Kian Sing \$200; Tan Bee Choo \$100; Baraka Conf Centre \$100; Moses Hahn \$50, \$300(Pre-Jr Worship Svce); Chinese Bibles \$50, \$400, US\$150(Florida); Baraka Church \$50; Children's Ministry \$420; Myanmar Orph \$100; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Vancouver Church \$250. Floral offering US\$100 in loving memory of Dr Tow Siew Ai from Nephew John. Corrigendum: US\$430 for Burma Printing Press instead of US\$400.
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetic Books (Rev Charles Seet)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) May the Lord put a deeper burden in us, that some Lifers will go and preach the gospel in the Middle East to the Jews and Arabs there. (\$100 for Beit El Baraka Conf Centre in Bethlehem, Israel) (2) Enclosed thanksgiving gift of \$820 for: Chinese Bibles \$400, Children's Ministry \$420. "Preserve me, O God for in thee do I put my trust" (Ps 16:1). Thank you Lord for everything. (3) To God be the glory! Thank you dear Lord for letting my grand-daughter pass her piano exam with good grade and for my clean bill of health. China-Chinese Bibles \$50, Baraka Church \$50. (4) We thank the Lord for enabling us to pass our final exam. Thank Him also for the jobs that He has provided us with in this time of recession. A portion of our 1st month's pay for missions (\$400). -2 Lifers Catechism Class will begin 2 Aug 98. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class at Beulah House (Rev Colin Wong).
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Dr Goh Seng Fong) Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	
	2.30 pm	JSM Wedding	
SUN	8.00 am	The Impossibility of God (Rev Colin Wong)	
	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	
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	
	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	
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hr	
	NBC This Week. Thu Henderson; Fri Queenstown.		
Sunday School Offering: \$662.10; Attendance: 362			
Verse for the Week: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty. 1 Cor 1:27			



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26 July 1998

"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	On Ong Eng Lam	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 73	No. 85
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Ps 32	Psalms 42-43
Hymn	No. 440	No. 14
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 367	No. 353
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Luke 11:1-4	II Kings 4:38-41
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	What are the Right Attitudes to have in Prayer? (Rev Charles Seet)	Death in the Pot
Closing Hymn	No. 386	No. 258
Benediction		

"Death in the Pot!"

So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot. II Kings 4:40-41

For 300 years the King James Bible (Authorised Version) reigned supreme until two Cambridge Greek scholars, Westcott and Hort, arose to challenge it in 1870. As a result of their machinations, they got it revised in 1881. So a new version, the Revised Version was produced, which changed ten thousands of the sacred text. (But the Revised Version, while it enjoyed a good sale at first, has for long died a diseased death.) Nevertheless, Westcott and Hort enjoyed the full confidence of the Church and their word was law. They took away the account of Jesus pardoning the woman taken in adultery (Jn 7:53-8:11) as no part of John's Gospel but a later interpolation (insertion by another hand). They cut away the last 12 verses of Mark and the Johannine Comma, where the Trinity is taught (I Jn 5:7,8). These are three glaring examples.

When I was a student in Faith Seminary 1948 we were taught to accept everything Westcott and Hort had taught. When Dr D.A. Waite, ThD, PhD was in Dallas Seminary,

1948, he also was taught to receive everything that Westcott and Hort had given. But truth will out! God raised up a theological student, Edward F Hills (1912-81), a classmate of Dr Carl McIntire at Westminster Seminary, to research into Westcott and Hort. Edward F Hills, BTh, ThM, and ThD (Harvard Divinity School), having studied for over 15 years, raised the alarm, "Death in the pot." The teachings of Westcott and Hort is poison to our souls!

With this alarm raised, other eminent theologians who are on the Lord's side have joined his ranks, one by one, namely Dr Otis Fuller, Dr D A Waite, David W Cloud, G A Riplinger (author of New Age Bible Versions), Dr S H Tow and now the whole faculty of Far Eastern Bible College, not forgetting the venerable Trinitarian Bible Society of Great Britain.

"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).

Hitherto, we have been hoodwinked by a conspiracy of silence on the evil character of Westcott and Hort, these two angels of light in textual criticism, until the recent exposure of their true colours. The records of the sons of Westcott and Hort, above all

others, testify to their shame.

Westcott was founder of the Hermes Club in Cambridge, a Club that was reputed to be a homosexual club. Three years later, together with Hort and others, he branched into the Ghost Club, which scoffers called the Bogey Club. Bogey means devil. They delved into necromancy, which is communicating with the dead. This is an abomination to the Lord (Deut 18:11). Both Westcott and Hort were secret worshippers of Mary. They were friends of Darwin, Freud (called a Fraud in *The Straits Times*) and of Carl Jung, all enemies of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They denied the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture, the Virgin Birth of Christ, His blood atonement and resurrection. The Creation and Temptation that led to the Fall they derisively declared to be myths.

With impure hearts of rebellion against God and unclean, unconverted hands, how dared they touch the sacred Text of Holy Scripture? The ten thousands of alterations and deletions they had made on the basis of Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus versus the thousands of the Majority Text resulted in the scissoring of the equivalent of I and II Peter. In so doing, they had cut themselves from the Lord who bought them (II Pet 2:1). Those who follow Westcott and Hort in taking away Scripture beware, "God shall take away his part out of the book of life. . ." (Rev 22:19). What more can we say of the hundred "perversions" that are based on Westcott and Hort? They are already corrupted at source.

As to judging between KJB and the one hundred "perversions," the unanimous testimony of believers throughout Church history, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, suffices. Says the Apostle John, "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" (I Jn 2:20, 27).

Let us take, for example, John 3:16, the most repeated verse in the Bible. The KJB renders *monogenes* as *only begotten*, but the NIV as *one and only*, clipping out the *begotten*. The doctrine of eternal generation of the Son, held time immemorial by the universal Church, is forever

struck out by the NIV. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit you can judge between the KJB and NIV. You have the answer.

Although there is death in the pot, Elisha says, "Then bring meal." And he cast it into the pot, and he said, "Pour out for the people that they may eat. . . And there was no harm in the pot." God is powerful over all evil. God gives Elisha the power to neutralise the poison in the pot. God has now raised an international witness for His Truth. The King James Bible is the most accurate, devout English translation of the Bible and is now being restored against the 100 "perversions" of the English Bible — through fundamental scholars whom God has raised, men of integrity and men who love the Lord.

Today is a day of Victory for the Truth. My brother, Dr S H Tow, told me he had spent two years in research before he produced his 152-page book *Beyond Versions* to expose what is concealed in deceptive darkness. Please read it carefully and if you have been using the NIV or RSV, etc, cease taking their poison and be delivered from death in the pot. Use the KJB and rejoice in the Truth.

The King James Bible vs. The Hundred Versions

1. *The Bible is the Word of God,
Inerrant and infallible,
Preserved for us from age to age.
It stands God's Rock unmoveable.*
2. *God has preserved it in the Text
Received by His Church everywhere.
Through good and faithful men of God,
The King James Bible without peer.*
3. *Three hundred years it reigned supreme,
Until Westcott and Hort crept in,
And sowed the tares amongst the wheat,
And for a time they seemed to win.*



Rev David Koo and Sunday School of Jesus Christ BP Church, Kompong Som

4. *When our foe comes in like a flood,
God's Spirit will withstand his wiles.
He tears away his 'holy' mask,
That veils the Deadly Duo's guiles.*
5. *Westcott started the Hermes Club,
Reputed Homosexuals Den.
He branched to delve into the dead,
A Ghost Club and Bogey by name.*
6. *With Hort his closest Siamese Twin,
He worshipped Mary in secret.
They found in Darwin and in Freud
Good friends so sincere and so sweet.*
7. *But they called Christians fanatics,
They denied Jesus' Virgin Birth,
His Blood and His Resurrection,
Creation and Fall but a myth.*
8. *Who shall ascend my holy hill?
He that has clean hands and pure heart.
With unclean hands and heart impure,
Can Westcott and Hort have a part?*
9. *An influx of hundred versions:
By Westcott and Hort's corrupt text,
Shall never stand up to the test,
That makes King James Bible the best.*
10. *The Bible is the Word of God,
Inerrant and infallible,
Preserved for us from age to age,
It stands God's Rock unmoveable.*

—T.T.

VBS on 16-19 June 1998 at Life BP Church

I want to share my joy and what I have learnt at the VBS Camp.

I learnt about God. God loves me. Jesus died for my sins on the cross to shed His blood to wash away my sins. We are all sinners. Jesus is the only way to Heaven. Heaven is a beautiful place. Jesus is the Son of God. He is born of a virgin mother, Mary.

When Jesus knocks on your door, please open your door to let Jesus come in. He will give you a new

heart to change you to become a good person. I have open my heart to let Jesus to come into my heart. I will read the Bible everyday and every night to grow and pray. I don't want to be Satan's son. I want to be a follower of Jesus. With Jesus' help, I will become a good person.

I enjoy the Bibles

stories told by Auntie Jenny very much, the songs we sang, the games we played, friends I met at the church, the art and crafts we made. Snacks and lunches provided by them and their kind arrangements of transport to take me to church and home safely.

I want to say a big thank you to all who were involved in the VBS. I will come back for the next year camp.

—by Ian Ho Choon Hwee, 7 years

Report from Jonathan Lee

The last weeks have been very eventful for me, and I thank God for showing His power in every situation. The construction for the Hope-for-all B-P Church Sunday School building is going on very well and I thank all Lifers and you very much for supporting it. The medical ministry has also been a great help to the people. The people are very happy and thankful for it. My teaching ministry to my children and youth members is also going on very well.

Pastor George Lim (Macedonia BPC) came here two weeks ago. He was very happy to do God's work here. He taught the children and preached to the people. A Korean pastor Rev Heo also came and taught the children as well as the people. We offered \$200 to the local people to dig a well for fresh water.

Last week a team of 17 members from Onnuri Church, Korea came here and stayed for a week. They bathed the children, cut their hair, washed dirty clothes, provided new clothes and food, stationery for my 13 students and cleaned up the village slum area. They taught the children and preached at various churches. We had a good time of worship with the local people.

Three days ago we had a situation where 20 soldiers came to take possession of my house because of debt owed by the house owner. We were told that we had to get out of the house, so we got ready to leave - myself and the mission team. My 13 students were here at that time. I have never seen them cry so hard before as I did on Wednesday. They and the people in the village begged me not to go. The team that was here was also sad about leaving the children, but praise God, He controlled the situation. The mission team also thanked God for His powerful protection. The Onnuri team consists of American-Koreans, Canadian-Koreans and Americans, native Koreans and a Fijian from the South Pacific. Now there are two soldiers looking after my house and my ministry so I really thank God. But I do not know about my future house, so please pray for me. Now Phnom Penh is very busy for the coming election. Pray for my security in Cambodia. God bless you and all Lifers.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (3 - 9 Aug '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON 7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	\$7,262.00 (8.00 am); \$12,537.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$7400 (Korean Ch); Missions \$50,
WED 7.30 pm	OT Poetic Books (Rev Charles Seet)	\$50, \$106 (Boxes); Cambodia \$200, \$100, \$100 (Orphans); Frankie
THU 7.30 pm	Evangelism (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	Matus \$50, \$100; Chai Muei Huying \$200; Rev Charles Seet \$100;
	Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Batu Aji \$100; P'pines Rice Fund \$50, \$100; Saipan \$180; MsF
FRI-MON	YF Retreat; SUN-MON AF Retreat	\$50, \$100 (Needy Indonesians); YF \$50; LF \$100; Rev Colin Wong
SAT 2.30 pm	LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC	\$100; Calvin Loh \$100; Thanksgiving \$2000, \$500, \$200 (for
	JSM Anniversary, Sanctuary	recovery from sickness); Bibles for Chinese of S.E. Asia from USA
SUN 8.00 am	The Place of Prayer in the Life of	US\$10, \$25, \$25, \$30, \$100, \$600 "in celebration of my 80th Birthday".
	God's People (Rev Colin Wong,	
	Lord's Supper)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
9.30 am	Sunday School	(1) "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in
9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House	Him and He shall bring it to pass" (Ps 37:5). I wish to
10.30 am	Rev Prabhudas Koshy	thank God for helping me with a recent transaction.
10.30 am	Chinese Service (Rev Wan)	His hand was in control every step of the way even as
10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	I prayed very hard and committed everything to Him.
10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	Blessed be the Name of the Lord. In grateful thanks
10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	to Him: \$100 (needy Indonesians-MsF), \$100 (LF),
10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	\$100 (Rev C Wong), \$100 (Calvin Loh), \$100 (P'pines
12.00 pm	Burmese Service	Rice Fund).
12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	(2) This is my first tithe from my first job. Thank
3.00 pm	Thai Service	you Lord for providing a job for me. Saipan mission
4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	(\$180)
4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	Pastor & Mrs Tow leave Aug 5 night for Lakeland,
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Yishun.		Florida to speak at the 62nd Synod of the B-P Church
Sunday School Offering: \$637.20; Attendance: 390		Aug 7 and thereafter to Amsterdam, Aug 11. He will
Verse for the Week: I am the vine, ye are		speak on <i>The Unfinished Commission</i> at the 50th
the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in		Anniversary of the ICC. They return to Singapore Aug
him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for		15, pm.
without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5		Chung Yung Wah (86) and Tong Sau (83) are being
		baptised today at the Chinese Service, having had their
		idols removed.
		Catechism Class begins today. Those seeking baptism,
		reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must
		attend the Catechism Class at Beulah House (Rev Colin
		Wong).

Gospel Wells. This is one of 3 wells dug by David Koo for his parishioners at about US\$150 each.



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 85	No. 26
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Heb 11:23-29	Psalms 39
Hymn	No. 354	No. 356
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 351	No. 189
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Ex 14:1-31	Rom 13:11-14
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Impossibility of God</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Caught in the nap</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 478	No. 220
Benediction		Lord's Supper

The Curse of Hidden Sins

[Delivered by Rev T Tow at the Sunset Gospel Hour, Calvary B-P Church, Pandan, Jul 26, '98]

Text: Acts 5:1-11. Is it not a joy to read of the rich in the days of the Apostolic Church that they sold their properties and brought their proceeds humbly to the leaders that they might use it for the welfare of the whole congregation? The Lord has blessed Calvary with those who have the means to use their substance for establishing B-P Churches in other parts of the world. Here is a lesson for the rich how they might use their funds for God's Kingdom, to His glory. God's work is hindered when we withhold our funds.

What troubles us about Ananias and Sapphira is their hidden sin of not reporting truthfully on the amount they gave to the Church. For vainglory they declared to have given the whole sum, when they secretly kept part of it. They died for this hidden sin—on money. The hidden sin about money for self-glory.

Here the Church should learn not to advertise the gifts of members. What is brought to the Church should be anonymously reported. Only the Treasurer knows the persons who give through cheques or designations. At Life Church we announce every item, anonymously, in our Weekly Bulletin and every designated gift. Members are well pleased with this system. They have utmost confidence in how moneys are received and how moneys are spent. Not like the old system of

50 years ago when our Chinese Mother Church would display the names and amounts of givers, yielding prominence to those who gave most. Did this not also fall into the trap of vainglory?

The hidden sin concerning money leads us to the case of Judas. When Mary of Bethany gave a precious pound of spikenard ointment to anoint Jesus, Judas grumbled how wasteful it was. It should be sold for 300 pence (\$3,000 today) and be used on the poor. But John observed he was a thief. He would more happily dip his fingers into the replenished Treasury. And this habit of stealing led him even to sell His Master for 30 pieces of silver. He was so condemned by his guilt that he hanged himself, and when his body fell to the ground, his bowels burst.

In the steps of Judas there are high officers of the church who also dip into God's money. An elder of a small B-P Church who was treasurer took all the money under his care and spent it. He wasn't able to repay the sum and he left the Church and eldership. That was the end of his Church membership. How sad. A pastor of an upcountry church embezzled a substantial sum. He lost his pastorate ever since. Another pastor also of an upcountry church collected a sum for the Building Fund. He simply absconded. He was never heard of again.

Money is the first test of a

man's character. Be careful how you deal with it. It is not a good sign for us to borrow either. If we do, says Wang Ming Tao, make sure we return it at the earliest opportunity. In an emergency, we borrow, but be sure to return it "by the next day." I have in all my life never borrowed as taught by my grandfather, nor paid interest. For that matter we refused to borrow from the bank for a big project but worked our hardest. With no debt our Church is doubly strong and able to succour others.

The next test is sex. Money and sex are the first two temptations. Let us study the hidden sin of sex in David's life. It is a notorious story to all of us how David fell for Bathsheba and committed adultery with her. In order to cover up his shame, for she conceived, he gave a present to Uriah, Bathsheba's husband when he returned from the battlefield. Uriah being a loyal soldier to the king would not go home for the night. "But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house" (II Sam 11:9). And since he persisted not to go home to show his devotion to the king, David thought of a plan to get rid of him. He wrote a letter and sent it by Uriah's hand to his general Joab. In this letter was Uriah's death warrant. Joab was instructed to send him to the thick of battle that he might be killed. And so it was.

With Uriah eliminated David now took over Bathsheba openly and enjoyed himself with her in rosy clouds of oblivion. But God sent Nathan the prophet to bring him to book. He told the parable of a rich man who had many flocks and herds, and a poor man who had only one ewe lamb. When a traveller came to visit the rich man he spared to take one from his flock but took the poor man's lamb and killed it to entertain his friend. The prophet asked the king for judgment in this case. The king gave righteous judgment according to Moses' law that the rich man must pay back fourfold. "Thou art the man," replied Nathan. At this the king was jolted from his slumber. The saving feature in this story is that David immediately repented, but for the injury he had done, "the sword shall never depart from thy house" (II Sam 12:10). Truly he must serve the sentence he passed on himself. For the murder of Uriah he lost four of his sons—the baby born with Bathsheba, Amnon, Absalom and Adonijah.

Like father, like son, Amnon's illicit love for Absalom's sister Tamar led him to rape Tamar his half-sister. And as is reported frequently that

such violent lust leads to bitter hatred thereafter, Tamar was discarded by Amnon like a worn-out shoe. This stirred such anger in Absalom's heart for his sister that he had Amnon assassinated in due time. The curse of hidden sexual sin. It strikes like a cobra.

The curse of hidden sexual sin has fallen on Princess Diana, first through the unfaithfulness of Prince Charles her husband. This so frustrated her that she had an affair with her royal escort. From bad to worse she fell in love with an Egyptian tycoon. She ended her life abruptly when trying to shake off the hounding of paparazzi. Can such a miserable life of a failed marriage be the hilarious acclaim by a whole nation?

In my young days we were intrigued by King Edward VIII the granduncle of Prince Charles. Because he loved an American woman Mrs Simpson he had to give up his crown after one month in order to marry her. They seemed to live for ever happily after, like what is told in fairy tales. But could sin in a promiscuous marriage bear any sweet fruit? A biography written of the semi-royal couple revealed the agony and sorrows that followed them all their life.

How many frustrations in our lives have occurred because of hidden sins about sex. And yet there is deliverance and forgiveness when we come humbly and sincerely at the feet of the Lord Jesus. He gives us hope and a new lease of life, as He pardoned the woman taken in adultery, "Go and sin no more." "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). Amen.



The intake of students for this semester in the 36th year comprises 16 full-time and 6 part-time students. This raises the student body's total to 87. Our students come from 17 countries as follows: Korea, Thailand, Palau, Malaysia, Singapore, USA, Myanmar, Indonesia, Sarawak, Australia, India, Kenya, Nepal, Vietnam, Philippines, Taiwan and Canada. Candidates for the Masters Degree (MDiv or MRE) have their first degrees indicated:

1. James Sun Yazhang, BA (Australia)
2. Ellyzabeth, B Church Music (Indonesia)

3. Irwan Suryadi T, BSc (Indonesia)
4. Linda Liejardi (Indonesia)
5. Paul Losute Kendagor (Kenya)
6. Stephen Kavita Masila, BTh (Kenya)
7. Francis Onyango Nyamwa (Kenya)
8. Alex Nasongo Wugu (Kenya)
9. Dim Khan Man (Myanmar)
10. Zung Hlei Thang Louis (Myanmar)
11. Goh Cheng Huat Peter (S'pore)
12. Chen Chih-Chuan Mark, BA (S'pore)
13. Ng Boon Choo (S'pore)
14. Ong Chair Siang, BA (S'pore)
15. Sim Peng Sin, BSc (S'pore)
16. Tan Kian Sing, BEng (Civil) (S'pore)
17. Wong Wei Ping (S'pore)
18. Nguyen Thi Thu (Vietnam)
19. Tran Thi Thien Thanh (Vietnam)

Ordination of Ev. Joseph Liu of Tanjung Pinang, Aug 23, '98

Ev. Joseph Liu is a pioneer with his father-in-law, the late Rev Tan Peng Koen to Tanjung Pinang since 1967.

I came to know him in 1973 when the Lord led me to Tg Pinang. During all these years he has been serving with his wife Esther Tan in the Chinese Church. He has all along been a religious teacher in the primary School founded by Rev Tan.

Under his ministry he has helped to establish Kijang and Tanjung Uban branch churches from Tg Pinang.

Having attained maturity in the Lord's Service, we, moderating pastors of Tg Pinang, Rev Bob Phee, Rev Koa Keng Woo and Rev T Tow, have examined our brother, both written and oral, and have found him adequately prepared for ordination. Lord's Day, Aug 23, '98 is set aside for this sacred purpose. Rev Phee will preach at the ordination service, Rev Tow will conduct the ordination and Rev Koa will give the charge.

Praise God, another minister is to be ordained. After ordination Rev Joseph Liu will make an exploratory trip to Bengkalis, 7 hours by boat from Batam to the Sumatra coast.

—T.T.



TESTIMONY

On the day my wife Magdalene was diagnosed having breast cancer, I was shocked, not knowing what to do. My first thought was to pray to the only God that I know—our Lord Jesus Christ, asking for His help and mercy.

Mrs Dorothy Sin recommended Professor Walter Tan of NUH and upon mentioning to my brother-in-law, Dr Tan Yew Ghee, he helped us with the necessary arrangements and we proceeded to consult Prof Walter Tan.

My wife was admitted for further investigation such as bone/CT Scan and others.

The operation was scheduled on 23 June 98 (morning), I prayed fervently to our Lord Jesus Christ crying for mercy, asking Him to give wisdom to Prof Walter Tan.

The operation was successfully completed around noon, and she recovered fully the next day. When I visited her in the hospital she was very radiant, smiling and talking all the time and her appetite was very good.

We gratefully offer a thanksgiving gift of \$500 for the many blessings our Lord has given to her during the operation and at the time when she was in hospital. I thank the Lord for his endless mercies and love given to my beloved wife.

I would sincerely like to thank our Pastor T Tow, Pastor Colin Wong, Pastor Charles Seet, Elders, Deacons, brothers, sisters in Christ, the Men's Fellowship and the Ladies Fellowship, Sharon BP Church, B.S.F. leaders and W.S.C.S. for their fervent prayers, kindness and support. All these enable her to lay her confidence on our Lord Jesus Christ for speedy recovery.

Our special thanks also to my sister-in-law, Irene and my brother-in-law, Dr Tan Yew Ghee for making all the necessary arrangements, moral support, kindness and their offer to stay with them after my wife discharged from hospital. May God bless them richly.

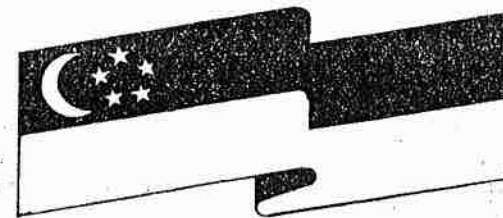
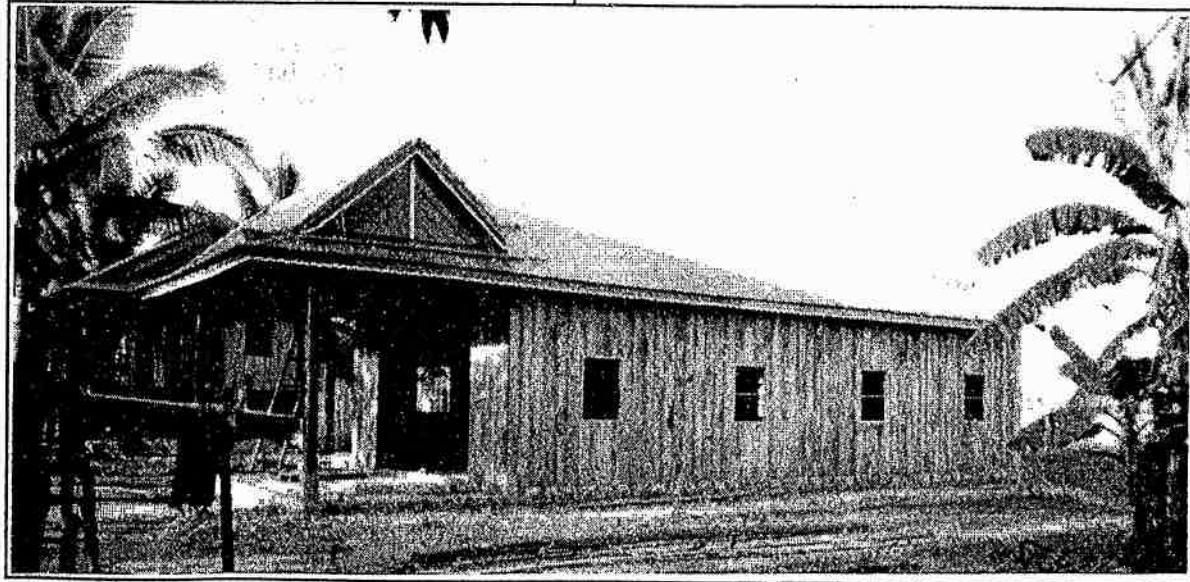
"To God be the glory."

"Those who believe in Him He shall not cast out."

With grateful thanks,

—Tan Soo Phiow & Magdalene

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 10 - 16, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:		
MON	6.00 pm	NBC Anniversary, FEBC Hall	\$8,005.10 (8.00 am); \$18,672.00 (10.30 am)		
	7.30 pm	No <i>Isalah</i> lecture	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$200, \$226(MF), \$540(Coinaton), \$420(Boxes), \$100, \$2250, 2741(Chinese Ser); Missions \$200; Cambodia \$150, \$750, \$300, \$100(Orphans); Mersing \$200; S Takashima \$50; Tan Kian Sing \$300; Vancouver BPC \$200; Children's Ministry \$200, \$200; Rev Colin Wong \$150; MsF \$200; China-Chinese Bibles \$50; Dr Goh Seng Fong \$50(YF); LBPC Literature Ministry \$500; JS Heng \$250.		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetic Books (Rev Charles Seet)	(1) All praises be to God for His many blessings bestowed upon me. Please channel this small amount to Ms Setsuko Takashima. May she continue to be "light of the world" to deliver the gospel to the unsaved ones in Japan. Amen.		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Dr Goh Seng Fong) Charismatic (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(2) "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion" (Ps 71:1). Thank you, dear Lord, for thy many blessings and care for my family and me. (China-Chinese Bibles \$50).		
FRI	7.45 pm	Combined Men's & Ladies' Fellowship FEBC Hall	(3) Praise God for His grace and mercy in granting me a 5% cut of salary instead of the 10% cut that the boss has announced during the meeting (\$130).		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF	Alexander Duff, (India). You and all the rest have only hitherto been, as it were, playing at missions. —1807-1878		
SUN	8.00 am	Is there any such thing as Prophetic Prayer? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Verse for the Week: <i>I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.</i> 1 Tim 2:1		
	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	Young Lifers Worship			
	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; 3.30 pm LBC			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
NBC This Week. <i>Thu</i> Henderson.					
Sunday School Offering: \$1,123.85; Attendance: 349					
Catechism Class. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class.					



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn John Hoe	Eld Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 18	No. 105
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Neh 1:4-11	Rom 13:1-7
Hymn	Singapura	Singapura
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 371	No. 384
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Acts 12:1-19	John 17:9-12
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Place of Prayer in the Life of God's People</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>God's Love for His People</i> (Rev Prabhudas Koshy)
Closing Hymn	No. 362	No. 95
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

WORLD MISSIONS SURVEY — 1998 (I)

(From *Missionary Monthly*, Dick L. Van Halsema, Editor)

Each year, *Missionary Monthly* publishes a World Missions Survey. The last of these surveys was printed in the March 1997 issue.

Obviously, these surveys are published not merely to provide information. They are offered to readers with the prayer that the information will stimulate thinking, praying, planning, and acting to help extend the mission of Christ's church worldwide.

How can you and your church mission committee or prayer group use this edition of World Mission Survey? The progress of local and global evangelization will be affected by the way in which you and your church respond—or do not respond.

1. The Great Commission given by the Lord Jesus Christ after His resurrection remains in effect (Matthew 28:18-20; see also Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, John 20:21, Acts 1:8, and Romans 16:25-27). It has not been abrogated: it still is binding upon Christ's disciples, the church. This truth is the foundation for all that follows.

2. The church's great calling is to disciple the peoples of the earth. The church exists to worship God, to serve and to

provide fellowship, and to nurture His covenant people for effective witness in the mission of Christ's church. In the light of eternity, the church's grand calling is to make disciples of all people who inhabit the earth.

3. The task of discipling the nations is given to the church in all parts of the world. The mission of Christ's church is not a task peculiar to the church in Europe or North America. It is essential to the church's life and ministry everywhere. In coming years, the majority of Christian missionaries will be sent out from churches in the "Two-Thirds World."

4. The Son of God is gathering His church from out of the entire race (see Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 54). The Christian church in all countries is growing—counting about 1,965,993,000 members (see "Status of Global Mission, 1998," in the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, January 1998, pages 26-27). This is the highest number since the day of Pentecost. Example: by the power of God's Spirit and Word, the number of believers in China apparently has grown from 1 million in 1949 to more than 60 million today.

5. The majority of Christians is found in the "Two-Thirds World." White Christians are definitely in the

minority within the fellowship of Christ's church.

6. The Holy Spirit is moving churches all over the world to a greater commitment to discipling their neighbors and to cross-cultural outreach. More congregations are getting involved in mission projects and fields, recruiting and sending missionaries from their membership. A growing number of denominational and parachurch agencies are sending an increasing number of workers to mission assignments. This is the Lord's doing. But so much remains to be done! See also paragraph 21.

7. God plans to incorporate into His church a vast number of members who are drawn from every people and tribe, every culture and language (Revelation 7:9). The church which mainly looks inward to its own racially or socially homogeneous membership forgets God's declared purpose for His church (and may be found in opposition to it).

8. World population has grown to more than 5.9 billion people, more than twice as many as one hundred years ago (according to United Nations statistics, 1991). Almost 1.2 billion of earth's inhabitants live in the People's Republic of China. Another billion are found in the Indian sub-continent (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh). Africa and South America together comprise just under a third billion. By the end of the 20th century, world population may exceed 6 billion inhabitants, despite a definite slowing down of the rate of increase at present.

9. Approximately 67% of the world's people are not Christian. These 3.8 billion people constitute the prayer and ministry concern for the church of Christ around the world. The overwhelming majority of earth's people today are young people in their teen-age years. Half of Mexico's 95 million inhabitants in 1994, for example, were under 20 years of age.

10. About one half of the world's unreached people (a total 3.8 billion) are neighbors of Christians, who have prime responsibility for contact and witness among them. Thus, every church of Christ in every place has the responsibility to evangelize its neighbours.

11. The remaining 34% of the world's people (about 1.9 billion) must be reached primarily by Christians from many other lands who will go as cross-cultural missionaries to

bring them the Gospel by means of long-term ministry.

12. A missionary couple may be able to minister significantly to about 5,000 people by their work and witness during a lifetime of ministry. This means that a total of about 380,000 missionary evangelists should be sent and supported by the church in all lands to bring the Gospel to the 1.9 billion unreached people.

13. The 380,000 missionaries are needed for evangelizing and church gathering assignments, apart from administrative and support services. The key need is for a large number of missionaries who will major in preaching and teaching the Word of God.

14. The number of cross-cultural missionaries in 1998 is estimated to be about 398,000, sent by churches and mission agencies in many lands. Over 100,000 are sent out from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. About 78,000 are commissioned by churches in Europe, with about 220,000 sent out from churches in North America.

15. One-fourth of European and North American cross-cultural missionaries currently are engaged in translation, evangelization, church planting, and teaching. Three-fourths are assigned to administrative and support work (deed ministries in areas such as agriculture, aviation, community development, literacy, medicine, and relief efforts). If this pattern of specialization is applied to the global Protestant mission force, only about 83,000 out of 332,000 cross-cultural missionaries presumably are involved directly with ministries of the Word.

16. Large numbers of people remain relatively untouched by missionary outreach toward the close of the 20th century. Example: fewer than one-fiftieth of evangelical missionaries are working among one billion Muslims—who constitute more than one-sixth of all people on earth.

17. In the light of current missionary surveys, about 244 million tribal religionists in 5,600 distinct ethnic peoples remain to be evangelized in many parts of the world. Each of such people groups has its distinctive tradition, culture, and language. Accordingly, churches and mission agencies now are directing more missionary efforts to specific people groups—not merely to a country as a whole (e.g., to the Quechuas of southern Peru, not simply "to Peru").

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Report from Moses Hahn

Today is voting day. From morning it rained the whole day. It was heavy rain. I visited one of the voting places. It was peaceful. Last few weeks, there were peaceful campaigns from various parties.

Now Botsemon church is almost being built. We applied for a church permit with the government (the applicant: the eldest son of ex-landowner: church name, Botsemon B-P Church). We must get 5 stamps: commune, district, district religion, Sihanouk Ville religion and major. We get 3 stamps already and 2 more remain. If we get church permit, we would like to have dedication service during September.

In Onyahaeng, also 70% of church building has been done. Now, roofing and flooring remain. We also applied for a church permit of Onyahaeng to the government. Now we got 3 stamps. Two more! [The applicant: Brother Phannith (interpreter, co-worker); church name: Onyahaeng B-P Church.]

In Smaittaing: We bought church land (24x26m) with the love gifts of Singaporeans and Koreans during the stay at Batam Camp in June. It is very big village. We want to start building church. But it would be bigger than Botsemon and Onyahaeng because of village size. We estimate US\$3,000 in building (7m x 16m).

We want to start now because Mrs Hahn brought some love gifts when she visited Korea last June. We also applied for the church permit to the government. [Applicant: Peter (Bible student), church name: Smaittaing B-P Church.] Now we got one stamp. Four more!

These are our prayer items:

Toilet for Botsemon Church — US\$400

Toilet for Onyahaeng Church — US\$400

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Me A Sinner

*Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner,
for oft I've grieved Thee so.
But Thy grace has broken my fetters,
And has made me Thy love to know.*

*Long have I sinned and strayed from Thee,
And wandered from Thy side.
But, Thou, my Christ, hast died for me,
And now safe in Thee I abide.*

*Was it for me a worm that Thou hast died?
And shed Thy blood upon the Tree?
Amazing love, grace so free,
Lord, to such a wretch like me.*

*May I, then, O Lord, with each
fleeting moment,
E'er fix my eyes upon Thy Cross,
To count it all joy for Thee to suffer,
And to count all earthly treasures but dross.*

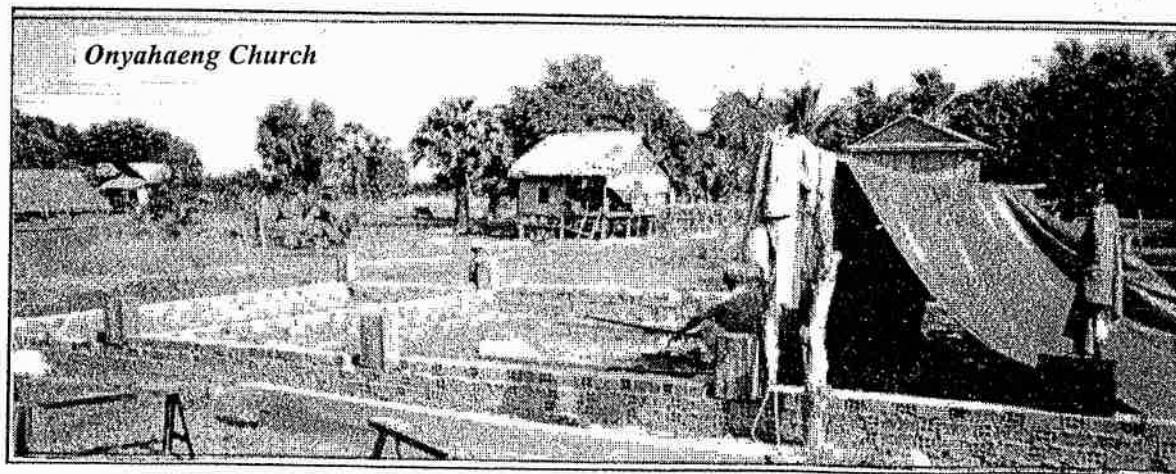
*O glorious day, that shall be!
When I shall awake to behold Thy face,
Where sin shall no more tempt nor molest,
And I shall sing Thy ceaseless praise.*

—A Lifer

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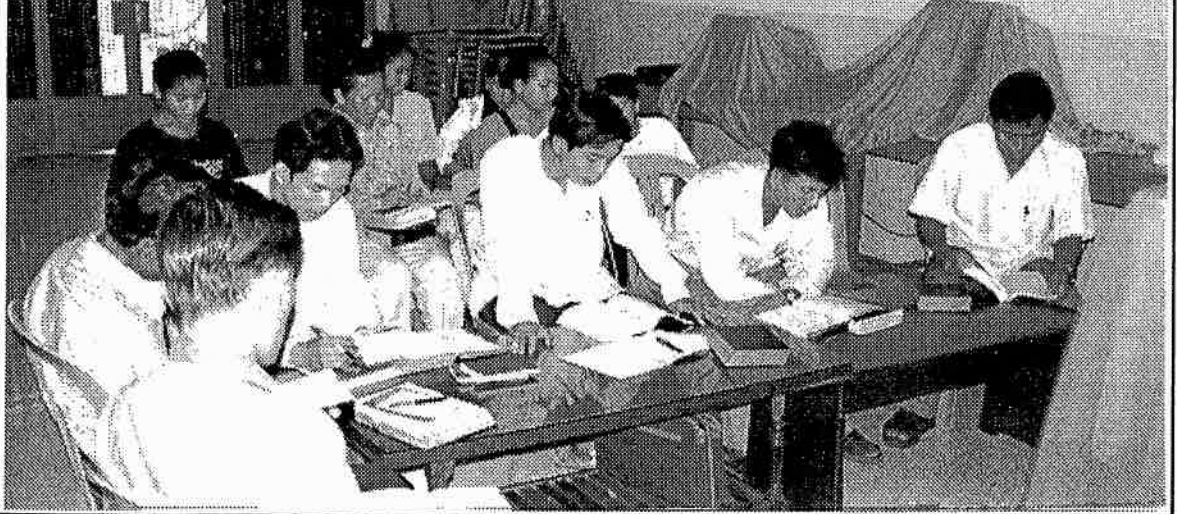
Lord, give us good opportunity to preach the Gospel to this land even after elections.

PS: Thank you for sending fax machine. Our fax no: 034-933-731 (same with phone no.).



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (17 - 23 Aug '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetic Books (Rev Charles Seet)
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Dr Goh Seng Fong)
		Charismatic (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC
SUN	8.00 am	The Importance, Aspects and Subjects of Prayer (Rev Charles Seet)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House
	10.30 am	Rev Stephen Masila (Rev Tow to Tg Pinang)
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship
	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
NBC This Week. Fri Bedok, Bishan, Bt Batok, Yishun.		
Verse for the Week: For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38,39		OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$630(Boxes); Missions \$50(Indonesian Missions); Cambodia \$200, \$800(toilets); Tan Kian Sing \$200; KJV Study Bible \$30; Moses Hahn \$290; Rev Colin Wong \$200, \$200; Rev Charles Seet \$200, \$200; MsF \$200; Nirand \$300; Stephen Masila \$300; Dr Jeffrey Khoo \$200; Yiew PS \$200; Eld Khoo PK \$400; Yishun Ring BASC \$300.
		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) I thank God for seeing me thru these 19 years, especially last 2 years of my spiritual life. (\$50 for Indonesian Missions) (2) Thank you dear Father that despite the economic crunch, you've not slowed down in 'avalanching' me with a surprise bonus. Mal 3:10 'Overwhelmed by His Goodness' (3) "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov 10:22). \$600 for: Rev Colin Wong \$200, Rev Charles Seet \$200, Missionary Fellowship \$200.
		Missionary Quotes: David Livingstone (Africa). If you have men who will come only if there is a good road, I don't want them. I want strong, courageous men, who will come even if there is no road. —1813-1874. Adoniram Judson (Burma). The prospects are bright as the promises of God. The motto of every missionary...ought to be "Devoted for life." —1788-1850
		Catechism Class. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class at Beulah House (Rev Colin Wong).
		Sunday School Offering: \$442.60; Attendance: 302

Bible Class for Computer Students — Rev David Koo



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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	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 93	No. 540
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 130	Jn 8:1-12
Hymn	No. 46	No. 295
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 565	No. 324
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text		Rom 14:1-23
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Is there any such thing as Prophetic Prayer? (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Unity in Diversity Through Charity
Closing Hymn	No. 371	No. 305
Benediction		

WORLD MISSIONS SURVEY — 1998 (II)
[From Missionary Monthly, Dick L Van Halsema, Editor]

18. The key need in all lands today is for missionaries who will come as helpers and partners, not directors; as servants, not masters. **Leadership training** is desired by the developing church in all parts of the world, since the pioneer tasks in evangelism and church planting can be carried out mainly (not exclusively) by national believers where the church exists.

19. Possibly 80% of all missionaries are being sent to areas of the world where the church already is planted. **The urgent need** is for a majority of missionaries to be sent where the Gospel has not yet been preached—at least, where the need is greater than where the church already exists. Each local congregation can help to redirect missionary resources by setting the goal of helping to send and support missionaries assigned to pioneer areas of the world. Some may be sent as "tentmakers," obtaining technical or professional employment in "closed" countries as a means of personal witness.

20. In the light of the world population (item 8), of the 67% who are not Christian (item 9), and of the consequent need for many new missionaries (item 12), the church must reckon with the need for **more than a 475% augmentation** of workers in the Gospel. This is based on an increase of the worldwide

Protestant missionary task force from 83,000 to 380,000 evangelists (items 12 to 15), with an appropriate additional number of support workers.

21. The urgent need for a great number of new missionaries must be faced by **each Christian congregation** (in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America, and elsewhere). Each local church is called to discover its responsibility for missionary recruitment among its membership. On the average, congregations may need to increase commitment fivefold in terms of recruiting missionary personnel, not merely in terms of funding. Each congregation should pray and work toward recruiting and sending out missionaries, until it reaches the goal of sending and supporting at least one new evangelist or church planter (individual or family) for about every 60 church members. See also paragraph 6.

22. The raising up, sending, and supporting of **new missionary workers** should be a local church's main annual goal, not merely the attainment of a monetary amount. At the same time, more funds are needed—and are available. David Barrett reports that the Christian world still spends 98% of its income on itself.

23. Despite the growth in number of short-term workers in recent decades, and their

value in certain mission tasks, the continuing need is for **long-term missionaries**. Adaptation to culture, language learning, and growth of personal relationships require far more than a year or two of work and residence.

24. About 90% of all missionaries today must seek their **prayer and financial support** from the Lord's people. This means, of course, that the salaried missionary is far from being the norm. The implications for the local congregation are clear: it should take more initiative in making missionary support funds available, and vastly larger funds must be sought for an expanded missionary force.

25. The 380,000 evangelists and church planters needed (see items 12, 13) **must receive adequate preparation** for their ministries. To be effective in the service of Christ, such workers need substantial practical experience in evangelizing and cross-cultural orientation on the field. They also should complete thorough academic preparation over a period of years (in Bible, Christian doctrine, missiology, history of missions, anthropology and culture, world religions and cults). Congregations should take an active role in guiding prospective missionaries concerning their practical and academic preparation, long before such persons actually apply for appointment to a mission board or agency.

26. Churches must **train members** in personal witnessing and encourage them to enter short-term training programs at home and abroad. Program examples: S.W.I.M., Mexico START, Mexico STS, Mexico ADVANCE work groups, METS and TASC (request details from I.D.E.A. Ministries: see page 2 for Editorial Office address, shared by I.D.E.A. Ministries).

27. **Missionary radio, TV, films, recordings, and printed materials** constitute important missionary ministries today. Missionary radio outreach penetrates "closed countries" as well as other lands, bringing missionary radio programs in over 180 languages today. At the same time, hundreds of millions of people cannot be reached by radio because no broadcasts are being aired in at least 200 major languages. Even where missionary radio penetrates in languages that can be understood, missionaries and teachers are needed to strengthen new believers, gather churches, provide leadership training, and point young

churches to their evangelistic tasks among their own people. Missionary radio has been compared to the "air force," while missionaries who enter a given area are compared to the "infantry." Both are needed.

28. Until the latter part of the 20th century, the majority of earth's people lived in rural areas. The great sociological change in this century has been the **accelerating migration of people to cities**—410 of them having more than 1 million inhabitants. The church must reckon seriously and undauntedly with this significant urbanization of earth's people—and with the hazards to life and witness which city life presents (e.g., slums, crime, vice, drug trade, exploitation of children).

29. Numerous mission agencies are coordinating efforts to **reach all the world's people** with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by A.D. 2000. Until recently, Christian TV by satellite was available in only one language (English). The goal is seven "world" languages by the end of the 1990s. Scripture portions in print must increase from 2,961 languages to 6,676; dialects on audio-cassettes from 4,588 to about 14,000 "audio" languages by A.D. 2000.

30. Toward the end of the 20th century, the **increase in persecution of Christians** in many parts of the world has become a sobering part of missionary life. As David Barrett reports, more Christians have died as martyrs for Jesus' sake in this century than in all previous centuries combined. Missionaries must face hardship, opposition, imprisonment, torture, and possible hostage conditions as well. Missionary candidates must reckon with such grim realities, seeking God's grace to remain faithful unto death.

31. The **crisis in missions today** is not merely the worker shortage, which has been evident for a long time (see Jesus' words in Luke 10:1-2). The church faces a crisis of faith and obedience, of love for people lost without Christ, of serious planning, of selfless service, and of prevailing prayer. The words of James 1:22 (NIV) are pertinent: "Do not merely listen to the word . . . Do what it says."

Under God, the church can do much more toward the evangelization of the world before A.D. 2000, if it has a mind to do so. What effort will you and your church make, by God's grace, to help change the world?

TESTIMONY

I was brought up in a Taoist family. But I was only a Taoist in name. I followed my family's religious practices throughout my teen years without much knowledge about the religion.

It was when I started studying in a missionary college that I first heard the word of God. I was not touched and converted in spite of the worship sessions I attended. Since then, I had rejected the gospel of Jesus Christ time and again for several years until I completed my undergraduate studies.

After my graduation, I started to follow my friend who is a Life Church member to church every Sunday. I began to listen to the word of God intently, something which I had never bothered to do before during my JC days. I was also undergoing my teaching course in NIE simultaneously. There I met several classmates who are staunch Christians, always availing themselves to evangelise and win souls for the Lord. We often had discussions on Christianity and it was from such occasions that my knowledge and belief in the religion took its roots. As time went by, I could sense that I was looking forward to Sunday worship in church. But I was still hesitant in accepting the Lord as my personal Saviour as I was still doubtful about my new found faith. I wanted to avoid making a hasty decision until I was certain about making this lifelong religious commitment.

The final test came when my parents wanted me to be present at a Taoist ritual to receive the deity's blessings. Reluctantly, I went there to please them. My heart was greatly perturbed throughout my entire stay there. I simply had no desire to stay on further. The uneasiness within me prompted me to have serious thoughts about my religious conviction. Still, I couldn't explain the reason behind this extraordinary experience.

A few days later, I shared this unexplainable experience with my NIE classmate over luncheon. He shared the gospel with me and invited me to accept Christ immediately. I was convicted of my sins and was converted there and then.

Our God has indeed been patient and gracious to me. The Holy Spirit had been working slowly and steadily in my heart to bring about my conversion. He has led me back to the sheepfold despite my wilfulness. I thank God for the many blessings He has showered on me and for giving me new life in Christ. May God continue to help me grow in faith and love for Him.

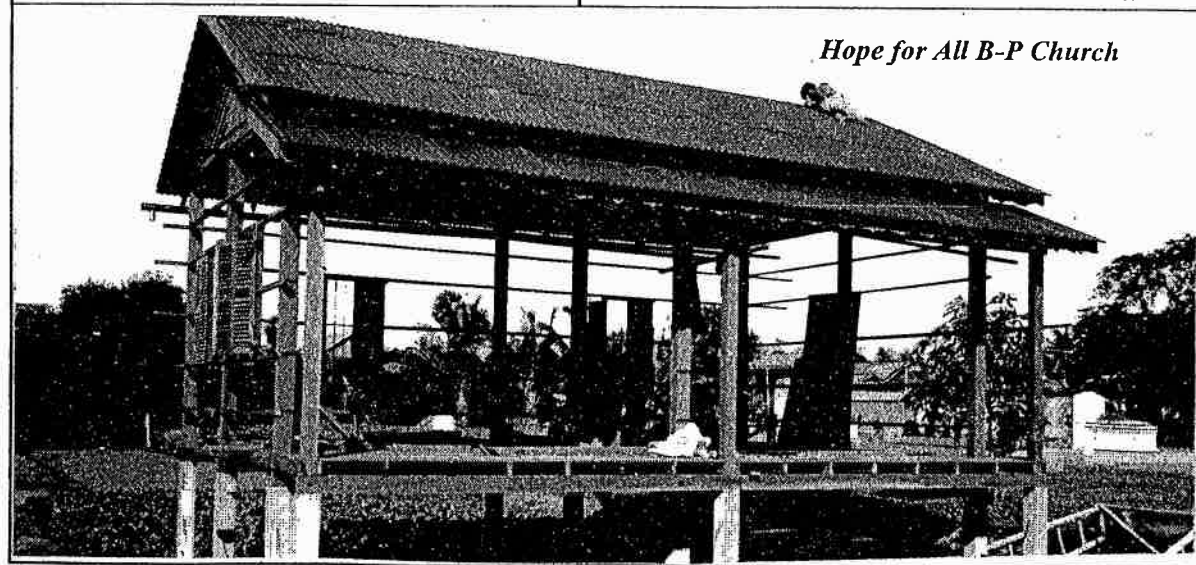
—Tan Ling Ling

8 Reasons Why the Gospel Task Has Not Been Completed

1. We do not really care (**Heart problem**). Romans 10:1 *Brethren, my heart's desire [compassion] and prayer for Israel is, that they might be saved.* (See also: Acts 3:2f; I John 4:8-10).
2. We do not see the need (**Eye problem**). John 4:35 *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.* (See also: Matt 9:36; Acts 3:3-6).
3. We fail to listen to God's command to assist the laborers he sends forth (**Ear problem**). Philippians 4:18 *But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.* (See also: John 4:15,13; II Cor 9:11-13).
4. We fail in intercessory prayer support (**Knee problem**). II Thess 3:1,2 *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.* (See also: John 15:7,8, 16:23,24; Acts 1:14, 3:31-33).
5. We do not sacrifice for missions (**Hand problem**). II Cor 8:2,2 *How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.* [Giving by the Macedonians commended.] (See also: Malachi 3:10; I Cor 16:2).
6. We think God has another way (**Head problem**). Acts 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* (See also: John 8:24, 14:6; Acts 17:22,23; Rev 15:4).
7. We fail in our witnessing (**Mouth problem**). II Cor 5:20 *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...* (See also: Mark 16:15; John 15:16; Acts 1:8, 8:4).
8. We hear God's call, but do not go (**Foot problem**). Isaiah 6:8 *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.* (See also: Acts 9:6,20; Rom 1:14-16, 10:14,15).

—Rev Morris McDonald, D.D.
Presbyterian Missionary Union

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (24 - 30 Aug '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	\$6,829.40 (8.00 am); \$15,443.10 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$205; Missions \$100, \$300(Indonesian), \$300, \$200(Indonesian), \$347(Holland); Cambodia \$20(Revs MosesHahn/Jonathan Lee), \$100, \$500, \$100(Orphans); Mersing \$426; Frankie Matius \$54, \$200, \$100; Baraka BPC \$100; JJ Lim \$250; JS Heng \$50, \$100, \$100, \$792; Rev Phillip Heng \$100; Rev Jack Sin \$100; Rev Edward Paauwe \$100; Moses Hahn \$50; Needy sick in S'pore \$250; Rev Charles Seet \$1000; Jonathan Lee \$500; Elder Khoo PK \$300; Batam(Roska) \$300; Burma Printing Press \$1000, \$300(JSM).		
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetic Books (Rev Charles Seet)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Dr Goh Seng Fong) Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(1) Heavenly Father, Thank you for thy abounding love, goodness and grace upon my family. Also, for thy protection and goodness during a recent trip to Malaysia, for bringing us back safely. Thank you Lord for everything. (\$100 for Rev Jack Sin) —A Grateful Servant		
FRI	7.30 pm	Session Get-Together with MsF (Dn Wee Hian Kok's residence)	(2) Thank God for the promotion and salary increase. All praise and glory to God. (\$360) —an unworthy Lifer		
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF	(3) Thank God for His abundant blessings. His plan is always the best above all that we ask or seek. Amen.		
SUN	8.00 am	Prayer and the Word of God (Elder Lim Teck Chye)	(4) Thank God for His grace in redeeming me from the troubled waters and raging fires at work and His providence in blessing me with a modest salary increment. May this thanksgiving be used fruitfully for the extension of His Kingdom. "The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation" (Ps 118:14).		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Catechism Class. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class at Beulah House (Rev Colin Wong).		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship			
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	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Thu Henderson; Fri Queenstown.					
Sunday School Offering: \$473.00; Attendance: 366					
Verse for the Week: <i>There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.</i> Prov 11:24,25					



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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	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 333
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 25	Psalms 37:1-7; 23-29
Hymn	No. 43	No. 355
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 67	<i>My Jesus as Thou Wilt</i>
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Tim 2:1-4	Mk 16:1-8
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Importance, Aspects and Subjects of Prayer</i> (Rev Charles Seet)	<i>Who Shall Roll Away the Stone?</i> (Rev Stephen Masila)
Closing Hymn	No. 420	No. 353
Benediction		

My dear Readers

Amsterdam, Fri Aug 14, '98

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

When I flew to Amsterdam in 1958 by Super Constellation with one or two stops en route, it took 30 hours. Now, in 1998, by 747, it is 12½, nonstop. The distance is also cut short by flying over Russia.

But our plane was delayed 1½ hours flying out of Amsterdam. A passenger had checked in his luggage, but didn't turn up on time. By international law his luggage must be taken out. Like trying to hunt for a rat in a haystack it took 1½ hours. The captain said, usually it would take ½ an hour.

When we came to Detroit in order to divert south to Tampa our final destination, the pilot did not appear. We had 2 hours' wait before a relief pilot was found. The Steeles had to sit overtime at the airport. We didn't get into his house at Clearwater until 1 am. This is part of life. Rom 8:28. God rules and overrules.

The 62nd Synod of the BP Church was held at Lakeland, Florida, 1½ hours drive from Clearwater. Dr Steele kindly took us there. Here I met many old friends, brother ministers. I brought 120 copies of my message, *The Unfinished Commission* which disappeared before an audience of 150. The 4th point of my message on the corrupt text of Westcott and Hort was news to a good number. In order further to enlighten them on the crucial subject, I had brought along 60 kilos of

books, a great portion of my brother's latest book, *Beyond Versions* and the green book *Theology for Every Christian*. A portion was earmarked for a Bible College in Kenya.

I've also contacted Dr Morris McDonald and confirmed with him to teach *The History of Missions* for our Daily Vacation Bible College next May. For the Camp to be held at Bintan, he will teach a Book of the Bible.

Sunday, Aug 9, I spoke at Suncoast B-P Church (Dr Howard Carlson). The Word was from Matt 12:18-32 and Jn 8:1-11 under the title *Satan Hates Jesus' Acts of Mercy, But Divine Apologetics Quashes It*. When Jesus healed the blind and dumb man possessed by a devil, the Pharisees retorted He had cast out the devil by Beelzebub the prince of devils. Jesus defeated his antagonists with sound logic that even Satan is united and it was impossible for such a thing to happen. Jesus cast out the devil by the Spirit of God. By application, I showed how Westcott and Hort, Satan's agents, have attacked our Lord by removing the account of the woman taken in adultery, Jn 8:1-11, because this story, they contend, is not found in the 2 oldest manuscripts. But this account is in the Textus Receptus with thousands of extant copies. My argument is there was never such a wonderful story written, that could come from a human pen.

It is the story of a magnanimous magnanimity that can come only from our Lord. At the same time Jesus shows how great is God's love in pardoning us sinners, if we repent. If Clinton and Lewinsky would humbly come to Jesus, and cry to Him for mercy, they will be saved. "To err is human, to forgive is divine."

We took leave of the Steeles at Tampa Airport, Mon. afternoon Aug 10. After we got on the plane the captain announced there was a storm raging over Detroit. The result was we were let out of the plane to wait at the Departure Lounge for two hours. When we arrived Detroit we were just in time to enplane for Amsterdam. One compensation flying out of Detroit was this leg of the journey took only 6 hrs. 45 mins. with the help of a tail wind. From Amsterdam to Detroit the time was 8½ hours. Why?

Schiphol Airport is one of the biggest and busiest airports. It would be a chore finding your way out. Fortunately there were Linda Harlim, FEBC graduate, 1975, and her husband who came to drive us to Schiphol Hotel. On top of that she paid our hotel bills, costing S\$150 per night. Why did we come to Amsterdam? To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches). About 100 came from every continent.

20 years ago in 1978 when our whole family was travelling to US on a one-year contract to teach at our alma mater Faith Seminary, we came by Amsterdam to attend the 30th Anniversary, killing two birds. We worshipped at the same English Reformed Church as today. A stained glass window depicting the Pilgrim Fathers kneeling on the wharf of Amsterdam's seaport to worship before boarding the Mayflower, 1620, for America became a page of religious history taught to my children—Jemima 11 and Jonathan 7. This was a rare privilege.

Our Conference opened here Aug 11 with two groups of newcomers joining us—Indians and French Baptists. Dr J C Maris who retires from the Council, gave a powerful message "For such a time as this" which I'd recommend for publication in the Burning Bush. He stressed strongly the times we live are the last days—Jesus is coming 2000 years nearer! What a timely warning. Dr McIntire is still very strong. Without him there could not be this 50th Anniversary. And the person who works out the salvation of this Assembly is Rev Dr K C Quek.

What is the greatest good that the 50th Anniversary can do? It is the publication of messages and Resolutions which are disseminated throughout the world. The Resolution on the Bible with full exposure of the Westcott and Hort poison hidden in the Hundred Versions vs. the KJV was worth all the time and expense of our coming to Amsterdam. Read the Bible Resolution reprinted hereat.

We return Fri. Aug 14 with Linda's attending to our departure after viewing the Dykes and a fishing village. Praise the Lord for His provisions through the love of His children. Thank God for safe arrival. —T.T.

The Bible Resolution

WHEREAS despite the fact that there are over 150 so-called "versions" of the Bible extant around the world today, there have been no new discoveries of ancient texts to legitimize this plethora of modern "versions" pouring off the presses and being sold as the "latest" Bible, and

WHEREAS a single exception to this has been the discovery of the now-famous Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940's in caves on the Judean mountain range and contained in clay jars with the texts written on leather and papyrus, and

WHEREAS fragments of all the books of the Hebrew Bible (except Esther) confirm almost to the letter the accuracy of the Authorized King James Version of the Old Testament, and

WHEREAS most of the modern versions are based upon the discredited and perverted Westcott and Hort transcription and not on the Textus Receptus (The Received Text) attested to by scholars for over 300 years, from which the Authorized King James Version was translated by the greatest theologians and textual critics of 17th Century England, who were academic experts, indeed, in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic, and

WHEREAS self-styled theologians who reject the inerrancy and inspiration of the Scriptures have gone so far as to make a loose-leaf notebook and tear out those pages they do not accept, even organizing what they designate as "Jesus Seminars" across the United States in which they declare that Jesus never did and said the things recorded in the four Gospels; and that the Gospel of John is the worst and is 90 percent fiction, and the obedient secular press quotes them from coast-to-coast, and

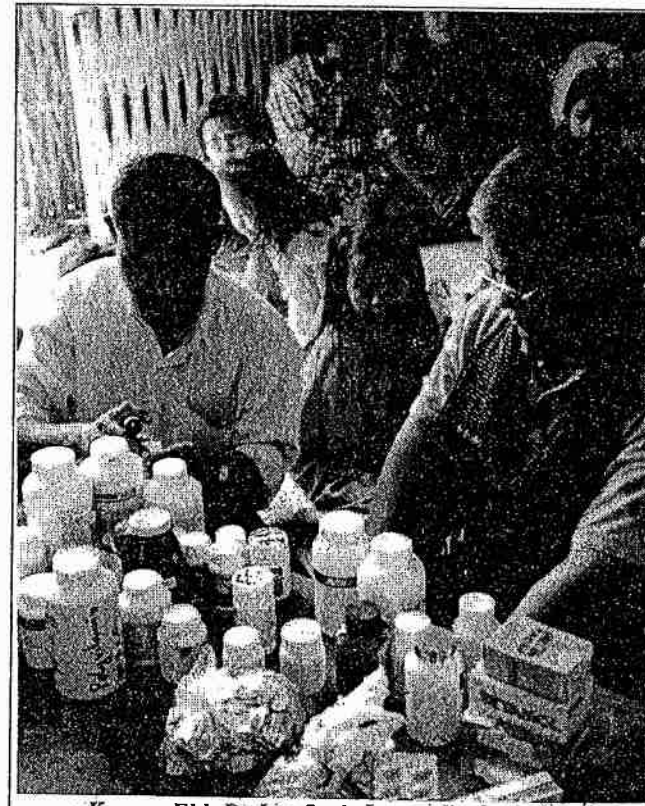
WHEREAS this same KING JAMES

VERSION has been used around the world by an overwhelming majority of Christian Clergymen, Evangelists, Bible Teachers, Missionaries and Youth Leaders to bring millions of people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ for more than three centuries,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the International Council of Christian Churches, assembled in the historic English Reformed Church in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, observing its 50th Anniversary, August 11-15, 1998, urge all Bible-Believing churches worldwide to use only the Authorized KING JAMES VERSION in their services and in their teaching ministry and warn the followers of Christ against these innumerable "new" bibles which are not translations at all, but revisions conforming to the personal bias and views of those who have originated them and who are profiting by commercial sales of such.

CAMBODIA LATEST *By Jonathan Lee*

Things here in Cambodia are progressing slowly as God continues to show his faithfulness in every



Korean Eld. Dr Lee Seok Jea medical mission to Cambodia

situation. Even amongst the instability of this nation and the poor living conditions, God's name is being glorified.

The future of Cambodia remains unknown. We are still trying to meet the need, which is even greater. I praise God for your big heart and of the Lifers for helping these poor people. The 5th container which you sent arrived in Cambodia early this week and will provide for much of the needy in Cambodia. I thank you so much for continuing to support the work of God here. I have been so blessed to be a part of an "awesome" church and have learnt from your church about sharing God's love.

The Hope for All B-P Church building is close to completion but because of the high cost of electrical fittings, I asked Korean elder, Dr Lee Seok Jea, who came and he offered US\$250. The members of the church are all in full appreciation of the support that you have blessed them with. They that attend my Bible classes are more keen to come and learn about Jesus Christ, and how to share His love with others. My students are all doing well and are progressing so much more with their English, music and Bible study. My class now consists of close to 17 students and I also have another class of younger students aged between 5-11. The younger consists of about 15-20 students and attend the class everyday at 1.00 pm for an hour.

I now have three soldiers that guard my house round the clock. At night there is one who sleeps at the gate of the house. We have a good relationship and I give whatever I can to show my appreciation. This house is now being owned by a high ranking military officer who placed those three soldiers here to protect this house. But I believe by the grace of God that He meant these soldiers to protect this house as a centre of sharing the Gospel to this poor village.

A medical team consisting of an elder, Dr Lee Seok Jea and two nurses and a helper, arrived here on 27th July. They used their skill and ability to help the poor people in the Name of Jesus Christ. The village was so blessed to have received such attention and treatment. God is allowing all this to happen through my Agape mission. So I really thank God for giving me this organisation through Life Church. Suy Sem who is Secretary of State asked me when Singapore doctors will come to Cambodia.

Once again I thank you for the big donation to these people and may God bless you and all Lifers and FEBC.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (31 Aug - 6 Sep '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	\$8,117.00 (8.00 am); \$11,156.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: Cambodia \$50, \$1000 (build Church/toilet); YF \$50, MsF \$100; Missionaries' salaries \$400; Moses Hahn \$220, \$200; LBPC \$200; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Rev Charles Seet \$100, \$200; Saipan Bldg Extn \$260; Ho Heng Sau \$150, \$500; JS Heng \$200, \$500; Yiew PS \$400; Children's Orph \$420; Saipan \$50 (Boxes); Jonathan Lee \$200; Batam poor & needy (Roska) \$600; Karuna \$200; Esther Chew \$200; Frankie Matius \$400; Myanmar Orph \$326.		
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetic Books (Rev Charles Seet)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Dr Goh Seng Fong)	(1) Japanese government made the new law for those who suffered with Kobe Earthquake from this year. The new law that the government may distribute JPY1,000,000 yen to each quake refugee. And I got JPY 180,000 yen this August 15th.		
FRI		Rev Tow to Kemaman	I don't wish to get these money for myself. If I needed then HE will prepare to my need.		
SAT	3.00 pm	6th Combined Fellowship Conference FEBC Hall (Rev Jack Sin)	This time you may use this offering for the Asian Churches. Today Asians are in trouble situation compared with Japan.		
	3.30 pm	LBC	—Setsuko Takashima		
SAT-WED	7.30 pm	JSM Meetings, Sanctuary	Combined Fellowship Conference this Sat. 5/9, 3-6 pm, FEBC Hall. Theme: <i>Lessons and Perspectives from the Protestant Reformation</i> . Speaker: Rev Jack Sin. Please register with Calvin Loh, 92281670 (pager).		
SUN	8.00 am	Prayer and the Lost World (Rev Charles Seet)	In conjunction with the FEBC Gospel Rally on 19 Sep, there will be 2 evening tracting sessions: Fri 4/9 in Toa Payoh and Wed 9/9 in Bishan. Those interested, please meet at the FEBC Hall, 7.30 pm on these 2 nights.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	Catechism Class. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class at Beulah House (Rev Colin Wong).		
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper			
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship			
	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 Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok, Yishun.					
Sunday School Offering: \$409.90; Attendance: 361					
Verse for the Week: <i>For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.</i> Psalm 84:11					



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"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	On George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 24	No. 3
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 32	Psalm 32
Hymn	No. 293	No. 266
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 414	No. 283
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Dan 9:1-27	Rom 15:1-3;
Pastoral Prayer		1 Cor 9:19-23
Sermon	Prayer and the Word of God (Elder Lim Teck Chye)	A Winsome Witness for Christ
Closing Hymn	No. 353	No. 524
Benediction		

Climax of Quarter Century's Sowing and Reaping Together

When the Lord committed to me the oversight of Zion Presbyterian Church, Tanjung Pinang, 1973, it was a weak, young plant of seven years. It was under Rev Tan Peng Koen, a retired Methodist minister, though he was Presbyterian by training. Assisting him was his eldest daughter Esther and her husband Joseph Liu. Esther is a graduate of S.E. Asia Bible College, Malang, Indonesia. They were worshipping in an old wooden church with a primary school attached.

The Church grew steadily and a three-storey brick Church and double-storey brick school were built in the late seventies. As my burden increased I commissioned Rev Bob Phee and Rev Koa Keng Woo in 1987 to officiate the Lord's Supper and conduct weddings, etc. Meanwhile Joseph Liu had shown by his zeal and diligence the Lord's call upon him. He came to FEBC for one semester of study but could not continue because of local responsibilities. Nevertheless he kept up his duties as religious teacher to their school by government appointment and did most of the translation in Church Service into Chinese and Indonesian.

Having completed 30 years of faithful service in church and school the three overseeing pastors decided the time had come to ordain him after he passed a written and oral examination. On Aug 23, the day of his ordination, 250 came.

Over 20 hailed from Singapore including Miss Ng Sang Chiew representing Kelapa Sawit. Kemaman and Kuantan were represented by Rev Kim Kah Teck and Batam by Rev Kiantoro.

It was the climax of my quarter-century's sowing and reaping in Tg Pinang when we took part in the two-hour long service. The praises sung by a 50-voice choir lifted up our hearts. A solo by Mrs Koa with Rev Koa at the piano and the Word brought by Bob in Mandarin on *The Good Pastor* interpreted by Joseph's son, a recent graduate from the Reformed Theological College, Bandung further uplifted the spirit of the whole congregation. The service ended with the Lord's Supper officiated by the newly ordained Rev Joseph Liu who also pronounced the benediction.

During these 25 years Joseph has been instrumental in planting two churches on Bintan Island with Life Church's help—one at Kijang 17 miles from Tg. Pinang on the East Coast and the other at Tg. Uban (Eld Sng), ½-hour speed boat to the north. With his ordination there comes a call from the Island of Bengkalis, 7 hours by boat from Sekupang, Batam. Our investment in Tg. Pinang is yielding good dividends.

—T.T.

BUYING OUT THE ASIAN TIGER STATES

The booming economies of some of the Asian "Tiger States" collapsed, suddenly and apparently unexpectedly, in August 1997. The countries hardest hit were Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and South Korea. Virtually overnight, the value of their currencies dropped by 40 percent, in some cases by much more.

The lives of ordinary people were thrown into confusion. Some with high-paying jobs and nice houses, suddenly found themselves unemployed, with bonds greater than the rapidly falling value of their homes. As in the Great Depression of 1929-32, a number of businessmen committed suicide. In Indonesia, food prices rocketed, causing riots that threaten to bring the government down. Millions of migrant labourers are being sent home, adding to the misery of the poorer countries.

It is not clear what caused the sudden crisis. Nepotism, corruption, unsecured bank loans to favoured acquaintances and bad business practices have all been cited.

Regardless of the cause of the crash, American multinational corporations have gained from it. They have bought cash-strapped Asian companies at fire-sale prices. And, yes, they did it in the name of "free trade".

"In return for a financial aid package worth \$57 billion, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has, among other things, forced Korea to liberalise and deregulate, including dropping restrictions on foreign take-overs," reports Mark Atkinson (*Mail & Guardian* 9/1/98). "Since December 30, foreign investors have been able to acquire a 55 percent stake in any listed company. By the end of this year, they will be able to buy the lot."

The crisis has forced the fiercely nationalist South Koreans to abandon their policy of industrial self-sufficiency that built their economy into the world's 11th biggest! Because the Korean currency, the won, fell by about 50 percent against the US dollar, "the prices are of the bargain-basement variety". "Ssangyong sold its tissue and sanitary napkin unit to Procter & Gamble, Bosch has taken control of its joint venture with Kia Motors and Coca-Cola has acquired the soft-drink bottling operation from Doosan, the nation's largest brewer." There will still be profits but they will

flow to US, European and Japanese owners, not Koreans!

"There is something morally distasteful about the fund (IMF) lending money to Korea to pay off its short-term foreign debts and in return demanding draconian reforms which will ultimately benefit the West, and meanwhile requiring Korean shareholders, depositors and employees to suffer," says Atkinson.

Nobel laureate Milton Friedman has accused the IMF of helping to create the Asian financial crises by bailing out earlier troubled economies, like the 1995 rescue of the Mexican economy. Its action encouraged international speculators to take undue risks, he argues. "They knew they would be bailed out if anything went wrong. It's utterly immoral to have unelected, unaccountable officials spending taxpayers' money helping out other countries with their bad investments."

"The IMF has always been viewed largely as an agent of US interests," says Andrew Higgins (*Mail & Guardian* 23/1/98). "President Bill Clinton has left no doubt about the intimacy between US and IMF policies." He phoned the South Korean president and gave South Korea just two more days to finish negotiating a deal with the IMF. Higgins notes that the IMF is "accountable to only a secretive 24-member inner council."

Four of America's biggest banks, JP Morgan, Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan, Citicorp and Bank America, have collectively sunk more than \$100 billion into the Asian economies, said American Congressman Ron Paul. American taxpayers' money going to bail-out corrupt Asian governments will quickly flow back to the huge Wall Street banks engaged in risky foreign deals!

The effect of the Asian financial crisis has been two-fold. Western, especially American, multinational corporations have greatly benefited at the cost of Asian nations. In addition, the economic strength of those countries, and their ability to follow an independent political course of action has been dealt a heavy blow.

Remember Larry Abraham hinted that the Insiders saw the rise of the Asian Tigers as a threat. Their original plan was to create a New World Order through the American Council on Foreign Relations. The rise of Europe (especially

West Germany) and Japan as economic giants led them to form the Trilateral Commission (TC) in 1973 to draw in these two areas.

The Tiger states' economic success resulted from the free enterprise system and it was growing outside the TC. This threatened the Insiders' kind of socialism in which big government teams up with big business in the form of multinational corporations.

Whether the Asian Tigers were pushed or simply fell, the result has been in line with the CFR's (Council on Foreign Relations) new policy of Transgovernmentalism. The IMF, a United Nations agency, has greatly increased its power over key economies. The nations concerned have lost a significant amount of the power to follow an independent course of action. Multinational corporations have achieved the advantages they sought through the terms of the MAI (Multilateral Agreement on Investment).

—from *Signposts*, S.Africa

REPORT ON THE KUCHING TRIP (7-9 AUG 98) by Samuel Sng

Over the National Day weekend, a contingent of 15 led by Elder Sng, went on a trip to Kuching, Sarawak. The purpose was to visit the mission station which Life Church opened in 1984 and thereafter committed to the care of Sharon BPC. Due to difficulty in communication between the English-speaking Sharonites and the Chinese there, this mission station was recently handed back to Life Church Chinese Service to oversee the work.

On Friday, we gathered at Changi Airport for a short word of prayer by Elder Sng before boarding the MAS plane at 8.45 am. After 1¼ hours of flight, we arrived in Kuching. Preacher Bong and his wife

were there to receive us. Thereafter, our tour agency brought us on a city tour for the rest of the day before lodging at the Holiday Inn Damai Lagoon Resort. The next two days, we were on our own.



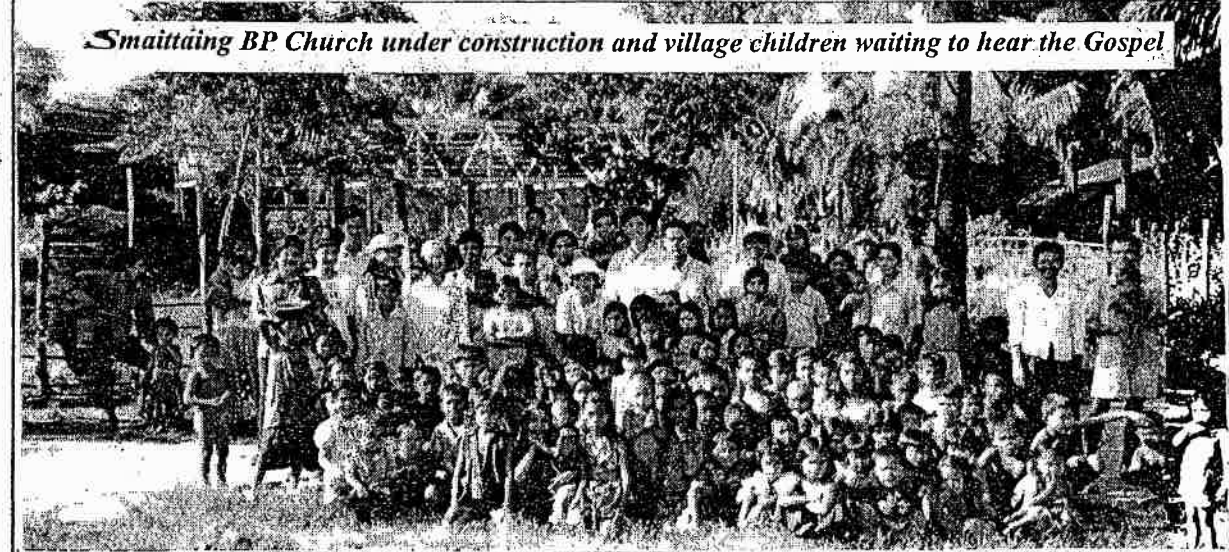
On Saturday, we travelled inland to visit Tram-Epoi's long house ministry in Marau Kelasau, a small Dayak village situated some 140 km from town. This was prearranged before our trip with Tram and Preacher Bong, who volunteered to ferry us with their respective convoys. Our church treasurer, Elder Chia, recently dedicated the Marau Kelasau Evangelical Church of Borneo, which took a year to complete. The gruelling journey, which took approximately 5 hours, was interspersed with several breaks. Upon arrival, the two resident evangelists immediately beckoned the Dayak villagers to congregate inside the chapel for a short worship service. A few choruses were sung before Tram introduced the Singapore delegation. This was followed by Elder Sng's exhortation from John 3:16, ably interpreted by a Dayak lady. Food rations were also presented to the evangelists for their hospitality ministry. Before leaving, a visit to one of the decrepit long houses gave us a glimpse of their living conditions. Returning to the resort by late evening, we retired for the day.

On the Lord's day, two mini vans were early at the resort to ferry us to Preacher Bong's church. Situated on the second floor of a hardware shop in the suburban district of Jalan Kedandi Tabuan Dasun, its spacious hall with two adjoining rooms could easily accommodate 80 people. The worship service and Sunday School commenced concurrently at 9.30 am. Comprising 4 families, 20 students and our group, the hall was filled to the brim. After Preacher Bong's exposition on Luke 22 in Mandarin, Elder Sng exhorted the congregation on the unfinished work of the Great Commission and shared his personal testimony. A joint gift of \$1,000 from our English and Chinese Services, was presented to them. They received it gratefully. The worship service ended with fellowship over light refreshments. Due to time constraint, we journeyed back to prepare for our return to Singapore. We thank God that the resort has graciously extended our check out time, enabling us to acquire some rest.

In the evening, Preacher Bong, his wife and two others were at the airport to send us off. We thank you for all your prayers, for God has truly blessed us with good weather and safety throughout the trip. It is our prayer that the brethren will continue to grow in their faith and good works. All praise and honour be unto God!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7 - 13 Sep '98)		
MON		FEBC Vacation. No evening lectures.
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
FRI	7.00 pm	Ladies' F'ship Anniv., FEBC Hall (Rev Tow)
	7.45 pm	Men's F'ship, Beulah House
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF
SUN	8.00 am	O Lord, How long shall I cry for Help? (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House
	10.30 am	Dr Jeffrey Khoo
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship
	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
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Rev Tow at Sharon BPC Anniv. Service
NBC This Week. Thu Henderson.		
Sunday School Offering: \$537.30; Attendance: 380		
Verse for the Week: Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. James 5:11		

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS	
\$7,624.00 (8.00 am); \$11,633.00 (10.30 am)	
OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$200(Hilltop), \$200(Asian missions), \$200, \$480(Boxes), \$12; Cambodia \$100(Church Bldg); \$200, \$40(Children); BASC \$100; Rev Charles Seet \$50, \$110; Yiew PS \$50; S. Masila \$200; Rev Tow \$100; Eld Khoo PK \$100; Roska \$250; Frankie Matius \$50; Nirands \$150; Myanmar Orphans \$200, \$326; Tan Kian Sing \$100; RPG \$220; Myanmar Printing Press \$1000, \$300(JSM); Reformed Tract Dist. \$280(Calvary BPC-Pandan).	
FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:	
(1) Thank God for providing me a job. Here's my first tithe and may the church use it where it deems worthy. (2) \$260 for future extended building in Saipan for overwhelming Chinese population attending service. Thank you, Lord, for being such a forgiving God. I am so sinful and unworthy to give. Please in your mercy accept these tithes from your unworthy child. (3) I thank God for giving me a good job even at this very bad time. "Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever" (2 Chr 5:13b).	
Transfer of Membership. Bro. Chia Leslie Stephen baptised by Pastor Heng at our mother church in 1956, attended both the Chinese Service and our English Service there.	
FEBC Gospel Rally Evening Tracting Session, Wed 9/9 in Bishan. Those interested, please meet at the FEBC Hall, 7.30 pm.	
Catechism Class. Those seeking baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership must attend the Catechism Class at Beulah House (Rev Colin Wong).	
FCM Combined Meeting, 11/9/98(Fri) at Calvary BPC (Pandan), 4.00 pm. Topic: The Perils of New Age Influence Today. Speaker: Rev Jack Sin.	



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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.	Rev Tow	
Opening Hymn	No. 75	No. 28	
Invocation-Gloria Patri			
Responsive Reading	Eph 6:11-20	Rom 8:28-39	
Hymn	No. 460	No. 87	
Announcements			
Offering & Hymn	No. 375	Yerushalayim	
Offertory Prayer			
Scripture Text	Mt 9:32-38	Rom 15:4-13	
Pastoral Prayer			
Sermon	Prayer and the Lost World (Rev Charles Seet)	Jews and Gentiles made one in Christ	
Closing Hymn	No. 457	My Jesus as Thou wilt Lord's Supper	
Benediction			

MAN PROPOSES - GOD DISPOSES!

The Insiders' plans to set up a New World Order independent of God and in defiance of Him have suffered at least four major setbacks this century. The Year 2000 computer problems could total demolish their plans!

The first major attempt to set up the New World Order was the League of Nations. It was founded in 1920, largely on the initiative of American President Woodrow Wilson, as part of the Treaty of Versailles. But it was virtually still-born because the Senate refused to ratify it, meaning the United States did not join.

Out of the Second World War came the United Nations. Key drafters of its constitution were American delegates Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White, both of whom were later shown to be Soviet spies. The huge outcry that followed the UN's ruthless suppression of Katanga's bid for independence from the Congo in 1961 effectively ended any hope of a world army under UN control.

American President George Bush's attempt to resurrect the original plan for the UN in 1991 through the Desert Storm campaign against Iraq, ended in the quagmire of Bosnia and especially the humiliation of Somalia.

The failure of Marxist/Leninist socialism in the Soviet Empire in 1989/91 was another major set-back to the Insiders' plan, forcing them to again change direction. Now

the emphasis is on Transgovernmentalism, bilateral agreements and the concentration of economic power in the hands of the International Monetary Fund and multi-national corporations, mainly American. And their plans are moving ahead rapidly.

And yet - all the insiders are doing is concentrating tremendous power in the hands of just a few people. They are not supermen who have all wisdom and all knowledge. In reality, they are sinful, fallen and fallible. Inevitably, they will use their power for their own benefit and that of their friends. In addition they will make mistakes. Because of the tremendous power they wield, those mistakes will have catastrophic consequences!

The Year 2000 computer problem is an example of the staggering consequences that flow from human fallibility. Computer programmers gave us wonderful tools - from home PC's to giant mainframes - to vastly improve our productivity. To save expensive memory space in the early computers, they reduced the date from four digits to two - 1968 to 68. This worked well, because each new year was greater than the one before. But computers will read the year 2000 as 00, smaller than 99.

This seemingly insignificant flaw will cause computers to fail, unless they

are fixed. But fixing the mistake is a vast job because there are so many computers, the software is so diverse and some programmes are highly specialised and very complex. In addition, there are some 25 billion embedded computer chips. If only 0.1 percent of them fail, that would mean **25 million repair jobs!**

At this stage, it is not possible to predict the impact of this problem at the beginning of AD 2000 or its ripple effect over the following months. **However, present indications are that there will be serious disruptions.**

"We are deeply concerned about the potential impact of Year-2000 software problems in every aspect of our lives," says Ed Yourdon in *Time Bomb 2000*. "The more we've investigated the situation during the course of preparing this book, the more worried we have become."

How will the Year 2000 computer problem affect the Insiders and their plans to set up a New World Order? There are two possible answers, neither of which says the problem was deliberately created by the Insiders.

"The global socialists use crises and crisis management to place socialist controls on people that would never be tolerated without the crisis," says Don McAlvany, author of *The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor* and the book *Towards A New World Order - The Countdown to Armageddon*.

"Some of these crises are manufactured (the crisis of money laundering; child abuse; the crisis of guns; the environment; global warming, etc) and some are real. The Millennium Bug crisis is real. It may be the biggest crisis to hit Western civilisation in centuries - with the exceptions of World War I and II. And the globalists will use it to advance their agenda if they can."

"Already, many world leaders are talking about the only way to save the world from this global threat is a united global effort with a 'global czar' to be placed in charge of one united co-ordinated effort to save the planet," McAlvany says in his March 1998 newsletter.

"If a Rockefeller, a Kissinger, a Gorbachev or a Bill Gates-type from the globalist establishment could emerge with a solution to this global crisis (or falsely 'claim' to have such a solution), great riches and power would accrue to that person or group."

The very fact that organisations like the International Monetary Fund, as well as

governments, are fully aware of the seriousness of the problem but are either ignoring it, or failing to adequately warn their people of its seriousness will certainly deepen the crisis. When the crisis does hit, it will seem sudden and unexpected. The Insiders could then make a grab for powers they would not get under other circumstances.

A very different view is presented by Gary North, president of the Institute for Christian Economics and author of the book *Conspiracy - A Biblical View*.

The presupposition through which he views the Year 2000 problem is: **"God brings negative corporate sanctions against societies that flagrantly disobey His moral law. The more fundamental the law, the more comprehensive the sanctions... The state is authorised to bring sanctions against those individuals who commit acts against the law of God precisely because of the threat of God's corporate sanctions. If the state does not take action in the name of God, then God will act, in the name of God, and bring sanctions against the whole society. This is the teaching of Deut 28:15-66."**

"In our day, humanism is the main rival to Christianity," says North. **"The grand experiment in left-wing Enlightenment humanism died abruptly on August 19-21, 1991 when the Soviet coup against Boris Yeltsin failed. Today, nobody with any influence calls himself a socialist. The worship of all-powerful centralised State has just about ended. Tree-hugging environmentalism and family-undermining State education are just about all that remains of the French Revolution - Rousseau's legacy come to senility."**

"We learned in 1991 just how fast a social system can collapse. We will learn this lesson again between 1999 and 2001. What free market humanism has promoted for four decades is about to receive its just reward."

"What are we going to see between now and the year 2000 will be the most abnormal period in the history of the West since the bubonic plague of 1348-50." When people realise how serious the Year 2000 problem is, they will withdraw their money from the banks. But the fractional banking system requires banks to keep on hand only a small portion of the money deposited, five percent or less. So when money withdrawn exceeds money on hand, the banks are trapped, says North. The 300-year-old experiment with central banking will end.

"The national governments of this world survive because they get those under their jurisdiction to send them cheques. They rely on the banking system... it is the basis of the international order. If the banking system collapses in a sea of erroneous data, the humanist's New World Order collapses with it."

"The dreams of the New World Order crowd are about to be smashed... Discontinuity looms: (it will result in) a move towards localism and decentralism on a scale undreamed of today by most people. That, at least, is what I think we are facing. If I'm right, great will be the discontinuity. But out of this will come a new appreciation of the blessings of continuity: God's law and sanctions. New territory will fall into the hands of the principled defenders of Biblical law and its civil sanctions... All over the world, socially conservative, small town people will find themselves in control."

In answer to the statement: **"God will not abandon His people,"** North says: **"But He may well allow them to die if they sit tight and do nothing to protect themselves in the face of a looming, culture-wide judgement that God shows them in advance... If you think that God will spare the New World Order and allow it to triumph in history because He does not want His people to experience hard times, then your view of God is different from mine."**

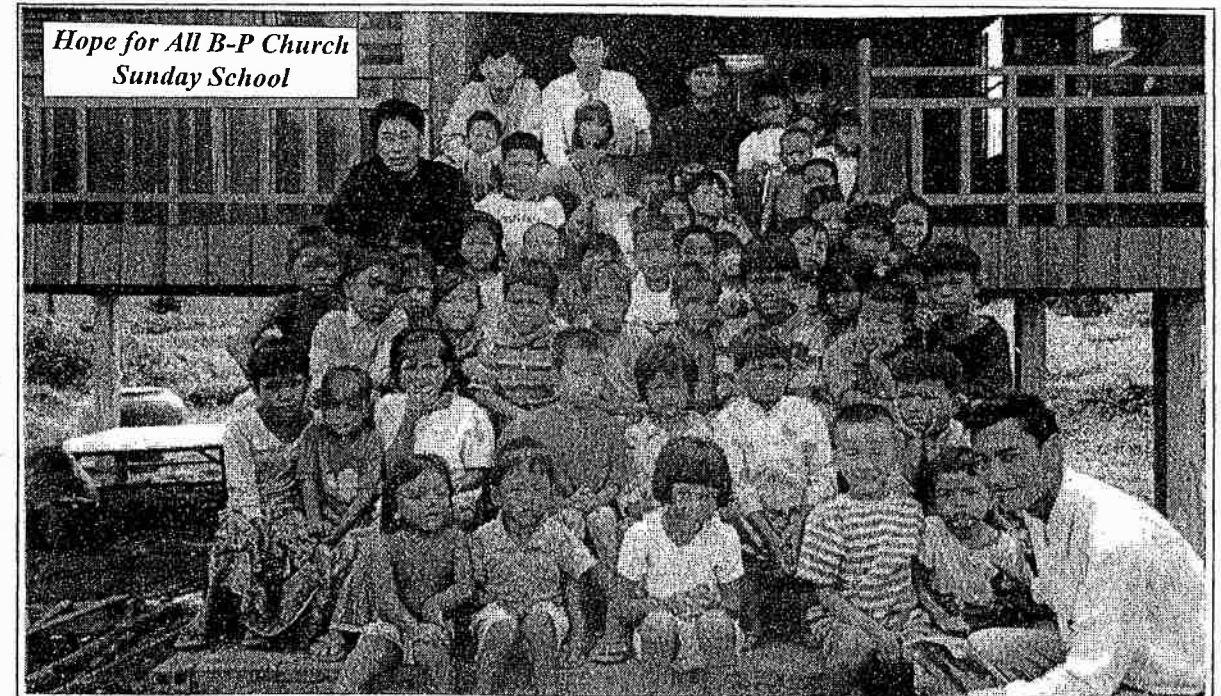
—Signposts, S.Africa

My dear Lifers,

As I pray over the latest Macedonian call from Moses Hahn to join him overseeing 3 new churches, the Lord seems to say, "Send two young men or women, Lifers or FEBCers, as short-term missionaries to Kompong Som." Duration: Nov 15-Dec 31, 98, i.e. the year-end holidays. This was Jesus' method according to Luke 10:1-2, "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Notice how a Mrs Sim and her friend, Dr Chan, a retired lecturer from the university, have done a good job alongside Moses and Mrs Hahn. They are in their sixties and yet they are willing to serve. They were in Cambodia recently for 3 weeks. What about you?

Now, learn a lesson from Jonathan Lee. Of late he was stricken with dengue fever, together with some of the slum children who live near his house. So, I invited him to return to Singapore to recuperate. But he said he could not leave his many-faceted ministry at present. He needed to hold on until the situation eases.

—T.T.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14 - 20 Sep '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetical Books (Rev Charles Seet)
	8.00 pm	Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Rev Goh Seng Fong)
	7.30 pm	Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	7.00 pm	FEBC Board of Directors Mtg
SAT	9.00 am	FEK Orientation, FEBC Hall
	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF
	7.30 pm	FEBC Gospel Rally, Sanctuary
SUN	8.00 am	Does our Prayer actually change God's Plan? (Rev Tow)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	9.30 am	Catechism Class, Beulah House
	10.30 am	Elder Khoo Peng Kiat
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship
	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
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	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 3.30 LBC
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bt Batok.		
Sunday School Offering: \$631.95; Attendance: 328		
Verse for the Week: <i>Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.</i> 2 Chron 15:7		

\$7,955.30 (8.00 am); \$12,964.00 (10.30 am)
OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1408(Chinese Ser), \$2250; **Missions** \$260, \$200, \$50, \$250, \$400; **Cambodia** \$80, \$100, \$200; **Mersing** \$100; **Baraka Conf Centre** \$100; **Tan Kian Sing** \$400, \$100; **Hilltop** \$120; **Dr Jeffrey Khoo** \$100; **MsF** \$200; **Kemaman YF** \$100; **China-Chinese Bible** \$50; **Myanmar Orph** \$180; **Rev Charles Seet** \$100; **JS Heng** \$250; **Roska (Batam)** \$50.

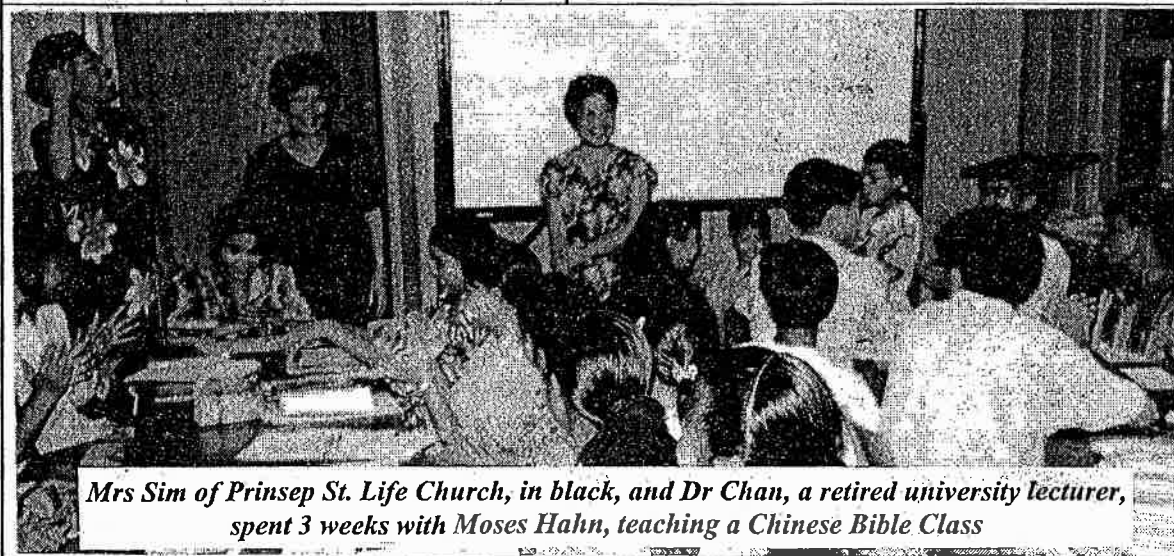
Life Church 48th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 17, '98 (Sat) at 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm respectively. Tickets for the Dinner can be purchased at the entrance counter today or from Dn Yiew Pong Sen during the week. Charges: \$20 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for children aged 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.

*You are cordially invited to come and hear
A Good News Message*

"What If Christ Had Not Come??"
by Rev Jack Sin

September 19, 1998 (Sat), 7:30 pm
Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
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The message will be interpreted into Mandarin.
Please bring your children along as there will be a special programme for them.
Refreshments will be served after the message.



Mrs Sim of Prinsep St. Life Church, in black, and Dr Chan, a retired university lecturer, spent 3 weeks with Moses Hahn, teaching a Chinese Bible Class



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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. 536	No. 65
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 42	Luke 21:5-28
Hymn	No. 425	No. 544
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 319	No. 470
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Hab 1:1-4	1 John 2:18-29
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	O Lord, how long shall I cry for help? (Rev Colin Wong)	The World's Last Dictator (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	No. 560	No. 227
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

WHY BIBLE PRESBYTERIANS USE THE TERM "FUNDAMENTALIST"

by Rev Morris McDonald, D.D.

It was a dark and stormy night—within the church world! On May 21, 1922, a controversial minister stood in the pulpit of New York City's First Presbyterian Church and preached a sermon titled, *Shall the Fundamentalists Win?* In his sermon, Rev Harry Emerson Fosdick asserted that such views as the virgin birth, the physical return of Christ, and Biblical inerrancy were nonessentials which he rejected.

Do you suppose the modernist Fosdick had in mind Pentecostal fundamentalism, or dispensational, Independent Baptist fundamentalism? We are not left to uncertainty for in the 1910 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North) five doctrinal basics were adopted as essential. Although not specifically called "fundamentals," they closely followed the emphasis of the series of widely distributed pamphlets sent across the country beginning in 1909, called, *The Fundamentals*. Leading Presbyterian men contributed many of the articles.

By the 1920's the ecclesiastical struggle came to be known as "the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy." Many Presbyterians who were prominent in the Bible and Prophecy conferences of the late 1800's and early 1900's, which was a forerunner of "fundamentalism," were: James Brookes, Wm. Moorehead, Nathaniel West (editor, *Premillennial Essays*), Wm. Biederwolf, J. Wilbur Chapman, John T. Duffield, Henry Parsons, A.T. Pierson,

Albert Erdman, DeWitt Talmage, and Charles Trumbull.

Until the late 1920's, fundamentalism was largely of a non-conformist nature. That is, those who held to the foundational truths of Scripture remained within the mainline denominations, hoping by strong writing and preaching to weed out the modernists. Their choice was unfortunate. Rather than using the courts of the church to bring to account the modernists when the conservatives were still in the majority allowed unbelief to grow.

By 1930, the modernists were in control of church agencies (colleges, seminaries, publishing, and mission boards) and it was at this point that the much-heralded "love" liberals like to talk about evaporated to become a militant crusade against Bible believers. The Presbyterian Church held trials in its presbyteries to bring "fundamentalists" to denominational conformity or to have them unfrocked.

At this point fundamentalists become separatist in nature. Church conservatives had always practiced separation from worldliness, but now a new phase was setting in, that of separating from churches that espoused anti-Christian beliefs.

Fundamentalism is a standard, not a faction. It is a heritage given to us to carry on in the face of compromise and apostasy. The Bible Presbyterian Church came into being in the midst of the conflict in the mid 1930's. Today, "fundamentalist" is a misunderstood word, but there is good reason why we Bible Presbyterians claim it.

On Friday morning, Rev Tow at the request of Life B-P Fellowship, Kemaman, accompanied by Mrs Tow and myself set out by coach across the causeway heading for the east coast of Malaysia. It was my first time to go up and was glad for the opportunity. The good Lord ensured for us a safe and comfortable journey. We arrived later than usual, but we were soon picked up by Mrs Wee in her station wagon. Dr and Mrs Wee together with the rest gave us a warm reception where we fellowshiped with them at a special dinner prepared by the ladies.

At the evening worship, there was a good attendance. Around 50 people, young and old, gathered into the worship hall of the two-storeyed building, formerly Dr Wee's residence, now dedicated for the Lord's use. It was a combined service in English and Chinese. Rev Kim Kah Teck was interpreter. He drove in with others from Kuantan in his Ford ten-seater van.

We were glad to witness the baptism of 60-year-old Madam Ng Keng Ngoh, the first fruit of the work here. Rev Tow officiated the Lord's Supper and preached a timely message on the Lord's Return from Rom 11:13-26, "God's Plan for Israel in the Salvation of Mankind." I was given the task of teaching a group of 8 children. They were new and unaccustomed to church, but thank the Lord they were interested to hear the Bible story I taught them.

The evening ended with our spirits lifted up in thanksgiving to the Lord for the work He is doing in this strategic town of Kemaman in South Trengganu. I was specially encouraged to meet Dr and Mrs Wee, having heard so much of their love and zeal for the Lord and the brethren. We thank God for Rev Kim who comes regularly from Kuantan to minister the Word in Mandarin; also for the provision of preachers from B-P Churches in Singapore.

Our next destination was Kuantan, the capital of Pahang. We had Rev Kim Kah Teck driving us 30 miles south under the light of a full moon. In the morning we enjoyed a good breakfast at a coffee shop down town. This was followed by a ride to the lovely Kuantan beach about 2-3 miles from the centre. When we got back to the centre I had an introduction to the "Selamat Tadika" Kindergarten, centrally located in the housing estate at Lorong Alur Akar 29.

This property was purchased through Rev

John Ling who was at the time ministering at the Kemaman Church. The owner had not been able to find a buyer for 2 years, so he was willing to reduce the price to RM150,000 when told that it was to start a kindergarten. Thank God for the good work Rev John Ling had been doing in West Malaysia, and had been instrumental in leading us to the Kemaman-Kuantan ministry.

With the extension for the kindergarten, the two-storeyed building stands out in a very pleasant surrounding. It is surrounded by a spacious court, providing room for the children to participate in activities outside. The Kims and their little girl live here. They have kept the place looking clean and attractive. There are lovely potted plants standing in the court. Ten orange coconut palms grow standing alongside the fence. This place is ideal for holding small camps, as it has enough facilities to accommodate at least 20 persons.

On this Saturday morning the Kims were getting ready for the children's gospel meeting. Though the number of children coming is yet small, as it is also with the kindergarten, I can see that the children enjoyed the singing and the lessons taught to them from the Bible. The kindergarten hall is very spacious and well-ventilated. A new piano is installed. That evening we had around 15 persons come for the worship. Amongst them was the whole family of the kindergarten teacher. They are a family of six and showed interest in the Gospel. A mother brought her 3 children with her on a motor-bike. Rev Tow preached from Lk 23:39-43 on the crucifixion of the Lord with the 2 thieves. They were interested and were appreciative. Some who came early spoke to Rev Tow and they all stayed for the refreshments which they contributed. It was good to see that the Gospel is given out here in this kindergarten to children and their parents and others. I had the charge of 5 children. We had a Bible-story telling session upstairs. They were very attentive and responsive. Thank God for the work that is being done by the Kims in Kuantan. It is a new work and not easy. May the Lord so bless them, knowing that their "labour is not in vain in the Lord." Rev Kim sent us to the coach terminal for our return trip to Singapore, Sat. 11 pm. We arrived back 5.30 am, giving us time for a nap before Church Service.

"HELL, WHAT IS IT LIKE?" by Eld Sim Siang Kok

The only source to which we can turn to understand the doctrine of eternal punishment is the Holy Bible, the Word of God. Yet one would be surprised to know that depending on which version of the Bible one reads, one may have a different understanding of the nature of the place and state of Hell. The reason for this becomes apparent if you will compare the corresponding verses of the modern versions (or interpretations) with the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible. For the purpose of the comparison, I have chosen the New International Version (NIV) simply because it has become the best selling Bible and therein lies the greatest danger.

Reference	King James Version	New International Version
2 Sam 22:6	The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me.	The cords of grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.
Ps 116:3	The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.	The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.
Isaiah 14:12, 15	How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Yet thou (<i>Lucifer</i>) shalt be brought down to hell , to the sides of the pit.	How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn. You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations. But you (<i>Lucifer</i>) are bought down to the grave , to the depths of the pit.
Mk 9:44	Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.	Whole verse omitted
Mk 9:45	into the fire that never shall be quenched:	omitted
Mk 9:46	Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.	Whole verse omitted

Hell is an Anglo-Saxon word used to translate one Hebrew word and three Greek words in the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments respectively. The Hebrew word for hell is Sheol. The word Sheol occurs 65 times in the Hebrew Bible. The KJV translates 31 occurrences as "hell"; another 31 occurrences as "grave"; and 3 occurrences as "pit" (Num 16:30,33; Job 17:16) depending on the context. However in the Old Testament, the NIV invariably translates the word 'Sheol' as grave. Due to space constraint, the Table illustrates three instances of such translation (i.e. 2 Sam 22:6; Ps 116:3; Isaiah 14:12,15). By such translation, the NIV seeks to play down the doctrine of hell.

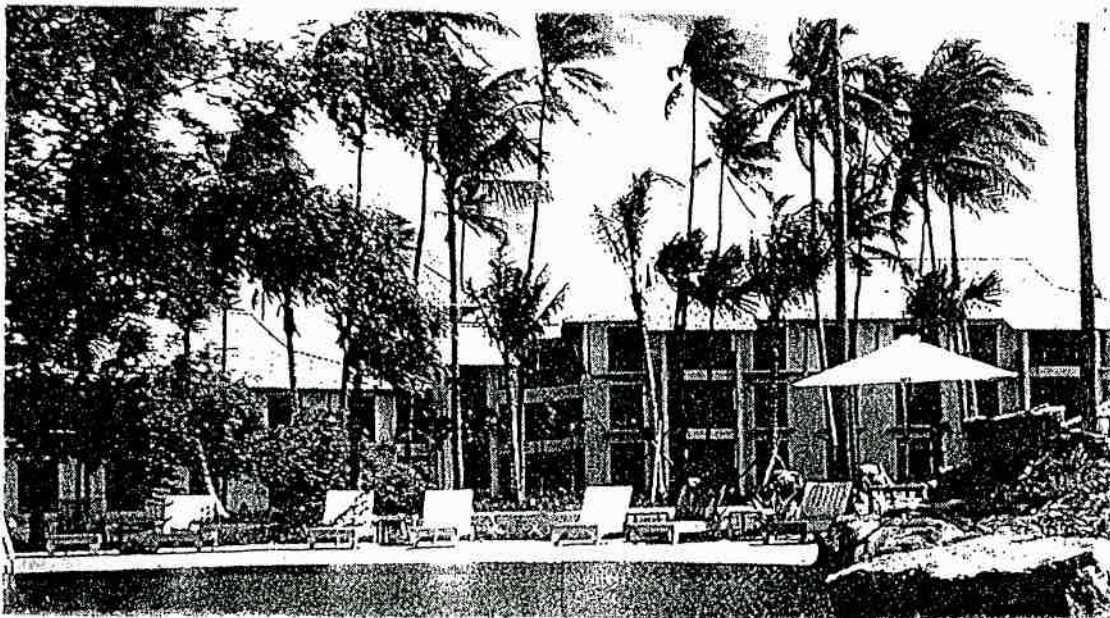
Consider Isaiah 14:15 in the NIV which tells us that Lucifer will be cast into the grave. This is inconceivable for Rev 20 describes to us the final ultimate destiny and destination of Lucifer (Satan) in the lake of fire, certainly not the grave as implied by the NIV Bible. It is no wonder that the Holman Bible Dictionary states that "NIV intentionally avoids Sheol, using grave."

There is no better authority to describe to us the state and the nature of hell other than the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the Living Word. From the preceding Table, it can be seen that the KJV faithfully translates the description of hell without any omission. To emphasize without reservation that the duration of the torment in hell is forever, the Lord Jesus repeated three times "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire that never shall be quenched" (Mk 9:44, 46, 48). However one would be horrified to know that these verses Mk 9:44, Mk 9:46 and part of Mk 9:45, are deliberately omitted from the NIV.

The most awful punishment of hell that has been described by our Lord Jesus Christ seeks to warn unbelievers about their impending destiny and destination. By deliberate omissions of the description of hell, the NIV seeks to play down the terrors of hell, so that readers will be stupefied and complacent.

Thus through the process of a so-called translation to the alleged more readable English, misrepresentation of meaning, omissions and re-structuring of sentences, the NIV seeks to adulterate the basic doctrine of hell. The danger lies in the fact that the NIV has become the best selling Bible today. In one generation, if our sons and daughters are not warned of the subtle danger by using the wrong version of Bible, they would be deceived by Satan thinking that Hell is either not so bad or non-existent. Wherein will they find salvation outside of the Bible? May the Lord God grant us spiritual discernment to warn others of the perils of departing from the use of the King James Version of the Bible. Purchase the book "Beyond Versions" by Dr S H Tow, give it as a gift to friends and loved ones.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (21 - 27 Sep '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	\$6,733.00 (8.00 am); \$16,594.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$150; Missions \$50, \$300, \$50; Cambodia \$200, \$450; African Project by New Life BPC \$400; Kemaman BPF \$50; KJV Polemical Bible \$30; JS Heng \$288; Tan Kian Sing \$100; Rev Colin Wong \$75; Rev Charles Seet \$75, \$100; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$300; Frankie Matus \$100; Rev David Koo \$100; Rev Jonathan Lee \$100; Rev Moses Hahn \$100; MsF \$100; Indonesian Churches \$300; Myanmar \$300; YF \$50; Cambodian Orphans \$100; Vietnam Mission \$500(Combined F'ship); Batam(Roska) \$100(LF); FEBC Scholarship Fund \$950(LF).		
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetical Books (Rev Charles Seet)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Rev Goh Seng Fong)	(1) This is given from a thankful heart in acknowledgement of the Almighty God who is gracious and merciful even to the undeserving. I testify of His greatness and His patience even with the weak in faith.		
	7.30 pm	Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	(2) Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase. Proverbs 3:9. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:2. (\$600)		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Life Church 48th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 17, '98 (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 (pager: 96085800). Charges: \$20 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for children aged 5 to 11.		
SUN	8.00 am	When shall I graduate from the School of Prayer? (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	Young Lifers Worship			
	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			
NBC This Week. Thu Henderson; Fri Queenstown.					
Sunday School Offering: \$459.27; Attendance: 399					
Verse for the Week: Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Ephesians 6:6					



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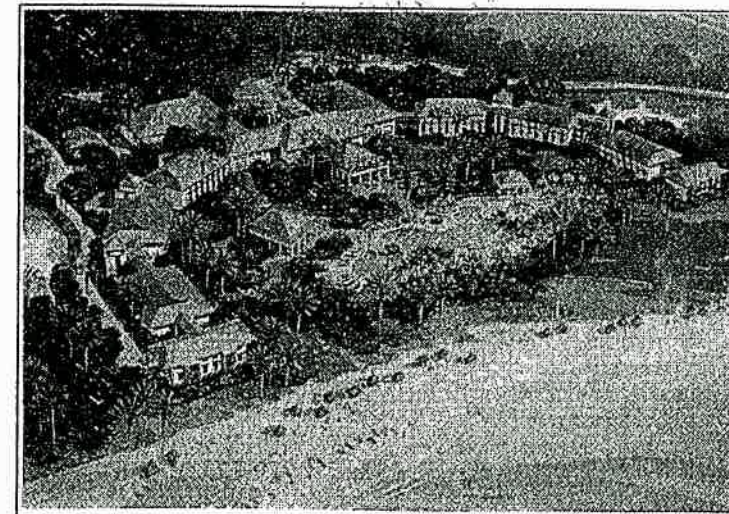
"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"

	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Rev Tow	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 8	No. 56
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Isa 38:9-20	Psalm 51
Hymn	No. 47	No. 255
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 359	No. 387
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Isa 38:1-8; 21-22	2 Sam 12:1-23
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Does our Prayer actually change God's Plan?	"Thou Art the Man" (Elder Khoo Peng Kiat)
Closing Hymn	All Things Work Together	No. 247
Benediction	for Good	

My dear Lifers,

SOL ELITE BINTAN

We have good news for you! After spending 2 nights with Eld & Mrs Khoo at Sol Elite Bintan, best hotel in my opinion, among the six on Bintan Island, 45 mins' speedboat from Tanah Merah, we would recommend this venue for our June Camp, May 31 - June 4, 1999. Not only for the beauty and

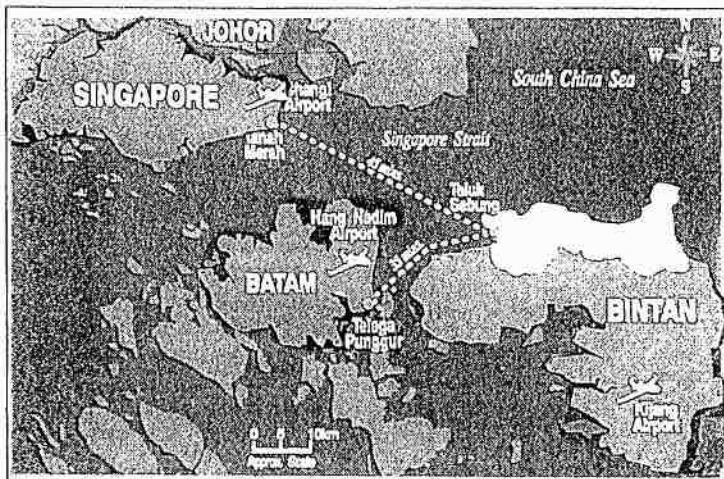


immediate proximity to the white sandy beach for swimming, but also for the price. The cost per person, twin sharing, with subsidy, is only slightly over \$200 (good food guaranteed). For spiritual food, our chef is Dr Morris MacDonald whom I've known for many years. He is the Missions Secretary of the B-P Church (Dr Steele, Dr Carlson). He will teach a Book of the Bible. We will give special discount to all Fellowship members. There is plenty of time and space for Fellowships' own activities, especially in the afternoons. The Hotel can easily take in 500 occupants. Hurry!

9TH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

When we were in Vancouver June-July we felt the need to lead another Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As we prayed the Lord led us to take a new route, S'pore-Cairo-S'pore. Since we came back we have diligently worked on the tour package. We are scheduled to fly SIA, S'pore-Cairo-S'pore, Mar 9-23, '99. The cost is S\$2950 inclusive of S'pore and Cairo airport taxes. Our route takes us from the Pyramids to Suez Canal, then following Moses' footsteps to Mt Sinai and St Catherine Monastery, Red Sea, Tabat, Eilat.

From Eilat we go via Jordan to Petra and on to Amman. After Amman we



view the Land from Mt Nebo, then cross the Jordan at Allenby Bridge—on to the Dead Sea Resorts, Qumran, Jerusalem, Baraka. Worship at Baraka and visit to Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem. Tour of Jerusalem, Mt of Olives, Garden Tomb. Then leave for Galilee via Jericho and spend two nights on the Sea. To Lebanese Border, Golan Heights, Akko and Crusader Forts. Night at Haifa and visit to Mt Carmel and return south via Caesarea, Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Baraka, Jerusalem again. Leave Jerusalem by the sea coast road for Cairo, via Rafah and El Arrish. Visit Royal Egyptian Museum half a day before boarding SIA via Dubai. We arrive back S'pore Tues. afternoon Mar. 23, '99 — a full two week tour.

Booking is heavy. Hurry! First come, first served.

MOSES HAHN'S REPORT (Sep 10, '98)

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We had three dedication services safely. Thanksgiving to our God. Thank you for your prayers. Now, poisonous food and demonstrations seemed to have stopped. Now, it's time to serve these three churches.

Bible students expressed they could teach Bible, English, Chinese, Khmer to children at the three new churches (Botsemon, Onyaheng, Smach Deng)—Brothers Boaz, Longman, Jesse, Phannith, Nehemiah, John, Dina, Peter and Sister Bopa. They will regularly go to three churches and teach subjects and help in worship services with me. I pray for them to get some support (\$25/month).

This is also prayer items - urgent—chairs,

tables, blackboard for three churches (US\$400 + \$400 + \$400). We are making a toilet and a well in Smach Deng church (US\$400 + \$150). It is inevitable to make them for the functioning of church.

We are also praying for teachers from Singapore. We can see the people (including students and me) much revived after short-term missionary help. Please come and help us.

Ed. note: In response to Moses Hahn's request our Church is sending two short-term missionaries to Phnom Penh, Nov 15 - Dec 31, '98. They are Rev Seo, who had visited

Cambodia before. He is a good friend of the three Korean missionaries. Seo (who is an M.Div. student) is partner with Matthews Abraham (of India). Both are well-versed in the Scriptures. As for support of the local Bible students at US\$25 per month we can support 3 couples, i.e. six, for a start.

6TH CONTAINER TO CAMBODIA

As the work of the Lord develops, we are constrained to despatch, this, our 6th container to Cambodia. For we have received a 5'x3' freezer which will readily be absorbed by David Koo's computer school. Then we have an extra piano which also will be useful. We are printing 4,500 copies of Jimmy Rim's book, *With Christ in the Killing Fields* which will conveniently go through the 6th container. (You will receive a copy free in three or four weeks.)

With the sending of this 6th Container, you can bring all your surplus goods to Beulah House or at the staircase of the Parsonage. Children's clothing and toys are appreciated. Anything in good condition, and useful. What better way to dispose of your surplus goods that take up space in your house or apartment!

MISS HO HENG SAU APPOINTED TO SAIPAN

As of Sept. 17, 1998 Miss Ho Heng Sau, BTh, is appointed Life Church missionary to Saipan. She has been there for the last 3 months, and has felt the call to serve more permanently with the Chinese converts under Rev Pang Kok Hiong. She has immediate need of a car which costs between US\$4,000-\$5,000. Who'll 'go' for Us?

WE WISH YOU GODSPEED, THAI SERVICE

Our Thai Service, worshipping all these years, at Beulah House is leaving us to worship in the morning at the True Way Presbyterian Church, Stirling Road, off Alexandra Road.

Founded by Prachan, our Thai student in 1980's, it has grown to over 60 at the Sunday Service. The Thai Service has been under the supervision of missionaries with help from FEBC Thai students. They will still need our help as they leave for bigger premises worshipping more conducive in the morning.

The Pastor of Life Church is invited to their last service to be held on Oct 4, '98. We wish you Godspeed, Thai Service.

THANK GOD FOR RESTORING MRS LEE AND ELDER CHARLIE CHIA

We thank the Lord for restoring Mrs Lee Choon Ngee who should be able to worship with the Chinese Service in a week or two. For healing Elder Charlie Chia, our Treasurer, speedily from his heart condition.

We give our deepest condolences to Madam Su Ah Poh of the Chinese Service in the sudden passing of her beloved daughter Lee Siok Hoon. During her life she had given evidence of her love for the Lord.

We continue to entreat earnestly for Frankie Matius, Magdalene Tan, Max Ho, Lim Chiang Bun, Ong Hwa Ing that the Lord will restore them, according to His sovereign will. "The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble. . . Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice" (Ps 20:1-3).

AIR BEMBAN 12TH ANNIVERSARY

As usual Elder Sng will drive the Church's minibus to take me and all who would come to the anniversary service of Air Bemban, 29th mile Kulai Rd. Who'll come? Bus leaves at 12.30 pm. Hurry!

—T.T.

El Nino by John Tow

*It's surely not by chance
Man has come to blame
This great storm's advance
On the Christ Child's name!*

*El Nino: "The Child!"
The sweet child of God!
Gentle, meek and mild!
It strikes me as so odd...*

*But then, has it not
Been written that He
Who was born with aught
Poor and poor can be...*

*Who lived among us
And suffered much shame
Even death, alas,
In God's Holy Name,*

*Would return one day
As a sceptered KING
To hold absolute sway
And right everything?*

*Like the house cleaning
We'd see everywhere
With torrents sweeping
The countryside bare.*

*Thus let's one and all
Our affairs repair:
God has sent the call,
To all everywhere!*



Through valleys deep, through paths narrow, in Cambodia.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (28 Sep - 4 Oct '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	\$6,870.00 (8.00 am); \$11,493.00 (10.30 am)		
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Jack Sin)	OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$50; Cambodia \$50, \$100, \$200(Orphans); Rev Charles Seet \$100, \$50; Henry Tan \$100; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Tan Kian Sing \$100; Indonesian Mission \$300; Thailand \$300; Orphanage \$820; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$250; Ref Tract Dist. \$10; Myanmar Orphans \$100; LBPC 48th Anniv. Thanksgiving \$50.		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetical Books (Rev Charles Seet)	(1) "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy...But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared" (Ps 103:8, 130:4). Truly the Lord is good, truly the Lord is great. By His enduring mercy and condescending love the Lord has been exceedingly abundantly good to me and my family, especially in the midst of an economic downturn. All praise, glory and honour be to Him, for with our strength we will never obtain and achieve what He has so graciously given us. (\$100 BASC, \$50 Rev Charles Seet, \$50 Dn Yiew PS, \$100 Church bldg in Cambodia)		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Rev Goh Seng Fong)	(2) To God be the glory! Glory be to God! Thank you, dear Lord, for your many blessings and love and care for my family. China-Chinese Bibles \$50.		
	7.30 pm	Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	Life Church 48th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 17, '98 (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 (pager: 96085800). Charges: \$20 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for children aged 5 to 11.		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF			
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Solomon Yoong & Juliana Poh (Rev Tow)			
SUN	8.00 am	Members of One Another (Rev Colin Wong)			
	9.30 am	Sunday School/Catechism Class			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper			
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	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.00 pm	Thai Service; 4pm Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok, Yishun.					
Sunday School Offering: \$419.41; Attendance: 381					
Verse for the Week: <i>For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.</i> II Cor 5:21					



The Revived Bukit Batu Sunday School,
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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn George Tan	Rev Tow
Opening Hymn	No. 88	No. 8
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 139	Psalms 39
Hymn	No. 532	My end, Lord
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 386	No. 353
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 8:26,27	Rom 15:14-24
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Prayer and the Work of God (Elder Lim Teck Chye)	Fulfilling 1st Commandment to the Church
Closing Hymn	No. 365	Go into the World
Benediction		

DOES OUR PRAYER ACTUALLY CHANGE GOD'S PLAN?

"Does Our Prayer Actually Change God's Plan?" This topic assigned to me has given me the answer, "Our Prayer rather changes us to fit God's Plan."

This leads us to the story of King Hezekiah (Isa 38) where Isaiah the prophet told him to prepare to die, by the Word of the Lord. Hezekiah wept before Him and pleaded to live. Then the Lord replied He would extend his life by 15 years. Did the Lord change His Plan?

Eccles. 3 tells us that our birthdays and our death days and our marriage days are all ordered of the Lord, "A time to be born, and a time to die. . . a time to embrace." So when God gave Hezekiah 15 more years to live there was no change in His plan but rather Hezekiah's life was changed to fit God's plan. He was 39 when told to die, but with this new lease of life he was now more devoted to serve the Lord. Hezekiah was the first of two Reformers of the Jewish Church, prior to Josiah. He had restored the Temple worship and destroyed the idols brought in by his wicked father Ahaz.

When Dr John Sung preached in Singapore 1935 he told us God also had given him 15 years to serve Him, so he laboured night and day as his time was limited. Did he get this Word from the story of Hezekiah? He said his life was made up of five threes. Every three years he entered into a new phase. His five threes were made up of Water, Door, Dove, Blood, Tomb

periods. Water for initial inexperience, Door for opportunities to preach, Dove for mighty working of the Holy Spirit, Blood for his ministry during the Sino-Japanese War and Tomb for ministering in sickness leading to death. Through him were won several hundred thousand souls to Christ. These results came through many traumatic experiences and sufferings.

There is a Chinese saying, "When you have passed through a mighty ordeal and live, then comes great blessing." In the light of God's Word, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit."

As Hezekiah came face to face with death but delivered to live another 15 years and in the light of John Sung's statement, I would add my humble testimony. In March 1946 I was all prepared to sail for London, having booked from Mansfield a cargo boat ticket £90 in order to read law at Middle Temple. Had I gone on my own I would have met Senior Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew there. He arrived late in October of the same year. I would have joined in politics; being an ambitious young man.

On the eve of my departure, however, my mother took ill and died within a few days. This delayed my proceeding to London because I needed to keep father company. When I was about to resume my going, suddenly my baby daughter of

seven months was taken ill and needed an operation on her intestines. The operation failed and she also died. At her death bed I also was brought face to face with death as I swooned into a sofa. I came before the Lord and I pleaded with Him that if He would let me live I'd serve him all my life. This thwarted my London trip but led me to Nanking to study Theology. From there the Lord guided me to USA and back to Singapore in 1950. And I have been your pastor from that date to this day. No death, no life.

Why do some of you have to face up also with death? With the death of a child, a husband, a loved one? Or some great ordeal in the sickness of your loved one that entails much suffering? It is for good and not for bad. Let us yield to God as He works out His Plan in us. When we pray for His mercies and He grants us life again it is to fit us into His higher plan. For His greater service. You may love your job or having found one you are pressured night and day by your human boss. Then you decide to resign and rather serve in the Church at a lower salary. But then you have peace and joy and job satisfaction. You begin to contribute mightily to His Kingdom.

Not only we are overturned to serve Him. We are overturned to find salvation in Him. Here is a booklet, the testimony of Law Yok Ming titled "Thank God for Cancer" (obtainable from FEBC Bookroom). This man had worked for a big company for 23 years. At 53 he was looking to retirement and enjoyment of the fruits of his labours. Suddenly, he was found to have cancer. The sky seemed to have collapsed on him. But the stare of death drove him to God. Through a Christian doctor friend he was led to Christ. He was saved and not only himself but also his wife and children. Unless he had cancer he would blindly go on and finally to a life without Christ. Let this testimony, "Thank God for Cancer" speak to you whether Christian or non-Christian.

Should cancer strike us, there is always the desire to get well. Medicine can help and surgery has marvellously cut cancer clean from our body if in time. If not, and it seems incurable, let us then yield to the Lord's timing. It is far better to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. At my age, if cancer should strike, I will gladly go home to be with Him which is far better.

Does our prayer actually change God's Plan? No. Our prayer rather changes us to fit God's Plan. Let us therefore submit to Him who is the author and finisher of our faith. Amen. —T.T.

AIR BEMBAN 12TH ANNIVERSARY

Last Lord's day the brethren from Kelapa Sawit, Bukit Batu and S'pore joined the little church at Air Bemban to commemorate her 12th anniversary. A group of us led by Rev Tow and Elder Sng left immediately after lunch in our FEBC van. We took the route via the Tuas Causeway into Johore. Then we travelled along the Kulai Road up to the 29th mile to the "two-terrace houses" church at Air Bemban, inside a housing estate. We were glad to see the brethren on the other side of the causeway, especially Rev John Ling and sister Ng Sang Chiew.

Air Bemban is a very small town in the Johore state. It is unknown to many, but known to the Lord who chooses to do a work there. On this Sunday afternoon we were delighted to see the kindergarten children dressed in their pink uniforms, seated and ready to present their items in song. It was almost 3 o'clock and the service began, chaired by Rev Ling. Hearts were lifted up to the Lord in praise and thanksgiving as Rev Ling testified of the wondrous working of God in this town. Though officially this is its 12th anniversary, yet it can be traced back to a time earlier to the late Mrs John Ling who was then serving in Kelapa Sawit. For it was she who first brought her husband to visit the Sunday School under a big banana tree. He was so touched by what he saw that he decided to speak to the headmaster of a Chinese school in the area. The man turned out to be his friend, so this was the happy solution the Lord had for the Sunday School to use the classroom in this school. Later there was a change of headmasters. The new man was a Taoist, so he turned them out of the school. But God is faithful. In 1986 Mrs Ling found this present property. So straightaway she phoned Rev Tow. The Lord moved Rev Tow to act promptly. He was at Air Bemban the next day. But they came upon an obstacle—there was a prospective buyer who was ahead of them. Happily, the Lord intervened. The man changed his mind. The property was bought with the help of Life Church for 90,000 ringgit.

Today we see a lively kindergarten, Sunday School youth fellowship, young adult fellowship and a young church, that has recently sent out her first young man to study at FEBC. He is brother Tee Chung Seng. On this joyous occasion we were glad to witness the baptism of brother Khor Eng Hock and to hear his testimony. Rev Tow delivered the Lord's message from Lk 12:35-40. "Be ye therefore ready" when the Lord returns. The service ended with a fellowship tea. We had a good time and were ready to move on to visit Bukit Batu.

Bukit Batu is a much larger town, double the size of Air Bemban and 4 miles further north. A resident of Bukit Batu had asked Rev Ling to start a work because the youngsters there are adversely influenced by bad company. Since June this year a Sunday school was started at a rented house on a little hilltop. There are two young ladies who are ministering to the children with help given by Kelapa Sawit and Air Bemban. One of the ladies is a student at the Chin Lien Bible Seminary, the other is a school teacher and she brings along some of her students. We thank God also that He has given Life Church a part in His work. There are those who come regularly to minister the Word, amongst them are Elder Sng and brother Calvin Loh. We have also conducted VBS in these gospel centres. On November 20-21 another VBS is being planned for Kelapa Sawit, Air Bemban and Bukit Batu.

—Monica Ong

The Testimony of Khor Eng Hock who was baptised at the 12th Anniversary of Air Bemban:

I was a conceited fellow before (my conversion). I believed that man can conquer the sky, money can bring self-confidence, face and position.

When I was 17 years old, I went to Singapore to work, starting with S\$30 a day. After one year I could buy a car together with my sister. I became very proud. I worked my best for money's sake, and long hours. I gave myself to it, there was no difficulty.

When I was 18, I had many things to enjoy, but an empty feeling filled my heart. At this time a brother (Chung Seng, an FEBC student) preached the gospel to me. At first, I had resolved to reject, but Chung Seng spoke a last word that touched me, "I will pray for you."

When sorrows come not single spies but in battalions

"Why are there so many amongst us who're sick," a Lifer wondered. An Elder wisely offered this explanation, "Lifers are getting older." A cancer patient may wonder, a retrenched worker may question: "What can God be up to in allowing this to take place?"

It is said that we should understand our lives as a great landscape, That extends far beyond what the eye of our experience can see. Only God knows that how one experience so horrible to us Can set in motion a chain of events that will bless future generations Take Joseph's for example. And that of our dear Pastor's.

Dear Believer suffering in silent pain, As you face the pains and heartaches and mistreatments of life, It is only by complete confidence in the goodness and plan of God That you can overcome building blocks on the journey of faith, As you look for the hand of God in all the circumstances of your life.

For us whom the Lord hath blessed with good health and steady jobs, Lest we become lackadaisical in our daily walk with the Lord, Let us pray fervently for our brethren in distress, "not letting go the garment"

It is in times like these, dearly beloved That we look upward in trustful silence, Waiting quietly and patiently for the will of the Lord to unfold "the good that will surely come about."

Ps 27:5

—Linda Chan

Yet, my heart became hardened. After this Sister Lee Chuen gave me a Gospel which I read. Having learnt something from the Bible, I chided Lee Chuen, "Neither do you have a Christian witness." Lee Chuen retorted, "Now that you know about salvation, why won't you receive the Lord?" This set my heart to struggle and doubt. Thank the Lord, I yielded myself to Christ.

After I had trusted the Lord, I found a change to my life and view of life. I would no more clasp at materialism. For I realised it is the Lord who gives and takes away. I came with empty hands and empty-handed I leave. God is the only true God, the Lord of the universe. He is sovereign. We are but pilgrims and strangers. The world passes away. I change and decay. But those who seek the Lord will not lack any good thing.

And I changed totally in facing up to sin. Sin comes from thought, which is translated into action. The end of sin is death. By the teaching of God's Word, I have become greatly conscious of sin.

Finally, I want to seek God's Word with all my might and keep it and do it. And I hope my brothers and sisters, including myself will never weaken, will grow from strength to strength to the end till we see Jesus. The Lord says to me, "You glorify Me."

Praise and thank the Lord. Amen.

Gift that lasts the whole year, Give Chinese Art Calendar with "Christ is the Head of This House." \$2.90. Obtainable from FEBC Bookroom.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (5 - 11 Oct '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON 7.30 pm <i>Isaiah</i> (Rev Tow) MON-WED Korean Revival Mtgs, Sanctuary TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg WED 7.30 pm <i>OT Poetical Books</i> (Rev Charles Seet) THU 7.30 pm <i>Evangelism</i> (Rev Goh Seng Fong) 7.30 pm <i>Charismatism</i> (Dr Jeffrey Khoo) SAT 2.30 pm YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF SUN 8.00 am <i>Devoted to One Another</i> (Rev Charles Seet, Lord's Supper) 9.30 am Sunday School/Catechism Class 10.30 am Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo 10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow) 10.30 am Young Lifers Worship 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 Service 4.30 pm Sharon BPC Service NBC This Week. <i>Thu</i> Henderson. Sunday School Offering: \$1,045; Attendance: 405 Verse for the Week: <i>But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.</i> 1 Thess 5:8 <i>Parking on Side Road.</i> Please do not block entrances to Morimasa Gardens as the owners have noticed and complained. Be a good Christian neighbour.		\$7,103.00 (8.00 am); \$12,560.00 (10.30 am) OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$430 (Coinafon); <i>Cambodia</i> \$1000, \$200, \$200, \$100, \$200, \$750; <i>Tan Kian Sing</i> \$200; <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$50, \$100; <i>Motor Vehicle for Ho Heng Sau</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$150; <i>Moses Hahn</i> \$220; <i>Needs of church members & missionaries</i> \$1500; <i>Rev Goh Seng Fong</i> \$300; <i>Burmese Printing Press</i> \$224.20; <i>Kulai BPF</i> \$100(for M'sian Prayer Newsletter); <i>MsF</i> \$200; <i>JS Heng</i> \$250; <i>LBPC 48th Anniv. Thanksgiving</i> \$100; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$326. FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) Give thanks with a grateful heart. God never fails even when we fall short. (\$160) (2) The Lord has so richly blessed above and beyond what I ask and think. A small token for Cambodia. May it nourish the hearts of the workers there. (\$50) (3) In these troubled times, we must trust completely in the Lord and not in uncertain riches (1 Tim 6:17). (\$1600) (4) Thank God for His mercy and marvellous grace. Thank God for taking care of my wife and new born baby girl. (\$200) (5) Thank God for opportunities to serve Him in Kemaman. (\$100 for Kemaman YF)
Life Church 48th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 17, '98 (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 (pager: 96085800). Charges: \$20 for earners, \$10 for non-earners and \$5 for children aged 5 to 11.		

Rev Jimmy Rim speaking at the inauguration of Botsemon B-P Church (Rev Moses Hahn)



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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. 25	No. 333
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	I Cor 12:12-27	Psalms 41
Hymn	No. 451	<i>How blest the Man...</i>
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 558	No. 126
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 12:3-8	Rom 15:25-33
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>Members of One Another</i> (Rev Colin Wong)	<i>Blessed is he that considereth the poor</i> (Ps 41:1)
Closing Hymn	No. 245	No. 254
Benediction		Lord's Supper

WHAT IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT TO THE CHURCH?

The First Commandment to the Church is derived from Paul's statement, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation" (Rom 15:20). It is the salient point of the Great Commission "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). It is pioneer missionary evangelism, which is so much lacking today.

The lament in missionary circles is there are so many props to missions, but the spearhead of preaching the gospel to the poor, the down and out, is missing. So few are willing to go to the sick and dying, to sit with them, to not only preach the gospel but also live the gospel with them.

And this is the pattern set out for us by none other than the Apostles, Paul to the Gentiles and Peter to the Jews. (Read I Cor 11:1, II Thess 3:6-9). Peter had won 3,000 to the Lord at Pentecost. Did he build a cathedral in Jerusalem and make himself super pastor of a big flock? Paul had a big following in Ephesus. He did stay two years there but to establish a Bible School to train evangelists to succeed him. The five new churches mentioned in Revelation, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia in Asia, surely, were the results of his ministry — "And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of

the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10). After this he hastened on his journey to finish his course of "pioneer missionary evangelism."

Nor did the early churches seek to dominate one another like what is plotting today. In Singapore there is a group rising to take lesser churches under their wings. They are reviving what was once called the National Council of Churches of Singapore. It is an inclusive council of all shades of Protestantism, liberalism, modernism, neo-evangelicalism, charismatism, Seven-Day Adventism, etc. We have no truck with them, being fundamentalist, Bible-believing, separatist. We have our world-wide fellowship with the International Council of Christian Churches, and we had just celebrated our 50th Anniversary in Amsterdam, August 1998.

A student of mine who pastors an independent Baptist Church and who takes a separatist stand with us sought advice. I told him to resist any pressure from "imperial" quarters that he should join up.

So do we resist joining a City-wide Gospel Campaign of the Billy Graham type which demands Protestants and Catholics to work together. The Gospel must have no strings tied around it. The preaching of the Gospel must be free, as in the days of the Apostles.

For adopting the Apostolic

Pattern of going to places where the Gospel was never proclaimed, never building on the foundation of any other, the Lord has multiplied us 48 times in our short history of 48 years. In Malaysia alone, He has given us 12 branches, viz, Kelapa Sawit, Kulai Besar, Air Bemban, Bukit Batu, Rawang, Bukit Gambir, Muar, Taman Sri Melatia (KL), Selayang Segar, Kemaman, Kuantan, Mersing. These are all prospering by the hand of the Lord.

Cambodia is our latest field. In one year our three Korean missionaries have established eight churches. Three basic ones, where they stay, and 5 others built in their suburbs at US\$3,000 per church. Each of these newly built churches for the Cambodians is filled to overflowing whenever a meeting is called. How do they keep up to their needs? — by Bible students trained during the one year of their entry to Cambodia. So far, 65 have been baptised.

What is the secret of success? If we are willing to go into the world and **preach** the Gospel (not playing with the Gospel) the Lord's power and presence according to the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20) will go with us to increase us. Because our Korean missionaries have brought succour to the poor with 5 containers of relief goods and by regular medical clinics and also by teaching computers to 120 students (Rev David Koo), the Cambodian Government immediately gave them recognition without their going under some Church council and paying heavy annual dues. And now a 6th container is assembling because you love the needy Cambodians and you are contributing to the extension of God's Kingdom to the uttermost part of the earth.

What is the First Commandment to the Church?

Publish or Perish!

This is an axiom in academic circles. The standard of excellence is gauged by what the professors write.

Far Eastern Bible College must strive towards this excellence. The College Press has been active the last quarter century.

We thank God for publishing the *Burning Bush* as a permanent record of our expression in writing for the last four years, and for its witness disseminated to many parts of the world.

Dr Jeffrey Khoo, our academic dean, is the editor of the *Burning Bush*. He has published

also his doctoral thesis, *The Gospel in Unison* and edited the Westminster Confession for a guideline in theological teaching. He co-authored *A Theology for Every Christian*. Now he has come out with a fourth book, *Charismatism, Q&A*. With meticulous precision in argument he has presented this thesis. It is worthy of our readers' attention. It is profitable reading.

So has Rev Charles Seet put his preaching to print. *A Consecrated Life* is a series of nine messages he gave to a Youth Camp in Adelaide quite recently. It is a devotional book that will lead you to search your own soul.

A Theology for Every Christian is the Introductory Book to a Systematic Theology that is forthcoming from the pens of the joint-writers. This is a work that depends totally on the goodness of God for direction and guidance. We need your supportive prayers. Then there is the Polemical Commentary of the Bible that has been announced. This must necessarily be delayed by the greater undertaking of completing the five books of *A Theology for Every Christian*. Incidentally our College Press is also publishing a thriller from the pen of Rev Jimmy Rim of Cambodia to be distributed to Lifers, Oct 11. To help support his ministry to Cambodian orphans we are giving him 4,500 copies to be shipped to USA where there is a ready readership. This is one way of making profit for the Lord. (Read Luke 19 and Matt 25) on "trading" and "gain."

—T.T.

Book Ministry to poor pastors and theological students in the Philippines

Sample Letter from a Filipino theological student to Life Church:

First of all, allow me to introduce myself. I am NILO SIPAT, 18 years old, a first year student of Convention Baptist Bible College, Bacolod City. I write to you because I know that your ministry is a very big help for me. Next year, I will be going out to the field. I will be going to different places to preach. And, I am really in need of books such as expository, commentary, evangelism guide, bible study guide. I have a big desire to buy these books but due to financial constraints I cannot and will not be able to have even one of these books. And I am very happy to know that there are ministries like yours which are helping students like me who cannot afford to buy even a

single book. I had prayed to God so many times about these books. And at last, He answered me through your ministry. I'm positive enough that your ministry could freely give some of these books to me. Praying that your ministry would be a great help not only to me but also to the whole world.

Anticipating a positive response from you regarding this letter of mine. In advance, allow me to say thank you very much for the kind hearted consideration that you will extend towards me.

Respectfully yours,

—Nilo D. Sipat

This is a silent ministry that goes on all the time. Upon receipt of request for theological books from one of these Filipino pastors or students, we mail them a 10-kg box containing a Willmington Bible and a set of pastor's publications. Since the pastor's books are free, we pay only for the Willmington Bible and postage. This amounts to S\$52 per box. During this year we have mailed 75 boxes. This list includes parcels to Africa, Japan, etc.

The Missionary

I regard the office of the missionary as a most glorious occupation, because the faithful missionary is engaged in a work which is like that of the Lord Jesus Christ; and a missionary who is unfaithful sinks to the lowest of his species in guilt and ignominy. Happy are they who can in this respect follow Christ. But the Lord Jesus is not now a missionary. He has retired from this employment, and now employs Himself in sustaining His missionaries, with the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end." If you can not, therefore, become a missionary, sustain by your prayers, your influence, and your property those who are. In these ways Jesus Christ now sustains them. By His prayers, as Advocate and Intercessor with the Father;

by his influence, as He is vested with all power in Heaven and Earth; by His property, by pouring out fresh supplies of His Spirit, and opening the hearts of His children to contribute. In order, therefore, to be like Christ, go about doing good; and if it is not in your power to give yourself to this work, give your prayers, your influence, and your property. So far as we are like Christ in this world, so far shall we be like Him through eternity. So far as we sustain this cause, which is peculiarly the cause of God, so far shall we be happy through endless ages.

—Adoniram Judson

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It Matters to Me about You

Alice C. Lefroy

My child, I know thy sorrows,
Thine every grief I share;
I know how thou art tested,
And, what is more — I care.

Think not I am indifferent
To what affecteth thee;
Thy weal and woe are matters
Of deep concern to Me.

But, child, I have a purpose
In all that I allow;
I ask thee then to trust Me,
Though all seems dark just now.
How often thou hast asked Me
To purge away thy dross!
But this refining process
Involves for thee — a cross.

There is no other pathway
If thou would'st really be
Conformed unto the image
Of Him Who died for thee.

Thou can'st not be like Jesus
Till self is crucified;
And as a daily process
The cross must be applied.

Just as the skilful gard'ner
Applies the pruning knife,
E'en so, I too would sever
The worthless from thy life.

I have but one sole object —
That thou should'st fruitful be!
And is it not thy longing
That I much fruit should see?

Then shrink not from the training
I needs must give to thee;
I know just how to make thee
What I would have thee be.

Remember that I love thee!
Think not I am unkind,

When trials come to prove thee,
And joy seems left behind.

'Tis but a little longer
Until I come again;

What now seems so mysterious
Will all be then made plain.

Take courage then; and fear not!
Press forward to the prize,
A crown of life awaits thee,
Glory before thee lies!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (12 - 18 Oct '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	\$8,276.00 (8.00 am); \$14,210.00 (10.30 am)		
	8.00 pm	FEK Board of Directors Mtg, Library	OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1497(Chinese Ser), \$1200 (Gethsemane BPC), \$2250, \$7400; Missions \$200; Cambodia \$4000, \$200, \$3000, \$260, \$1000, \$100, \$100(Orphans); Gloria BPC, Kenya \$10; Setsuko Takashima's children ministry \$288; Rev Colin Wong \$500; Rev Charles Seet \$500; Tan Kian Sing \$1000; JS Heng \$1000; Children's Ministry \$2000, \$50; Ho Heng Sau's vehicle \$1500, \$5000; Eld Khoo Peng Kiat \$100; Yew PS \$100; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$300; Vietnam \$150; FEBC Scholarship \$5000; Sunday Sch \$50.		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetical Books (Rev Charles Seet)	(1) May this humble thanksgiving be channelled to Kulai B-P F'ship (for Malaysia Prayer Newsletter), in support and encouragement of their ministry. I've been edified by their recent newsletter regarding biblical marriage and I'm encouraged to wait upon the Lord for His blessings instead of doing it my own way. —A disobedient Christian (\$100) (2) God will provide and has been faithful in His promises. May God lead and guide me continuously according to His will and purpose. Amen. —God knows... (\$160)		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Rev Goh Seng Fong)	Life Church 48th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, Oct 17, '98 (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.		
	7.30 pm	Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)			
	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Rev Wong)			
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.30 LBC			
	6.00 pm	48th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Dinner			
SUN	9.30 am	Anniversary Thanksgiving & Baptismal Service (Rev Tow)			
	9.30 am	Chinese 33rd Anniversary Service			
	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			
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bedok, Bt Timah, Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$320; Attendance: 313					
Verse for the Week: <i>In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.</i> Isaiah 54:8					
Register your child for infant baptism by Tuesday, 13 Oct, with the Church Office (Tel: 2569256).					

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Thirdly. This Defined KJB is published by defenders and lovers of God's Word purely as an encouragement to God's faithful remnant and not for filthy lucre (which motivates the giant Bible Publishers). It signals to all the world, that God has raised up a banner of Truth in the USA and Far East, for such a time as this.

For "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 Defined KJB is a standard raised for God.

May all of God's faithful remnant people rally to the Good Book, and together let us join hands around the globe as we "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

All glory be unto the Holy Triune God. Amen.



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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. 122	No. 127
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	1 Jn 1:1-10	Psalm 34
Hymn	No. 125	The Lord I will...
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 127	No. 311
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 12:10	Jas 1:1-8.
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Devoted to One Another (Rev Charles Seet)	Why Suffering? (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
	No. 189	No. 335
Closing Hymn	Lord's Supper	
Benediction		

NOT VERTICAL BUT HORIZONTAL EXPANSION IS THE DIVINE PATTERN FOR CHURCH GROWTH

The Acts of the Apostles is not only a record of sacred early church history but also the Divine Pattern for Church Growth. "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us" (II Thess 3:6-9).

Not vertical but horizontal expansion is the divine pattern for church growth is given us by both Peter, apostle to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles. Did you notice that Peter having won 3,000 at Pentecost and soon thereafter 5,000 did not build a Cho Yonggi type of a super church and appoint himself super pastor of Jerusalem? We find him rather going to Samaria, and thereafter to Joppa, Caesarea, Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia, Corinth (I Pet 1:1, I Cor 9:5) and by tradition to Rome. Nor did Paul settle down in Ephesus where God mightily blessed his ministry, except for two years, when he

taught a Bible school that the Word might spread to all Asia. He finished three missionary journeys and ended up in Rome — the capital of the Empire and uttermost part of the earth.

On the occasion of the 48th Anniversary Thanksgiving of Life Church the Lord has prompted me to list the 53 extensions of Life Church in our fair city and beyond to Malaysia and the Asean countries, yea, even to far off Saipan for a testimony. Here is the list. Singapore: Life (1950), Sembawang (57), Zion (57), Galilee (60), Jurong (60), Mt Carmel (60), FEBC (62), Life Chinese (65), Calvary (70), Sharon (71), Grace ((76), CLBC [now FEBC Bookroom] (76), Life Indonesian (82), Life Tamil (83), Life Thai (83), New Life (83), Tabernacle (87), Beulah (90), Maranatha (90), Berean (92), BASC (98) — 21 units. Malaysia: Kelapa Sawit, Kulai Besar, Air Bemban, Bukit Batu, Muar, Rawang, Bukit Gambir, Taman Sri Melati (KL), Selayang Segar, Kemaman, Kuantan, Mersing, Kuching — 13 units. Indonesia: Batu Aji, Tanjung Piayu (Batam), Medan (Haposan), Jakarta (Yusniar) — 4 units. Thailand: Chiang Mai, Ban Long — 2 units. Burma: Far Eastern Fundamental School of Theology, Yangon BPC and Orphanage — 3 units. Cambodia: Kompong Som (Moses Hahn), Botsemon, Onyaheng, Smach

Deng (David Koo), Jesus Christ BPC, Computer School. Phnom Penh (Jonathan Lee) Stone Bridge, Hope for All — 9 units. Saipan Ho Heng Sau — 1 unit. By a recount, we have 53 (not 48) branches in the last 48 years, by His grace, more than one branch a year.

And so, together with a Chinese service that celebrates her 33rd Anniversary, we will eat a Thanksgiving dinner on Beulah Lawns, Sat. Oct 17, 7.00 pm. Our hearts do rejoice that the Lord has prospered our Church growth because we follow the divine pattern of the Acts of the Apostles. Life Church which seats 750 is not a super church, but we have churches all over ASEAN and we are casting our net farther afield, to the ends of the earth. We thank the Lord that through our three Korean missionaries we have brought forth 9 units, but these are the churches of the poorest.

Last but not least, we are reminded by David to bless the Lord and forget not His benefits—for life, longevity, good health and strength, recovery from illness, preservation from death through accident and every evil (Ps 103). So, let us give thanks, worshipfully!

Now the Lord teaches us that when we hold a dinner we do not call the rich but rather the poor. "But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind" (Lk 14:13). "And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (v.14). The Session will decide to give a portion towards a Food Fund to be administered as I suggest again by the AF, and I'm sure the Sunday School and Fellowships will respond as before. The biscuits and sardines that we purchase to fill the 6th Container this time will go to our eight B-P Churches in Cambodia, attended each week by hundreds, yea, many children and urchins, outcasts, but the poor have the Gospel preached to them (Matt 11:5).

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

An entrepreneur of a Lifer bought a truckload of 80 serviceable computers for \$5,000. A good part of this benefited FEBC students. The rest will go to Cambodia where they will be received with outstretched arms. Here is one zealous for God's Kingdom who uses his business acumen to "make gain for the Lord by trading." How it encourages our Lord's heart! —T.T.

Letter from Jonathan Lee, Oct 5, 98

I really thank God because if it weren't for the grace of God I would not be healthy today. I was very ill with dengue fever twice in a row within such a short time.

My students came to my sick bed and prayed ceaselessly for me with many tears everyday. Though they are young Christians, they have burning hearts for the Lord Jesus Christ. God heard the prayers of my students, and all Lifers' prayers and He saved my life.

After being healed, some of my students came down with the same horrible dengue fever. It was at the time that you asked me to return to Singapore and rest my sick body. But how could I go back to Singapore when my students do not have enough money to see a doctor, or even to go to school to study?

I cried and cried for the sick students. I had to stay and pray for them and take them to a doctor. I taught Jesus Christ to them and they've accepted Him as their Savior. So I had to show them the love I had preached to them as Jesus Christ loves them. Please pray for me and for my poor students because I am still suffering a little bit from the after effect of dengue fever. Especially there are still a lot of mosquitoes. We are very happy with Jesus Christ. I provide all my poor students with 4 times big dinner per month and I pay scholarship to my students.

As you know there were serious social problems in Phnom Penh recently. I could hear shooting sound almost every night near my house. Also the many recent demonstrations led to violence in the streets of Phnom Penh and people lost their lives by terrible poisoning. I thank God for protecting me from the various dangers that have plagued this city since I arrived here.

Please continue to pray for peace to come to Cambodia through Jesus Christ.

May God bless all Lifers and you.

—Jonathan Lee

Madam Heah Hui Ngim, 55, of the Chinese Service, sister of Heah Eng Lin & Eng Siang, went home to be with the Lord Oct 5. Funeral at CCK Cemetery was officiated by the Pastor, Oct 9, 98.

Madam Ng Siew Keng, 72, mother of Dr Tan Yew Ghee & Yew Chong went home to be with the Lord Oct 6. Funeral at CCK Cemetery was officiated by the Pastor, Oct 10, 98.

INTERNET SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON BILLY GRAHAM

His duplicity and deception has held the whole world in a spell. Millions of Christians hero worship the man, and angrily rise to his defence if anything unfavourable is said about his person or preaching. Such is the aura which surrounds the name of Billy Graham, almost the same as that which surrounds his idol, the Pope.

For years we have suspected that Dr Billy Graham is no honest man of God, but a false prophet, a wolf in sheep's clothing. For years it was rumoured that he was a Freemason. Some wrote to his Billy Graham Evangelistic Association only to receive an ambiguous and misleading "non reply." But, of course, we have not forgotten that the BGEA does not hesitate to resort to lies and cover up (as we experienced first hand during the Singapore Crusade, 1978).

Now the INTERNET comes to our help. Out of its "magic screen" flows a revealing message from website <http://www.geocities.com/capitolhill/8988> exposing "The Billy Graham Deception - 100% proof that Billy Graham is a 33 degree Freemason."

Quote (from the Internet Source):

An ex-Freemason's testimony told of Billy Graham's attending his 33 degree Masonic initiation ceremony. Jim Shaw is one of the highest ranking Freemasons ever to defect to Christianity. Billy Graham took part in Rev Jim Shaw's 33 degree Masonic initiation. This was before Jim Shaw left the Lodge for Christ. Only 33 degree masons and candidates participated in that initiation. Jim Shaw refers to Billy Graham's presence at this Masonic ritual on page 104 of his book co-authored with Tom McKenney titled "The Deadly Deception" (Lafayette, LA: Huntington House, Inc 1998).

Masonic Award and Praises for Billy Graham

On Thursday 2 May 1996 Billy Graham and his wife Ruth received the Congressional Gold Medal - the highest award which Congress can bestow upon a citizen. Present at the award, all the people seated in the front row were powerful 33 degree Freemasons: House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Vice President Al Gore, Senator Storm Thurmond, Bob Dole, Senator Jesse Helms, and Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham). All of them are 33 degree Freemasons.

Lavish praise was heaped on Billy Graham by 33 degree Masons Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole. In addition Billy Graham has also received more Masonic awards and praises from other high ranking Masons.

Billy Graham's 33 degree Masonic File

Robert Morey, while doing research on Freemasonry at the House of The Temple, asked the librarian if they had Billy Graham's Masonic membership file. She replied that they did have such a file in hand. On page 23 of Morey's book entitled "The Truth About Masons" he refers to Billy Graham when he states "that one of the most well-known evangelists in the world is a Luciferian because he is a 33 degree Mason."

The Luciferian Conspiracy

Masons are a secret cult of devil worshippers or satanists. At some point in the higher degrees they must pass through a Luciferian initiation. Most Masons in the United States are members of Christian Churches, and many clergymen belong to the Fraternity.

Another INTERNET SOURCE adds: My 100% proof that Billy Graham is a 33 degree Freemason is far from over. More photographs and documents are yet to be scanned and uploaded onto this site. For years faithful pastors, ministry leaders, and laymen have been warning Christians about the dangerous U-turn of Billy Graham into false teaching and apostasy. However, the rich, influential and powerful Christian establishment has blocked this message from getting out to the masses. Millions are therefore totally unaware of Billy Graham's liberal, antichrist position, ... his strange, unscriptural, false teachings and statements. Nor do they know of the hidden origins of - and the secretive men behind - this man's meteoric rise to stardom. (Source: <http://www.texemarrs.com/ieg.html>.)

Satan is smarter than you think! Like him, his servants deceive with lies and cover up.

—Calvary BPC Weekly, 27 Sept 98

Jonathan Lee and his poor children



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct 19 - 25, '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON	3.30 pm	Wedding of Chow Kwong Meng & Michelle Foo (Rev Colin Wong)	\$9,014.00 (8.00 am); \$14,496.00 (10.30 am)
	7.30 pm	No evening lecture	OFFERINGS FOR: EBFII \$1000 (Thai Christian F'ship); Missions \$250; Cambodia \$100, \$1000, \$1000; Mersing \$336 (YAF), \$24 (RM50); 21C KJV PB \$30; Batam (Roska) \$50, \$150 (LF); LBPC 48th Anniv. \$400, \$100 (Hebron BPC), \$200 (Hope BPC), \$100 (Rev Kim Kah Teck), \$300 (Maranatha BPC); Frankie Matius \$1000, \$100, \$50; Rev Charles Seet \$100, \$200; Eld Khoo P K \$500; Rev Collin Wong \$200; Nirands \$500; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$200, \$300; Rev Jeffrey Khoo \$200; Vehicle for Ho Heng Sau \$2000, \$400; Ong Soo Kheng \$200; JS Heng \$200; Rehoboth BPC \$50; Needy Brethren \$200; Myanmar Orphans \$100.
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetical Books (Rev Charles Seet)	(1) Thank God for seeing me through the lowest point in my life. God has indeed been very patient and gracious towards me.
	8.00 pm	Session Mtg	(2) \$260 for resources in Cambodia to propagate the gospel by Rev Moses Hahn and Rev Jonathan Lee. May the Lord bless the work of their hands and our efforts to the course of Christ. Thank you, Lord, for grace to give a portion back to you that this light set upon the hill may be even brighter. Help us to give more and more. Amen. (3) May I offer this small sum for our Cambodia mission. "Thank God for His love, grace and mercy everyday of my life."
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Rev Goh Seng Fong)	
	7.30 pm	Charismatism (Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	
	3.00 pm	Rev Tow at Chinese YAF Anniv., FEBC Hall	
SUN	8.00 am	The Bible Stands (Rev Jack Sin)	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	
	10.30 am	Elder (Dr) Lim Teck Chye	
	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	
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	
NBC This Week. Thu Henderson; Fri Queenstown.			Church Directory Updating Form (for members only). If there are changes to your particulars, please fill up the form and place them in boxes provided at the Church Reception Counter. We shall be printing the Church Directory next year.
Sunday School Offering: \$559.65; Attendance: 293			
Verse for the Week: <i>Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.</i> Psalm 127:1			



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A GREAT DOOR AND EFFECTUAL IS OPENED TO LIFERS

In one year and one month God has used our three Korean missionaries, Moses Hahn, David Koo and Jonathan Lee to establish a total of ten branches of God's Kingdom in Cambodia. Not secretly, which is the case of Vietnam, but openly! For Cambodia is not a Communist country, but Democratic, established under the United Nations.

Moses Hahn opens a Church and Sunday School in his Missions House plus 3 new wooden churches built for OoknhaHeng, Botsemon and SmachDeng. A Singapore Korean brother is sending him S\$3,000. So, with our help, he is building a fourth one. He has five units.

David Koo has a computer school of 120, registered with the Government and his Church in the Mission House, is also registered as Jesus Christ B-P Church. He is presently building a branch church at Juk Yung. He has three units.

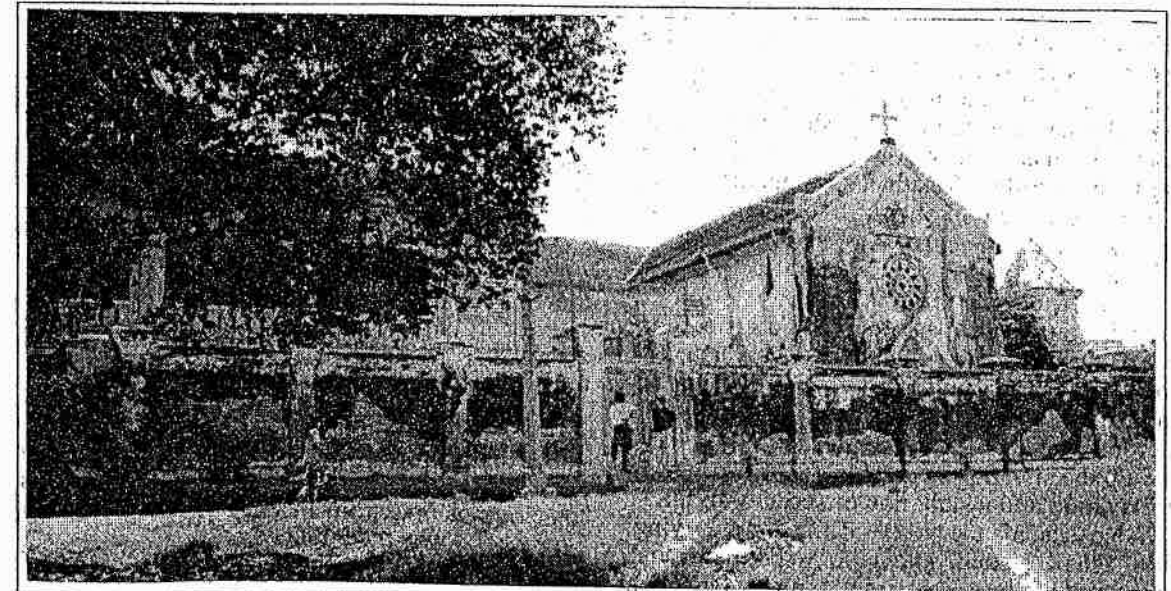
Jonathan has a Church in his Mission

House, plus Stone Bridge B-P Church and Hope for All B-P Church which he has built. So he has three units. But now he has a fourth which, in physical dimensions, covers all that they have established!

After one year and one month's serving in Cambodia, Jonathan Lee has come into the eyes of the Government. It has given him a citation hung in his Mission House — for running a fortnightly medical clinic for the poor of the kampong surrounding his mission house. This medical clinic is paid for by Eld Dr Lee of Korea, who himself has visited the clinic and rendered yeoman service.

In further recognition of Jonathan Lee's good work, the Cambodian Government has now given over to him to teach at a 120 Orphanage, with the assurance he can establish a Church. Where? At the abandoned Roman Catholic Cathedral and Convent on the Mekong Riverside as seen on the front page.

I have personally visited this mammoth





A Classroom inside the Convent

Riverside as seen on the front page.

I have personally visited this mammoth colony, when Jim Rim brought us there in our visit May 1998. It was one time the Crown Jewel of Catholic missionary work in Phnom Penh. It is far bigger than our Church and College complex at Gilstead Road. I have walked through the compound of the Catholic Cathedral with countless classrooms and dormitories forming the Convent.

From Jonathan Lee's reports, you can see him in endless sorties, in and out of one situation to another, hastening to do good to hundreds calling upon him for help. See the photo of the 120 orphans crowded in the open space between the Cathedral and the high wall opposite. He is especially asked to teach English, and you can see how he has improved his English from the letter he has written. Jonathan says his method of teaching English is through the Bible and English hymns and songs. And he is determined to start a Church, using the Cathedral.

But here comes the challenge! We pray a married couple with theological qualifications can go. Or two young ladies, according to the Lord's sending the seventy, two and two. In this connection I can assure you there will be spacious and comfortable quarters for I have sized up the situation in our May visit. Only need is renovation and installation of security fixtures.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isa 6:8).

Amen.

"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). —T.T.

URGENT LETTER FROM CAMBODIA

Now I am very busy teaching my slum students and 110 orphans of a government orphanage. Everyday I have 3 times teaching classes. From 9.00 am - small children; 2.00 pm - orphans or slum students; 5.30 pm - slum students. Especially I am now in charge of 110-120 orphans at an orphanage in Phnom Penh. God has opened the door for me to teach English, which I will do through worship songs and bible stories. The Cambodian government has asked me to educate them and has allowed me to plant a church there. Praise God.

There is an old Catholic church as the orphanage grounds. This I want to renovate so that I can have Sunday worship services for the orphans, and those in the surrounding community. There are 150 houses in this riverside village. But in order to do this I need more prayer and finances. I need also desperately second hand clothes, shoes, stationery and Cambodian Bibles to give the poor and orphan children.

These children are so impoverished, so filthy and for the most part, utterly naked. But I can show them the love of Jesus with aid from my home church. I had learnt a lot of precious lessons not only from FEBC but also from Rev Tow when I was a student.

As for the orphans I just bought them 400

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Chan Cheng Hoong, Joel
s/o Dr & Mrs Chan Kay Heem
02. Chan Cheng Wai, Joshua
s/o Dr & Mrs Chan Kay Heem
03. Chionh Yi Ling
d/o Mr & Mrs Chionh Beng Hock
04. Kwan Wei Hung, Matthew
s/o Mr & Mrs Kwan Yew Meng
05. Kwok Wei Yan, Rachael
d/o Mr & Mrs Ricky Kwok Wai Ngai
06. Lee Jing Yi, Lynn
d/o Mr & Mrs Philip Lee Boon Chon
07. Lee Yew Jay, Gabriel
s/o Mr & Mrs Lee Chai Siang
08. Lim Mei Qiu, Cheryl
d/o Mr & Mrs Lim Kwang Seng
09. Lim Wei Yang, Samuel
s/o Mr & Mrs Lim Kwang Seng
10. Lim Wei Liang, Gabriel
s/o Mr & Mrs Lim Kwang Seng
11. Ng Min Wei, Gweneth
d/o Mr & Mrs Edward Ng Siew Yee
12. Sim Wenren, Manuel
s/o Mr & Mrs Michael Sim Khit Hoe
13. Sim Wenrong, Matthew
s/o Mr & Mrs Michael Sim Khit Hoe

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

01. Chia Shu Bin, Rachel *Student*
02. Chiam Hock Leong, Winston
Insurance Practitioner
03. Chiam Wende, Daniel *Student*
04. Chua Sin Yen, Jacqueline *Student*
05. Tan Shi Ping *Student*
06. Tow Lee Young, Jane *Student*

07. Wang Zhu-Ai, Hannah *Student*
08. Wong Meilan, Joy *Student*
09. Yap Boon Leong *Student*
10. Yap Yu Kwang, Brighton *Student*

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

11. Chew Ban Huat, Arthur *Asst. Ops. Manager*
12. Gwee Teck Huat, Herbert *Businessman*
13. Gwee Xiu Min, Hannah *Student*
14. Heah Hwee Leng *Banking Offr*
15. Ng Seok Cheng, Susan *Homemaker*
16. Tan Joo Ngoh, Sandra *Homemaker*
17. Teo Choo Hwee *Course Manager*
18. Teo Qi-Wen, Elizabeth-Raye *Student*
19. Teo Li-Wen, Melissa-Raye
20. Tham Weng Kwong, Gary *Self-employed*

BAPTISM

21. Arquintillo Pepito Arnold *Patient Care Asst*
22. Chin Siew Leong, Eric *Engineer*
23. Choy Wai Tse, Kelly *Teacher*
24. Chua Kwee Buay *Clinic Asst*
25. Goh Wei Lyn *Sr Asst Manager, Mktg*
26. Kan Andrew *Student*
27. Kok Jin *Student*
28. Lee Puay Khoo, Janelle *Sr Credit & Mktg Offr*
29. Loke Pat Mui, Patricia *Admin Offr*
30. Diona Macrina Manalo *Domestic Helper*
31. Ng Hai Tiang, Shirley *Personnel Offr*
32. Ngoh Eng Eng *Senior Offr*
33. Ramirez Lobingco Mirasol *Asst Nurse*
34. Sim Khit Hoe, Michael *Area Mgr*
35. Tan Hwee Khim, Serena *Freelance Teacher*
36. Teoh Ai Hua, Louie *Fashion Designer*
37. Yeo Hui Ling, Rachel *Student*
38. Yong Wan Ling, Shirleen *Sales Executive*
39. Zhang Lan, David *Technician*

notebooks and 100 ballpens at the request of the orphanage director. How could I say no, even though I am hard up. They need stationery to learn writing. They need a 15 kilowatt generator because the orphanage has no electricity. When it's overcast outside it's hard to see in class because they are entirely reliant on the sunlight.

Rev Tow, these orphans were full of hardness when I first met them. As I taught with Cambodian co-workers, stern young faces without a smile looked back at us. But what a difference now! We've shown them the love of Jesus by teaching them and by having my slum students put on a concert of worship before them. Not one of them know the Lord and yet yesterday they learned to sing, "God is so good." Today even their smiles could not be stopped.

They cheered when I said we would bring boiled corn for them to eat this coming Monday. What a blessing, the harvest is golden ripeness. But I need more resources, as stated above. Pray for these my poor slum students and poor orphans who are without parents and without the love of Jesus Christ. —Jonathan Lee from Phnom Penh

By early November, we should be shipping a 6th Container to Phnom Penh. We need children's clothes, shoes, stationery, Cambodian Bibles especially for the Orphanage. If we send food, this batch will go to all our churches and the Orphanage. Hurry!
Sign Language Course. Those interested, please contact: Paul Tay paulnet@pacific.net.sg and Lim Hui Min 97011489(pg) ponpon21@singnet.com.sg

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25 Oct - 1 Nov '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS : \$34,570.00		
MON	7.30 pm	Isaiah (Rev Tow)	OFFERINGS FOR: 48th Anniv. Thanksgiving from BP Churches/ Invited guests \$4150, US\$100; EBF II \$300(Kebaklian Ind.); Cambodia \$1000, \$15, \$400, \$50, \$110, \$22500, \$600, \$100, \$200; \$200, \$100, \$1000, \$600, \$1000(FEBC student fund); Cambodia orphans \$100, \$900; Ho Heng Sau \$100, \$200(Vehicle); Rev Charles Seet \$250, \$50; YF \$50; MsF \$50, \$50; Frankie Matius \$100, \$100, \$50, \$500, \$400; Rev Jonathan Lee \$200, \$50; Baraka Conf Centre \$100; Myanmar Orph \$300; Roska \$12; Children's Ministry \$200, \$200; Tan Kian Sing \$100; Magdalene Tan \$100, \$100, \$50; Vietnam \$100, \$150; Nirands \$100; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$300; Saipan \$145; Poor brethren in Nirand's church \$675; Poor brethren in Roska's ministry \$675; Bibles/bks for P'pines \$250; Esther Chew \$300; Chinese Bibles US\$50.		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg			
WED	7.30 pm	OT Poetical Books (Rev Charles Seet)	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
THU	7.30 pm	Evangelism (Rev Goh Seng Fong)			
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF			
SUN	8.00 am	Honour One Another (Rev Charles Seet)	(1) The Lord's grace has been sufficient for my family and me. This is my offering to Him. May it be used as financial assistance for the sick who need it. (\$400)		
	9.30 am	Sunday School			
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	(2) Dearest Father, I have disobeyed you continually and failed to do thy will. Forcing my way into the path which I deemed perfect for my own personal gain has proved disastrous—because I have not sought your blessing. Although I have been very rebellious to you, you have never forsaken me. I thank you for thy unfailing mercy and compassion towards me. Please forgive your recalcitrant child and make her be what you want her to be from now on. —Your undeserving child. PS: I love you, Father.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service			
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	No NBC This Week.		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship			
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Verse for the Week: <i>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.</i> Hebrews 4:16		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.15 pm	Evangelism, EBF Rm, Beulah Hse			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
	6.00 pm	Rev Tow at Sunset Gospel Hour			



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Elder Geoffrey Tan	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 46	No. 361
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 32	Rom 5:1-11
Hymn	No. 432	No. 55
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 120	No. 432
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	1 Pet 1:24,25	Galatians 3
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	<i>The Bible Stands</i> (Rev Jack Sin)	<i>Justification by Faith</i> (Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye)
Closing Hymn	No. 256	<i>I'm not ashamed...</i>
Benediction		

REFORMATION UNENDING

(Message delivered by Rev Timothy Tow at Maranatha B-P Church's 8th Anniversary, 25 Oct 98)

Every year we Bible-Presbyterians set aside the last Lord's Day of October to commemorate the 16th Century Reformation. For it was on Oct 31, 1517, eve of All Saints Day that Martin Luther challenged the foul Roman system by nailing the 95 Theses (Statements) on the door of the castle-church at Wittenberg. The Reformation was launched. "The Theses were copied, translated, printed, and spread on angels' wings through Germany and Europe in a few weeks" (Schaff). This resulted in the birth of the Protestant Church. Being sons of the Protestant Church we are once again reminded to take a stand on the faith of our Fathers.

"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." Traitors to the Cause of Jesus Christ have arisen within the Camp. They have, the evangelical leaders of America, returned to Rome and have signed a statement of togetherness in 1994 called the ECT, Evangelicals and Catholics Together and in 1997, ECT II declaring that the Catholic doctrine of salvation is the same as the Protestants'.

We who believe in Justification by Faith alone have no truck with Catholicism's continued belief in salvation by Faith plus Works. They have not changed an iota of their man-made salvation. We must expose the treachery of the ECT signers.

We must not let them smother the Spirit of the 16th Century Reformation.

In the spirit of Martin Luther, God raised a 20th Century Reformer in the person of Carl McIntire. In 1948, when apostate Protestant leaders formed the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam to unite Christendom with a view to reuniting with Rome, McIntire moved at lightning speed to the same City to counter with an International Council of Christian Churches.

At that time, I was a student in Faith Seminary. I was fired with a zeal to join the 20th Century Reformation movement spearheaded by the ICC. I introduced the movement to Rev K.C. Quek. He also felt the call to arms to stand with Dr McIntire. Both of us attended the Second Congress of the ICC in Geneva, 1950.

From 1950, when Life Church came into being, for the last 48 years Quek and I have stood for the Faith and have taken the fight to every continent. One blessing God has clearly bestowed upon us is the prospering of the B-P Churches. In spite of a split in the B-P Churches in Oct 1988, God has continued to increase us, so that there are over 30 B-P Churches registered with the Government and branches of the B-P Churches have now spread around the globe.

Today we stand here to reaffirm and uphold the

principles of the 20th Century Reformation one of which is separation from unbelief and the domination of the WCC and the related National Council of Churches. Of late there is the raising of the ugly head of the National Council of Churches in Singapore to hegemonise the smaller churches. They have approached us, but each B-P Church must not be lured thereby. We have the worldwide fellowship of the ICCC. We must resist their invitation to join up.

Reformation is an unending process. If we don't take a stand we will be swallowed up. May God use the ICCC to strengthen our faithful stand.

Reformation unending leads us to a more subtle perversion of our faith. Having used Westcott and Hort to undermine the text of the sacred scriptures by taking away precious portions of the Bible, such as the woman taken in adultery passage Jn 7:53 - 8:11, the last 12 verses of Mark and the Johanne Comma, I John 5:7,8 and together with them other portions and vital words to the extent of I and II Peter, Satan lures modern translators of the Bible to produce over 100 new versions. Based on Westcott and Hort, these new versions are rightly called "perversions." These "perversions have attacked every vital doctrine of the Bible. The NEB, RSV, eg. takes away the word "virgin" in Isa 7:14 and replaces it with "young woman." The NIV takes away the eternal sonship of Christ by throwing out "begotten" from every such assertion in the sacred text. The GNB takes away the blood out of every blood passage or verse. In order to destroy the venerable age-old Queen of Bible Translations, the King James Bible, they malign it to be an obsolete version, hard to be understood by the new generation. They popularise these new translations, but alas ten thousands of polluted words, substituting the original, are sowed, like tares to spoil our faith.

To counter this onslaught, we thank God for faithful men who have been raised of God, viz., E F Hills (Th^A Harvard), David Otis Fuller, D A Waite, David W Cloud, G A Riplinger, S H Tow and not the least the faculty of Far Eastern Bible College to witness against the infidelity and corruption of the 100 "perversions," new translations of the Bible. God having given us the King James Bible for nearly 400 years and having preserved its text from the beginning honours those who stand with Him.

The Lord has also raised D.A. Waite to publish a Defined King James Bible that supplies every old and archaic word in the KJV (only 600 of them) in modern and easily understood terms.

(Leather bound, \$39.90!)

Reformation unending, this is the battle to be fought into the 21st Century. We have a 20th Century Reformation under Dr Carl McIntire. We have a 21st Century Reformation by all Bible lovers, through the KJV in the English-speaking world.

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Amen.

My dear Lifers,

"THE POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM" (Matt 11:5)

You will notice that our Lord concentrated on the poor in His earthly ministry because the rich and powerful not only had no need of Him, but spurned Him. The poor received Him gladly and they entered His Kingdom.

It is true that less and less S'poreans are coming to Christ because they have become rich. What better place to bend our efforts to save souls than on poor Cambodia. (It ranks 140 in poverty while S'pore ranks 4 in prosperity despite the economic downturn.) And being a democratic country they cannot prohibit Christianity, though the people are strongly Buddhist.

The Statement by Jonathan Lee, Director of our Mission, reports officially what we have accomplished the last one year. And now a great door and effectual is open unto us. Jonathan Lee is returned to Singapore for medical check up. He will show slides this Tuesday Prayer Meeting night. See them first hand.

What is the great door and effectual the Lord has opened for us? It is the opening to our missionaries to teach at a 120 Orphanage now housed in an abandoned Catholic Cathedral and Convent. (The Catholic nuns and priests were expelled when the French left Cambodia many years ago.)

These orphans will receive teaching from us, including the Bible and Protestant doctrines. The Government has not only approved this but given over the Cathedral to us to found a Church. But we have to repair the Cathedral. This costs US\$6,000 for the leaking roof plus the putting back of broken doors. A 15-kw generator is needed to supply electricity. Martin Sng is trying to negotiate for a German brand at a discount.

A second-hand van costing US\$10,000 will facilitate Jonathan's shuttling work. By motor bike he has slipped on the muddy road more than once.

For the feeding of the 120 orphans and his 25 slum children around the precincts of his house and for their medical expenses we have approved a further US\$800 a month. These poor lambs who are daily taught to praise Jesus and pray to Him are being converted at a steady pace.

Why do we have to spend these sums of money? The Cambodian Government has literally no money for orphans. So these are orphans of orphans! Providentially there's an anonymous cheque for \$22,500 to pay our first bills.

Here comes our 6th Container! Session has appointed Lim Pin of AF to coordinate with the S.S. and various Fellowships. A sacred cause the Lord will bless deserves the support of the whole Church. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble" (Ps 41:1). In doing good at no expense, you can send your surplus goods (some have brought tinned food) and clothing, particularly for children, to Beulah House or the Parsonage.

—Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

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TO : THE COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CAMBODIA.

AMFC'S Current Strategic plans :

We are pleased to inform you of our recent activities and future plans at present;

AMFC teaches English, Chinese, Thai, Computer and music to students in Phnom Penh and Sihanouk vill.

AMFC has also assisted in digging wells to provide clean drinking water in Sihanouk vill.

AMFC helped to build five church buildings in Sihanouk vill and Phnom Penh.

AMFC received five containers filled with clothing, shoes, canned foods milk power, Computers, stationery, electric goods, English and Chinese teaching materials and toy ect from headquarters in Singapore.

AMFC distributed these containers to over 30 orphanages and schools throughout Cambodia we will continue to receive containers and distribute them to this nations needy poor people and orphans.

AMFC has provided medical treatment for the last six months to residents of Tek Thlak poor village people.

AMFC supports school fee to 25 poor students.

AMFC has undertaken the responsibility of educating 110 orphaned students at Kean Plaing orphanage. We will teach English and music, and possibly Chinese, Thai, Japanese and Korean and Computer.

AMFC will provide clothes and supplemental food and vitamins including medical care for the orphans and the children of the surrounding village.

AMFC will also provide a 15kw generator to provide electricity to the class rooms and dormitories.

We are so excited about our current projects in Cambodia. We will do our best to help those most in need in this kingdom.

Thank you for consideration and assistance.

Sincerely Yours,

REV. JONATHAN LEE
Director of AMFC
Phnom Penh



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (2 - 8 Nov '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON 7.30 pm <i>Isaiah</i> (Rev Tow)		\$5,905.00 (8.00 am); \$11,823.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg/Wedding Rehearsal		OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Cambodia</i> \$3000, \$300, \$100, \$200, \$50, \$150(Boxes); \$100(Boxes), \$200, \$400, \$50(Stationery for kids), \$100(Orphans); <i>Kenya Mission (JS Heng)</i> \$100, \$250; <i>Jonathan Lee</i> \$100, \$1000; <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$100, \$60; <i>China-Chinese Bibles</i> \$50; <i>Baraka Church</i> \$50; <i>Nirands</i> \$50; <i>Roska</i> \$50; <i>MsF</i> \$200; <i>Rev Goh Seng Fong</i> \$300; <i>Tan Tong Seng</i> \$50(Boxes); <i>Vietnam</i> \$840(Coinafon); <i>LBPC 48th Anniv.</i> \$150, \$100, \$300; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$326.
WED 7.30 pm <i>OT Poetical Books</i> (Rev Charles Seet)		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
FRI FEBC Exam begins		(1) <i>Faithful is the Lord!</i> By the grace of God, He has called me to study in FEBC. Since then the Lord has been faithful and good in providing for all my needs. All that I have received I do not count them as belonging to me. They all belong to Him who owns all, even our life and our soul. I am just a steward. My account is in heaven. I thank the Lord for giving me grace to offer what he has provided back to Him, even as He has challenged Abraham to offer Isaac back to Him, the only begotten of Abraham whom he had waited for years. But God is faithful, Jehovah-jireh. He will provide, and indeed He did. I have been seeking the Lord's will and He has graciously spoken to me specifically through His Word. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Prov 11:24,25). . . George Mueller, the Man of Faith, said "Our reserve fund is in heaven. The living God is our sufficiency. I have trusted Him for one dollar, I have trusted Him for thousands, and never trusted in vain." So it is with much conviction and gladness that I am surrendering the abundance that He has provided me with over the last few months. Please use it for the renovation of the cathedral and orphanage under the charge of our missionary in Cambodia. All praise to Him.
SAT 2.30 pm YFLTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF		
3.00 pm Berean BPC Wedding		
6.00 pm Rev Tow at New Life BPC Anniv.		
SUN 8.00 am <i>Be of the Same Mind with One Another</i> (Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper)		
9.30 am Sunday School		
10.30 am Dr Lim Teck Chye		
10.30 am Chinese Service (Rev Tow)		
10.30 am Young Lifers Worship		
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/Parents		
Lunch, Beulah House		
12.00 pm Burmese Service		
12.30 pm Korean Service/Filipina F'ship; 1.30 AF		
4.00 pm Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.		
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok, Yishun.		
Verse for the Week: <i>For thou hast been a strength to the poor; a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.</i> Isa 25:4		
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"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. 18	No. 24
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Philippians 2	Matt 6:19-24
Hymn	No. 335	No. 324
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 309	No. 261
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 12:9-10	Rom 16:1,2
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Honour One Another (Rev Charles Seet)	Paul's Highest Esteem for Phoebe
Closing Hymn	No. 382	No. 302
Benediction		Lord's Supper

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

From Cambodia, particularly, we receive a stream of exciting photos. This week we make this a bumper issue of photonews.

David Koo runs a computer school of 120, divided into four classes. On the Lord's Day the computer school is turned

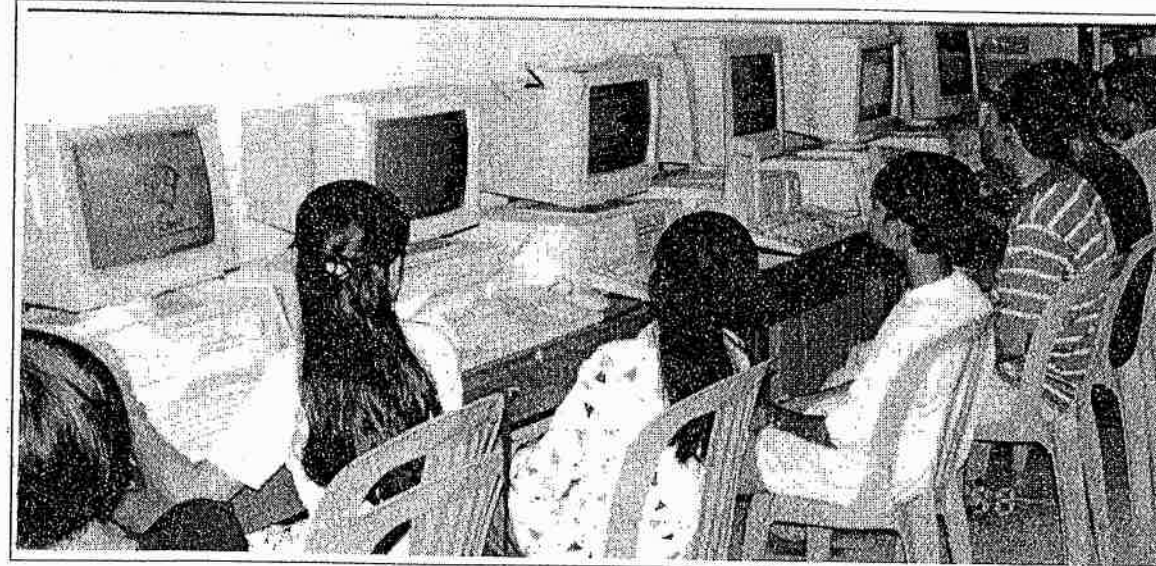
into a church. Two services are held, a.m. and p.m. Notice the sign Jesus Christ B-P Church and the crowd outside the Church-school. These are afternoon worshippers. David Koo baptised 63 some months ago and now another 52.

David also has a branch Church at Kuk Jung. You can see him and wife standing on the left.

Next is Moses Hahn's Church at Smach Deng. Here you see Mrs Hahn teaching a Sunday School.

On the back page you see Jonathan Lee with some of his 120 orphans in the compound of the Convent. See the little ones eating corn cobs.

With three Mission houses and 6 newly built wooden churches plus the Convent Orphanage where Services and Sunday Schools are held each





week, we can count nearly a thousand souls that come under the sound of the Gospel. Moses Hahn has trained 10 Bible students the last one year. These go out to teach the children.

Holy Foresight

There is a Chinese saying, "He who has foresight will not be poor." How true this is in currency speculation. Jesus had holy foresight, so He took advantage of every situation, speaking to the Samaritan woman, foregoing his lunch, but how she heard the Word, was saved, and brought the whole city to hear Him. He also said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Then He spat and made clay and anointed the eyes of the man born blind and sent him to the pool of Siloam to wash, and the blind man saw. This caused a stir and all who knew him saw God's glory, save the recalcitrant Jews.

Through the Samaritan woman and the blind man made whole, hundreds I'm sure had come to believe in Jesus.

We must also work the works of Him that sent us while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. How thankful we are that a great door and effectual is opened unto us in Cambodia where we can freely build churches and have entry to a Government Orphanage and have the freedom to start a church for the orphans and the community, at the little expense of repairing the roof and doors at US\$6,000. To build a small wooden church in comparison, costs US\$3,500 - \$4,000.

The greater evil times that will swoop on the whole world (not only S E Asia) is the dreaded

Millennium Bug in a matter of 14 months. I need not say more, but every now and then scenarios of things to come are portrayed before our eyes. One hidden ugly head is the surprise of war. Well, if this erupts, that's the end.

Holy foresight should show us the way to intensified service for His Kingdom. Accelerated evangelistic work in Cambodia will earn us multiplied dividends. And are we, His servants, not to go and 'trade' and 'gain' for Him? (Twice repeated in Lk 19 and Matt 25).

One immediate job, hasten to bring in your surplus goods to the 6th Container, now waiting for loading.

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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. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. Psalm 41:1-3

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Pro 19:17

Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. II Cor 8:7-9



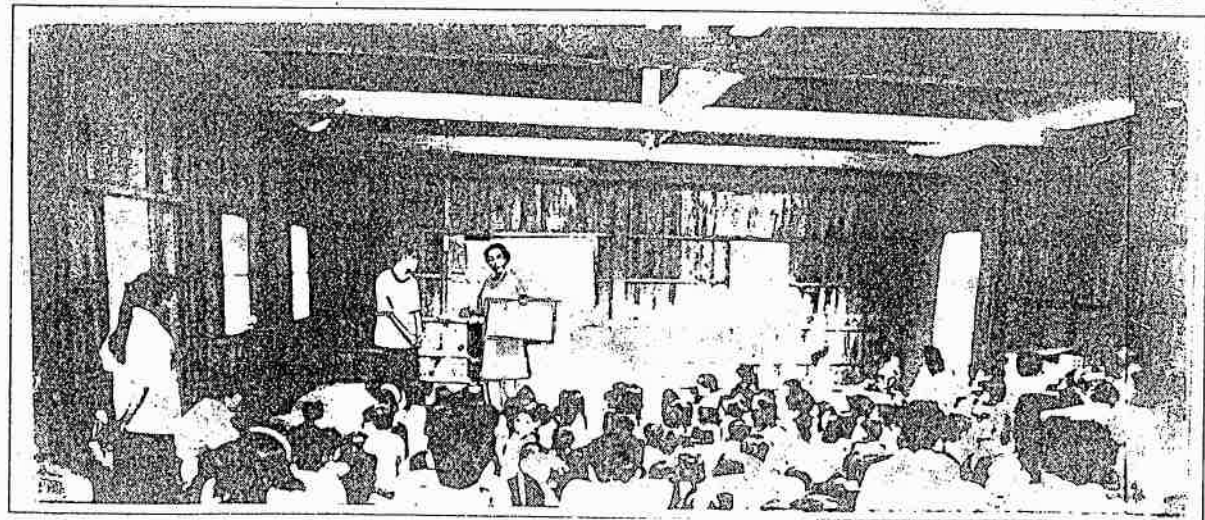
Since the last shipment of food to Cambodia early this year, eight new churches had sprung up attesting to the mighty work of our Lord on the salvation of His children there. Rev Tow's proposal for another container of food to be shipped to these eight churches demonstrates that our concern for spiritual salvation extends to the physical well-being of the Cambodians who are living in abject poverty. I recall our missionary, Jonathan Lee's remark, "The children are eating that" as he pointed to a dustbin on Church premises. Nothing strikes a clearer chord within us than to have an eyewitness' account on the state of hunger experienced in that country. The feeding of 5,000 by Jesus Christ was yet a clear account of how Christ had compassion for those who were hungry. Despite the economic down-turn, we must reach out to these people.

Once again, we appeal to all fellowship groups and well-wishers for your generous contributions.

Cash or cheques made payable to "Life BP Church Adults Fellowship" may be forwarded to Dn Charlie Chan, Dn Henry Tan, or Mr Henry Leong Meng Soon or myself. This appeal for funds will end on 22nd November 1998. Thereafter, the contributions will be used for bulk purchase of foodstuffs such as canned sardine and biscuits. God willing, we will ship and deliver the supplies to the 8 churches by Christmas. God bless.

—Lim Pin

Madam Soh Lay Keng, 73, mother of Dr Teo Chong Ghee of New Life BPC London was baptised Oct 27, '98 at her residence by the Pastor of Life Church before her Christian husband and son, Dr S H Tow, Eld Khoo and Edwin Hee (FEBC) student. Hallelujah!



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (9 - 15 Nov '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
MON 7.30 pm <i>Isaiah Exam</i>		\$6,668.00(8.00 am); \$14,844.00 (10.30 am)
TUE 8.00 pm <i>Prayer Mtg</i>		OFFERINGS FOR: <i>EBF II</i> \$1275 (Chinese Svc), \$2250; <i>Cambodia</i>
WED 7.30 pm <i>OT Poetical Books Exam</i>		\$50, \$20, \$650, \$200, \$100, \$200; <i>Cambodia orphans</i> \$500, \$250,
THU 7.30 pm <i>Charismatism Exam</i>		\$288; <i>Missions</i> \$100, \$500, \$500(Kemaman Ch); <i>YF</i> \$100; <i>Frankie</i>
FRI 7.00 pm <i>End-of-Semester Thanksgiving Service</i>		<i>Mattius</i> \$1000, \$100, \$100; <i>Tan Kian Sing</i> \$200, \$100; <i>Rev Jonathan</i>
7.30 pm <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>		<i>Lee</i> \$300; <i>Rev Goh Seng Fong</i> \$300; <i>Roska</i> \$150; <i>Burma Printing</i>
7.45 pm <i>Ladies/Men's F'ship, Beulah House</i>		<i>Press</i> \$500, \$200, \$480; <i>LBPC 48th Anniv</i> \$1000, \$200, \$100; <i>FEBC</i>
SAT 2.30 pm <i>YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF</i>		\$500(Kemaman Ch); <i>MSF</i> \$1000; <i>Cambodia Food Fund</i> \$300.
Rev & Mrs Tow to Adelaide		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
SUN 8.00 am <i>Accept One Another</i>		(1) Praise God for His Precious Promise of
(Rev Colin Wong)		providing and protecting my daughter and myself
9.30 am <i>Sunday School</i>		on our recent trip (\$1000 to the Cambodian
10.30 am <i>Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan</i>		Missions). Ps 121:8 "The Lord shall preserve thy
10.30 am <i>Chinese Service</i>		going out and thy coming in from this time forth,
10.30 am <i>Young Lifers Worship</i>		and even for evermore."
10.30 am <i>Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship</i>		(2) We thank God for the many years of kindness
10.30 am <i>Children's Choir Practice</i>		and encouragement we have received through you
10.40 am <i>Church Choir Practice</i>		and the BP fellowship. As a token of our
12.00 pm <i>Burmese Service</i>		appreciation, we enclose this love offering to Life
12.30 pm <i>Korean Service/Filipina F'ship</i>		BPC. May God continue to bless and prosper your
4.00 pm <i>Indonesian Ser'</i>		ministries. \$1000
4.30 Sharon BPC Ser.		(3) Please use this thanksgiving gift for
NBC This Week. <i>Thu Henderson.</i>		Cambodia. We thank God for the brothers and
Verse for the Week: <i>I am crucified with</i>		sisters who are labouring there and will continue to
<i>Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but</i>		keep them in our prayers. \$1000.
<i>Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now</i>		Urgent! <i>Christmas Camp for BASC</i> (1-4 Dec),
<i>live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son</i>		New Life BPC. Interested to serve call Dn Henry
<i>of God, who loved me, and gave himself for</i>		Tan, 95601850 or Bernard Tan, 7590383.
<i>me.</i> Gal 2:20		VBS <i>Kuantan</i> (14-15 Dec). Interested to serve call
<i>Church Directory Updating Form (for members</i>		Wendy, 7608187 or Dn Henry Tan, 95601850.
<i>only).</i> If there are changes to your particulars,		Sharon BPC Gospel Rally. Sat 5 Dec, 7.30 pm,
please fill up the form and place them in boxes		FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Goh Seng Fong. English
provided at the Church Reception Counter. We		with interpretation into Mandarin. Enquiries: tel.
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		Sunday School Offering: \$507.20; Attendance: 353



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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	Dn Yiew Pong Sen
Opening Hymn	No. 37	No. 11
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Jn 15:1-12	Psalms 42
Hymn	No. 377	No. 284
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 471	No. 429
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 15:5	Matt 6:19-34
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Be of the Same Mind with One Another (Rev Colin Wong) No. 398 Lord's Supper	Sermon to the Financially Troubled (Elder Dr Lim Teck Chye) No. 221
Closing Hymn		
Benediction		

"DANGEROUS OPPORTUNITY" (危机)

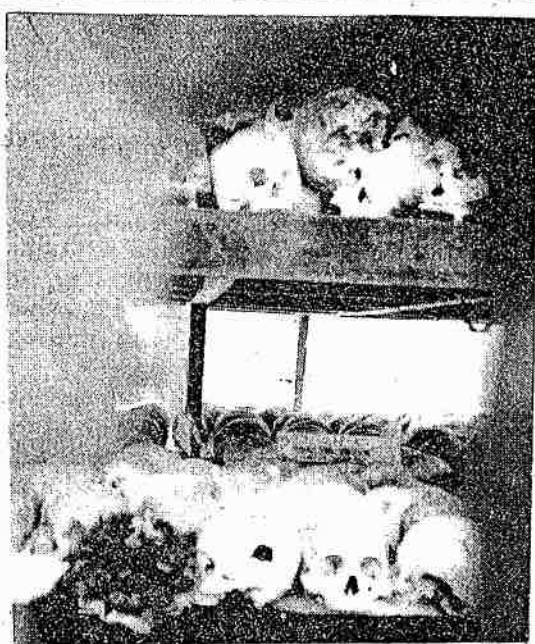
The word crisis is "dangerous opportunity" in the Chinese language. The economic crisis that is now hitting Singapore hard as never before, thank God, has affected only a small number of Lifers. Surely it has not touched 7% or 9% of the

retrenched (forecast for next year). Also some members have been taken ill. They are lovingly remembered by others as designated in the offerings column.

On the other hand, the Lord has kept intact the bulk of our membership. Knowing it is the Lord that is providing for us, and making all grace abound toward us, let us seize this 'dangerous' opportunity to succour the weak and supply the needs of those faithful missionaries who have given their lives for the poor.

In this regard we are happy to report that Abraham Mathews, graduate student from India, will soon join Jonathan Lee, Nov 17, after FEBC exams are over. Also Desmond Wee, a young Singapore English graduate





*In Killing Fields
Where mothers and their babes
Were clubbed and buried alive
To the din of shrieks and moans
The earth opened to receive their blood
Two million souls were crushed and smothered.*

*In Killing Fields
Where all lies silent today
Except for the crows that fly above:
Caw-caw, caw-caw, a lugubrious note
Except for the crows that fly above
Caw-caw, caw-caw, a lugubrious note.*

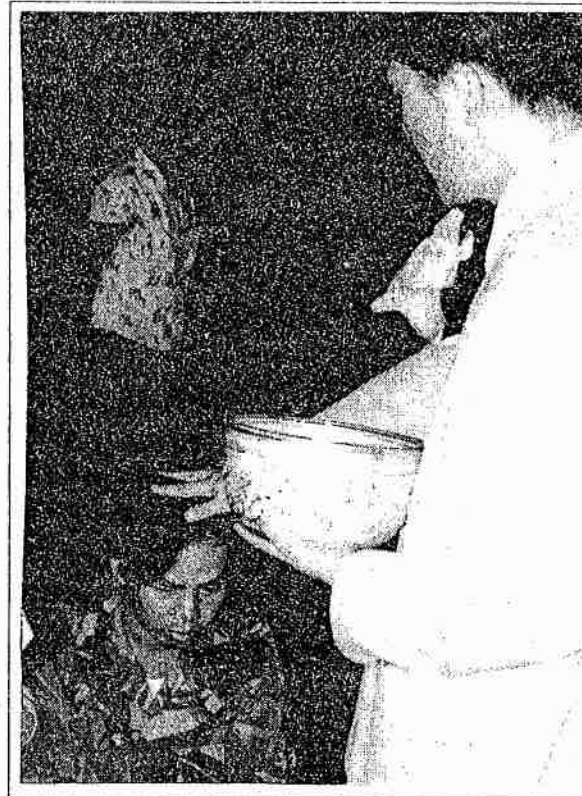
from Canada is recommended by Mrs Jenny Tang to go for a trial stint of 6 weeks. These who go to the field, to help out the Government Orphanage, will fill a great need, indeed.

To feed 120 orphans 3 times a day and subsidize 25 slum children in school fees and medical expenses, our Church has approved a monthly stipend of US\$800. This will provide the barest minimum of rice and vegetables, with some sardine swimming in with the 6th Container. But we need also to buy them exercise books and ball pens for their daily

study. They need shoes. One bright Lifer got a good deal from C K Tang, children's canvas shoes at 79 cents. If you care to forage from the same store and bring in another batch, that will be both fun and joy in doing good. This is opportunity from the 'dangerous' downturn.

There are other needy and worthy areas where the Church must support. For example, Rev Robert Thawm Luai has a Bible College of over 60 students. As Burma is equally hit by the monetary crisis, he can barely keep afloat financially because the students can't adequately pay their fees. To help him help himself our Church is buying him a printing press (donated by a sister), for by honest hard work in printing they will have a regular income. We remember Andrew Kam in his orphanage work and the running of a Yangon B-P Church. We are helping Amos Go, who graduated from FEBC a year or so ago. We gave him S\$2,000 to build a country church and for his subsistence we send him S\$100 a month.

Then there is Haposan of Medan. As he has several evangelistic outreaches we are supporting him S\$200 a month. Roska continues the good work of Batu Aji and Tg Piayu. Some offerings have gone to feed the poor kampong dwellers, so our Church is doing a good work side by side with our Government that has sent rice parcels to the Riau Islands. S\$675 is



designated to feed the poor in Chiang Mai. (The same amount is earmarked for Batam.)

While we have designated US\$800 to Jonathan Lee for the Orphanage and slum children, we have received requests from both David Koo and Moses Hahn for increased support for some ten helpers who go evangelising through the four newly-built village Churches. They also have need of chairs and tables, blackboards, and Caretaker quarters to be built next to the Churches at about US\$350.

And not to forget the US\$6,000 for the Cathedral roof and doors, the 15 kw generator and three second hand vans at US\$7,000 per van for the concerted extension of the Gospel. 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). Now that a great door and effectual is opened unto us, an opportunity amidst the dangers in a war-torn country fraught with uncertainties, let us arise to do something good for Jesus everyday.

Your love gifts weekly designated for Cambodia is a great testimony to God's blessing on us all. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble" (Ps 41:1). Amen.

—T.T.



Redeem The Time!

Dr A B Simpson

We live in a very solemn time. We are on the threshold of the age to come, and at the close of the Christian dispensation. Never were times so momentous nor opportunities so extraordinary. We belong to that generation for which all the ages have been waiting, and all beings might well envy; the generation whose high calling it may be to welcome their returning King and herald around the world the tidings of His coming. God help us to redeem the time and be true to His high calling!

We are living in an age when God is using not the mighty and the learned, but the humblest instrumentalities to do His work. He is choosing a people of a people. He is taking the things that are weak and foolish; the things that are not, to bring to nought the things that are. No one need, therefore, say, "I am unfit. There is nothing I can do." All we need is the baptism of His Spirit, the power of His Presence, and He can use us mightily in our weakness and nothingness as witnesses to the Name of Jesus. The Victory today is to be won by Gideon's little band, the three hundred, and not by the thirty thousand. Finally, the polestar of all our effort is the Lord's personal coming. He is near at hand. It is this that makes every sacrifice and toil seem little. He is so near, and His recompense will make amends for all. Oh, let us go forth with this all-animating hope, let us accept our great task and be worthy of the high honor He has given as CO-WORKERS with Himself!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (16 - 22 Nov '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$5,833.60(8.00 am); \$13,530.00 (10.30 am)		
THU	7.00 pm	FEK Graduation Ceremony, Sanctuary	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$200; <i>Cambodia</i> \$200, \$250, \$100, \$260, \$260, \$150, \$500; <i>Cambodia Orphans</i> \$100, \$100, \$2000; <i>Baraka Conf Centre</i> \$100; <i>Tape Ministry</i> \$10; <i>Jimmy Rim</i> \$100; <i>Cambodia Food</i> \$200, \$500, \$50; <i>Rev Jonathan Lee</i> \$140; <i>Rev Goh Seng Fong</i> \$300; <i>Frankie Matius</i> \$50, \$100; <i>FEK</i> \$100; <i>Children's mission (Myanmar/Cambodia)</i> \$500; <i>Cambodia 6th Container</i> \$500; <i>Burma Printing Press</i> \$200; <i>Van Fund for Rev Jonathan Lee</i> \$2000; <i>Children's Ministry-Life Kindergarten</i> \$2000.		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 4.00 AF/MsF	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
SUN	2.30 pm	Baptist Fellowship Church Wedding	(1) The Lord's grace has been sufficient for my family and me. This is my offering to Him. May it be used as financial assistance for the sick who need it. \$400.		
	8.00 am	Admonish One Another (Rev Colin Wong)	(2) Thank and praise our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for helping us to get a primary school of our choice for Sarah.		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	(3) A thanksgiving gift for children. Prov 22:6. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Children's choir (\$400) and orphanages (\$420).		
	10.30 am	Dr Tow Siang Hwa	Anyone who is interested to learn <i>Sign Language</i> , please meet at the Music Room, Beulah Hse on 21 Nov 98 at 7 pm. Paul Tay is in charge.		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	<i>Photographs of Catechumens</i> . Please collect your photos from the FEBC Bookroom. The group photo is also available for reprints. Indicate your order at the Bookroom.		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	<i>Urgent! Christmas Camp for BASC</i> (1-4 Dec), New Life BPC. Interested to serve call Dn Henry Tan, 95601850 or Bernard Tan, 7590383.		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	<i>VBS Kuantan</i> (14-15 Dec). Interested to serve call Wendy, 7608187 or Dn Henry Tan, 95601850.		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	<i>Sharon BPC Gospel Rally</i> . Sat 5 Dec, 7.30 pm, FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Goh Seng Fong. English with interpretation into Mandarin. Enquiries: tel. 2592613.		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice			
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service			
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship			
	3.30 pm	LBC			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Ser; 4.30 Sharon BPC Ser			
NBC This Week. Wed Heriderson; Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bt Batok.					
Sunday School Offering: \$623.37; Attendance: 345					
Verse for the Week: <i>Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).</i> Hebrews 10:23					
The collection of items for Cambodia is now over. Praise God for the overwhelming response.					
Church Directory Updating Form (for members only). If there are changes to your particulars, please fill up the form and place them in boxes provided at the Church Reception Counter. We shall be printing the Church Directory next year.					
Calvary YAF Christmas Gospel Rally, Sat, 5 & 12 Dec 98, 7 pm at Calvary BPC (Pandan) Conf Rm. Any enquiries, please contact Jean Lee at 5603885.					



Standing centre front is Rev Wonsia of Ivory Coast who Rev Bob Phee and Pastor Tow ordained in 1994. This is one of the new churches he is building back in Liberia his homeland. We're sending him \$3,000 for his expanding missions!



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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	Dn Wee Chin Kam
Opening Hymn	No. 29	No. 28
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 40	Psalms 27
Hymn	No. 187	No. 116
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 390	No. 377
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 15:4-13	Phil 3:10-21
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Accept One Another (Rev Colin Wong)	The Mark of God's High Calling (Rev Dr Patrick Tan)
Closing Hymn	No. 456	No. 445
Benediction		

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT "CALVIN'S INSTITUTES ABRIDGED"

I was an evening student at the FEBC some ten years ago and have attended your lectures on Church History, in which you had expounded the values of Calvin's Institutes. Church History has always been a subject of interest to me since the early days of my Christian life, and your lectures have been something I have long kept in memory.

Your first edition of the Abridged Calvin's Institutes (Book 1 and 2) has been with me all these years, something I have valued as a great teaching to apply in knowledge and in my Christian life. I have since been waiting expectantly for the release of the abridged Book 3 and 4, even after I have stopped attending FEBC's evening classes.

Year after year, I have faithfully been visiting the book stores to check on its availability, awaiting all these years, and it was only recently that I realized that it is now available, when I saw the book on the lap of someone in the MRT. The cover of the book immediately took my attention, and I was hoping that this will be the continuation of your book, observing from a distant. When I drew near to find out the author of this Abridged Calvin's Institutes, it did not take me long to go in search of the book in the stores . . . where stocks have been scarce.

After a search from many branches, I finally found it. I

really thank God for the completion of this abridged version of Calvin's Institutes, and it is with gratefulness that I am now writing to you this email, just to thank God and extend my appreciation for your effort in finally completing the long awaited abridged Book 3 and 4.

My sincere thanks to the people who have put this book together. God bless all of you!

—Edmond Ng

Calvin, Institutes (Abridged by Rev Timothy Tow). Possibly the best of three or more abridgments in the market. Uses Allen's translation. Abridged by one that has lectured on the Institutes for many years, and has a thorough appreciation of the key passages.

—Dr Paul Hoole

AND ON "ASIAN AWAKENING" AND "THE SINGAPORE B-P CHURCH STORY"

"Asian Awakening". Written in a readable, but well researched, style, this book relates the evangelical awakening under those who were possibly the greatest early-20th century evangelical leaders of Asia. It is an important book, inspiring, challenging and instructive.

"The Singapore B-P Church Story". A readable introduction by the pioneer pastor to a Church that grew based on biblical principles; it also relates personal trials (e.g. loss

of wife and child) as well as the trials of the church (e.g. breaking up of the B-P synod).

—Dr Paul Hoole

From Dr Thomas H Linton, Canada has come this appraisal of "A Theology for Every Christian" and "Beyond Versions." "We received two copies of your book "A Theology for Every Christian" and "Beyond Versions." We had read both and wish to thank you for your masterly writing, knowledge of the Scriptures (KJV 1611) and the strong language God has gifted you in your publication. We request 5 copies of both books. If you have any you would donate, we would appreciate this favour very much indeed. . .

"We think your books will make lovely Christmas gifts and put our Saviour Jesus back into the Christmas season."

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We thank the Father Almighty for blessing these books to an increasing circle of Readers. Orders are coming from America also for the John Sung books, while the Burning Bush is now

being recognised in academic circles.

We have a book ministry particularly to the poor pastors and theological students of the Philippines whereby all FEBC Publications are mailed to them upon request, including a Wilmington Bible. Thus far we have mailed them 100 parcels this year. This book ministry is part of our accelerated missions programme in light of our Saviour's Second Coming.

The latest book from the pastor's pen, "My Homiletic Swimming Pool" should see light before end of year.

Suggested list of books to give to friends this Christmas: "With Christ in the Killing Field" by Jimmy Rim, "Charismatism" by Jeffrey Khoo, "A Consecrated Life" by Charles Seet, "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" by Jason Linn, "A Stone Made Smooth," Life of Wang Ming Tao translated by A Reynolds, and Chinese Art Calendars @ \$2.90 only. The Defined King James Bible genuine leather bound @ only \$39.90 (200 copies sold). Get your Year Planner free from the Bookroom. —T.T.

GOD'S GOODNESS & MERCY

Testimony of Elder Charlie Chia

The Heart Attack

1. On Tuesday 1st September while waiting for my car to be ready at a workshop in Bukit Timah Road suddenly I felt an excruciating pain on my chest. Worse of all I was grasping for breath. It became so severe that I had to ask the mechanic (Ah Yong) to get an ambulance. Thank God the ambulance arrived in about 10 mins. It was 3 pm then. The ambulance nurses had to cut my shirt and underwear to get quick access into my body so that they can work on me while on the way to hospital.

2. When Mrs Chia got the news she became somewhat panicky. My son Maurice rushed immediately to NUH emergency. He could not trace my whereabouts. He was told that a Dr HC Tan had been coming down a few times calling for my next-of-kin. My son felt the seriousness of it and a sense of gloom set inside him. A Dr Travers at the emergency station mentioned that I had arrived just in time for my heart to be revived. I thank God for the timely arrival of the ambulance and also for giving me the presence of mind, despite the condition I am in, to insist for an ambulance instead of taking the van which was offered to me. God's timing and guidance are perfect.

3. My son went up to the Cardio Care Unit

(CCU) and met with Dr HC Tan who brought him to see me. I was all wired and hooked up and could wave feebly (although not aware) at my son, before falling asleep again. Dr Tan informed my son that the next 12 hours would be a dangerous period and gave a 50 % chance of my survival. There was nothing else he can do but to pray. Later in the night I suddenly woke and to my delight to find Rev Tow, C Wong and C Seet standing close to my bed. They came after the Tues-night prayer meeting. As they were not yet informed of my admission to NUH was it by divine appointment that somehow they got news of my plight? A number of people wanting to see me were not allowed into the ward because of my critical condition. I was then sustained by drugs and felt very weak. Rev Tow read Psalm 40 to me followed by a prayer. God is faithful and by His mercies I was out of danger the next day.

4. The Lord our God is truly great and greatly to be praised. The fact that He gave me a second lease of my life, I cannot find words enough to express my heartfelt thanks. No doubt that God has a purpose for everything and I must have some unfinished business.

The Heart Operation

5. My son asked Dr HC Tan to talk to a Prof CN Lee a heart surgeon who had founded the

NUH Cardio Unit and is now in private practice, whether he was willing to do my heart operation. He was highly recommended by a staff nurse and Dr HC Tan agreed that he is one of the best in Singapore. Thank God for his willingness.

6. On Tues (5/9) the hospital did an angioplasty and found 2 arteries restricted over a distance and the 3rd was completely blocked. This required a triple coronary bypass.

7. On Fri (6/9) Prof CN Lee came to NUH and reviewed my medical files and decided to perform the operation the next morning. He said there was no need to rest and regain strength. And there was no need to transport me to Gleneagles where he practiced. Time was of the essence and Prof Lee was used to perform the operation as soon as possible. Delay might cause a relapse. Again how good and perfect are God's timing and care.

8. Medical science is so advanced and thank God that the successful rate of heart surgery for those younger, I understand, is as high as 90%. But at my age of 71 years it was not going to be.

9. On Sat (7/9) at 7 am I was prepared for heart surgery to begin at 9 am. I went into the operation theatre full of confidence trusting in the Lord. While God had provided a good surgeon I was sure that He would also guide the operation and prevent complications from setting in. Strangely enough my son also felt the same way. The heart operation took 5 hours.

10. How good and faithful is the Lord our God and how wonderful it is to know that we can come to the throne of grace to seek His mercy at the time of need.

11. After the operation I woke up to find myself all wired and hooked up again. Unfortunately after the operation I had a stroke and that affected my left hand and leg. Thank God it did not affect other parts of my body as the stroke was a mild one. I had to undergo physiotherapy for some time and am now recuperating and hope if God willing I will be able to walk normally soon.

12. Looking back I see that God really cares. My heart attack could have occurred while I was in Kuching for 12 days or while on vacation in Europe for 21 days immediately after my Kuching trip. It could have happened while I was driving around Singapore. Also the church financial statements for presentation at the monthly Session meetings were not interrupted for God has provided enough workers before my heart attack to take care of the work in my absence. A word of thanks to them. Also what if the ambulance had arrived a little late and what if I had taken the van instead? God is truly in control.

13. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers for me for the Lord has surely answered your prayers for me. Truly the Lord is faithful. Thanks also for those who could visit me to uplift my spirit with words of comfort, not forgetting our three pastors. Thanks also for other friends who visited and prayed for me.

14. Also a word of thanks to my wife who had been with me every day and my son almost every night and to say a word of prayer before leaving for home with his mother. PRAISE THE LORD."

Jot and Tittle

"Not one jot or tittle..."
Ah that will say it all!
God's Word will never fail
No one will breach its wall

Tho' Satan would assail
Each chapter and each verse,
Sow it with seeds of doubt. . .
It will be none the worse:

He has used men of clout
With fire and the sword
Right down thro' the ages
To quiet God's holy word.

He's used even sages
To charm the minds of men
With adages subtle
As 'twas in old Eden

But each jot and tittle—
Down to the very last,
Will never fail at all
Till this old Earth be past

Why, it is GOD who'll call
All men to repentance
Even if they little
Know one word or sentence!

—John Tow

Miracle after Miracle

A Musical Drama for Young Voices
by Life B-P Church Children's Choir.

Venue:

Morialh Bible-Presbyterian Church,

31 Simei Road (Sat, Nov 28, 7.45 pm)

Life Bible-Presbyterian Church,

9A Gilstead Rd (Sun, Nov 29, 7.45 pm)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (23 - 29 Nov '98)

TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF/AF (Visitation);
	3.30 pm	LBC/EBF
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Lim Thor Choon & Yap Chwee Pheng (Rev Tow)
SUN	8.00 am	Greet One Another (Rev Charles Seet)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Tow
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship
	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
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

7.45 pm Children's Choir Musical Drama, "Miracle After Miracle", Sanctuary

NBC This Week. **Wed** Henderson; **Fri** Queenstown, Thomson.

Sunday School Offering: \$779.25 ; Attendance: 346

Verse for the Week: *30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1 Cor 1:30*

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OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$300; Cambodia \$400, \$500, \$50, \$500, \$300, \$1000, \$100; 21 Century KJV PB \$30; Cambodia Food \$400, \$1000, \$255; Cambodia Orph \$200, \$500; Myanmar Orph \$200; Chiangmai \$100; Chiangmai Bldg Fund \$1000; Saipan Mission \$100; MsF \$100; YF \$50; Rev Charles Seet \$50, \$50; Revs Moses Hahn & David Koo \$400; Tan Kian Sing \$100; Rev Colin Wong \$50; Batam \$150; Burma Printing Press \$2000.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) I would like to thank the Lord for His unfailing providence, even during this period of economic gloom. \$500 for mission outreaches.

Carol Ling En Ai, please contact Dn John Hoe regarding an offering, tel 2394044.

Life Church Choir warmly invites you to serve in the music ministry. No prior musical or choral skills needed. Visit us at the Music Rm, Beulah Hse at 10.40 am on Sundays. Contact Beng Lee 3271346 or Siew Li 2893947 for more details.

Children's Library in need of Christian books & cupboards (with transparent front panels). Contribution much appreciated, contact Eld Tan Nee Keng.

Photographs of Catechumens. Please collect your photos from the FEBC Bookroom. The group photo is also available for reprints. Indicate your order at the Bookroom.

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Life Church bought this white dressed African lady a wheel chair. Otherwise she has to crawl on all fours. Many thanks from Rev Wonsta her pastor.



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	8.00 am	10.30 am
Call to Worship	Dn Ong Eng Lam	Elder Han Soon Juan
Opening Hymn	No. 165	No. 121
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Col 3:1-17	Psalms 23
Hymn	No. 272	No. 311
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 319	No. 355
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 15:14	Matt 11:28-30
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Admonish One Another (Rev Colin Wong)	The Easy Yoke (Dr Tow Siang Hwa)
Closing Hymn	No. 245	No. 128
Benediction		

HOW WILL AD 2000 AFFECT YOU? Y2K=666?

A Report by Dr N W Hutchings from Prophetic Observer

Dr Larry Spargimino and I have just finished the manuscript on a book addressing one of the most perplexing and controversial matters that has confronted the human race since the flood—the Millennium Bug or the Y2K potential disaster.

I am sure that when the antediluvian Noah was building the ark that the masses heard the preaching of the patriarch and concluded, "Nah . . . it just can't happen!" They just kept on eating, drinking, and continued planting crops and pursuing normal business efforts. But as we read in Matthew 24:37-39, the masses would again be ignoring the signs of impending doom in the last days just as they did at the flood. We are not saying the Y2K problem is going to introduce the Tribulation period, but it may be a prelude. How long do we have to wait to find out? Not more than eighteen months from the writing of this article, and probably sooner. More than ten thousand Y2K problems are already occurring. This past month, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich was quoted as saying that on January 1, 2000, there is going to be the greatest wreck the human race has ever seen. I spoke with the man in charge of handling the Y2K situation of AT&T, and he said that on January 1, 2000, he was not going to be near an airport. The *Daily Oklahoman* this past month presented a series of reports on the Y2K problem and concluded that the only persons on planet Earth who would not be affected would be those who had left for Mars. Dr Spargimino and I have done extensive research and accumulated a comprehensive file on what experts in computer technology, businessmen, corporation CEOs, scientists,

communications, transportation, government, and public service utilities have postulated about how Y2K will affect us.

Level Number One

a. There will probably be regional, sporadic utility service interruptions which may include electrical blackouts. Some of these service interruptions may last even a week. Without electricity, other utility services like water may also be in doubt. Homes using electricity for heating, or electricity to operate furnace fans and thermostats, may suffer. Even with electricity, some home appliances may not operate.

b. In areas where there may be electrical blackouts, water systems that have insufficient generator backups may also be affected. Service stations may not be able to operate gasoline pumps without electricity; banks may not be able to continue normal transactions, resulting in temporary inconveniences in checking procedures and cash withdrawals.

c. Shortages in certain food items at local grocery stores and supermarkets may occur as a result of transportation problems and storage inventories. Telephone and television interruptions may occur due to satellite transmission failures.

d. While most hospitals have backup electrical generator systems, there may be interruptions in medical services. Also, a decline of twenty to forty percent on the stock market may be expected.

In preparing for level number one after-effects of the Y2K problem, it would be well to have a month's supply of food; lanterns and lantern fuel; wood, fuel oil, or plenty of blankets; and at least

five hundred dollars in cash. There may be cases of pillaging, burning, robbery, and rape, as there are certain segments of the population that always welcome an opportunity to engage in lawless activities. If there are minimal Y2K after-effects such as listed in level one, then problems should either be corrected or bypassed in from one to three months, with the social order gradually returning to normal.

Level Number Two

All problems listed that may occur in level one would be doubled or tripled. Thousands and possibly millions would die of starvation or freeze to death. Martial law would be declared and national guard units would be mobilized. The army would take over all communications and transportation facilities. Without water available to fire departments, conflagrations would rage out of control. Gasoline would be either rationed or nonexistent. Home owners would possibly need firearms to protect themselves and their property, and a citizen's food supplies could be the cause of one's own death.

Already citizens preparing for a Y2K problem that would be comparable to level two are causing shortages in survival items like generators. There also may be shortages in dried foods like beans and rice as available stocks are quickly bought up. The effect on banking, the stock market, and the general economy would be too drastic to even contemplate. Some have projected that a level two Y2K disaster would require a period of up to three years to fix and return nations to a semblance of stability. How many millions or billions would die as a result of famine or violence would be only a guess.

Level Number Three

Practically all communications and transportation would cease. Military missiles, some possibly armed with nuclear devices, could go out of control. Nuclear power plants in Russia and the third world could experience meltdowns, filling the atmosphere with deadly atomic poisons. The military and police forces would be unable to control the pillaging and carnage, resulting in total anarchy with survival being a personal matter. With contaminated water sources, sanitation would be non-existent and deadly diseases would spread throughout the population. It is upon such a world that the four horsemen of the apocalypse would ride across the planet.

Is any of the preceding going to happen? I don't know. Could any of the preceding happen? Yes! Could all of the preceding happen? Possibly! Is there going to be martial law under which constitutional rights may be aborted? Maybe! I refer to *Presidential Executive Order—Year 2000 Conversion*—February 4, 1998:

The American people expect reliable service from their Government and deserve the confidence that critical government functions dependent on electronic systems will be performed accurately and in a timely manner. Because of a design feature in many electronic

systems, a large number of activities in the public and private sectors could be at risk beginning in the year 2000. Some computer systems and other electronic devices will misinterpret the year "00" as 1900, rather than 2000. Unless appropriate action is taken, this flaw, known as the "Y2K problem," can cause systems that support those functions to compute erroneously or simply not run. Minimizing the Y2K problem will require a major technological and managerial effort, and it is critical that the United States Government do its part in addressing this challenge. Accordingly, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. (a) It shall be the policy of the executive branch that agencies shall:

(1) assure that no critical Federal program experiences disruption because of the Y2K problem;

(2) assist and cooperate with State, local, and tribal governments to address the Y2K problem where those governments depend on Federal information or information technology or the Federal Government is dependent on those governments to perform critical missions;

(3) cooperate with the private sector operators of critical national and local systems, including the banking and financial system, the telecommunications system, the public health system, the transportation system, and the electric power generation system, in addressing the Y2K problem; and

(4) communicate with their foreign counterparts to raise awareness of and generate cooperative international arrangements to address the Y2K problem.

(b) As used in this order, "agency" and "agencies" refer to Federal agencies that are not in the judicial or legislative branches.

Sec. 2. Year 2000 Conversion Council. There is hereby established the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion (the "Council").

No one knows at this point in time whether the Y2K problem will be so severe that martial law will be necessary. There is always the possibility that ambitious politicians or the New World Order proponents would seize upon this opportunity to initiate martial law. Dr Spargimino presents the following explanation from our new book, *Y2K=666?*:

The Imposition of Martial Law

Martial law defined—"Martial law" (*lex martialis*) originally referred to the regulations enforced by the Court of the Constable and Marshal in medieval England. It is military rule exercised by a government over its own citizens in an emergency situation sufficiently grave to warrant such action. It may be imposed in wartime, or in any other situation in which the governing authorities, because of public disorder

or natural catastrophe, deem such stringent measures necessary for the well-being and stability of the nation. According to the *Encyclopædia Americana*, in European and Latin American countries martial law is commonly called "a state of siege." The term is derived from the practice of transferring all civil authority in a town that is under attack to a military commander.

What are the possible conditions, precipitated by the Y2K problem, under which martial law may be imposed?

(1) Severe economic and financial upsets concerning both before and after the start of the year 2000. People may decide to make a run on the bank, transfer their funds, liquidate certain parts of their assets causing a collapse of the world markets creating serious inflation, deflation, astronomical interest rates. Government intervention may be deemed a necessity.

(2) Severe food shortages caused by individuals stockpiling food and other essentials in preparation for the Y2K problem. Several have expressed the opinion that the shocks created by millions of people preparing for the Millennium Bug could be more devastating than the Bug itself. The government may deem that intervention is necessary and may put a limit on the stockpiling of necessary items. Preparing for the Millennium Bug could very well become illegal.

(3) Widespread violence caused by shortages. What happens when one hundred individuals descend on their local food market to obtain survival items that are in short supply. Fist fights, brawls, stabbings, and shooting may necessitate the government mandating the surrender of all weapons. How will people respond to the order to surrender their weapons? Will we have civilians entering into armed conflict with the military as they protest government intervention? This condition could be greatly aggravated by blackouts causing a run on generators, kerosene heaters, and wood burners as the winter of '99 sets in. Prices for fuel could soar one thousand percent overnight.

How did the human race get itself into such an impossible fix? Because the human race has decided not to retain God in their knowledge, He is proving again that the wisdom of man is foolishness. The nations have made the computer their god. In just fifty years the computer has taken control of every governmental, social, military, and economic facet of human effort and endeavor. Computers now even appraise the physical condition of the elderly and infirm and report to the medical staff which patients are worthy of treatment. But even as man in his wisdom has invented and evolutionized the perfect machine, he overlooked two little spaces on the Cobol software program.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? . . . He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

—Psalm 2:1,4

I wonder if God is not laughing at the predicament of the world as the year AD 2000 dawns?

Even if the trillions of dollars are spent on correcting every line of computer code, it will not solve the problem. Billions of computer chips have the same error encoded, and how can every computer be serviced and checked to try to find the encoded chips? As General Wheeler of the Armed Services High Command reported this past month in the *Daily Oklahoman*, to fix the Y2K problem is an impossibility.

On June 27, 1998, I met with my Gideon, Northwest Oklahoma City chapter. My chapter is composed mainly of business executives. One CEO who manages factories in Germany, India, and China, reported that on a recent return from Germany he sat next to another business executive. He asked this CEO next to him if his company was Y2K compliant. The response was that the Y2K hype was a lot of baloney. My Gideon friend then asked the other CEO if his company had stock listed on the exchange, and the reply was yes. Then my Gideon friend asked what the stock symbol was. The other CEO then asked if my friend wanted to buy some of his company's stock. At that, my friend remarked, "No, I just want to be sure that I don't buy any of your stock."

A few are now becoming aware of the possible consequences of the Y2K coming disaster. But why is it not being mentioned in the churches? Why are not more becoming concerned with the catastrophe that may lie just around the corner? The same reason that few prepare for death. We know that it is "appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment," but so very few want to think about death or discuss it. The same is to be applied to the Y2K problem. It could be so disastrous, so catastrophic, that the majority maintain the attitude of "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die."

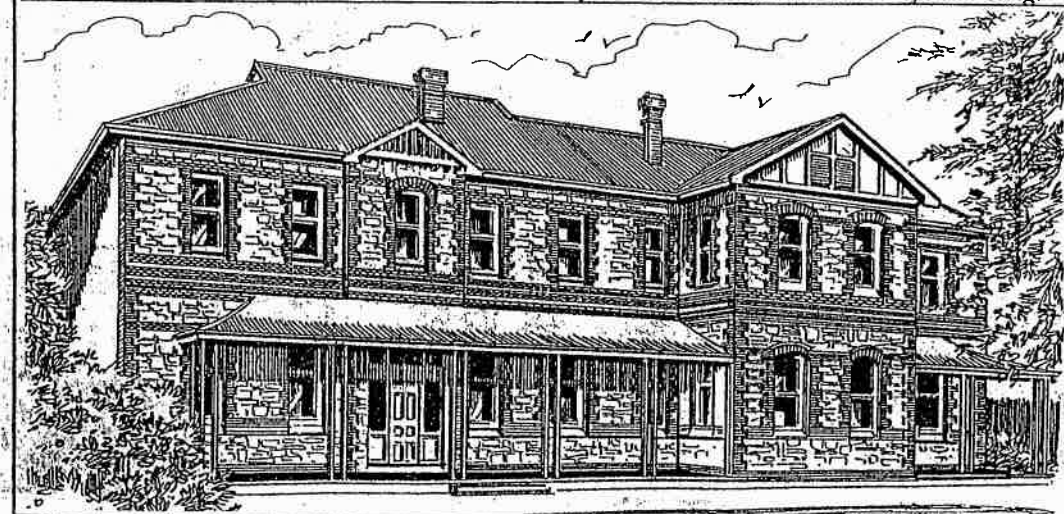
Out of the Y2K debacle, could there come a universal software program that would assign every individual an individual code mark and number? Some secular computer sources are even advocating this solution so that the present problem will never occur again.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

—Revelation 13:16-18

How can a man or woman escape from taking the mark of the beast? By receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now. Those who are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, as we believe the Bible affirms, will be taken out of the world before the mark of the beast arrives on the world scene.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (30 Nov - 6 Dec '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
MON	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	\$5,619.00(8.00 am); \$10,912.00 (10.30 am)		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	OFFERINGS FOR: Missions \$300, \$1000 (MF), \$1.39 (Boxes);		
SAT	2.30 pm	YF/LTF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 LBC/EBF	Cambodia \$200, \$500; \$1000 (MF); Cambodia Orph \$300;		
	2.30 pm	Baptist Fellowship Church Wedding	Myanmar Orph \$300; Rev Charles Seet \$100; Rev Collin		
	7.30 pm	Sharon BPC Gospel Rally	Wong \$100, \$300; Rev Jonathan Lee \$100; Dn Yiew \$500;		
SUN	8.00 am	Serve One Another in Love (Rev Colin Wong)	Tan Klan Sing \$320; Nirands \$150; Setsuko Takashima		
	9.30 am	Sunday School	\$250.		
	10.30 am	Rev Tow, Lord's Supper	FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:		
	10.30 am	Chinese Service	(1) Even as we give willingly to His Kingdom, God is faithful to provide. Do not worry about tomorrow, what we eat, or what we wear. For God is always there for us. (\$200)		
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship	(2) Please accept this small token of \$2000 for the church use in whatever area of need that the church chooses. Thank you so much for all the support the church has given us in our time of bereavement.		
	10.30 am	Nursery/Pre-Jr Worship/Jr Worship	Photographs of Catechumens. Please collect your photos from the FEBC Bookroom. The group photo is also available for reprints. Indicate your order.		
	10.30 am	Children's Choir Practice	Urgent! Christmas Camp for BASC (1-4 Dec), New Life BPC. Interested to serve call Dn Henry Tan, 95601850 or Bernard Tan, 7590383.		
	10.40 am	Church Choir Practice	VBS Kuantan (14-15 Dec). Interested to serve call Wendy, 7608187 or Dn Henry Tan, 95601850.		
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service	Sharon BPC Gospel Rally. Sat 5 Dec, 7.30 pm, FEBC Hall. Speaker: Rev Goh Seng Fong. English with interpretation into Mandarin. Enquiries: tel. 2592613.		
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship	Chinese Service Gospel Rally, "God Cares For You" at FEBC Hall on Sat 19 Dec, 6.00 pm. Speaker: Rev Matthew Koo. Message will be in Cantonese & interpreted in Mandarin.		
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service	Cambodia Medical Mission (30 Jan to 6 Feb 99). Next meeting: 6 Dec 98. Those interested, contact Dr David Cheong, 2207853.		
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service	Sunset Gospel Hour, 6 Dec 5.30 pm. Rev Pang Kok Hiong (specially flown in) to speak on <i>Penetrating the Bamboo Curtain with echoes of John Sung.</i>		
SUN-FRI		YF Camp			
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok, Yishun.					
Sunday School Offering: \$453.20; Attendance: 329					
Verse for the Week: <i>But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1 Cor 1:30</i>					
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Mr Choi Kai, 83, father-in-law to Deacon Wee Chin Kam received the Lord at Ward 43/20, TTSH on Wed. Nov 25 and was baptised by the Pastor.					



The Stone Mansion, Hope B-P Church, Adelaide which houses the Chapel, Parsonage, Library of Fundamental Bible College of Australia, etc.



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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. 41	No. 86
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 100	Rom 8:28-39
Hymn	No. 316	All Things work together.
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 136	Bring all your tithes
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Rom 16:3-16	Rom 8:28
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Greet One Another (Rev Charles Seet)	Do All Things Work Together for Good?
	No. 395	No. 353
Closing Hymn		
Benediction		

My dear Readers,

REPORT FROM DOWNUNDER

Hope B-P Church, Adelaide, is not the least amongst the other three - Perth, Melbourne and Sydney. Physically speaking, she stands at the forefront. This fabulous property called St. Joseph's Refuge was a castle built in 1900. Through Rev Paauwe, it was bought for a song at only A\$850,000. With the help of mainly the Life and Sharon B-P Churches, the burden is now reduced to A\$200,000. A Stone Mansion 10 minutes from the city, with 28 rooms standing on 46,000 square feet of prime land, it is the home of a congregation of 50. There is a dining hall for weekly meals after service for the worshippers. The ladies of this church bring the best from their own kitchens. The parsonage occupies a corner of the mansion downstairs. Upstairs are rooms and many bathrooms for a dozen guests. An adjoining big room can accommodate 20 young people, dormitory-style. A library has been established upstairs for the Fundamental Bible College of Australia.

When Rev and Mrs Edward Paauwe left Adelaide in May, the congregation became totally shepherdless. Into the gap, God placed his own in the person of Rev Peter Chua. He has taken over the pastorate of Rev Paauwe almost 6 months now. God has put His Spirit on Peter and has moved the congregation to work with him. A new spirit of revival has stirred the whole congregation into action. The congregation elected Rev Peter Chua, Dr Joseph Selvanayagam Clerk of

Session and Dr Michael Lee Treasurer. The other Deacons and the Deaconess are: Dr Ngie Joo Gong, Mr Tony Law and Mrs Sally Law.

The weekly church bulletin, the *Lively Hope*, continues to be published without a break. It takes a new format under an editorial team composing of: Dr Gong, Wendy Gong, Wen Min Lau and Josephine Lee. A member's timely gift of a computer has facilitated the smooth running of the bulletin. Many valuable contributions come from the members themselves. One such contribution was a poem by Joyce Gong:

WHEN I DRIFT...

Keep me close to Thee, O Lord,
Shelter me from Satan's horde;
And if my feet from you I stray,
Bring me back to Thee away.

In my pride I said to Thee,
"I need no God, for I have me!"
God of Heaven and Earth, I pray,
Forgive and humble me this day.

If my heart is down and out,
And assailed with fear and doubt,
Whisper Your words of peace to me,
Let me move Your love to see.

When I'm too tired to talk to You,
Disasters seem to follow me too;
All I need to do is ask,
And You will help through every task.

When I don't read the Word of God,
And I'm not armed with the two-edged sword,
I'm not able to face the world,
When Satan's darts at me are hurled.

So keep me close to Thee, O Lord,
Shelter me from Satan's horde;
And when I tend to drift away,
Please bring me back to You today.

My coming to Adelaide this time has been at the request of the Hope B-P Church Session. My wife and I arrived here on Sun, Nov 15, at 6.07 am. I preached at the 11 am Service from Psalm 133 on "The Joys of a House United." By way of introduction, I cited the most recent riots by the thousands of Indonesian university students against Habibie in which 8 were killed. I followed up with a situation in David's life where his son, Absalom, rebelled against him. A civil war ensued whereby 20,000 of the rebels were killed. How glad David was when he was delivered by the overwhelming support of his loyal subjects. When his house was reunited, what joys returned to David - like the sweet fragrance from the precious ointment on Aaron's beard flowing down his garment; like the sparkling dew of Hermon descending upon the parched hills of Zion. David is the forerunner of the Lord Jesus Christ. We should all give allegiance to our Saviour. Then will come the joys of a United House. My parting sermon this Lord's Day, Nov 22, will be taken from Rom 13:11, "Now is our Salvation nearer than when we believed." In what sense? In the redemption of our body (Rom 8:23). When we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, our souls were saved. Henceforth we had no fear of death. But we are still encumbered with the process of growing old and becoming sick and finally death. Our body is not yet saved.

But there is a bright lining over the gloom of death. We have the blessed hope of not going through death. We have the Rapture of Saints, when Christ will come to catch us up into space from a war-torn earth. Not only a war-torn earth, but also an earth crumbling under natural disasters. As the Chinese saying goes, 'tian zhai ren huo' — natural disasters and man engendered tribulations.

Matthew 24 warns us on the signs of His Second Coming. The collapse of diplomacy results in war. The collapse of ecclesiology results in the proliferation of false Christs and prophets. The collapse of economy results in famines. The collapse in ecology results in pestilence (mad cows, mad pigs, mad chicken, mad fish). The collapse of geology results in earthquakes and floods. (Central America had 12,000 swept away in the recent hurricanes). But the gravest of all is the collapse in computer technology by the Millennium Bug. May I put it more succinctly in verse:

*You've all heard about the Millennium Bug,
Also known as the Y2K problem.
There're only thirteen months before it strikes,
E'en earlier by '99 September.
Tangled with the computers are the chips,
Billions upon billions scattered worldwide.
All the king's horses and all the King's men,
Are not able to save us when they bite.
I have no computer, I don't care what
Will come by this Monster Millennium Bug.
All that I care is Christ's coming is near,
He'll snatch me away from it's grisly hug.*

The purpose of my coming to Adelaide is to advise the Session on its future undertakings. With Rev Peter Chua's service here coming to an end by January 3, 1999, we would welcome Rev Ok Man Ki of Korea and his family to take over. They are still awaiting their visas. Should they fail to turn up by February, the Session would have to make alternative plans to fill the pulpit. We pray for the Kis to come in time. Inasmuch as the Session is fully united and has an open door policy, things, we believe, will work out smoothly and happily for both parties. "[T]he king's business required haste" (1 Sam 21:8). Having accomplished our mission, we cut short our stay. We fly home on Sunday afternoon, Nov 22, to enjoy the warmth of Singapore again. Thank God for travelling mercies.

Do "all thing work together for good to them that love God?"

BANG!! b-a-n-g! The whole Gilstead Road neighbourhood shook to the toppling of our 40-foot container! Loaded with over 1,000 cartons of sardines, which took 3 lorries to ferry in, the weight was so heavy that the tarmac caved in.

My heart sank like a rock dropped into our "Galilee Sea." "Lord! How can this be?" I wept within me. Now, the first one to get the blame is always Satan! He is hindering our work of mercy to Cambodia! No, it isn't fair to blame him. Then, "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28). But I could not see what good could come out of the fiasco. I could only pray as I kept vigil to the demise of a great effort. I sat totally helpless.

How to resurrect the container was the big question. The chassis that carries the container with her eight gigantic wheels dangling makes it look like a dead elephant lying on its side.

Now the company that owns the chassis is the responsible agent. The *towkay* (proprietor) came

to the scene, but was not willing to restore the container in the night. For, when the container fell it was 5.30 pm. The police came to cordon off the road. The police insisted that the container be removed the same night.

Finally, the *towkay* of Confi Container Services appeared with two mammoth cranes on wheels. In no time they lifted the helpless giant to its wheels. But now, it was discovered that the container was damaged, and its chassis too. All the 1,000 cartons had to be removed.

It took two hours by seven or eight heavy-weight coolies to load it in the morning. How could we now unload? At a word all remaining FEBC students (this was vacation time), both male and female and their wives rallied—to remove the goods to nearby Beulah House. All trollies were out from the storeroom, while the men and women students formed a working bee. To clear the load by the 20-odd working force, it lasted until 12.30 am. All worked like fighting a fire at maddening speed. The police also helped, shining their searchlight into the dark caverns of the 40-foot container.

When all was safely in, the principal gathered his students to praise the Lord. He gave them iced-water and soft drinks. And, as a token of appreciation for their unstinted efforts for Jesus' sake, he gave them a portion each of the tins of sardine that broke loose of the card-board cartons. Now he could say, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28). The spirit of brotherly love in saving a heart-breaking situation is one "good to them that love God." —T.T.

Moses Hahn's Report

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jimmy Rim and Concern International members had gospel rally in Kompongsum, in Pusat, and in Kompongton province.

I joined in Kompongsum and in Kompongton. They want to help Cambodian people, churches and orphanages.

In Kompongsum, they had two gospel rallies, around a thousand gathered and over a hundred expressed to receive Jesus as personal Savior. I also preached a short message to them. The husband and wife of Gideon member presented pleasant music. American pastor delivered the message. Jimmy Rim's American father also came. They visited orphanage and gave food to them.

A local man, brother Sila, donated US\$100 for poor people. Today we bought rice and gave to 18 families of Bosemoan village, which are suffering from no food.

In Oknhaheng church, children, students are eager to study. So we connected electric line so that they can study at church at night. After praying, they themselves study and read Bible.

In SmachDeng Church, people gradually came to know Jesus. Violent policemen now say, "We are shameful of our conduct." On Lord's Day around 100 children gather, sing, hear Bible story and get one candy. Praise His work in Cambodia.

Always thanks your prayer. May our Lord's peace be with you. —Moses Hahn, 8 Nov 98



Moses Hahn and Jimmy Rim with outstretched hand, and white-haired man Jimmy's American father

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (7 - 13 Dec '98)			LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS		
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg	\$9,014.00(8.00 am); \$12,306.00 (10.30 am)		
WED-FRI		Chinese VBS	OFFERINGS FOR: <i>Missions</i> \$134.80(RM300); <i>Cambodia</i> \$100, \$100, \$200, \$100(Orphans), \$52(Boxes), \$49.20(US\$30)(Boxes); <i>Vietnam</i> \$100; <i>Myanmar</i> \$100, <i>China-Chinese Bibles</i> \$50; <i>Needy Indonesian Churches</i> \$600; <i>Rev Goh Seng Fong</i> \$600; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$300; <i>Vancouver BPC</i> \$300; <i>Needy Brethren</i> \$119; <i>Calvin Loh</i> \$50; <i>JS Heng</i> \$250; <i>Myanmar Orph</i> \$326; <i>Cambodia Food Fund</i> (6th Container) \$50; <i>Indonesia-Relief of Christian Brethren & others</i> \$1000.		
WED	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal			
FRI	7.45 pm	Ladies' Fellowship, Beulah House			
	7.45 pm	Men's Fellowship, FEBC Hall			
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF			
	2.30 pm	Wedding of Benjamin Chua & Jennifer Toh (Rev Tow)			
SUN	8:00 am	Bear One Another's Burdens (Rev Charles Seet)			
	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			
	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 & Election			
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service			
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service			
NBC This Week. No NBC.					
Sunday School Offering: \$666.60; Attendance: 365					
Verse for the Week: <i>Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.</i> I Peter 2:7					
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The 40-foot container that toppled. This is replaced by two 20-foot containers, and we need a third one to send remaining goods before Christmas.



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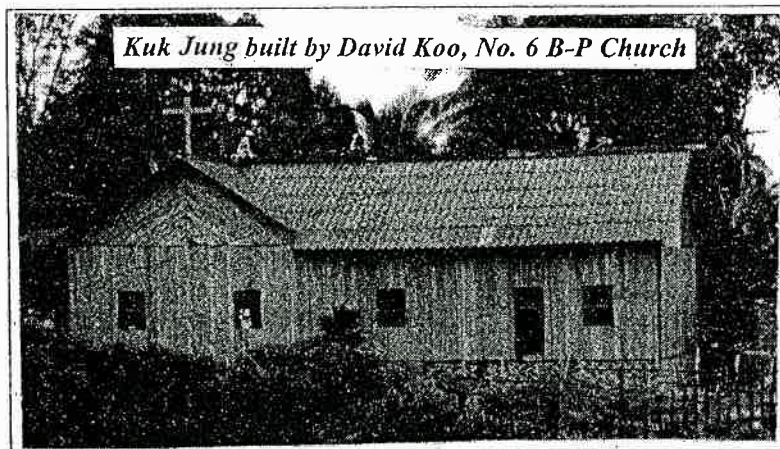
"O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS"			
	8.00 am	10.30 am	
Call to Worship	Dn George Tan	Rev Tow	
Opening Hymn	No. 85	No. 8	
Invocation-Gloria Patri			
Responsive Reading	1 Cor 13	Matt 26:31-41	
Hymn	No. 91	No. 314	
Announcements			
Offering & Hymn	No. 261	No. 261	
Offertory Prayer			
Scripture Text	Gal 5:13	Rom 16:3-5	
Pastoral Prayer			
Sermon	Serve One Another in Love (Rev Colin Wong)	Paul's Highest Esteem for Priscilla	
Closing Hymn	No. 418	No. 313	
Benediction		Lord's Supper	

My dear Lifers,
KEEPING TIME WITH GOD
 Who sets us the example of keeping time with God? None other than His beloved Son our Lord Jesus: "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34).
 With the topping of the 40-foot container, we changed to two 20-foot containers. But, whether it be one 40-foot or two 20-foot, there remains behind 20 x 20 kg of milk powder, one piano, one freezer and plenty of your precious clothings to be sent. The 6th and 7th containers have arrived Phnom Penh by now. Let us double up to send the 8th container. Whatever usable things you have, please pile up in Beulah House, so as to make up this windfall of Christmas Gift to Cambodia. We must finish an unfinished job in keeping time with God.

¥200,000 TO HELP ASIAN CHURCHES
 Setsuko Takashima, FEBCer 1984, has surprised us with a second Christmas Gift. She wrote from Kobe, "Rev Timothy Tow and Life B-P Church. Greetings in the

Name of the Lord. It is GIFT from your God. I enjoy to send this special gift for you. JPY2000,000 yen to help Asian Churches. Please write me if you get this gift. In the Lord, Setsuko Takashima."
 What shall I liken this gift? It is no less than the 300 pence precious spikenard ointment Mary poured on Jesus for His burial. But this is for His Birth, and to be used on Asian Churches. What a lesson to us Singaporeans, to Lifers especially! We have lovingly supported Setsuko in her Children's Evangelism, and now she has lovingly returned more to us. God Bless You, Sister in the Lord with Jesus' blessing on Mary!
From Burma Comes Andrew Kam's Report
I am very glad to take this opportunity to write you and send my report. Here everything is going very well.





Kuk Jung built by David Koo, No. 6 B-P Church

The State Government has already allocated \$80 million to combat the threat that could also affect traffic lights and other computer-controlled equipment.

Mr Brown said the budget for fixing the problem within the Health Commission had soared from \$16 million to more than \$30 million.

He had asked for additional funding from Treasury to cover the extra cost.

He would soon authorise hospitals to spend funds to solve

millennium bug problems.

The Health Commission's computer systems holding patient information were also vulnerable, Mr Brown said.

He revealed that of 11,000 letters sent to medical equipment manufacturers, only about 3500 had even responded to say whether their equipment was "year 2000 compliant".

The other 7500 manufacturers had ignored the request from the State Government.

Many of the 3500 who did respond could not say whether their machines would work properly because they included computer chips manufactured by other companies.

"It's very disappointing that some of the suppliers are not willing to work with the Government to verify compliance for the year 2000 problem and identify if their equipment will work," Mr Brown said.

—sent by Irene Teo, Adelaide

TRUSTING GOD

The accident of the 6th Container toppling over and coming to grief on its side was a most unusual event. Why did God permit it to happen? A variety of reasons come to mind. Similar reasons as one would consider why God permits any accident to occur to his children. A more pertinent question was whether God was in control over the event? I would answer with an emphatic "Yes". In fact, this incident demonstrated His sovereign control and love for His children more clearly than I could imagine.

The plan was to load a 40-foot Container on 27 November 1998, Friday. There were 1150 cartons of sardines (weighing some 13 tonnes) and another 300 boxes of used clothing,

stationery items, toys for children and other good used items. The Container would be delivered to Church premises on Thursday, the day before loading. The sardines were to be loaded by the supplier's workers on Friday morning and the FEBC students and other helpers would load the boxes of good used items on Friday afternoon. The Container would then be removed the following morning on Saturday. The plan was exactly what we had done for the previous food container and there was no problem. On Monday, I received a call from the sardines supplier that they were unable to load on Friday morning as they had no workers that morning and requested permission to load on Thursday morning instead of Friday morning. I was apprehensive of the change as that would mean a corresponding change for the Container to be delivered on Wednesday instead of the earlier booking for delivery on Thursday. Nevertheless, the change was less painful than I thought. The transport company agreed to deliver the Container on Wednesday instead of Thursday and loading of sardines was brought forward to Thursday morning instead of Friday morning. Little did I realise that this change in schedule was the design of our Most Sovereign.

Loading started promptly at 9.00 am on Thursday according to the revised schedule under the watchful eye of Rev Tow. The 1150 cartons of sardines were delivered in three trucks and six experienced workers were transferring the cartons of sardines into the Container. Within one and half hours the loading was completed. (Thank God, He held the Container upright during loading!) In the evening, I was informed that the Container had toppled over. Upon inspection at the site of the accident, we discovered that the bitumen road had caved-in under one of the legs of the carriage supporting the Container and all 13 tonnes of sardines resulting in the toppling-over of the Container. A leg of the Container had been standing on a weak part of the road. The spot where the Container had parked was the same spot where the previous food container had parked which was along the side of the road next to Beulah House. At first thought, I was thankful no one was hurt in the accident. However, as I reached home, the full gravity of the incident struck me as I thought of the consequences, had loading proceeded as planned originally. If sardines were loaded on Friday morning, the Container would certainly have collapsed when our students and helpers were loading boxes in the afternoon due to buckling of the weak road under additional pressure. Thank

God! He had changed the loading schedule and protected His people. God's presence and preservation had never been more real to me than that moment. I was stunned by how close we came to a disaster and how He alone, by the re-ordering of events, disposed of the matter without our realisation. Indeed, He is in control of all events on earth. Who would have foreseen that the Container would have rested on a weak part of the road? After all, there was no reason to suspect anything was amiss as it was parked there on previous occasion and all was well. Only God knew and foresaw danger. By divine guidance, events were changed and a revised loading schedule put in place to avert a painful result.

The next day, two 20-foot containers were delivered in replacement of the 40-foot damaged Container. As I watched the many high-spirited FEBC students, YFers and other helpers loading the container to the brim, I thought how God must be pleased with each one there that He intervened to save these very people. Upon closing of the door to the container and completion of loading, Rev Tow led in singing and prayer of thanksgiving and praises to God having come to the end of an eventful week, and for me, a valuable spiritual lesson in trusting God. Wherever we are and whatever we may be doing, God is watching over us and in control. I am reminded of the passage in Luke 12:24:

"Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them; how much more are ye better than the fowls?" —Lim Pin



27 sacks of rice for Orphanage

All my children (orphans) are very well also. By the grace of God now many people came to know the Lord and some (of the Burmese people) become believers. When I think deeply about the love of God and our Father I could not stand without sharing His love to the people who do not know Him and His opening a way to heaven. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mk 8:36). This verse touches my heart and I could clearly see the will of God and His eternal joy for us in heaven. . . .

HOSPITAL BITTEN BY MILLENNIUM BUG

From *The Advertiser*, Australia, Nov. 25, '98. "Failures in Millennium Tests," by Political Editor Miles Kemp.

Vital hospital equipment has failed during testing for the millennium bug.

A \$170,000 heart monitor at the Women's and Children's Hospital turned itself off when programmed to perform on the hypothetical date "00".

And a \$400,000 obstetrics monitor also failed a millennium test, while a \$3 million CAT scan is still in doubt.

"That's the sort of problem we're facing," the Human Services Minister, Mr Brown, told Parliament yesterday.

He was responding to a question from the Opposition's health spokeswoman, Ms LeoStevens, on the extent of the millennium bug problem.

The bug is due to bite on January 1, 2000, when unmodified computers and electronic equipment will read the abbreviation 00 as 1900 and not 2000.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (14 - 20 Dec '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
WED	8.00 pm	Session Mtg
FRI	6.00 pm	JSM Choir Rehearsal
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.30 EBF/YAF
	3.00 pm	Sunday School Christmas Party (Sanctuary)
	6.00 pm	Chinese Gospel Rally, FEBC Hall
SUN	9.30 am	Combined Christmas Praise Service
	9.30 am	No Sunday School
	12.00 pm	Burmese Service
	12.15 pm	Evangelism
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship
	2.00 pm	Ladies F'ship Carolling cum visitation
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service
NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Timah, Bt Batok, Bedok.		
Sunday School Offering: \$491.40; Attendance: 367		
Verse for the Week: <i>Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.</i> Ps 17:7		
Pastor Tow will speak on (1) Is it right or wrong to commemorate Christ's Birth? (Dec 20, 9.30 am); (2) Does Paul absolutely forbid a woman to speak in Church? (Dec 27, 10.30 am)		
Infant Baptism, next Lord's Day, 9.30 am. Parents who wish their infants to be baptised please inform Church Office by Tue, 15 Dec, giving child's name, parents and date of birth.		
Church Directory Updating Form (for members only). If there are changes to your particulars, please fill up the form and place them in boxes provided at the Church Reception Counter. We shall be printing the Church Directory next year.		
		\$7,244.00(8.00 am); \$12,930.00 (10.30 am) OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$1682(Chinese Ser), \$2250; Missions \$200, \$50, \$10000; Cambodia \$288, \$260, \$100(Orphans); Mersing \$100; BASC Camp \$50; Rev Colin Wong \$100; Frankie Matius \$100, \$100, \$100, \$100; JS Heng \$100; Andrew Kam's Orph \$6030; Saipan Ch \$260; Thailand Mission \$210; Ho Heng Sau \$150; Rev Goh Seng Fong \$600; Thanksgiving \$200; Asian Churches JPY200,000. Note: Ng Chui Ngoh & Carol Ling En Ai please see Treasurer or Dn John Hoe in Church Office after worship service.
		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:
		(1) "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him..." (Ps 37:7). Thanking our gracious Heavenly Father for bringing me and my son to church after almost a year. My son is now 11 mths old. As my husband is a non-believer, it has been a struggle week after week spiritually trying to bring my son to God's house. The good Lord has heard my prayers and opened the door...providing the way. I thank Him with all my heart, mind, soul and strength and will continue to trust in Him and His providence. Also praying for my husband's salvation and God's mercy upon him. A small token for my precious Lord. —A grateful servant (\$50)
		Chinese Service Gospel Rally, "God Cares For You" at FEBC Hall this Sat, 6.00 pm. Speaker: Rev Matthew Koo. Message will be in Cantonese & interpreted in Mandarin.
		Photographs of Catechumens. Please collect your photos from the FEBC Bookroom. The group photo is also available for reprints. Indicate your order.
		The Life Church Choir warmly invites you to serve in the music ministry. No prior musical or choral skills needed. Visit us at the Music Room, Beulah House at 10.40 am on Sundays. Contact Beng Lee 3271346 or Siew Li 2893947 for more details.

Moses Hahn speaks at Gospel Rally at Kompong Som, organised by Jimmy Rim.



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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. 318	No. 203
Invocation-Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalms 62	Lk 2:1-20
Hymn	No. 334	No. 165
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 351	No. 288
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Gal 6:1-10	Matt 1:18-25
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Bear One Another's Burdens (Rev Charles Seet)	The People who miss Christmas (Rev Tan Eng Boo)
Closing Hymn	No. 293	No. 276
Benediction	Lord's Supper	

MISSIONS AT OUR DOORSTEP

Hitherto, most of our reports on missions extend to ASEAN countries, particularly Cambodia. Also to more distant Burma and lately to Wonsia in West Africa. This week we have some local reports, Missions at our Doorstep. Here are 30-odd students from BASC, Before and After School Care in Yishun, holding Bible Camp at New Life BPC, Woodlands. 30 of these children, after 4 days of instruction, Dec 1-4, '98, received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, hallelujah! This picture is taken in the Hall for the Tamil Service at New Life BPC.

This week's report compasses also Missions outside our Doorstep, on both Bintan and Batam Islands. Bintan is one step beyond Batam, and Batam one step from Singapore. It takes 30 minutes by speedboat to

reach Batam from Singapore and 15 minutes to reach Bintan from Batam. To reach Tanjung Uban on Bintan Island, you have to take taxi across Batam Island, from Sekupang to Punggur. This takes half an hour.

So, here we are at Tanjung Uban. This is our Missions Team headed by Eld Sng (necktie) in front of a newly rented Indonesian Navy House (cheaper than the old one) for our Uban Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with Tanjung Pinang (Rev Joseph Liu).

Last but not least is a new Sunday School at Sei Binti, Kampong Becek, extended from Batu Aji, Batam Island. Roska's detailed report follows.

Report on Gospel Work on Batam Island, Indonesia by Roska
We thank God for sending His





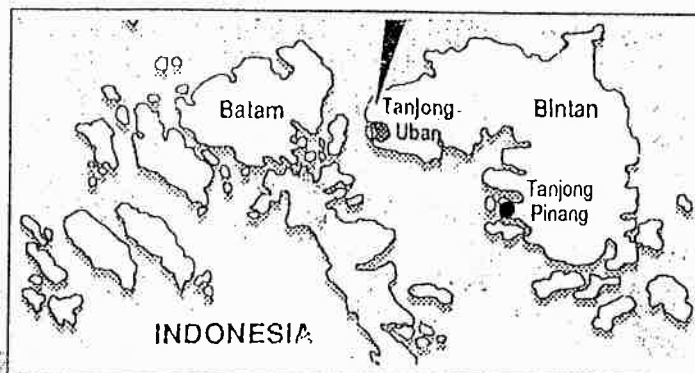
servants to minister to us as well as to conduct Holy communion and baptism. We would like to thank Life BPC too for giving us 2 good computers.

In remembrance of the 4th Anniversary of GAPPI Batu Aji, the church and school distributed milk and biscuits for the children with two days free medical service. The two days free service was open for all our church members and their children both from Batu Aji and Tg Piayu, as well as to villagers surrounding us.

The church and school invited a doctor (Dr Linda Nora) from one of the government clinics in Bandung. Dr Linda, who loves God, treated about 350 patients for 2 days from morning till late afternoon. Though she felt tired, but by God's grace she could treat them patiently and joyfully. God willing, she will come again in March 1999.

The people around were very happy and appreciated what the church and school had done to help them. In this time of crisis in Indonesia, they actually cannot afford to bring their children to see a doctor. They prefer to spend their little money to buy rice and salted fish. We thank God that the situation in Batam is not as bad as in Java.

We thank God that through Life BP Church, Batu Aji and Tanjung Piayu can be a great channel of blessing.



Thank you for supporting us financially and for all the love gifts we received from various Fellowship Groups of Life BPC.

New Batu Aji Sunday School Gospel Station

Last Sep 98, God led us to another village that is not far from Batu Aji, called Sei Binti. When we first visited this place, we saw many children playing around. We asked whether they go to Sunday School. They answered us sadly that they never go to church at all. So the following week we took courage to talk to the head of village about our intention to have Sunday School for the children. Thank God that

the head and the villagers agreed. We started the first Sunday School in the house of one of the villagers. Now there are about 35 children gathered together every Lord's Day at 3 pm. Thank God for opening the way for Batu Aji to extend God's work to Sei Binti Village.

"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth..." (Eccl 12:1-13)

by Eld (Dr) Tow Siang Yeow

In today's world, youth is idealized. It is a period to be grasped and savoured. New vistas of exciting opportunities are opened before our eyes! But the way ahead is strewn with the relics of past failures of the uninitiated and faint-hearted. The crux of the problem is, would we dare to surmount the problems and difficulties ahead unflinchingly, focusing only on the goal that has been set? Or step back and resign ourselves to mediocrity or oblivion? Putting it another way, how would we as young Christians react if God calls us into His service?

Changing the scenario is one of ageing: one day the writer was taking an evening stroll in an HDB estate. He came across an unkempt old man with all his worldly belongings tied in a bundle, resting under the shade of a tree. He looked worn and forlorn! Penniless and without a single soul to care for him? Possibly! Or, has he made a mess of his life and lost hope for the future? Probably, for David affirms in Psalm 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread!" Couldn't this old man be said to be a caricature of many old people who have regrettably squandered away their youth?

Generally, the impact of advancing age hits one hardest on retirement. Except for the financially well-endowed, the average retiree will have to make-do with a pension equivalent to half his last-drawn salary. A belt-tightening

is obviously necessary, and changing to a simpler life-style unavoidable! Relieved of his previous status as "breadwinner" and arbitrator in the home, he now feels isolated and marginalized. Thoughts of one's mortality cloud his mind from time to time as loved ones and dear friends pass away one by one before his eyes! But for us who are believers such negative thoughts should have no place in our minds. We can take comfort in the assurance of salvation and eternal life and we also have the 'blessed hope' of Christ's soon coming to receive His own!

Lately, the greying population in Singapore has given rise to concern about various social, economic and medical implications. Families are growing smaller with most hardly reproducing enough children to replace themselves. On the other hand, the older generation are living longer, thanks to better medical and health facilities and improved living conditions. The upshot of this phenomenon is that less and less earners are earning to upkeep more and more non-earning old people. The latest official figures reveal that there are 305,300 Singaporeans aged 60 years and above. By 2030 that number will grow to a mind-boggling 900,000!

Be that as it may, older Singaporeans invariably seek ways and means of prolonging their lives whilst ageing gracefully and with dignity. To meet these demands, private developers have come up with "Resort-style Recreational Villages" to cater to the ambulant middle and upper middle classes. For poorer folks, the Government is planning to construct cheap "Studio Apartments" in HDB Estates for maximum convenience of the old and frail. Other schemes catering to the welfare of old people have also been implemented, or are in the offing.

Efforts by Government and individuals to prolong life and promote graceful living are to be commended, as life is a gift of God, and our bodies the Temple of the Holy Spirit. But there is a limit to what human efforts can achieve. Psalm 90:10 tells us explicitly that "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."

With more and more people living beyond the proverbial 'three-score and ten' years, there is a consequential increase in degenerative diseases and disabilities. The ravages of ageing begin to take their toll as one approaches retirement age for degeneration of the human body progresses in tandem with ageing. Sadly, practically all old people are subject to disabilities and illnesses associated with the ageing process: Poor eyesight, hearing loss, memory failure, dental deficits, muscle weakness, joint pains, urinary problems, heart attacks, cancers, stroke, depression, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, foot deformities, insomnia and a host of

others.

Rarely can anyone claim to have gone through life, attaining old age, without having been afflicted with any of these conditions! Conversely, many old people suffer from multiple pathologies leading to significantly shortened lives despite the benefit of modern treatment. The inexorable progression of failing health leading to terrible toll of body and brain, is vividly described by Solomon in metaphorical terms. Finally, the inevitable happens, and man "goes to his long home" - the grave!

Solomon affirms with much regret that old age and death which follows are the supreme frustration and futility of endeavour that we experience: "Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity" (Eccl 12:8).

Young people rarely like to talk about old age, even as a phase in their own lives. Perhaps they may be thinking, "Why, we are still young! We have a long future ahead of us, so what is the purpose of talking?" In fact to most people, "old" is a taboo word! They would rather think of old people as "Senior Citizens" and the evening of one's life as the "golden years." But wise King Solomon has this advice to give to the young: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl 12:1). Solomon warns the young man to serve God responsibly, to revere Him, to keep His laws faithfully before the days of old age set in, when they would find little or no pleasure.

God has called us, young and old, to "serve Him with gladness" (Ps 100:2). We are to serve Him because He has made us, and we are His children. We are to serve Him to the best of our ability. But in the last analysis, serving God is best carried out by youth, at a time when he is strong, healthy, alert and quick on the uptake. That is why Solomon stresses "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Do not wait until old age catches up with us with all its distressing symptoms when we will say, "I have no pleasure in them." For how effectively can we serve God then?



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Dec 21 - 27, '98)		LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS:
MON-WED LTF Camp TUE 8.00 pm Prayer Mtg WED 7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal THU 8.00 pm Life Christmas Eve Service FRI 10.00 am JSM Christmas Service 12.30 pm Korean Christmas Service 6.00 pm Sharon BPC Christmas Service SAT 2.30 pm LTF; 3.30 LBC 2.30 pm Adrian Cheong & Esther Lee Wedding (Rev Tow) SUN 8.00 am <i>Submit to One Another</i> (Rev Colin Wong) 9.30 am Sunday School 10.30 am Rev Tow (Ho Heng Sau commissioning ser.) 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 4.00 pm Indonesian Service 4.30 pm Rev Tow at Sharon BPC Service		\$9,841.00 (8.00 am); \$16,852.50 (10.30 am) OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$252.04(Boxes); <i>Missions</i> \$300, \$1000 (Cambodia, China & Indonesia); \$50; <i>Cambodia</i> \$200, \$300, \$100, \$4000, \$200(Food Fund), \$1.40(Poor children); <i>Cambodia Orph</i> \$320, \$200, \$400(Chinese YAF); <i>Tan Kian</i> <i>Sing</i> \$200, \$150, \$500, \$100; <i>YF</i> \$50; <i>Rev Charles Seet</i> \$100; <i>MsF</i> \$50; <i>Rev Colin Wong</i> \$100; <i>21st KJV Polemic</i> <i>Bible</i> \$30; <i>Batam</i> \$50; <i>Rev Jonathan Lee</i> \$250; <i>Rev Thawm</i> <i>Luai's ministry</i> \$300, <i>Andrew Kam's ministry</i> \$300; <i>Burma</i> \$50, \$150; <i>See Siew Hong</i> \$500; <i>Magdalene Tan</i> \$200; <i>Journey mercies</i> \$500; <i>Moses Hahn</i> \$1000.
Sunday School Offering: \$1302.40; Attendance: 323 Verse for the Week: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Lk 2:11 Musical "From the Realms of Glory" at Moriah BPC; 31 Simei Road, 24th & 25th Dec. 7.30 pm. All are welcome.		FROM THE OFFERING BAGS: (1) Praise God for a parent who is moved by the work done in Cambodia. Please use the attached donation for purchase of foodstuff to be sent in the 6th container. (\$50) (2) To God be the glory. Thank you Lord for letting my grand-daughter pass her piano exam. "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." (China-Chinese Bibles \$50) (3) Ps 136:1 "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." We would like to give thanks to the Lord for answering our prayer in giving us a healthy baby boy. Enclosed is our thanksgiving offering (\$500) to be channelled to the



Jesus loves the
little children:
Mathews in action.

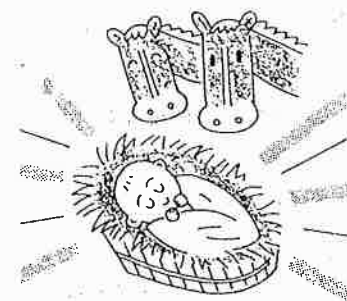


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Wishing Our Readers a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

IS IT RIGHT TO JUDGE ANOTHER FOR COMMEMORATING CHRIST'S BIRTH?

Some member of Calvary B-P Church, Pandan, gave me a well written treatise on "Why we should not celebrate Christmas." The



reasons given are four. 1. We don't know the date. 2. It is connected with some heathen festival. 3. It was a Mass, a church festival or feast day. 4. It is commercialised.

Our answer to these objections is with the Chinese proverb *Yin Ye Fei Shih*, "Giving up eating for fear of choking" or "Giving up an indispensable undertaking because of a small obstacle." In spite of a background of heathen connections and present-day commercialism Christmas as defined by *Reader's Digest Oxford Complete Wordfinder* as "the annual festival of Christ's Birth celebrated on December 25."

Now, we celebrate the Event and not the Day. Whatever is presented as a heathen background and howsoever it is commercialised, all we do know is we are commemorating the Birth of our Saviour. Do you ever make a big Birthday Party to honour your father? Is it right or wrong? Surely, in filial piety to your father, it is doubly right. Is there any law forbidding? So we joyously commemorate the coming of the Saviour in that He is born to save us from our sins (Matt 1:21). And if God rejoices by sending an angelic choir to earth, should we not respond with equal rejoicings? Hence the singing of carols.

The Bible teaching on celebrating

Christmas, or Easter, is: "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it..." (Rom 14:5,6). "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ...Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (vv 10-13).

We who commemorate the Birth of our Saviour have never criticised those who do not. Let those who boycott Christmas keep *diam* (silent) before us. It is sad that a small group in Calvary who think themselves purer by reading some Puritanical literature begin to condemn others who do not follow them. Such puritanism, I am afraid, can degenerate to Pharisaism.

For the last 48 years, insofar as Life Church is concerned, we have found greater and greater blessing when we come lovingly to the Manger Cradle, bringing our gifts to Him, like the Three Wisemen. Our offerings are the highest in the whole year. And they are dispensed according to the Apostles' teaching that we should remember the poor (Gal 2:10). The offerings brought to the feet of Jesus are determined by Session to be distributed to worthy needy members, worthy needy missionaries and worthy needy missions.

The whole Church is blessed in worship through the age old carols so full of Bible truth. Dr Harry Ironside, famous pastor of Moody Church, championed worship at Christmas. So does Dr Carl McIntire, President of the

International Council of Christians Churches.

Christmas is a special occasion in Indonesia to celebrate *natal*, the Birth of the Saviour. Haposan, FEBC graduate in Medan, is given the State Radio to preach the Gospel without restraint. Souls have been brought to the Saviour. What Christian can say him wrong, let him say it here!

Christmas is a special time to gladden the hearts of children. I was six or seven when we migrated to Malaysia from China. I remember we had a big Christmas celebration in my father's rubber estate in Senai. The message of Christ's coming to earth to save us from our sins I fully understood. I heard John 3:16 and was glad that I should not perish by believing in Him. The seed of the Gospel was sown that Christmas Day in my heart.

SETSUKO'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Greetings in the name of the Lord.

I enjoy to testify my life to this year for you.

I became 65 years old this May. So I can receive pension since this August. The pension enough for my activity and living. I thank God that my room fee especially cheap price JPY 4500 yen per month compare with another ones. I had special privilege for rent this KEN-EI JYUTAKU because my former house was destroyed by the Quake.

When I looked back after the Quake I got enough money for my need. Though till the Quake I was trouble my life financially many years. Thank God and Singapore brothers and sisters they prayed and sent me support for my need many years.

This year became thirteen years since I began my evangel activity. After I return in Japan from Singapore I had settled down in NAGATA. Soon I had rented a room at MAEBARA CHO. My room was old building. The roof had leaked, rain days rain dropped to our rooms. So I moved my bed to safety place when rainy night. The mouses came from a hole, mouses tore my dresses where I hanged my clothes. I was trouble in NAGATA, MAEBARA-CHO.

On April 20, 1991, I moved in SUMA I became happy life from NAGATA. No rain drop to my new house even if it rain. No mouse of course. Neighbour people were better than NAGATA. When I lived in NAGATA and SUMA I did KAMISHIBAI for children as evangelical

We will not criticise you for not celebrating His Birth but please don't criticise us either. This is the Law of Christ, for we shall all be judged by Him.

In a sermon that Spurgeon delivered at Christmas, he said, "Since the current of men's thoughts is led this way just now, and I see no evil in the current itself, I shall launch the bark of our discourse upon that stream, and make use of the fact, which I shall neither justify nor condemn, by endeavouring to lead your thoughts in the same direction. Since it is lawful, and even laudable, to meditate upon the incarnation of the Lord upon any day of the year, it cannot be in the power of any man's superstitions to render such a meditation improper today. Regarding not the day, let us, nevertheless give God thanks for the gift of His dear Son." —T.T

activity nearly nine years.

Then earlier morning January 17, 95 the Quake destroyed many houses in KOBE. After the Quake I was trouble to KAMISHIBAI. I had to move another places. When I lived in SHIOYA and IWAOKA I began hand tract and pamphlet as evangelical activity. At that time I could not buy such nice materials. Just I got them freely from Bible Distributed Association and a Christian brother. Since Sep 97 I had settled down in here TAMATSU, I handed tract and pamphlet that I was given freely from B.D.A. and a Christian brother. But I could not distribute same tract to children. I had prayed to make new tract and money.

Thank God who provided my need. I could make new tract this July. So I began hand my new tract since this September. I write school's name: ITAYADO, KOOZUBASHI, NAGASAKA, TAIKAN, HASUIKE, HITOMARU, SHIN-RYODAI, AKASHI, ARISE, NAKAZAKI, KATANODAI etc. Some schools are far away from my place. It takes nearly one hour by PAS WAGON.

Many years ago when I was in TOKYO I worked as a part time job in night at A Christian Clinic for a while. That part time job income was extra to me at that time. So I sent them to Miss Kimiko Goto when she was in Singapore as a woman missionary. In Japan Reformed and Presbyterian churches are cold to women church workers. Miss Goto belongs to a Reformed Church in Tokyo.

One day she invited me to Singapore in

FEBC. After it I had studied in FEBC more than four years. After I returned in Japan HE called me as a children evangelist. HE given me special spirit.

I remember Ecclesiastes 11:1 and Luke 6:38. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." "Give and it shall be given unto you." As I think it was small to Miss Kimiko Goto HE increased and increased my small money into big money I could my duty till today continue. Never I imagined such the way. More big money I got from government and KOBE as a refugee of the Quake. I did not want to get such donated money as mine, so I offered them to the Churches. Many were suffered with the Quake. And some brothers and sisters sent me money as sympathy for the Quake. I saved them for a while and I sent these sympathy money to Singapore churches after my 65 birthday.

Don't send me support again. Asian churches are trouble now compare with me. I can get some support from Japanese members still today. So I can make new tract again and go to somewhere to my activity.

Please pray for my family salvation. Pray for my nephew YOSHIO's salvation.

If you have used postage stamps, please send them me. I can do KAMISHIBAI some Saturday afternoon and long mid-day afternoon. Japanese children enjoy to get such foreign used stamps. I take off paper and used stamps soak in water. If you send them just paper and stamps together.

—Setsuko Takashima
(Address: 209, 8 Mune, Tamatsu Tekkin, Akebono-Cho 1070, Nishi-Ku, Kobe, Japan)

INFANT BAPTISM

01. Chang Xiu Ying, Samantha
d/o Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Chang Phuan Sim
02. Lai Wei An, Darrell
s/o Mr & Mrs Lai Yeow Choy
03. Ng Li Ting, Janet
d/o Mr & Mrs Ng Beng Kiong
04. Pang Hock Gim
s/o Mr & Mrs Pang Kim Hwee
05. Tam Meng Ian, Daniel
s/o Mr & Mrs Tam Wvi Huat
06. Tam Wei Ian, Joshua
s/o Mr & Mrs Tam Wvi Huat
07. Tan Xin Kang, Lucas
s/o Mr & Mrs Tan Weng Suan

PROPHESCOPE ON IRAQ

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar



which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt." (Rev 9:13-19)

Commentary: We are not saying that the bombings now unleashed by US and UK on Iraq are the fulfilment of this prophecy. It is significant, however, that the Gulf War of 1991 is repeated in the Euphrates region. According to Rev 9:13-19 it will escalate to WWII (Walvoord), and here is only the beginning of it. The climax will be reached in Rev 16:12-21 in the Battle of Armageddon, ending up in Jerusalem (Zech 13:8-14:7). Christ will come and save Israel by descending on the Mt of Olives, etc. Still thinking of big schemes, big money? "Seek them not" (Jer 45:5). Be prepared rather for Christ and His Kingdom. Amen.

—T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(28 Dec '98 - 3 Jan '99)

MON	7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
TUE	8.00 pm	Prayer Mtg
THU	8.05 am	Rev & Mrs Tow to Vancouver, SQ18
	6.00 pm	YF/YAF Anniversary, FEBC Hall
	8.00 pm	Sharon BPC Watchnight Service
	10.45 pm	Life BPC Watchnight Service (Rev Charles Seet)
	12.00 mn	Korean Watchnight Ser, FEBC Hall
FRI	11.00 am	Wedding of Woon Sin Wei & Chang Hui Chuien (Rev Colin Wong)
SAT	2.30 pm	LTF/YF; 3.00 YAF; 3.30 EBF/LBC
SUN	8.00 am	Why Does the Church Exist? (Rev Colin Wong)
	9.30 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Rev Colin Wong, Lord's Supper
	10.30 am	Chinese Service
	10.30 am	Young Lifers Worship
	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	Evangelism
	12.30 pm	Korean Service/Filipina F'ship
	4.00 pm	Indonesian Service
	4.30 pm	Sharon BPC Service

NBC This Week. Fri Bishan, Bt Batok, Yishun.

Verse for the Week: *For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Psalm 48:14*

Church Directory Updating Form (for members only). If there are changes to your particulars, please fill up the form and place them in boxes provided at the Church Reception Counter. We shall be printing the Church Directory next year.

LAST LORD'S DAY GENERAL OFFERINGS: \$36,035.00

OFFERINGS FOR: EBF II \$440(Coinafon); *Missions* \$10000; *Cambodia* \$100, \$1000; *Cambodia Orphans* \$500, \$400, \$200; *Max Ho* \$50, \$400; *Magdalene Tan* \$50; *Frankie Matius* \$50, \$500; *Children's Choir* \$500; *Bibles for China* \$500; *Baraka Conf Centre* \$100; *Rev Wong* \$250; *Rev Seet* \$250; *Ho Heng Sau* \$200; *Rev Moses Hahn* \$200, \$100, \$1000(Chinese Ser); *Tan Kian Sing* \$300, \$100; *Lok Kwok Wah* \$1000; *Indonesian Christians* \$2000; *Children's Ministry* \$1000; *Rev David Koo* \$200; *Mr Bong* \$500(Chinese Ser); *Rev Djunaldi* \$500(Chinese Ser); *Calvin Loh* \$50.

FROM THE OFFERING BAGS:

(1) Praise God from whom all blessings flow. My family and I like to thank God for sustaining and providing for us throughout the year. This token of \$1500 goes to Pastor Tow (\$1000), Rev Colin Wong (\$250), Rev Charles Seet (\$250) for their service to the Lord. Amen. — Grateful Lifer, Dec 98

(2) Thank God for His goodness and mercy during my recent foot ailment. — A sinner saved by grace

(3) Heavenly Father, Thank thee for thy daily blessings and providence. A small love gift of thanksgiving towards your abounding love (\$100). Thank God for all blessings flow. — A grateful servant.

(4) With gratitude to the Lord for my recent promotion. Please accept the first fruit of my pay increase (\$300). — Grateful Lifer

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism will begin 10 Jan 99 with Rev Colin Wong at Beulah House (Music Room) 9.30 am.

The Life Church Choir warmly invites you to serve in the music ministry. No prior musical or choral skills needed. Visit us at the Music Room, Beulah House at 10.40 am on Sundays. Contact Beng Lee 3271346 or Siew Li 2893947 for more details.

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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	Psalm 34	Jn 1:1-14
Hymn	No. 522	No. 564
Announcements		
Offering & Hymn	No. 558	No. 424
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Text	Eph 5:20-29	Acts 18:24-28
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	Submit to One Another (Rev Colin Wong)	Does Paul absolutely forbid a woman to speak in Church? Commissioning of Ho Heng Sau
Closing Hymn	No. 554	No. 451
Benediction		

TREASURE TIME!

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph 5:16)
"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." (Col 4:5)

TREASURE time. There are many lessons in life to learn, and many things to be done. Should we labour day and night, we would not be able to learn what we ought and to finish the things we ought to finish. How dare we spend time carelessly, wastefully? Treasure time!

Treasure time. Do not waste precious time in chit-chatting. This is a common malady, most despicable. To discuss a problem of value whereby we polish one another's knowledge of the Scriptures or of some academic subject, is no idle talk of course. Idle talk brings no benefit either to our faith or character, nor to our knowledge and work. To ramble along without any objective and without limit wears away a lot of time. It ties up proper work. This is a common malady, and more so with those who like to prattle. Let us take heed to do

away with this bad habit by exhorting and supervising one another. Those who fail in this matter can never attain to anything. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Do not waste time on novels that entice you. Generally, most people like to read novels. If we have time on hand, let us use our leisure reading up on religion, ethics, education, history and those novels that edify our character. In these, we can find something good. But let us flee those that purvey immorality and violence, that speak of weird things, that are not only of no value but are injurious to the reader. Take your eyes off them! Do not read novels that have some value but so take up one's time as to hinder proper work. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Do not play overtime. After work, take up some game or exercise, that is not hurtful to the body, for recreation. That is in order to recover from fatigue. Such relaxation is essential. But, if we are immersed in these things at the expense of time and work, how pitiful! Do not spend too much time in exercise, such as playing ball. Do not spend too much time on music or on chess. Let there be a limit of one or two hours for such recreation. When on vacation, this limit might be

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stretched a little. At any rate, let there be a cut-off point. Let not anyone be so engrossed in these recreations as to hinder proper work. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Do not patronise any crowded places unless it is necessary or for the sake of buying something. The things you find there play on your senses. They glue you down, and dissipate your time. They drag you into the world and away from God. Do not go there lest you fall into temptation. If you treasure time, do not go!

Treasure time. Keeping birds and fish, nurturing flowers and trees, collecting antiques, are hobbies not absolutely forbidden to Christians. To have such recreations as give restfulness to the body and take away fatigue is not without benefit. But, if one has to spend much time and money on these things, then it becomes a loss. Never waste large sums of money on these things. The money God has entrusted to you is not to be used on these things, neither your time. To live is to work for God, not to play for your own sake. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Do not sleep beyond your bodily needs. For some adults, seven hours, more or less, is enough. Ordinarily, it is eight hours. Those who are weak might need nine to ten hours (this does not include the children or the sick). Oversleeping is a waste of time. The lazy bones who like to slumber should cut down. Treasure time.

Treasure time. No matter how busy, cease not to pray and read the Bible. To stop these two exercises, our spirits become dried up. Our spiritual growth is retarded to our great loss. Except for official business or some unavoidable matter, do "not [forsake] the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb 10:25). When a Christian neglects these things, he begins to backslide. Treasure time.

Treasure time. Everyday, whether at home or at work, finish up everything that is to be done. Do not say, Tomorrow! Do not shirk your work over to another. Do not fight shy of responsibility. Do not be afraid of work. The more the work, the stronger the muscles. The more trading of your talents, the more your gain

of experience. Although you could not do it at first, if you are a willing worker, you will succeed in the end. The unwilling worker, though talented, will be laid on the shelf. "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).

Treasure time. Apart from diligently fulfilling our duties each day, we need to take time to read. Read books on the Christian faith and on good character, books helpful to your work and knowledge. We have no opportunity to meet personally the saints whom God has mightily blessed to be taught by them, nor have we the resources to employ the learned and experienced to be our teachers. But, we can learn from them through their books. Apart from reading, let us learn from the people we meet each day, and add to our knowledge from every experience. Each day we live on earth is a day in the school of life. Treasure time.

—Wang Ming Tao on Temptation . . .

GOD RULES

*To you who serve in far-off fields,
We do uphold you in our prayers!
Ah...the power that Satan wields
Will surely try each one who dares
To bear the standard of the cross
Against such overwhelming force.*

*How dark the mission fields today
Tho' white and ripe for the reaping
For evil in its dread array
Like thunderheads are gathering
Hell-bent to hamper and harass
You pilgrims all in your progress.*

*But hark - the still small voice that says:
God rules and overrules always!
Just stay the course and keep the pace
And fear you not how hard the race.
Let Him lead each day and hour.
With His word go forth with power.*

—John Tow

REPORT ON SAIPAN

By Ho Heng Sau

On 29th May, I left Singapore for Saipan via Hong Kong. I arrived Saipan on 1st June. I brought along quite a number of books for the believers. I was preparing myself to stay in Saipan for one to 3 months, hence I did not bring much clothing. However, the Lord has a higher plan for me. Lo and behold, I have been there for almost 7 months.

I was able to witness baptism Sunday 7th June. Five were baptised in the morning service and 53 in the night. During my stay there, I saw many needs. I love the work and the people. They are so genuine in their faith and their eagerness to learn God's Word put me to shame.

Later I was involved in the Eucon International School, started by Rev Pang and a group of Christians. At first, I was assisting a teacher in the class of children aged 3. However, that teacher resigned and went back to America. I was asked to take over the class.

We truly thank God for the marvellous works He has manifested in Saipan. During the gospel meetings held from 17 to 20 November, more than one hundred of the China workers came to accept the Lord as their personal Saviour. Last Christmas service on 20 December, we had 13 brethren baptised in the morning and 130 in the night service. Our hearts were overjoyed to see so much fruits that the Lord has blessed the church. All of them had gone through an 'interview' with Rev Pang before they were allowed to be baptised.

Let me share with you, our weekly activities:

Mon to Fri: We wake up at 6am to get to school before 7am.

The School starts at 7:30am and ends at 2:30pm.

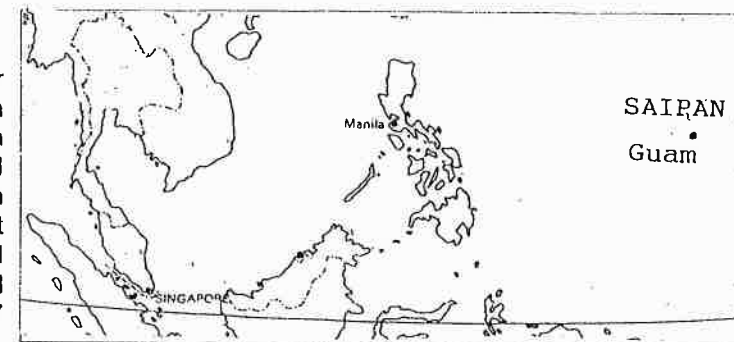
We usually do not get back home till about 3 or 4pm.

We do the duplicating of tapes and cooking too. But later one sister helped us with the cooking. This really relieves us much.

By 8:30pm we get ready for church activities.

Mon: We visit different dormitories to attend their prayer meetings.

Tue to Fri: We have church meetings from 9:15pm to 11pm.



Due to bad transportation in Saipan, we have to fetch the sisters to church and back to their dormitories. Sometimes we can come home as late as 1am.

Sat: We have a co-labourers' prayer and sharing session in the morning. Typing and printing weekly, preparing for Sunday School.

Sun: 10am to 12pm service and Children Sunday School concurrently. Prayer Meeting 1 to 2pm.

After 2pm, sometimes we have evangelism at different dormitories or viewing of Christian tapes.

7:30pm to 10pm – evening service

May you join us in the mission field by praying for us. All praise and glory to the Lord!

Saipan is Calling, Calling!

Saipan is very near to Guam in the Pacific Ocean. A Japanese fortress it was taken by the Americans in WWII. It is now American territory. I have visited Saipan twice and I have seen what God has done there.

God has mightily blessed Rev Pang's work. Apart from baptising some 800 souls in the last 7 years, he is instrumental in founding the EUCON International School. Two FEBC graduates, Ho Heng Sau and Hannah Yeo have, in God's providence, come upon the scene in time. Both are on the EUCON staff and serving with the Chinese Church (attendance 300) in the 'spare' time.

Now there are vacancies in the EUCON International School. This is Saipan calling, calling. If God is moving you to serve in Saipan, please see the principal of FEBC. Hurry!

—T.T.