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God's Will is to Bless

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



It is God's will to bless you. His blessings are essential to life. You cannot really live successfully and purposefully without His blessings. God's blessings are gifts to mankind. Even unbelievers are blessed because God sends rain to everyone and we all know how important rain is. The human race is sustained by His blessings.

God's will is to bless you but you can choose to be blessed or cursed. Naturally, nobody will choose to be cursed but when you disobey God, you choose the curse and experience hardships and problems. On the other hand, you choose His blessings when you love and obey God. Moses said, "Behold, I set before you a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way I command you today, to go after

other gods which you have not known" ([Deuteronomy 11:26-28](#)).

God's will to bless is evident throughout the Bible. The first thing that God did after He created man and woman was to bless them. "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" ([Genesis 1:28](#)). God's will is that man be fruitful, to take dominion over or to rule the earth and let it serve him. But instead, many are slaves to the things and

systems of this world because of sin.

Before Jesus went back to heaven, the last thing He did was to bless His disciples. "And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God" ([Luke 24:50-53](#)).

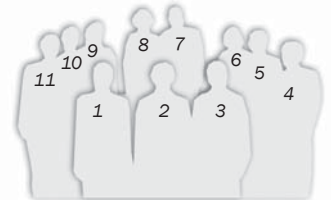
God's blessing is not based on legalism, good works or religion but

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Introducing our 2005 Deacons and Auditors



1. Lawrence Mak;
2. Patrick Wong ;
3. Stephen Liu;
4. Clarence Ng;
5. Han Joke Kwang;
6. Bernadette Tay;
7. Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam;
8. Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam;
9. Katherine Lee;
10. Lum Siew Heng;
11. Lee Tuck Heng



On the Stewardship Day on 18 March 2005, the Church members confirmed the ministry of Bernadette Foo Fong Lian, Patrick Wong Sing Fah and Han Joke Kwang as Church Deaconess and Deacons respectively, for a two-year term. Lee Tuck Heng and Clarence Ng were confirmed as Church Auditors for 2005.

On Sunday, 20 March 2005, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam installed the three newly elected Deacons and two Auditors, together with the remaining four, Lawrence Mak Siew Hong, Lum Siew Heng, Katherine Lee Lin Choo and Stephen Liu Sow Yin who are serving the second year of their term.

Out of our six congregations, four witnessed the installation via video. Senior Pastor led the congregations to pray for them after they were charged with their responsibilities and took the pledge to serve in the portfolios assigned to them. 🙏



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading the congregation in prayer for the Deacons and Auditors

Stewards of God— using our talents to serve

Easter is an exciting time of the year when we are privileged to have the opportunity to share the Good News. This year, Calvary Church was once again blessed to be able to do it through music, drama and the preaching of the Gospel message. As Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam says, “It is our gift to Kuala Lumpur and beyond”. It was certainly a huge undertaking but a rewarding one indeed.

We thank God for the time, commitment and talents of the participants that contributed to the success of our recent Easter Presentations. Working together as a team with the purpose of being a witness and testimony of our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, brings God’s blessings!

It is a privilege for each one of us to have a part to play in the Ministries of the Church and experience God’s anointing in serving Him.

Many prayed faithfully and consistently, upholding every

aspect of the Easter Presentation. There were many opportunities to give out tracts and handbills.

Life Group members were faithful in helping out with the construction of the stage, security, publicity and promotions and even first-aid during the three nights of presentation. Many also served as ushers, altar workers and intercessors.

It is always a great time for us to build relationships one with another, ultimately building up the Church as a whole.

The following are the testimonies of some Life Group members who have been blessed while serving God during the Easter presentations through the years:



Parama briefing the Publicity Team



Eric Looi tracting

Parama Publicity

All I can say is God never ever short changes all who serve Him faithfully. When I offered to serve Him for Easter last year in publicity, I was not only unemployed I was also getting married the week after Easter and was financially tight. My father, a potential believer, swore he would never step into church to witness my wedding. But I served Him faithfully nevertheless. He rewarded my services by not only giving employment and finances for my wedding but also gave me the best wedding present by bringing my father to church to witness my wedding. All praise and glory to the ever loving and providing Lord!



Loon Wing Yuen (right) serving as an altar worker

Eric Looi Tracting

Easter has a different meaning altogether after I joined Calvary Church. Praise God for enabling me to reach the lost through tracts. God touches the life of a person who makes himself available to Him. Serve Him first and definitely you will be blessed!



Lee Beng Soon serving as an usher

Loon Wing Yuen Altar Work

Being called to be an altar worker for the Easter Presentations at Bukit Jalil was a great blessing for me. This was because I could see God’s work first-hand in the people’s lives as they came up to receive Jesus. As I saw how God was faithful in their lives, it encouraged and reminded me that our Lord God is always faithful and never fails!

Lee Beng Soon Ushering

I have been serving as an usher for many years and it is indeed a blessing to participate in the annual Easter presentation. There are demands on time and commitment is required but if we are faithful in our service, God is also faithful to bless and enable us to carry out our responsibilities. 🙏

If you desire to join a LG,
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Missionettes receive awards

By Lee Jen Wei



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam crowning the Honour Stars while Coordinator Catherine Lim (right) presented them their certificates

On 5 March 2005, the Missionettes held their annual Awards Celebration, themed “Our Saviour’s Love”. This year, the Friends and Girls Only Clubs played a major role in the programme. At 5pm, Missionettes Coordinator, Catherine Lim, introduced the two MCs for the evening—Friends Lee Jen Wei and Erin Marcia.

Then Girls Only Rachel Mooi, Allison Khoo and Ong Su Mei led the congregation in a time of worship.

The six Honour Stars were introduced to the congregation, each accompanied by a Daisy while the respective Missionettes Clubs’ activities were presented both on powerpoint and by a Missionette from the Club.

Assistant Pastor Shereen Wong shared an enlightening message on

McJesus (Mc stands for the Messiah), that His love is for everyone and by reading the Bible and praying, we can get closer to Him.

The Head of the Ministry, Jim Guneratnam, gave out this year’s awards to 93 girls and boys, from the Rainbows Club all the way up to the Girls Only Club. This year, two Rainbows (Choy Ji-Onn and Wilfred Ang), one Daisy (Olivia Yong) and six Stars (Lam Yee Leng, Dorothy Teng, Rachel Gan, Wee Cher-Lynn, Crystal



The Rainbows singing “Jesus Loves Me”



The Daisies singing “Jesus’ Love is Sweet and Wonderful”



The Prims reciting the central truths of the different badges they worked on



The Stars presenting a skit

Chong and Carmen Chua) received the Honour Award—the highest award attainable in their age-group.

There were special numbers presented by the different Clubs. Rainbows sang their all time favourite “Jesus Loves Me”. The Daisies sang a song “Jesus’ Love is Sweet and

Wonderful”. The Prims recited the central truths of the different badges they worked on during the past year. The Stars’ short presentation entitled “Journey through the Stars” included a Line Dance demonstration. The Girls Only and Friends Clubs jointly presented a very meaningful skit to remind us that we should often share Christ to others.

Then came the highlight of the celebration, THE CROWNING CEREMONY. One by one, the six Honour Stars were escorted up the stage by their parents who presented them with a gold bracelet and a



The Girls Only and Friends Clubs doing a skit



Assistant Pastor Shereen Wong



Proud parents presenting their daughter with a Bible pin and gold bracelet



Jim Guneratnam presenting an award to a Star

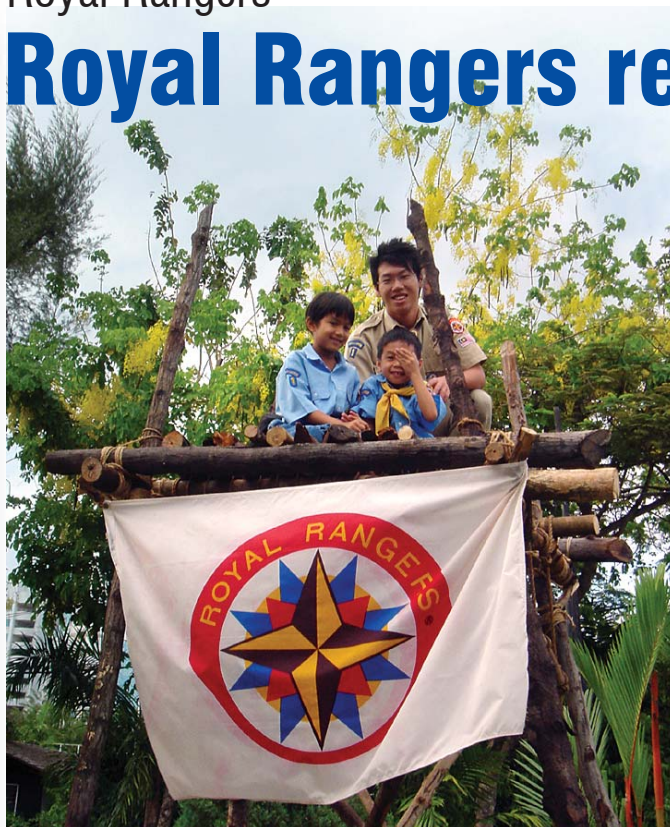
Bible pin each. Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam crowned them while Coordinator Catherine Lim presented them their certificates and charged them to always stand firm, as an Honour Star and to keep their eyes on Jesus. Pastor Petrina then prayed for all the Honour girls and boys.

In closing, the Honour Stars dedicated the song "Our Saviour's Love", specially chosen to convey their desire to share the Saviour's love to their friends and neighbours.

As a gesture of appreciation, specially wrapped cookies prepared by Girls Only Allison Khoo were distributed at the end of the celebration. 🍪

Royal Rangers

Royal Rangers recruited



"Hey, this is fun!"

Royal Rangers—the ultimate adventure for boys and girls! On two consecutive Sundays, 6 and 13 March 2005, the Royal Rangers Ministry was on a mission to promote this uniformed group for boys aged six to 17 years and girls, 12 to 17 years.

Visiting the various Carpenter's Workshop classes in Damansara Heights and the Satellite Churches, they encouraged the children to learn more about God's love and to be changed forever by Jesus, the Master Ranger.

The Royal Rangers Ministry utilises both fun and accomplishment to minister to the boys and girls, weekly. It features indoor and outdoor activities which include camping, recreation, first-aid, crafts, nature study, awards, achievements, Bible study,

mission trips and much more.

In Damansara Heights, the children had the opportunity to try out a tent and look-out tower that were set up in the Church grounds. Parents too had a chance to check out what the programme had to offer.



"So, what do you think, son?"



"Who's next?"



Carpenter's Workshop children responding to the skit by the Royal Rangers (above)

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The preparation “The Father’s Heart”

By Audrey Kum



It seemed like Christmas was just over and it was already time to prepare for our evangelistic Easter Presentation. Putting into practice the Church Theme, “Stewards of God’s Grace”, the Calvary family literally plunged into preparations for “The Father’s Heart”, our Easter Presentation held from 25 to 27 March 2005.

Auditions for singers and dancers were held and practices soon began in various Church venues and finally at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil.

to the people in Kuala Lumpur and beyond. Our labour of love was not in vain because over 19,000 people came to the Putra Stadium for the three nights of



Meanwhile, hundreds of others came together to prepare in other ways. Props had to be made; publicity material designed; tracting to be done; briefings for those involved in altar work, ushering, security and grounds, intercession,



first-aid, technical crews, etc to be held.

From the very young, to the elderly Golden Eagles, the Calvary family worked together to bring the message of the Father’s love for His people through His Son, in life, in death and in His resurrection



presentations and for the Easter Sunday Worship Service!



Photographs by Bonnie Bautista, Gan Chew and Audrey Kum



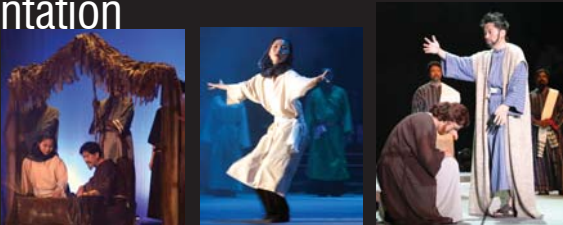


The harvest

Over the three nights, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam preached about the Father's love. He introduced Jesus as the Good Shepherd, compassionate, willing to give His life for His sheep and as One who will always seek and save the lost and the hurting. He told the story of the prodigal son and said the father is God and the prodigal son, those who have chosen to live outside the protection, wisdom, love and care of God the Father. Just as the father forgave his son, God will forgive us who repent. On the final night, Senior Pastor introduced Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life. He urged the people to confess Jesus as Saviour and Redeemer and He can raise what is "dead" in their lives. Praise God, a total of 517 people responded—317 for salvation and rededication while the rest came for healing and other needs.



The presentation



Photographs by Onny Maathai

Mary rejoices over the prophecy that she is to give birth to Jesus.



John the Baptist baptises Jesus.



Jesus calls the disciples to a "Great Adventure" and they are ready to follow their Leader to the great unknown!



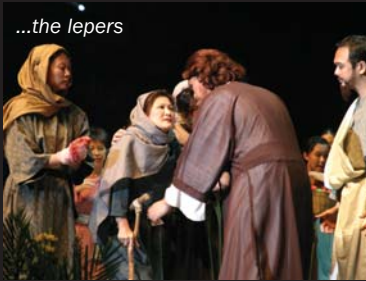
The royal official pleading for a miracle for his son who is sick with fever



Jesus heals...the demoniac



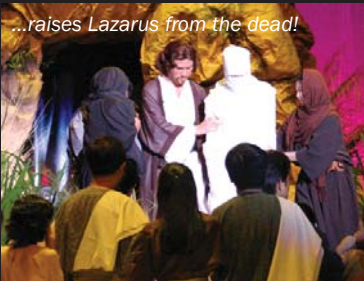
...the lepers



...the blind



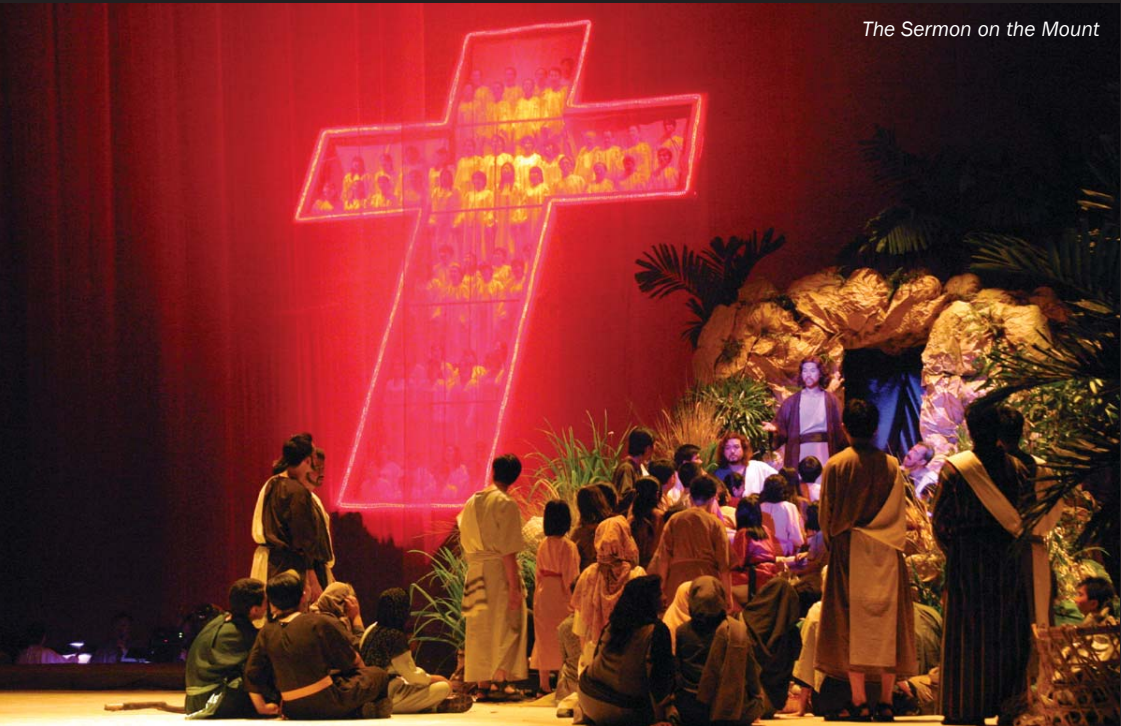
...raises Lazarus from the dead!



The father welcomes the prodigal son



The Sermon on the Mount



The triumphal entry into Jerusalem



Hosanna!



Loud Hosanna



"Remember Me" - The Last Supper



Peter denies Jesus after His arrest



Photo by Bonnie Bautista



Jesus whipped and tortured...and nailed on the cross



"It is finished."



The disciples carry His body to be laid in the tomb



For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever would believe would never die but have eternal life...

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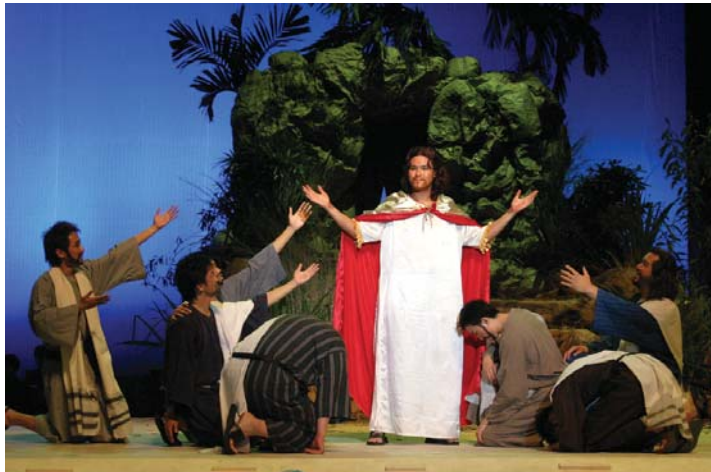


God is great and His praise fills the earth, fills the heavens and Your Name shall be praised through all the world!

The guarded tomb



The angels tell the women He's not in the tomb



Jesus is alive!!!



The Singing Cross



The Worship Team



The musicians



“Bite-Size Commitment” launched

The Calvary family celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ by coming together to worship our Lord at the Putra Stadium on 27 March 2005, at 10am. The stadium was filled with strains of “God Is Great” as the people rejoiced with the Easter Choir and the Creative Arts Team.

Using the story of how Nehemiah returned from exile from Babylon to rebuild the fallen wall of Jerusalem, Deacon Han Joke Kwang introduced the “Bite-Size Commitment” Project to raise funds for the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). The Bible recorded that Nehemiah rallied a small band of Jewish re-



Han Joke Kwang settlers and went about to repair the broken ramparts of the wall. Despite intense opposition and physical threats, Nehemiah pressed on, encouraging each family to undertake the

repair of a small portion of the wall. Before long, the wall was completed.

Like the rebuilding of the wall, the building of the CCC appears to be a daunting task. Yet, if



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

the Church approaches this challenge the way Nehemiah did, where everyone contributed to the need, the vision of the CCC will become a reality.

If everyone were to make a monthly contribution which he or she can afford, over a 12-month period, this collective contribution will become much. The key is collective effort – everyone to participate and the amount is

something you are comfortable to commit to the Lord.


Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, in his Easter message, reminded us that our focus as a Church is on the risen Lord and our mission is souls for the Kingdom of God. He challenged us to know Jesus and the power of His resurrection (Philippians 3:10). How can we know Him? God

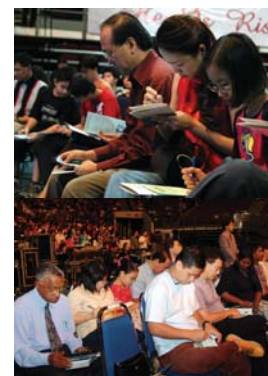


wants to reveal Himself and His power to us. In Exodus, chapters three and four, God revealed Himself to Moses as “I AM WHO I AM” – the very present and unlimited God.

Moses was afraid the people would not believe that God had sent him. God asked him, “What is that in your hand?” It was a rod which was ordinary and unimpressive but with God, it became a tool for God to work miracles. Moses needed only to obey and trust God.

The widow of Zarephath and the boy with five loaves and two

given to God in obedience and faith, little can become much in the Master’s hands. 



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This Easter Sunday, for the first time, there were separate programmes for the toddlers and children. Praise God for these little ones who also made pledges in the “Bite-Size Commitment” Project.

CW Children Commissioned

6 February 2005 marked a special day in the lives of 48 Carpenter's Workshop (CW) children. During the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights, upon the recommendation of the CW Pastor, Associate Pastor Richard Yun and their teachers, they were officially commissioned by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and welcomed to join the adult congregation of the Church in Damansara Heights and the Satellite locations.



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for the children



Andrea Chew Pei Wen sharing her testimony




Presenting a song and dance

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Water Baptism

Sixteen follow the Lord in water baptism

Praise the Lord for the 16 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 20 February 2005. By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord, Saviour and Master. 



Left to Right
Front: Shahika Bieber,
Yap Ern Ying,
Jenna She Vui Nee,
Sandy Gan Chooi Eng,
Ng Xue Jen,
Adelene Yem Sook Yi,
Dorothy Cheam Shu Yi,
Lee Swee Yin,
Chin Yu Lin

Back: Lawrence Dragon,
Edward Leong Chiu Weng,
Nicholas Loke Khy-Wyn,
Andrew Yem Weng Hoong,
Kevin Ng Pinc-Kgi,
Jonathan Yee Sze Hung,
Jed Reuben Adgola



The congregation that received the children

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That morning, the children presented a song and dance with live music accompaniment which they provided. Andrea Chew Pei Wen shared her testimony. 🙏



The children providing the music accompaniment

L.I.G.H.T. and Young Professional Life Groups

Managing Conflict @ Work

By Melvin Wong

Conflict in the work place presents itself in numerous forms. Its occurrence is also inevitable and if it is left unresolved, the conflict can bring detrimental consequences.

The 86 individuals who attended Managing Conflict @ Work, organised by the L.I.G.H.T. and Young Professional Life Groups on two Saturdays, 26 February and 5 March 2005 agreed that these statements were true. The first afternoon was led by Adiemus Seah. He introduced the art of managing conflict and brilliantly led the participants through a systematic and practical guide involving steps in planning for a meeting to resolve conflict. Thanks to the activity and tea breaks in between, the participants also had opportunities to mingle with each other.

Adiemus Seah (right) leading the participants in some relaxation exercises



Patrick Wong (standing) helping in a small group discussion

On the second weekend, Amy Tan shared testimonies of her 20 some-over years of experiences in conflict at work. Not only did her sharing enlighten the participants, but her sharing affirmed the relevance of the techniques taught by Adiemus. She also stressed that the key to her success in managing conflict was her dependence on God through prayer.

Associate Pastor Richard Yun then shared on the principles in the Bible on managing conflict and how relevant they are for us today. The devotion concluded with a challenge to look to Jesus, the ultimate conflict solver. He gave an altar call and six rededicated their lives to God.

The devotion had set the right frame of mind for the participants to approach the practical workshop sessions facilitated by Patrick Wong, Amy and Adiemus. After a tea break, role plays were engaged as an opportunity to practice what had been shared.

All in all, the participants were equipped with skills to manage conflict, but most of all, they were encouraged to know that they can manage conflict successfully with God's help! 🙏



Associate Pastor Richard Yun sharing on biblical principles of managing conflict with speakers, Adiemus Seah and Amy Tan (front row) in the audience

May

Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Nuggets from Nehemiah

- 7** Speak Out
- 14** Strengthen Me
- 21** Stand Firm
- 28** Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Living Lives of Impact

- 7** A Heart of Compassion
- 14** A Spirit of Humility
- 21** A Lifestyle of Integrity
- 28** Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

- 29** Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah
Venue: Bethel Hall

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **11 June 2005** | 2.00pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **12 June 2005** | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | **8 May 2005**

June

Chinese Fellowship Sunday 5pm

- 24** Speaker: Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
Venue: Bethel Hall
- *** *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends.
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Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Guarantees from God's Word

- 4** 5 Habits of Happy People
- 11** 5 Regrets No Teen Should Ever Live With
- 18** 5 Sources of Reliable Counsel
- 25** Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Building Bridges-Sharing Christ Creatively

- 4** Building a Bridge-Through Music
- 11** Building a Bridge-Through a News Event
- 18** Building a Bridge-Through a Movie Plot
- 25** Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

- 26** Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah
Venue: Bethel Hall

Sign up for Family Camp!



30 May-2 June 2005

School holidays

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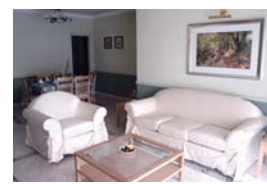
Speakers

Rev. Bernard Ankomah
Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

Chinese camp

Casey Chan

Pastor of Chinese Ministry,
Evangel Family Church, Singapore



DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY YOURSELVES WITH THE CALVARY FAMILY AND WITH GOD...

Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/(DH) 10.30am 5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
	1 <i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian	<i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian	<i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian	<i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian
	8 <i>Mother's Day</i> Rev. Dr Sung-Hae Kim (Grace Cho)	Rev. Dr Sung-Hae Kim (Grace Cho)	Rev. Dr Sung-Hae Kim (Grace Cho)	Rev. Dr Sung-Hae Kim (Grace Cho)
	15 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
	22 Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
	29 Rev. Bernard Ankomah	Rev. Bernard Ankomah	Rev. Bernard Ankomah	Rev. Bernard Ankomah
MAY				
	5 <i>Communion</i> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Steven Kum/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong
	12 <i>Water Baptism</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
	19 <i>Father's Day</i> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
	26 Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
JUNE				

Mother's Day Special

The Church is organising a
Mother's Day Special with

Rev. Dr Sung-Hae Kim.

Rev. Dr Sung-Hae Kim (Grace Cho) is the wife of Rev. Dr David Yonggi Cho, Senior Pastor of Yoido Full Gospel Church, the largest church in the world.

They have 3 grown sons and are grandparents.

Rev. Dr Sung-Hae Kim, who is President of Hansei University in Seoul, Korea, is also an accomplished composer and a concert pianist.

Look out for further details and bring your mother!



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on His grace, love and mercy towards you. It is not based on merit or on what you do or do not do. It is based on Jesus, grace personified and on His finished work on Calvary. If His blessings were based on merit, then nobody will qualify. While church membership is important, yet, you do not depend on it to receive the blessings of God.

Sin closes the door to God's blessings. When you disobey God, you shut the door to His blessings. Isaiah says, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2). But God promises to bless those who obey Him. "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God" (Deuteronomy 28:2). If you are wondering why God is not blessing you as He promised, check to see if you have forsaken your sins. The Bible says, "He who covers his sin will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). When you confess your sins, you must also forsake them. Then only will you receive God's forgiveness and His blessings.

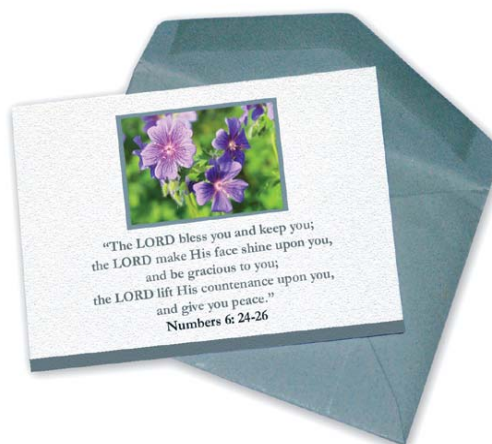
God's method for blessing is to speak the blessing. When Israel came out of Egypt, God told Moses, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace."' So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them" (Numbers 6: 22-27).

You too can speak blessings to others because God made you a king and a priest. You are a king not because you wear a crown and sit on an earthly throne but because you rule over your natural, carnal and Adamic nature. You are a priest because God opened a new and living way for you to approach God's throne room of grace. You do not need a mediator or a priest to stand

between you and God because Jesus has cleansed you.

As a king and priest, you can bless others by saying "The Lord bless you" (Numbers 6: 24). These are not just words. They are words that will create, give hope and bring peace. The Bible describes the blessings of God: "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your

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flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out" (Deuteronomy 28:3-6).

This is how God wants to bless His people. They shall be blessed wherever they may be, whether in the city or in the country. All these blessings are in agricultural terms because in the days of the Old Testament, agriculture and farming was the main source of employment. However, today, these blessings refer to your health, your offspring, your business and work. The kneading bowl is where bread is made. God will bless your job that gives you earning power to provide your daily needs, rent for your home, money for your children's education, to pay your bills, etc. God will protect you when you "come in" and "go out". That is definitely a blessing considering the times that we live in today. These blessings cannot be bought but are yours when you obey God.

When you say, "The Lord make His face shine upon you" (Numbers

6:25a), you proclaim the favour and goodwill of God upon the one you bless. There is salvation in His light. The Bible says, "Restore us, O God; cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved!" (Psalm 80:3). And when you continue with, "The Lord...be gracious to you" (Numbers 6:25b) you are wanting the one you bless to experience God's love and saving power and to be evaluated by God's grace rather than by his merit and performance.

You proclaim God's forgiveness and mercy when you say, "The Lord lift His countenance upon you" (Numbers 6: 26a). When you have the light of God's countenance upon you, you have the favour of God upon your life to bless you and to prosper you. "For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, Your arm and the light of Your countenance, because You favored them" (Psalm 44:3).

And when you declare, "The Lord...give you peace" (Numbers 6: 26b), you are not talking about an absence of war or conflict. Peace is a relationship with God. With God's peace, there is rest in your spirit, soul and body. You can sleep when you have His peace. There is peace in your home and with the people you relate with. The Bible says, "I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8).

You are blessed when the name of God is upon you (Numbers 6: 27). When you are blessed, you become walking and living witnesses of God. That is why the Bible says that you are salt and light of the earth. The blessings of God make your light shine brighter. When you let Jesus into your life, you have His name and you and your family are blessed! When you are blessed, you can bless others. Speak His blessings and bless someone today! 🙏

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God's Word gives comfort in times of grief, wisdom in times of perplexity, direction in times of uncertainty, encouragement in times helplessness and strength in moments of weakness. The Psalmist said; "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalms 119:105, NIV).

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CHIN THIAM LOONG
Consultant Engineer



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Gone home to be with the Lord



Madam Mah Yoke Ying, 82, the mother of Associate Pastor Peter Ong, went home to be with the Lord on 27 March 2005.

Madam Mah was part of the Calvary family for the past 17 years. She first heard the Gospel as a teenager in the 1930's while living next door to an Assemblies of God missionary.

Pastor Peter Ong and his family wish to express their thanks for the love and prayers for them during this time. 



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