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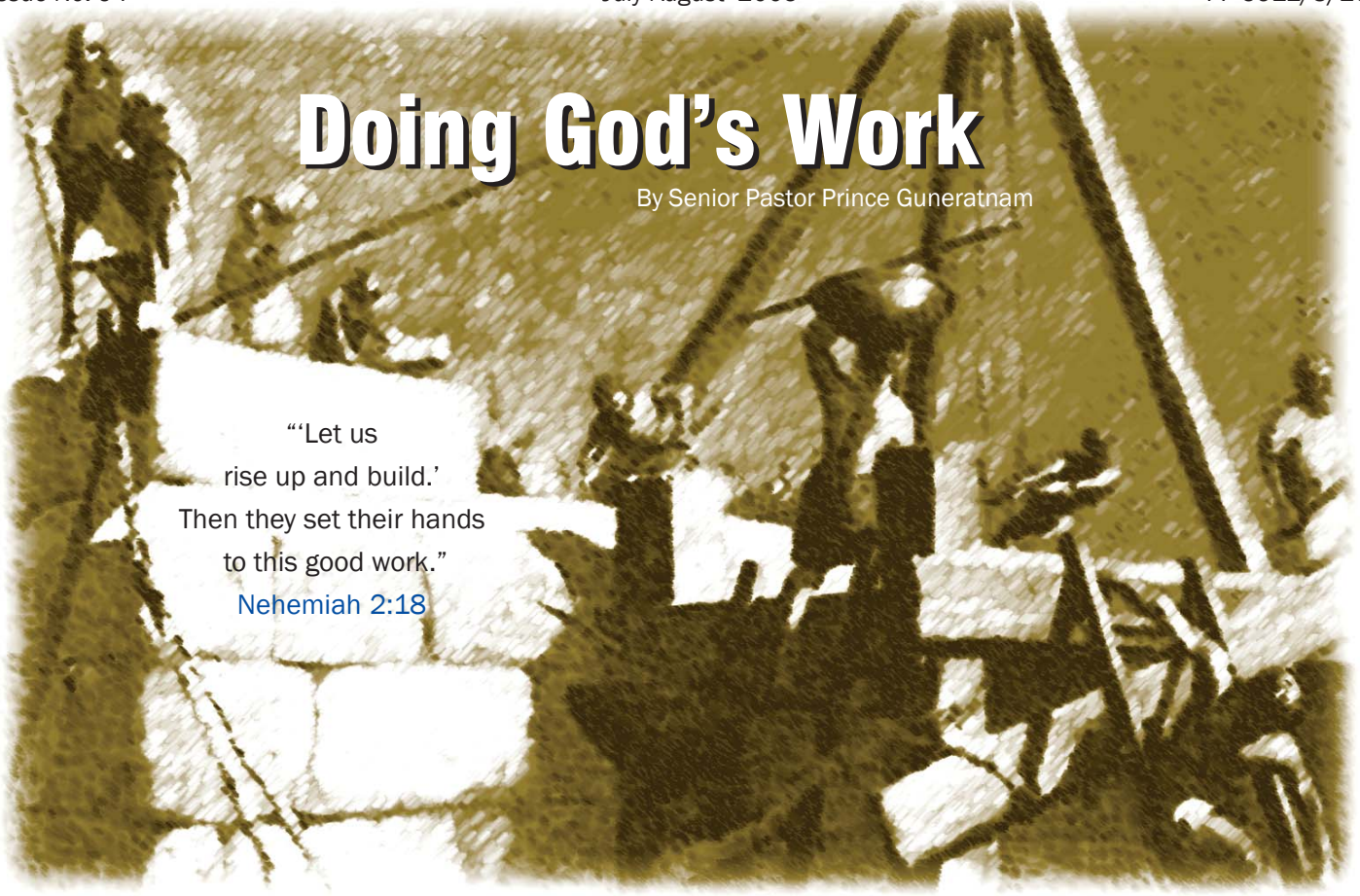
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Doing God's Work

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



“‘Let us
rise up and build.’
Then they set their hands
to this good work.”
[Nehemiah 2:18](#)

God has given Calvary Church a vision to be a fountainhead church and has called us to fulfil that vision. When God calls us and fills us with the Holy Spirit, He gives us gifts, talents and abilities to be used for His glory. We then have the responsibility to use these gifts and talents to do His work. God has planted us in this assembly of believers. The Church will encourage and provide us with opportunities to use them even more for His glory.

We can learn about doing the work of God from Nehemiah. Note, to do the work of God, it is important that the hand of God is upon you. **“And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me. So they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ Then they set their hands to this good work”** ([Nehemiah 2:18](#)). When God’s hand is on you, you too can say, “Let us arise and build”. You do not do God’s work alone but you join hands with others in a spirit of unity and cooperation.

When the hand of God is upon you, you can also expect to face

resistance. Nehemiah experienced this. **“But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, ‘What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?’”** ([Nehemiah 2:19](#)). Every time the Church comes together to do the work of God, you can expect resistance. One form of resistance is mockery. But like Nehemiah, you can be assured that God will prosper those who do His work. **“So I [Nehemiah] answered them, and said to them, ‘The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise**

and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem” ([Nehemiah 2:20](#)). There is coming a day when everyone will stand before Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth and we are going to give an account of our lives ([Romans 14:12](#)). Those who have not believed or have not used their talents to serve God will have no part of the reward that God has in store for His faithful believers. There will be no inheritance or blessings for these people.

When you obey God and live a life that testifies to His goodness, you will find that there will be people

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Stewards of God's Grace— Together we build

By Audrey Kum



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

**What is God's mandate for Church growth?
What does He want His Church to be known for?
From 20-22 April 2005, the leaders of our Church
set aside time to seek God and find out.**

At the very start of the Leaders' Conference, our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, urged us to hunger and thirst for God.

multiply. God made a promise to Abraham that he will be a father of many nations and that his descendants will grow and

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam encouraging the leaders to hunger and thirst for God during the first session at Calvary Church Damansara Heights

an option. Senior Pastor said, "Your life must touch another life otherwise you are not in the plan and will of God." Calvary Church must not sit and be contented because that is not biblical teaching. We are called to grow and to reach the multitudes everywhere! "If Jesus is Lord of Calvary Church," he said, "we must do all we can to reach the world for Him."

Senior Pastor reminded us that it is the Holy Spirit who will enable us to do this work. There is a price to be paid but the rewards are beyond what this world can

imagine. He urged parents to allow their children to serve God. Spouses too must not hinder each other from doing God's work!

The first night session that was held at Calvary Church Damansara Heights. The sessions on the following two days were held at the Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort. These dealt with, in a nutshell, what God wants His Church to be known for, namely, trust, integrity and loyalty. Senior Pastor asked a pertinent question, "Is the Church a safe place?" Are we assured that it is a place



The Conference continues at the Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort.

Unless we empty ourselves of all that is displeasing to God, we will not be able to receive all that God, who is a Giver of all good things, has for us.

Using illustrations from the Old and New Testament, Senior Pastor systematically showed us the biblical mandate for Church growth. From creation, we see that God initiated growth and multiplication. His command was to be fruitful and

be as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Through the centuries, God has fulfilled His promises.

Jesus commissioned His disciples before He ascended to heaven, to make disciples of all nations—to grow and to multiply! The Bible records that the early Church grew at a tremendous rate. When a command is given, it must be obeyed. Church growth is not



Kneeling before the Lord in prayer

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where we will not be misinterpreted, misunderstood or be betrayed and where we will be supported?

How can we make Calvary Church a safe place? As stewards of God's grace, we must be people of good character who embody basic principles such as honesty, trustworthiness, loyalty, justice and patience. While God's mandate is for us to grow and multiply, He is not merely after numbers but is concerned about character.

Enjoying the many tea/coffee breaks and sumptuous lunches



Our actions and not just our talk indicate our character. Our character is a choice and unlike charisma, brings lasting success with people. Leaders cannot rise above the limitation of their character. If we are not progressing in our ministries, we must check our character. Character carries us through when the going gets tough. It promotes excellence as it will not allow us to take short cuts or compromise.

Character creates trust. Senior Pastor also exhorted us to be people who can be trusted as leaders and function on the basis of trust. We can earn the trust of others by consistent behaviour that is pleasing to God and helpful to others and by open, honest communication. Senior Pastor also stressed the importance of integrity. He gave us the biblical examples of Samuel, Job, a changed Zacchaeus and Paul to emulate and that of Ananias and Sapphira to avoid!

We were challenged by two video messages by Ravi Zacharias. The first was entitled, "Marching to a Different Drummer". We

learnt about the lines of resistance, dependence and confidence from the life of Daniel. Ravi Zacharias said that we can train our passions and desires to march to different drummer. Daniel drew a line of resistance by training his appetite. He refused to be defiled by eating the food of King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel knew where his line of dependence was when he was required to not only interpret the king's dream but to tell him what he

Fourth, talk about God with friends and fifth, we must pray.

The leaders also enjoyed the time of discussion in small groups where they had



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

the opportunity to think through and discuss what they had heard in the sessions by Senior Pastor and Ravi Zacharias. There was some meaningful sharing of what positive traits we desired Calvary Church to be known for.

At the session on "Improving People Skills", Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam gave us helpful advice taken from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12. She identified things that should be removed from our hearts:

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Discussion in small groups

dreamt! He sought God and He revealed the dream to him and gave him the interpretation. Finally, Daniel knew his line of confidence. He trusted God.

In the second video, "Recapturing Wonder—Living Life to the Fullest", which was shown at the last session held on Friday night at Calvary Church Damansara Heights, Zacharias introduced five disciplines in life, the fruit of which he says, is the wonder of God. First, we are to look at God through His Word. Second, read good Christian literature. Third, reflect and meditate on God's Word.



A meaningful time when the Pastors (above) prayed for the leaders and then were prayed for in return



error, uncleanness, deceit, flattering words, covetousness and seeking of glory from man. She encouraged us to have the heart of a nursing mother—gentle, affectionate and be encouraging like a father is to his own children.

An exciting highlight of the Leaders' Conference was the time spent at the site of our Calvary Convention Centre in Bukit Jalil. For many of the leaders, it was the very first time they set foot on the piece of land. The prayer walk accompanied by worship, reading and planting of Scriptures at five specific points was a powerful experience that challenged us to personally trust the Lord to see Him bring the Convention Centre into reality.

God's mandate for Church growth is clear. We are to be fruitful and multiply. And the kind of Church He wants? One characterised by trust, integrity and loyalty. Together we build!



On Friday morning, 22 April 2005, the leaders gathered at the site of Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). After a time of worship, they walked single file along the perimeter of the land, stopping at five points and seven other locations marked by the colours of the rainbow signifying that God is a promise-keeper. Scriptures were planted at the five points and read at all locations. It was an experience to remember as we sang praises to God and prayed in faith, visualising the CCC and the facilities that would be built where we were standing.

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As we stood praising God, we saw the light of the morning sun breaking beautifully through the trees and foliage. Assistant Pastor Shereen Wong shared a strong impression she received from the Lord during this time. God is light and as He shines on us, we do not merely reflect the light but like a prism, refract the light into the colours of the rainbow. We must not only receive His light but must communicate the hope that God is a promise-keeping God, to others. We are blessed so that we in turn can be conduits of His blessing! 🙏

Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)

By Philemon Soon

Bite Size Commitment Project takes off



Calvary Church's Bite Size Commitment Project entitled "A Little Becomes Much" is progressing well. To date, a total of over 2,400 partners have pledged over RM 300,000 per month to the project.

Launched on Easter Sunday, 27 March 2005, the Bite Size Commitment Project calls every worshipper in Calvary Church to have a part in the building of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) by making a monthly contribution to the CCC Building Fund. The key is participation in the building of God's Church to reach the world for Jesus. Whatever we have, when put in God's hand, will become much.

As at 9 May 2005, close to half a million Ringgit has been received from the Bite Size partners. Thank God for the more than 10% increase in the number of partners as compared to the Mustard Seed Faith Pledge.

For those who have yet to make this Bite Size Pledge, you still can do it. You will be blessed in more ways than you can imagine when you build the house of God.

The Lord will surely honour your partnership not only in this Bite Size Commitment Project but in everything because we are co-workers together with Him. 🙏

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Mother's Day

"Open wide your mouth, I will fill it"

By Audrey Kum

This Mother's Day, 8 May 2005, when Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam went to the pulpit, it was not to preach but to warmly introduce her friend, Rev. Dr Kim Sunghae Cho as the speaker.

Rev. Dr Kim and her husband, Rev. Dr David Yonggi Cho, Senior Pastor of Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, South Korea, have three grown up sons who are successful businessmen. Ever-smiling, Rev. Dr Kim, though speaking in a language that she professed she was not fluent in, brought across some very relevant and helpful truths.

Our attitudes, she said, will determine how we live our lives. And the words that come out of our mouths show us what is in our hearts. These in turn influence our actions and behaviour. It is therefore important that we think and speak positively.

Referring to James chapter three, she compared

our tongues to the rudder of a ship, the bit that directs a horse and a spark that can ignite a forest. Though the tongue is small, the words that we speak can change a person's life. Spoken words can determine a person's future.

Rev. Dr Kim encouraged parents not to despair, complain or worry about their children. Instead, they are to trust God who can and will give them the strength to overcome their worries. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We must also count our blessings and like

the song says, name them one by one.

In conclusion, she sang a song that she composed. The last line, "If you open wide your mouth, I will fill it with My grace" sums up beautifully what God will do if we yield our tongues to Him. 🙏



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the mothers



Mothers receiving gifts from the Church



Rev. Dr Kim Sunghae Cho



The Carpenter's Workshop children singing and dancing for the mothers



Rev. Dr Kim Sunghae Cho praying for those who responded to the altar call

Praise God for the 1,156 mothers who attended our Mother's Day Services !

Mothers feted at luncheon!

Faces were beaming with joy as mothers of various ages were ushered into the newly opened Bangsar Seafood Garden Restaurant for lunch on Saturday, 7 May 2005. It was the first time in the history of Calvary Church, that mothers were feted to a luncheon on such a large scale to celebrate Mother's Day.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam welcomed the 550 people, including fathers, children and friends and introduced our special guest of honour, Rev. Dr Kim Sunghae Cho, the wife of Rev. Dr David Yonggi Cho, the pastor of the world's largest church, Yoido Full Gospel Church in South Korea, with 850,000 members. Rev. Dr Kim is the President of Hansei University in Seoul and is also an accomplished pianist.

While we enjoyed the sumptuous lunch, the Music and Creative Arts Department of the Church did a wonderful job in providing special music, songs, a dance and a skit, all thoughtfully planned to give thanks to God who gave us mothers and to pay tribute to them.

Rev. Dr Kim was transparent when she shared from her own experiences and she encouraged mothers to pray and trust God to help them to fulfil their special roles in their families. Mothers bring reconciliation to members of the family and they recognise the strengths of each member. In order to bless their families, she encouraged mothers to take care of their own physical and mental health.

Rev. Dr Kim Sunghae Cho

Senior Associate
Pastor Petrina
Guneratnam





The campers: adults; Chinese Camp; kids from 4 to twelve; babies and toddlers

“Stewards of God’s grace in camp”

Over 700 campers attended the Family Camp at the Melaka Water City Resort from 30 May to 2 June 2005. This was our largest camp so far. There was a sense of expectation and hunger for the Word of God. Souls were saved. Some were baptised in the Holy Spirit and all were blessed!

On Monday night, at the opening Keynote Address (on Tuesday morning for Chinese Camp), Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam spoke from Psalm 23 and challenged us to be like David, a man of purpose. David focused on the Lord, His Shepherd, conducted his life well, possessed peace and

guidance and experienced God’s grace and mercy throughout his life.

Dr Bernard Blessing, our Camp Speaker, said, “Life is like a book and God knows the end of the story.” Over several sessions, he spoke on the 12 chapters of life: Eternal Past; Birth; Learning; Identity; Self-

growth/ Development; Production; Networking; Success; Trials; Significance; Departure and Eternal



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Dr Bernard Blessing

Pastor Casey Chan

Present. At the end of our life on earth, we have to give an account of how we lived. Will there be rewards or regrets? Will we be in heaven (permanent joy) or in hell

(eternal suffering)?

God has made us His stewards. Using the example of Jonah, Dr Bernard helped us to reflect and check our lives. Like Jonah, are we “Stewards on-the-run”, “Stewards in the Fish Hotel” or Stewards on vacation or on strike”? He reminded us that the work of the Lord has to do with people and we must

love them like Jesus does.

At the Chinese Camp, Pastor Casey Chan from Emmanuel Family Church, Singapore, shared on how we can be good stewards of God by avoiding the pitfalls of sins and snares of Satan in our daily life. We must have faith in God and maintain a good testimony for HIm. We are to manage our own

household well, be fervent in sharing the Gospel and maintain a right attitude when facing the storms in our life.

The toddlers and children aged four to 12 enjoyed a programme called S.C.U.B.A. –Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventures.

We received so much at Camp. May we put into practice all that we have learnt!



Thank God for the spirit of co-operation exhibited by the campers as they adjusted to the different meal arrangements each day!



Enjoying the free time in the afternoons...



Presentations by the Creative Arts Team; the Choir and Calvary Youth



Life Group (LG) Ministry

Learning to lead

Preparation for Leadership is important. One of the classes that is being offered each term at the Friday School of Christian Growth is the Life Group Leadership Training course. Enrolment in the course is by recommendation of the Life Group Leaders.

The course is conducted by the various Pastoral Care Pastors and experienced Life Group Leaders. Through the course the trainees are taught the biblical foundation and principles of leadership, ministry skills and given hands-on experience in worship leading, etc. All the trainees are inspired, challenged and equipped to serve in the Life Group Ministry.

The following are some testimonies of some of the students:

Tracy Chan

Glory and honor to the Lord Jesus Christ! I thank the Lord for the opportunity to attend the Life Group Leadership Training class. I am currently attending two Chinese Life Groups—one since mid 2002 and the other one since it started in March 2005. The latter one is held in my house.

After attending the training, I have confidence to face the various challenges encountered in Life Group meetings and even in my other ministry involvement, for example prayer visits. This training class provides a lot of useful and effective guidelines on how to minister to people.

Through the lessons, I have learnt that the interaction and participation of every member in the Life Group or the Church are two important ingredients for the growth and multiplication of the Life Group and the Church. I have grown to be more appreciative and supportive of my leaders too.

“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” (1 Timothy 1:12 NKJV). To God be the glory!

Lisa Lim

I have been attending the Young Professionals Life Group since I came to Calvary Church two years ago. I thank God for the opportunity to participate in this Life Group Leadership class. This class has certainly enhanced my understanding on the importance and purpose of the Life Group Ministry. It has also taught me various ways I can contribute to the growth of my Life Group and assist my Life Group leader to make the Life Group meeting more effective.

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From left Front: Lisa Lim, Alice Choi, Cheah Siew Ying, Visvanathan; Back: Tracy Chan, Bernard Lee, Jessica Manogari

Furthermore, I was encouraged by the testimonies that were shared with us by the teachers and the joy that they experience as Life Group leaders despite facing all the challenges of leadership. After going through all the classes, I am certainly more prepared to be used by God to serve Him through the Life Group Ministry.


Jessica Manogari

Praise God for His guidance in my life. I attended the Life Group Leadership course, mainly to be trained to be used by God and to be of service to Him.

I took this opportunity to learn and be equipped. As I went through each lesson, I gained much insight into how to be of service to people in need and to have a breakthrough in my prayer life. The lessons I learned have also changed me to be a better person, in character, in thoughts and in my daily walk with God and people. I have experienced a new confidence in my faith in the Lord.

All glory and praise unto our Lord Jesus Christ!

Every member of the Body of Christ has a ministry. “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ...Now the body is not made up of one part but of many....Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it” (1 Corinthians 12:12, 14, 27 NIV).


What better way is there to be involved than to be in the Life Group Ministry? You can be trained to lead, to host a new Life Group, or even to be of great assistance to your Life Group. We will equip you to serve. You will find fulfilment and be drawn a step closer in your walk with the Lord. 

Congratulations Senior Pastor!

World Assemblies of God Fellowship Executive Committee



1. Rev. James O. Smith, Secretary; 2. Rev. Dr Prince Guneratnam, Vice-Chairman; 3. Dr. Thomas E. Trask, Chairman

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF) at the 4th World Assemblies of God Congress in Sydney, Australia, in May 2005. He was also re-elected as the Secretary of the Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF). We, at Calvary Church, thank God for our Senior Pastor and his ministry worldwide! 

Pentecostal World Fellowship Executive/Advisory Committee



1. Dr R. Lamar Vest, Vice-Chairman; 2. Bishop James Leggett, Chairman; 3. Rev. Dr Prince Guneratnam, Secretary

Men blessed when they pray together



The men who came for the Men's Prayer Breakfast Fellowship

By Lim Siew Chyuan

The Men's Life Group (LG) Prayer Fellowship has been a tremendous blessing. There are many wonderful and remarkable testimonies of the great things that God has done in answer to their prayers.

Apart from weekly LG meetings at various venues, every first Saturday of the month, the Men's LGs meet together for the Men's LG Prayer Fellowship at 7am in Calvary Church Damansara Heights. And twice a month, they head out to a futsal indoor court for physical workout, fun and fellowship.

To encourage more men of Calvary Church to join them in their activities, the Men's LGs organised a "Men's Prayer Breakfast Fellowship" on Saturday, 7 May 2005 at 7am where they showed Rev. Sergio Scatagliini's inspiring video

message on "100% Holiness". Praise God, after the message, many of the 45 men who came that morning, responded for prayer and rededication to live lives that will bring glory to God.

Earlier, they were also blessed by testimonies of three men who regularly attend the Prayer Fellowship. The first testimony was given by Ronnie Lew, a businessman, who shared how the Lord has built him up spiritually over the years. Ronnie spoke of the Vine and the branch. As God prunes the branches, He stripped all unrighteousness from his life. And as he, like the branch, has remained in Him, the Vine, he has borne more fruits. He

received great encouragement from the prayer support of his prayer partners and has witnessed the prayers being answered by God.

Alan Chew, a financial consultant who had attended the Financial Freedom Seminar organised by the Men's LG last year, testified that the Seminar caused him to unlearn the financial principles learnt from the secular world so that he can put into practice the financial principles that he learnt from the Word of God. Alan has experienced great blessings and peace as he practices the principles shared in the Seminar.

Pascal Lum, a self-employed IT consultant who has been with the Men's LG for the last three years, shared that through attending the Saturday Men's LG Fellowship, he has found the Lord to be his Jehovah Jireh. God has blessed his business and led him to get a big business project. Praise God! 🙏



The men praying for one another

Monthly birthday celebration

For more information on Men's LG Ministry and the Men's LG Prayer Fellowship please call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7728 6000 Ext 303 or e-mail pascare@calvary.org.my.

Trained to reach children for Jesus

By Irene Joseph


A Children's Ministry Training for the Nursery Care and Carpenter's Workshop Ministry was held on 14 and 21 May 2005 at Damansara Heights.

Over the two Saturdays, the trainees were taken behind the scenes so to speak, to see what went on in Nursery Care and the Carpenter's Workshop. Associate Pastor Richard Yun commenced the training by emphasising on the biblical values of Children's Ministry.

The trainees were greatly blessed by a team of zealous and experienced teachers who injected much fun and laughter as they role played and demonstrated various methods and techniques of delivering a lesson. Among the topics

taught by the trainers were *The Role Model-Teacher, Know Your Child, Teaching and Ministering Salvation and Baptism of the Holy*

Spirit and Leading Children in Worship. However, the crux of the training was without doubt the fact that above all methods or teaching

techniques, LOVE is the primary ingredient, without which, even the most high-tech of teaching methods will fail. 

Clockwise: Associate Pastor Richard Yun, Qwek Lee Siu and Dr Lalitha Lum conducting the training



Children's Ministry workers get together

By Vicky Chang

We praise the Lord for giving the Children's Ministry workers the opportunity to have a get-together on the Saturday afternoon of 21 May 2005. This is the first for this year and the turnout was God blessed. Altogether, 62 adults gathered at Bethel Hall.

The event started with a video message where Joyce Meyer brought the enlightening word of "I'm in a Hurry but God's Not". The words that caught our hearts were: Trust God, Be Patient BUT do not wait forever!

Associate Pastor Richard Yun summed the message with a reminder that we need to reflect on our own lives; that there is a beginning date and an end date. The beginning date amplifies the grace and love of God; that He has already chosen us even before then. Now the question is; are we going to




invest or bury the talent that God has given us? Each and every teacher/helper formed different groups to share and encourage one another about their use of God's talents.

While the wonderful presence of God blessed all those gathered at Bethel Hall,

the presence of God was also with the key staff from this ministry as they trained and encouraged 16 new recruits at the Berean Bungalow.

The session ended with both groups meeting up to fellowship over an array of delicious food. Everyone was

indeed blessed with the food of the spirit and food for the stomach. Hardly anyone noticed that it was already 7pm when we parted. God has been truly wonderful to us. Amen! 

Intercessors find prayer an enriching experience

By Assistant Pastor Karen Seah


For the 105 intercessors who served during the three nights of the Easter Presentation from 25-27 March 2005, it was indeed an enriching experience to have sought the face of God and witnessed His hand at work in and through the presentation. Truly, God was faithful to His promise in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

God's awesome presence was felt in a tangible way. Different ones shared words of exhortation, impressions and visions received from the Lord. The following are some visions shared by the intercessors:

"The Lord showed me a vision of a hammer hitting on a heart that was hardened like rock. At that very moment, I heard the prayer coordinator telling us to pray for the 'stony' hearts in the stadium. As the hammer continued to pound repeatedly at the heart, I asked the Lord, "What does the hammer represent?" Immediately, the Lord told me that it was His Word. His Word would melt the stony hearts. At this point, the stony heart was transformed into a heart of flesh that beats and is full of life."

"While we were worshipping the Lord, I smelt a very nice, sweet fragrance. I turned around to check if it was somebody's perfume. But it did not appear to be so. The fragrance was distinct from perfume and it lingered only for a while. I realised later that it was the fragrance of the Lord. The Lord also showed me a vision of a dark tunnel with a beautiful cross at the end of it. The light of the cross illuminated the tunnel and I knew the Lord was assuring us that the people in darkness would find the light as we stood in the gap for them."

"On the third night of the presentation, the Holy Spirit impressed upon my heart to pray for those who were confused and lost. They were uncertain of the way because of the confusing road signs. Some signs led to the wrong direction while others were covered with dirt and could not be read. As we prayed, I saw angels changing road signs that were wrong and removing the dirt from the signs so that they could be read properly."

"As we were worshipping the Lord, I saw Jesus dressed in an ordinary garment kneeling and weeping before the Father. He spoke to me, "I am here in your midst interceding together with you all for the lost. Ask of Me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance. It is not a matter of whether I will give you what you ask for; it is how much you dare to ask of Me. How much you receive depends on how much you ask." 

Easter may be over but the task of reaching the lost continues!

Let us do God's work for night is coming when no one can work


(John 9:4). And as we work, let us pray without ceasing.

When we work, we work. When we pray, God works!

Water Baptism

Twelve baptised in water



Praise the Lord for the 12 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 17 April 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:

Phang Wai Yung, Amy Au, Peggy Loke, Josephine Chang, Tanya Cheong and Lau Gaik Hoon

Back:

Edmund Phang, Susan Teh, Evelyn Ang, Lau Kim Heng, Tai Yoke Lan, Janet Tang

作上帝的工

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神賜給加略山堂一個異象要作一個泉源的教會並呼召我們去實現這個異象。當神呼召我們和以聖靈充滿我們時，祂為著祂的榮耀而賜下了恩賜，才幹和能力給我們使用。我們就有責任運用這些恩賜和才幹來作祂的工。神已經將我們栽植在這信徒群體中。教會將提供機會並鼓勵我們更多的使用它們來榮耀神。

我們能夠從尼希米學習到如何作神的工。請注意，在作神的工，有一點很重要的就是有神的手在你的身上。「我告訴他們我神施恩的手怎樣幫助我，並王對我所說的話。他們就說：“我們起來建造吧！”於是他們奮勇做這善工」(尼2:18)。當神的手是在你的身上，你也能夠說，「讓我們起來建造」。你不是獨自的作神的工，你是與其他的人以合一和合作的心聯合作工。

當神的手是在你的身上時，你也能夠期待面對阻力。尼希米正經歷這方面的事情。「但和倫人參巴拉，並為奴的亞捫人多比雅和阿拉伯人基善聽見就嗤笑我們，藐視我們說：“你們做甚麼呢？要背叛王嗎？”」(尼2:19)。每一次教會聚集在一起来作神的工時，你會期待有攔阻。其中一種阻力的形式就是嘲笑。但是如同尼希米，你能够確信神必使那些作祂的工的人亨通。「我回答他們說：“天上的神必使我們亨通。我們作他僕人的，要起來建造；你們卻在耶路撒冷無分、無權、無記念。”」(尼2:20)。將來有一天每一個人都要站在全能的神，創造天地的主面前，我們都要向祂陳明自己的一切事(羅14:12)。那些沒有相信或沒有使用他們的才幹事奉神的人，將沒有分於神為祂的忠心信徒所準備的獎賞。在那里將沒有產業或福份為這些人保存。

當你順服神和在生活中見證祂的良善，你將會遇見有一些人將會感到狂怒，憤怒和愛挑剔你和不喜歡你。這是尼希米的情形。「參巴拉聽見我們修造城牆，就發怒，大大惱恨，嗤笑猶大人。對他弟兄和撒馬利亞的軍兵說：“這些軟弱的猶大人做甚麼呢？要保護自己嗎？要獻祭嗎？要一日成功嗎？要從土堆裡拿出火燒的石頭再立牆嗎？”亞捫人多比雅站在旁邊說：“他們所修造的石牆，就是狐狸上去也必蹣倒”」(尼4:1-3)。

在神的工作上行事亨通會導致敵人的狂怒。攻擊可能以不同的形式出現一身體的，情緒的和屬靈的。但是當神的手是覆庇在你的身上，神的恩典，憐憫和平安就在你的身上。你的需要能夠得到滿足，祂的平安掌管你的心思意念，引導你和教導你如何生活。祂的聖靈賦予你能力和力量使你做你憑己力所不能做的事情。

耶路撒冷在尼希米時代是地上的一座城市。神使用這城市來教導以色列關於新的耶路

撒冷，其創造者和建造者是神。地上的耶路撒冷是象徵著神所要造成的屬靈耶路撒冷。「我又看見一個新天新地。因為先前的天地已經過去了，海也不再有了。我又看見聖城新耶路撒冷由神那裡從天而降，預備好了，就如新婦妝飾整齊，等候丈夫。我聽見有大聲音從寶座出來說：“看哪！神的帳幕在人間。他要與人同住，他們要作他的子民；神要親自與他們同在，作他們的」(啟21:1-3)。

今天，如同重建耶路撒冷，我們能夠學習到如何進行神的工作。耶穌說，「…我要把我的教會建造在這磐石上，陰間的權柄不能勝過他」(太16:18)建造祂的教會是神的旨意，目標和計劃。教會並不只是一個組織，而是一個有機體。她是有生命，是由一群人—重生，悔改宣認信靠主耶穌基督的信徒所組成的。

神把你栽種在這個地方教會—加略山堂。你要忠心，忠誠和委身事奉祂。神在建造祂的教會。你是否與祂一起建造呢？耶穌很清楚地命令，「所以，你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，奉父、子、聖靈的名給他們施洗。凡我所吩咐你們的，都教訓他們遵守，我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了」(太28:19-20)。請注意耶穌命令你去使萬民作主的門徒，而不僅僅是使他們成為信徒罷了。你是否有去完成這大使命嗎？你有實行和遵行神的旨意和做正確的事情而討神喜悅嗎？

神也賜給了教會事工的恩賜或才幹，去實行神的工作。「他所賜的有使徒，有先知，有傳福音的，有牧師和教師。為要成全聖徒，各盡其職，建立基督的身體，直等到我們眾人在真道上同歸於一，認識神的兒子，得以長成大人，滿有基督長成的身量，使我們不再作小孩子，中了人的詭計和欺騙的法術，被一切異教之風搖動，飄來飄去，就隨從各樣的異端。惟用愛心說誠實話，凡事長進，連於元首基督」(弗4:11-15)。

要使用凡是神所賜予你的恩賜來建造祂的教會。「按我們所得的恩賜，各有不同：或說預言，就當照著信心的程度說預言；或作執事，就當專一執事；或作教導的，就當專一教導；或作勸化的，就當專一勸化；施捨的，就當誠實；治理的，就當殷勤；憐憫人的，就當甘心」(羅12:6-8)。神會使用每一個信靠祂的人，而並不只是“全職”的同工來作祂的工。「信的人必有神蹟隨著他們：就是奉我的名趕鬼，說新方言；手能拿蛇；若喝了甚麼毒物，也必不受害；手按病人，病人就必好了」(可16:17-18)。

憑著神的恩典和憐憫，你能够作神的工，並協助完成神賜給加略山堂的異象。因有神的手在你的身上，當你持守祂的原則和在道德上毫不妥協之時，你能够夠勝過任

何的敵對和批評。使用你的恩賜和才幹，做你當做的事和忠心的完成你的責任(尼3章)。專心的去做(尼4:6)。一起同心合一工作(尼2:18)和向主禱告(尼4:4-5)。當你如此做，你能够夠像尼希米一樣有信心的宣告，「天上的神必使我們亨通」(尼2:20)。



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七月份

中文聚會

日期：31-7-05

時間：下午五時正

地點：伯特利樓

講員：黃麗梅姐妹

宣教週

日期：1-7-05—3-7-05

在禱告中把握時機

1-7-05 晚上七點正：大堂

宣教食品節

2-7-05 下午一點正：大堂

在服事中把握時機

2-7-05 下午兩點半：大堂

信心奉獻更新主日

在奉獻中把握時機 (3-7-05)

講員：Rev. Jack Hanes

八月份

中文聚會

日期：28-8-05

時間：下午五時正

地點：伯特利樓

講員：Rev. Wendy Ching牧師

祈禱周

日期：21-8-05—27-8-05

主題：站在破口防堵

家庭日

日期：31-8-05

申請浸禮及會籍

課程

日期：13-8-05 (星期六)

時間：下午二時正

浸禮聚會

日期：14-8-05 (星期日)

時間：下午五時正

地點：大堂

報名截止日期：10-7-05

July

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 31** Speaker: Belinda Ho
Venue: Bethel Hall
- * *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Peng Peng at 03-7727 3948 ext. 323 for more information.*

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Attachments: What's got YOU?

- 2** Church Missions Emphasis
9 The Demands of Attachments
16 Cutting Off Wrong Attachments
23 Nurturing God-ordained Attachments
30 Youth Concert 2005

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Fact or Fiction

- 2** Church Missions Emphasis
9 "The Da Vinci Code"
16 "Ghosts, Ghouls and Gremlins"
23 "Life in Space-Is Yoda Out There?"
30 Youth Concert 2005

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

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

21-27 August 2005

Prayer Emphasis Week

Standing in the Gap Ezekiel 22:30

August

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 28** Speaker: Rev. Wendy Ching
Venue: Bethel Hall
- * *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Peng Peng at 03-7727 3948 ext. 323 for more information.*

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Dealing With Emotions

- 6** Fear
13 Anger
20 Worry
27 Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Fact or Fiction

- 6** "The Paranormal-ESP, Astral Projections, Levitation"
13 "Demon Possession"
20 "Life After Death-Heaven or Hell"
27 Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

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

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **13 August 2005** | 2.00pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **14 August 2005** | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | **10 July 2005**

Keep **31 August 2005** free
to join the **Calvary Family Day** activities!



Look out for more details! Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship!

Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/(DH) 10.30am 5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
<i>Communion</i>		<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
 3 Missions Emphasis: Faith Promise Sunday Rev. Jack Hanes				
 10 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
 17 Rev. Howard Cummings		Rev. Howard Cummings	Rev. Howard Cummings	Rev. Howard Cummings
24 Associate Pastor Steven Kum		Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
31 Associate Pastor Peter Ong		Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
JULY				
<i>Communion</i> 7 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
<i>Water Baptism</i> 14 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
21 Associate Pastor Richard Yun		Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
28 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong		Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
AUGUST				

Missions Emphasis 1-3 July 2005 | Friday–Sunday|

Seize the Day...the Harvest is Ripe

John 4:35

Speaker **Rev. Jack Hanes**

Seizing Opportunity in Prayer

Friday | 1 July 2005 | Calvary Church Damansara Heights | 7pm

Missions Food Fest

Saturday | 2 July 2005 | Calvary Church Damansara Heights | 1pm

Seizing Opportunity in Service

Saturday | 2 July 2005 | Calvary Church Damansara Heights | 2.30pm
(Combined Service for adults and youth)

Faith Promise Sunday Seizing Opportunity in Giving

Sunday | 3 July 2005 | Damansara Heights | 8am, 10.30am, 5pm

Cheras | 9am

Ampang | 10.30am

Damansara Perdana | 10.30am

Children's Missions Emphasis programme held concurrently for all services



REV. JACK HANES

is the Senior Pastor of Penrith Christian Life Centre and President of the Australian Assemblies of God World Missions. His church reaches into nations such as India, Indonesia, China, Far East Russia, North Korea and South Africa, while continuing to locally impact their own city. His vision is to see churches become First Priority Churches (making Jesus' last command to "Go into all the world and make disciples" their First Priority). He and his wife, Carol, have three children.

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who will be furious, indignant and critical about you and will dislike you. This was the case with Nehemiah. **“But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, ‘What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?’ Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, ‘Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall’”** (Nehemiah 4:1-3).

Success in God’s work makes the enemy furious. Attacks may come in various forms—physical, emotional and spiritual. But when the hand of God is upon you, God’s grace, mercy and peace is upon you. Your needs can be met and His peace rules your heart and mind, guiding you and teaching you how to live. His Holy Spirit empowers and strengthens you to do what you cannot do on your own.

Jerusalem was an earthly city during the time of Nehemiah. God used this city to teach Israel about the New Jerusalem of which He is the Maker and Builder. Earthly Jerusalem was a symbol of the spiritual Jerusalem that God was going to bring about. **“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God’”** (Revelation 21:1-3).

Doing God’s Work



Today, like the rebuilding of Jerusalem, we can learn how to do the work of God. Jesus said, **“...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”** (Matthew 16:18). It is God’s will, purpose and plan to build His Church. The Church is not just an organisation but it is an organism. It has life and is made up of people—born-again believers who repent and confess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

God has planted you in this local church, Calvary Church. Be faithful, loyal and committed in serving Him. God is building His Church. Will you build with Him? Jesus clearly commanded, **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”** (Matthew 28:19-20). Note that Jesus commands you to make disciples and not just believers of all nations. Are you fulfilling the Great Commission? Are you doing and living the will of God and doing what is right and pleasing to God?

God has also given ministry gifts or talents to the Church to do the work of God. **“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a**

perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-15).

Use whatever gifts God has given you to build His Church. **“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness”** (Romans 12:6-8). God will use everyone who believes and not just “full-time” workers to do His work. **“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover”** (Mark 16:17-18).

By God’s grace and mercy, you can do God’s work and help to fulfil God’s vision for Calvary Church. With God’s hand upon you, you can overcome any oppositions and criticisms as you hold fast to His principles and morals without compromising. Using your gifts and talents, do your part and faithfully carry out your responsibility (Nehemiah 3). Have a mind to work (Nehemiah 4:6). Work together in unity (Nehemiah 2:18) and pray to the Lord (Nehemiah 4:4-5). When you do that, you can declare with confidence like Nehemiah, that “the God of Heaven Himself will prosper us” (Nehemiah 2:20). 🙏

All Bible quotations are taken from the New King James Version

Lunch-Hour Fellowship

Celebrating life!



By Assistant Pastor Jerry Chow

On Friday, 29 April 2005, at 1pm, 78 people came for the "Celebrate Life" Praise Concert with the Lunch-Hour Fellowship Worship Team, in Calvary Church Ampang, in Wisma Central.

Praise God for the 16 new visitors and the ten who responded to the altar call after the sharing of God's Word. We had a wonderful time of celebration in praise and worship and experiencing God's presence.

If you are working in the vicinity of Wisma Central, do attend the **Lunch-Hour Fellowships on Wednesdays and Fridays** and **Prayer Fellowship every Thursday from 1-2pm.**

For more information, please call **03-2166 1007**.

Youth Concert 2005 "Void? God fills"

Attention all young people! Bring your friends!

Expect another awesome and exciting time of praise and worship, interspersed with a poignant drama to come your way this July.



DATE **30 July 2005** TIME **6.30-9pm** VENUE **Calvary Church DH**



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