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## Building and Serving the Lord's House

By Senior Pastor Prince Guñeratnam



How does God build His Church? In the same way as the tabernacle was built—by revelation knowledge and by His children.

*“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16: 15, 16-18).*

The Church is built by revelation-knowledge and vision that God gives through the Holy Spirit. The responsibility of the Church is to live in obedience to that revelation and vision. Jesus confirmed Peter's confession, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,”** and said, **“for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven...and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:16-18).** This truth is the foundation of the Church. Building the Church on any other foundation and doing the work of God in man's own wisdom and ability is futile. The Psalmist declared, **“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain” (Psalm 127:1).** The Church that is built on Christ will have the Spirit's revelation and vision and Christ will be the source. He will provide for all her needs.

In the Old Testament, the altars spoke of “the place” where God met with man. Right from the beginning, God showed man how to build these altars. One clear example was when Elijah built the altar to challenge Baal's prophets (1 Kings 18:30-40). He repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down and rebuilt it in accordance to God's specifications—the number of stones to be used, the trench around the altar, the arrangement of the wood and the

way the sacrifice was to be carried out and even the number of times water was to be poured over the sacrifice. Everything that Elijah did was by revelation-knowledge. Elijah prayed: **“LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word” (v. 36).** The power of God was manifested by fire that consumed the sacrifice on the altar and the

prophets of Baal were defeated because Elijah built the altar according to God's revelation-knowledge.

When you build the Church with your own vision and wisdom, you will not only struggle, but God is not glorified. But when you build by God's revelation, you will have success and God will be glorified. Revelation-knowledge and vision must be from God for the Church to

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# Father's Day

Over 700 fathers received special gifts at our various Father's Day Services

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



## Calvarites celebrate Father's Day...

By Audrey Kum

On 19 June 2005, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's Father's Day message entitled "Four Signs of a Sensible Steward", was a continuation of his series on "Stewardship is Lordship". He said, "Good stewardship makes good fathers."

Referring to Luke 12:13-48, Senior Pastor described the traits of a successful and sensible steward of God. First, he is responsible unlike the rich fool described in the parable who was irresponsible to himself, to others and to God.

Second, he is relaxed as he will not worry. He knows worry empties today of its strength! His security is in God. Third, he is faithful, always ready for the coming of the Lord. He keeps his eyes on the Lord. And fourth, the sensible steward will keep doing the will of God till Jesus comes again. Senior Pastor said, "There is no retirement when doing the will of God."

Senior Pastor challenged the fathers and everyone else to be responsible, to let God be our security, to live in readiness of His return and to be faithful in doing His will. The fathers were invited to the altars at our various Worship Services and God did a powerful work in their lives.

The Calvary Youth Choir singing to the fathers



Fathers responding to Senior Pastor's challenge during the 8am Worship Service at Damansara Heights



Senior Pastor praying for the fathers at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights

### Missionettes

## Missionettes cook for their dads!



On Father's Day, 19 June 2005, the Stars, Friends and Girls Only gathered together at the Bethel Bungalow to bake brownies for their fathers. They also designed cards to be given with the brownies. Meanwhile, the younger Primas made mango jelly for their fathers in the Antioch bungalow. They enjoyed cubing the mangoes as part of the cooking.



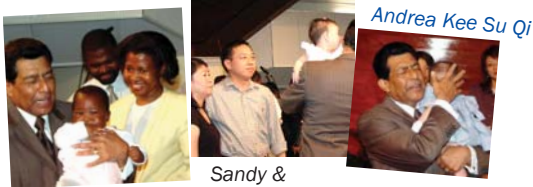
## Baby Dedication

# Jesus loves the little children!

On Father's Day, 19 June 2005 at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated 11 babies to the Lord. He also prayed for the parents that they might bring up their children in the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oksana Ntshangase  
& father Newman (behind) Jessie Goh Ee Leanna

Regan Peng Ze Rong | Parents | Winston & Chiew Peng;  
Andrea Kee Su Qi | Parents | Reuben & Justine Kee;  
Shaun Roy Sivam | Parents | Steven & Mikhalai Sivam;  
Ong Jo-Yi | Parents | David & Cheryl Ong;  
Foong Yar Tze | Parents | Thompson & Rachel Foong;  
Jessie Goh Ee Leanna | Parents | Julian & Sandy Goh;  
Chukwuzulu C Anwasi | Parents | Lawrence & Nwaka Anwasi;  
Denzel Jeremiah Paul | Parents | Kevin & Pearly Paul;  
Hon Yuen Neng | Parents | Hon Woei Loon & Chooi Mei;  
Tristan | Parents | Christopher & Sharmila Raj;  
Oksana Ntshangase | Parents | Newman & Gladness Ntshangase



Sandy & Julian Goh



Denzel Jeremiah Paul

Tristan Raj & father Christopher (left)

Foong Yar Tze

Hon Yuen Neng

Ong Jo-Yi

Shaun Roy Sivam

Chukwuzulu C Anwasi

Regan Peng Ze Rong

The Parents (from left): Kevin & Pearly Paul; Gladness Ntshangase; Sharmila Raj; Reuben & Justine Kee; Thompson & Rachel Foong; Chooi Mei & Hon Woei Loon; David & Cheryl Ong; Mikhalai & Steven Sivam; Nwaka & Lawrence Anwasi; Winston & Chiew Peng

## Royal Rangers

# Fathers and sons camp out together

In conjunction with Father's Day, the Royal Rangers organised a camp for fathers and their sons. The camp was held on the 24 and 25 June 2005 (Friday to Saturday) at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), Kepong. This camp was planned especially to provide a unique experience for the fathers and sons to work together, interact and bond in a natural setting—camping in the outdoors, cooking over a campfire, hiking, participating in outdoor activities and spiritual activities such as devotions and prayer together.

A total of 33 fathers and 41 children attended this camp assisted by eight Royal Rangers leaders. It was obvious that the fathers and sons enjoyed the BBQ dinner, the Council of Fire, the devotions together, the canopy walk and playing at the water fall!



# Be blessed—be part of a Life Group!

Throughout the year, our Life Group (LG) Pastors, Divisional, Zone, Sectional and LG Leaders and LG members make it a priority to invite Church worshippers and potential believers to the LGs. And in September, you can identify the LG that best suits you at the LG promotion registration counters or just approach any of our Pastors. If you are already attending a LG, you can be a blessing by inviting a friend to your LG.

Here are testimonies of some of our LG members who were invited and came and stayed because they were blessed.



**Paul Selvam and wife, Wan Yet**

“We have been attending Calvary Church for many years. However we never made any attempt to attend any LG. During one of the LG promotions we were invited by a friend who recommended us to a suitable LG nearest to us—a PJ LG led by Edward Rajasingam and wife Hoe Wee Fang and now led by Rachel Mala.

Ever since we attended the LG, we have been greatly blessed in all aspects of our life. The lessons are very good and enriched our faith. We are in the midst of brothers and sisters who are ever ready to pray for all kinds of needs. They prayed for many of our needs in the LG and God answered the prayer requests.

The LG has been a place to reach out to our own family as they are afraid to come to Church. Our Christmas gatherings at the LG allow us to invite our unsaved family members to an informal environment.”

### Types of LGs you can join

#### **HOMOGENEOUS**

• Men • Women • Young Professionals • Single Adults • Office • Language: • Chinese • BM • Filipino

#### **HETEROGENEOUS**

• PJ • KL

Call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7728 6000 ext 307 for more information.



**Jedidah Reuben Addgla**

“I was invited to join the Taman Putra Suleiman LG when Lisa (the LG host) found out that I was living at Ampang Hilir. She introduced me to the LG leader, Jimmy who in turn offered to arrange for transport to and from the LG meetings.

Apart from the opportunity for fellowship with believers, the LG meetings help in my relationship with God by strengthening my faith through sharing testimonies and studying the Bible. Through LG meetings, I have cultivated valuable friendships with other LG members and their families who have turned out to be warm, caring and full of encouragement. They are ever ready to answer the various questions that I sometimes ask.

Indeed, I look forward to Thursday evenings on account of LG meetings. I feel blessed to attend LG meetings because I am assured that though I may be far away from home (which is Ghana), I still belong to a family of believers that I can always count on.”



**Amy Au**

“I thank God for Calvary Church which encourages her members to join a LG. I was encouraged by a friend to join the Puchong LG led by Christina Ng, which is near my home.

Coming from a non-Christian family, I did not have many friends in the Church and occasionally felt a little lonely. I wished to have more fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Upon joining the LG, I have found great encouragement through the prayer support of the LG members, the many testimonies shared and devotions shared by the LG leader. After having been fed with the spiritual food, we also have snacks and “tong-sui”.

I always look forward to attending the LG and do not want to miss it, if possible. May I encourage you to join one if you have not done so and give yourself a chance to experience this wonderful fellowship.”




**Alicia Khaw**

“I used to attend a youth LG for a few years in Australia. I accepted Jesus during a LG meeting. When I returned to Malaysia, I came back to Calvary Church in 1998.

Last year, a friend from my old Australian LG provoked me into action. He asked if I was lost and why I was not attending a LG. Hence, I was determined to find a LG where I fitted. I called the Church office and one of the Pastors recommended two LGs.

I joined the Taman Tun LG under Richard Yap in 2003. At the beginning I did not feel comfortable opening up. Over time, I saw other LG members open up their lives, and I did so, too. I am glad I did because I saw godly families in action and how God works in all circumstances across all age groups.

My LG members are a source of encouragement and support to me. They are almost like family to me. I have been so blessed. My mum even started to come at one stage because she enjoyed the fellowship. My LG leader was also instrumental in inviting my mum to our Family Camp which also resulted in my nieces coming for their first Church camp. Thanks and praise to God.” 

## Testimony

# Praise God for His grace and mercy!

By Chong Chee Seng

**All praises to the Lord our God for He heals, He provides and He feels for us. I just want to share briefly how God has shown His unlimited grace and mercy upon my life, especially in the past few years and I hope that this testimony will be an encouragement to others.**

I was working in the financial sector in 1996. However, due to inability to secure some licenses which affected business, the company had to close. God provided me a job a few months before the company was closed. The new company I joined in 1997 was doing fine until the financial crisis came. Business dried up and God again miraculously provided me with a job two weeks before the whole team was retrenched. God's timing is always perfect.

I got married in year 2000. About a year later, my dad was diagnosed with throat cancer. It has always been difficult for me to share Christ with my dad as communication had always been very much one way. The trial of cancer was difficult but I plucked enough courage to share the Gospel and prayed with my dad for the first time. We also talked more openly and he even accepted Christ, but he was still clinging on to his religious past at the same time. God in His grace and mercy completely healed my dad of his throat cancer.

Later, my dad needed a prostate operation. Before doctors could proceed, they found that two out of his three major heart arteries were blocked and he could have a heart attack any time. He had a difficult corrective operation but praise God for His mercy

on him. He went through it successfully. Another two prostate operations followed and the healing process took about two years. I believe that God had a purpose for all we went through. God was faithful to hear our cries to preserve my dad. We claimed His promise, "By His stripes we are healed".

Last year, it was my wife's turn to be told that the company she worked for was closing down. God, in his perfect timing, again provided a job just right after it closed down and she was compensated with a good retrenchment package, which was a blessing in adversity. Now, she has many Christian colleagues praying and serving together in their lunch-hour fellowship and she is reporting to a Christian boss.

God has blessed me in my current job by giving me a double promotion in five years. I had very good bonuses for the last two years because the sector was performing well. As I learned to give consistently, God has given me back more than I gave. The bonus came in useful because after a few years of trying for a baby, we decided to try assisted methods as a natural progression suggested by our doctor. God is all-knowing and the Lord has been reassuring us of our inheritance through prophecies specifically to my wife a few times

during Church Camp and lunch-hour fellowships at her workplace.

Hearing the many needs of the Church for Calvaryland and our Calvary Convention Centre (CCC), I prayed to God to intervene so that I can give the money we set aside, for these two purposes rather than use it for the treatment. God again showed perfect wisdom and timing. On the week that we were supposed to start the treatment, the pre-treatment blood test on my wife confirmed that my wife is pregnant. I have just given the money we set aside for the treatment to Calvaryland and CCC. I was also able to fulfil my Bite Size and Faith Promise commitments. God shows that He will bless when we choose to bless others.

I would also like to share that the Life Group is a "life-giving" group. Many fervent prayers were answered. The mother of one of our members was saved after more than ten years of prayer for her salvation and recently she was baptised in water. Another member's husband came back to God after many years.

We will continue to seek Him and put Him first in our lives and continue to trust Him for the salvation of our families and for a smooth pregnancy for my wife and a healthy baby whom we wish to dedicate for His work. All praise and glory be to God. 🙏



**Chong Chee Seng and Yong Chai Ming** serve in the Ushers and Life Group Ministries respectively

## Water Baptism

# Fifteen baptised in water



**Praise the Lord for the 15 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 12 June 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:*

*Joshua Park, Joshua Mohan, Leong Hong Sam, Tan Swee Chin, Chan Moy, Anita Chua, Julien Buteau, Jeremy Ang*

*Back:*

*Daniel Teo, Virginia Kam, Tan Sean Cheok, Evelyn Ng, Karen Ann R. Monsale, Nerissa L. Raveche, Cheryl Leong*

## Missions Emphasis

# Seize the day—the harvest is ripe!

By Bernice Narayanan

This was the challenge that was presented to every Calvarite at the beginning of the three days specially calendared for our Missions Emphasis. Each day, skits, testimonials and the preaching of the Word focused on a specific aspect of the main theme, “Seize the Day...the Harvest is Ripe”. Rev. Jack Hanes, Senior Pastor of Penrith Christian Life Centre, Australia, was our special speaker.



Prayer group leaders leading groups all over the sanctuary to pray for our missions endeavours

## 1 July 2005 | Seizing Opportunity in Prayer

We “seized the opportunity to pray” immediately after worship. Prayer leaders led small groups in the sanctuary to pray for their communities and themselves.

Gunapooshani, Calvary’s Missionary to Sudan, since July 2003, reported God’s awesome work in this country that is the direct result of our prayers, mission giving and obedience to bring the Gospel to the nations. Serving as the administrator and teacher at Harvesters’ Christian School, she described Harvesters’ as “a Christian community in operation, a seedbed for a new Sudan.” Besides the orphanage that has seen a dramatic increase of children from 123 in 2003 to 420 in 2005, and with more than 300 children on the wait list, the Sunday School, Discipleship Class and Ministry for Widows and

Women are also experiencing a tremendous growth. This is truly a testimony of God’s amazing love.

“God is a dreamer and a planner and when we pray according to His dream and plan, He hears us.” This was the encouragement given by our speaker, Rev. Jack Hanes.

What then is His dream and plan? To preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth so that every human being hears about His salvation. The Gospel needs to be delivered by us, the major players in His dream and plan. Our Lord’s part has been accomplished. It is our part now. There is a global harvest that is taking place right at this moment (John 4:35). Evangelical Christianity is growing at a rate of four times more than the birth rate. If we do not seize the opportunity to pray, to serve and to give



Clockwise: Skit by Creative Arts Team; Missionary Gunapooshani; Rev. Jack Hanes; Missions Director, Associate Pastor Peter Ong

of all that we are and have into His dream, plan and will, then we will miss out. God’s plan will be carried out, with or without us. Hard to swallow but true, as is recorded in the Book of Revelation. Rev. Hanes said that this Book of Prophecy is a history of the future and clearly records the harvest of souls.

Do we then sow our temporal into the eternal will of God? Yes. Should the last command of our Lord, “Go into the world and make disciples” be our first priority in life? Yes. Then, let us wrap ourselves in God’s dream, plan and will.

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While the adults met at the sanctuary, the children had their own programme. Below: Missionary Gunapooshani speaking to the kids; Right: A song presentation and a skit on Jonah





Above: Sumptuous international cuisine at the Missions Food Fest

Below: Co-hosts of "The Quest", Assistant Pastor Raymond Yong (left) and Eddy Law, and the finalists



The winners, Michael Chang, Vivia Teh and Angeline Liu receiving the trophy from Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

## 2 July 2005 | Seizing Opportunity in Service

Much excitement welcomed the second day of our Missions Emphasis. An international lunch was enjoyed by 320 at the Missions Food Fest. The food was prepared by ten different Ministries of the Church.

"The Quest" finals took place at the Service that followed. Assistant Pastor Raymond Yong announced the six teams that made it to the finals. The next 20 minutes passed with a fusion of excitement for the audience and anxiety for the finalists. Questions were based on the Bible, Local Missions, Overseas Missions and General Knowledge. Eddy Law was the co-host. The inaugural "Quest Trophy" was presented by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam to the winners. The winners received, as prizes, a fully-paid-for 2006 Church Camp.

Next was a testimony by a mother and daughter who have seized the opportunity to serve God. Young Crystal Ng was grateful

she could use her talents for His glory. She learnt that as she served faithfully in the little things, God would use her for greater things.

Her mother, Karen, was seeking God for a specific area of ministry. Assisting in Calvary's new outreach, Calvary Praise Assembly Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Klang, was the answer. Being involved since the groundwork, she has seen God work in her life and those that she has reached out to. Karen found that serving the Lord in this outreach has further strengthened her family as they serve together.

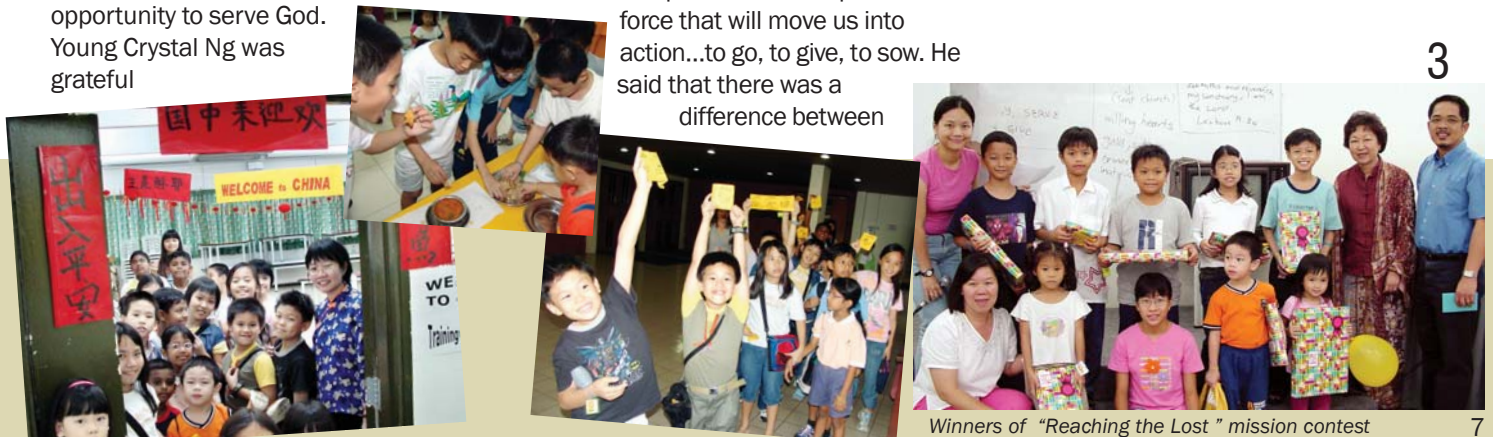
"What difference would it have made if there was no compassion in Pharaoh's daughter when she found that basket with a baby in it? Did she know that by her act of kindness, she delivered a nation?" Rev. Jack Hanes asked.

Compassion to reach out is required for the completion of God's plan. It is the force that will move us into action...to go, to give, to sow. He said that there was a difference between

compassion and sentiment. What moves us to act is compassion. What soothes our inaction is sentiment. Taking the parable of the Good Samaritan, Rev. Hanes showed us how the Samaritan's actions made a difference to the robbed and beaten man, even though it cost him. He gave dignity to another less fortunate. Spreading the Gospel is free when you are receiving it but costly when you give it. Jesus applauds this kind of caring.

Christianity demands a level of caring that transcends human understanding. As God's chosen people, we are told to clothe ourselves with compassion so that we can serve others. It will cost us to give of our time, our resources and our love. It had cost our Master this and much more—His life. And just as He gave His life, we must pour out our lives for others. It is a total commitment, a total focus. Will we do what He wants? Will we reach out to the world for Jesus? Will we be missions minded?

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Kids going on "The Adventurous Missionary Journey"

Winners of "Reaching the Lost" mission contest



Rev. Jack Hanes leading in prayer for the Faith Promise partners



Clockwise: Rev. Jack Hanes; Filling the Faith Promise cards; The congregation praying for the Faith Promise partners

## July 2005 | Faith Promise Sunday | Seizing Opportunity in Giving

“Will you seize the opportunity to give?” This is Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam’s passionate call to all Calvarities. He wanted everyone to understand this call. He described the four kinds of giving: tithing, love offerings, sacrificial and faith promise. He explained that the faith goal was set by our own faith. Senior Pastor further encouraged us, the Calvary family, that where God leads, He provides. What He orders, He pays. And when we step out in faith, God knows how to bless us for He looks at the giver and not the gift, the partner and not the amount.

“God’s master key to abundant living is others,” Rev. Jack Hanes stated. Jesus, he reiterated, is the master key to abundant life. Others, is the master key to abundant living.

To come to this, we must take on the mind of Christ and pour ourselves out, lay down our selfishness and give of our life to others. We are often caught

up in building our own security that is but a heartbeat from eternity. The spirit of the age is “self”. The Spirit of Jesus is “others”. One has to go for the other to come in. Our security is in our Source, the Lord God Almighty. He will provide for our needs as we provide for others. Rev. Jack Hanes related this to a pie. We cut slices to fill the various needs of our lives. We are careful not to give too much away just in case we have nothing left. He said that we are forgetting that our Father is the baker and therefore we can give our whole pie away without ever having our source depleted.

As in Roman 12:2, we should not let the world squeeze us into their mould. We measure how blessed we are by how much we have sacrificed, given and served. We, as children of God, are eternal and therefore that which is temporal should not be our focus. We need to look at those who do

not know Jesus. We need to make the decision to live in simplicity so that others can live for eternity.

A grain of wheat on its own is alone. Unless it is planted, it cannot multiply. And as it multiplies, more is planted and more is received. So it is with us. Our continuous giving has a multiplying effect not only to where it is given but also to the giver.

We may have only one short hour to win our victory for Jesus but all eternity to celebrate. The choice is ours. To pray, to serve and to give is the most God-like living a human being can ever experience.

Praise God for the 3,045 who pledged to be Faith Promise partners from July to December 2005! 🙏

Right: Writing a note to one of the children that we are supporting overseas



Praise God for the 606 children from the Carpenter’s Workshop who made Faith Promise pledges!



# Senior Pastor turns 60!

By Audrey Kum



Top: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam blowing his cake with the help of his grandchildren, Jamie Guneratnam, Matthew, Alex and Azalea Lee with Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, Associate Pastor Christopher Lee and wife, Pam and Jim Guneratnam and wife, Amelia, looking on

**Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam turned 60 on Sunday, 21 August 2005. All our Services at our Satellite Churches were combined with our three Services at Damansara Heights so that we could celebrate his birthday together.**

The theme, "One Life Touching Many", was chosen because Senior Pastor's life has touched, impacted and influenced many, locally and abroad. The video presentation clearly showed that Senior Pastor is a Shepherd, Leader and Visionary for God.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, who spoke at all three Services, said that she has a godly husband and that many of her spiritual attributes are the result of having him as her Pastor. In fact, she is the "oldest" member of his Church! She added that he is also a wonderful father and leader,

single-minded in his love for God, his family and the Church.

Pastor Petrina sees a parallel in the life of Senior Pastor and Caleb. Caleb was obedient to God's call, determined to see things from God's perspective and chose to walk in faith to wholly follow God (Joshua 14:7-11).





Left to Right: Calvary Worship Team; Associate Pastor Peter Ong welcoming the congregations; Senior Associate Pastor Petrina and Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam; Mixed Ensemble singing "For the Sake of the Call"; Senior Pastor dedicating the love offering from the Church to the Lord for the building of the Calvary Convention Centre



Left to Right: Youth Ensemble comprising Pastors' children singing "As For Me and My House"; The Calvary Quartet singing "Two Hands"; Mixed Ensemble and the KidsCAT kids singing "Be Glad"; Senior Pastor receiving cards from the children of various age groups at the three Services



Left to Right: Calvary Worship Orchestra and the Rhythm Section; Preacher for the day, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam; Deaconess Bernadette Foo presenting the gift from the Church to Senior Pastor; Senior Pastor reading the inscription on the gift; Pastors, Deacons and Senior Pastor's family praying for him



Left to Right: The 8am, 10.30am and 5pm congregations praying for Senior Pastor

God kept Caleb alive and at 85, he still had a positive attitude. He said, "...Give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said" (Joshua 14:12).

Caleb had three challenges—a mountain, giants and fortified cities.

Pastor Petrina gave us good advice when she said, "Speak to the mountain and it will go; talk about it and it will grow." Caleb's faith was in a faithful God. He focused on God and succeeded in conquering the mountain, defeating the giants and destroying the fortified cities (Joshua 15:14).

Concluding her message, Pastor Petrina said that Senior Pastor, like Caleb, is saying, "Give me this mountain." This mountain is the building of the Calvary

Convention Centre (CCC). And this 'mountain' comes with its own set of 'giants'—that of getting the Development Order to build, which we have already overcome; the huge costs involved in building and those who 'make the heart of the people melt' as they criticise and speak negatively of the vision. But with God's help, we will be able to overcome them all. God will be glorified as people will know that it is the hand of God at work!

Deacon Han Joke Kwang announced that the love offering collected would be

given to Senior Pastor as a gift from us. Senior Pastor received the offering with appreciation but said he would like to dedicate it towards the building of the CCC. The total offering received was more than RM 60,000. Praise the Lord for a Pastor who is a great example in giving for the expansion of the kingdom of God!

At every Service, there was:

- The cutting of a huge cake
- A presentation of a gift from the Church by Deaconess Bernadette Foo

- Prayer for Senior Pastor
- Presentations by a Mixed Ensemble and KidsCAT kids backed by the Rhythm Section and the Worship Orchestra
- Special music presented by a Youth Ensemble comprising the children of the Pastors and the Calvary Quartet. This group accompanied Senior Pastor on his missions trips in the 1970s and was reformed just for this occasion!

- A video presentation of Senior Pastor's ministry involvement.

Three groups of children of various age groups presented Senior Pastor with huge cards that they made.

After the Benediction, a reception was held at designated Church premises where the Calvary family had a chance to fellowship with one another and to greet Senior Pastor "Blessed Birthday" personally!



## Senior Pastor's Response


Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to the Associate Pastors, the Assistant Pastors, the Ministerial and Church Staff, the Deacons/Deaconesses, the Church leadership and the Ministries, the congregations for cooperating with all the changes and making sacrifices, the special ones who worked very hard to organise, prepare and make all the arrangements for the special Service and all who have served in one way or another. He also thanks everyone for all the kind words, wishes, gifts and expression of their love and prayers. Last but not least, he said, "I appreciate very much my wife, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina and my family."

ONE  
life...  
touching  
MANY



Immediately after each Service, Senior Pastor moved from one venue to another to meet the Calvary family. The food and drinks were served by over 200 volunteers from the Life Groups who received training from one of our Calvarites in the service industry, to prepare for that day! Praise God for good weather!



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam visiting the Carpenter's Workshop children to thank them for the cards they made for him. 

# Achievements recognised

By Jim Guneratnam

The Royal Rangers held their 23rd Council of Achievement on 31 July 2005, at Pusat Aktiviti Calvary in Damansara Perdana. The event, which was held for the first time at this venue, began at 4.15pm with food prepared by the parents and fellowship, followed by the ceremony which was held at the sanctuary. A total of 244 parents and friends joined the Royal Rangers to recognise the Rangers for their achievements in the first half of the year.

The various Outposts presented songs and skits. Expedition Ranger, Hansel Wong, shared a report on their Backpacking Expedition to Endau Rompin in June with photographs of the four-day trip that was the culmination

of months of work to earn the Advance Backpacking Merit.

Our Chaplain, Associate Pastor Steven Kum, shared the devotion, encouraging both parents and Rangers that God is faithful and He rewards us with many

blessings. He also commended all the Commanders for all their faithful service.

A total of 340 merits and advancements were presented to 116 Rangers.

Two Expedition Rangers

received National recognition for their advancements. Lam Kah Leong earned the Silver Medal and Hansel Wong earned the Bronze Medal, moving a step closer to the Gold Medal of Achievement. 

Ranger Kids presenting an action song, "He's Got the Whole World"



Discovery Rangers presenting a song, "God is Bigger"



The Expedition Rangers presenting a skit entitled, "To Pay or Not"




Senior Commander Jim Guneratnam presenting the Silver and Bronze Medals of Achievement to Lam Kah Leong (left) and Hansel Wong, respectively

# Senior Associate Pastor Petrina ministers in Mongolia!

By Yong Pui Ling

From 4-6 August 2005, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam ministered at a Women's Conference, with the theme, "Women of Destiny", with Rev. Dr. Kim Sunghae Cho, at Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia.

The women were very hungry for God's Word and responded to all the altar calls given. They were very blessed and many broken hearts were healed. We thank God for a blessed and fruitful time in Mongolia! 



Rev. Dr. Kim Sunghae Cho (left) and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam



Pastor Petrina preaching at Hope Church, an Assemblies of God Church, on Sunday

Pastor Petrina ministering at the Women's Conference which was held at two churches

# Void? Jesus fills!

By Michelle Wong

Void? God Fills! Indeed, God filled the lives of the 1,085 who came out on 30 July 2005 for the Calvary Youth Concert. Joel Wong and Serene Yeoh, backed by six singers, an 80-strong choir and a vibrant team of seven musicians, led in worship that was power-packed. Youths all over the sanctuary lifted their hands in songs of praise and adoration.

There was a total involvement of over 150 youths. More than 7,000 handbills were distributed. Prior to the concert, a team of 15 college students went to six different schools to distribute handbills and share Christ. Praise God for a great harvest of more than 200 rededicated lives and 50 first-time salvations. Beyond the good music, excitement and fun, this Youth Concert is one to remember, because of the awesome power of God that came and touched so many lives. All glory and honour belongs to Him! 🙏



Youth Coordinator Adrian Lee presenting a free t-shirt to a happy visitor



Monologue by Benjamin Ong



A great response to the altar call given by Pastor Steven



Claryn Chong sharing her testimony



Speaker, Associate Pastor Steven Kum



# Missionettes appreciate God's creation

By Janice Lai



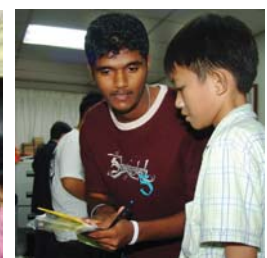
At 9.30am on 10 June 2005, 53 Missionettes, aged eight to 17 and 11 adults (seven Sponsors and four Helpers) left for Dusun Eco Resort, Bukit Tinggi for a Sleepover Fellowship.

The theme was "For by Him all things were created". The goal was to teach the girls to appreciate nature.

On the first day, the girls made posters using materials like twigs, leaves and flowers. They also went through an obstacle course. They experienced a memorable moment when they walked across a suspension bridge. But nothing compared with having a dip in a swimming pool filled with cold mountain water!


On the second day, they had a two-hour jungle trekking experience. Certain stretches of the jungle path were challenging but they made it with God's help!

On the return trip, we stopped over at Hutan Lipur Lentang for a picnic lunch. By 4.30pm, we were safely back at Church. We thank God for protection and good weather! 🙏



Clockwise: Making posters; Going through an obstacle course; Jungle trekking; Bravely walking across a suspension bridge; Swimming in cold mountain water

# Sunday Services

<b>Damansara Heights (DH)</b> 8am • 10.30am		<b>Ampang/(DH)</b> 10.30am 5pm	<b>Cheras</b> 9am	<b>Damansara Perdana</b> 10.30am
 <b>4</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Assistant Pastor Jerry Chow/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	
 <b>11</b> Dr. Byron Klaus	Dr. Byron Klaus	Dr. Byron Klaus	Dr. Byron Klaus	
<b>18</b> Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	
<b>25</b> Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				

<b>2</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong
<b>9</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
<b>16</b> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
<b>23</b> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
<b>30</b> Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
<b>OCTOBER</b>			



CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

## God answers prayer!

### Praise the Lord!

On 20 July 2005, we received the approved Development Order from the Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur.

**We give thanks to our Almighty God for His blessings and confirmation to build.**

# September

**Christ's Ambassadors** Saturday 2.30pm

**Theme: Paranormal Predicament**

- 3** The Scariest Places on Earth
- 10** UFOs and Crop Circles
- 17** Magic: An Illusion?
- 24** Youth Celebration

**College Students' Ministry** Saturday 2.30pm

**Theme: "So what's the big deal with...?"**

- 3** Telling some white lies?
- 10** Expressing physical affection for someone you love?
- 17** Clubbing?
- 24** Youth Celebration

**Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship** Sunday 12.30pm

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

## WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

### Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | 15 October 2005 | 2.00pm

### Water Baptism Service

Sunday | 23 October 2005 | 5pm

**Closing Date for submission of forms:**

Sunday | 11 September 2005

# October

**Chinese Fellowship** Sunday 5pm

- 30** Speaker: Rev. Lawrence Yap  
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: Bible Dilemmas**

- 1** How should we deal with difficulties in the Bible?
- 8** Where did Cain get his wife?
- 15** God hardening Pharaoh's heart
- 22** Jonah and the 'whale'
- 29** Youth Celebration

**College Students' Ministry** Saturday 2.30pm

**Theme: "So what's the big deal with...?"**

- 1** Having an abortion?
- 8** Making loads of money?
- 15** Wanting to be successful in my career?
- 22** Wanting more freedom from my parents?
- 29** Youth Celebration

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## Chinese Evangelistic Meetings [Cantonese]

REV. TANG CHEE SING is the senior pastor of Puchong Joy Charismatic Centre. He has a growing Chinese congregation of all ages and also ministers to a Vietnamese-speaking congregation. He is

the founder and chairman of "House of Joy", a ministry which provides residential care to the orphans, underprivileged children as well as destitute old folks and drug addicts. He has a heart of compassion to reach out and is actively involved in social concern ministry among the churches of the Assemblies of God in Malaysia.

## "A Blessed Man"

Speaker

Rev. Tang Chee Sing

Venue

Pusat Aktiviti Calvary, Damansara Perdana

Date & Time

Friday		23 September 2005		8pm
Saturday		24 September 2005		5pm
Sunday		25 September 2005		5pm

Invite your family and friends!



grow and be strong. God has a plan and purpose for every Church.

This is also apparent in the account of how the Lord instructed Moses in the building of the tabernacle as recorded in Exodus 25 to 30. The Lord said: **“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it”** (Exodus 25:8-9).

Every construction detail was spelt out for Moses—the tabernacle, the making of the Ark of the Covenant, the altar of incense, the table for the showbread, the gold lampstand, the bronze laver, the altar of burnt offering and the court of the tabernacle. Even the way in which the priestly garments which include the ephod, the breastplate, tunic, turban, sash, trousers, etc., were to be made, were clearly specified. God listed all the raw and other materials that the people were to bring for the making of the tabernacle. They included gold, silver, bronze, blue, purple and scarlet threads, fine linen and goat’s hair, ram’s skins dyed red, badger skins and acacia wood, oil, spices and onyx stones. God gave Moses the blueprint for the tabernacle and the furnishings right down to the minute detail.

Everything had significance. God never tells us to do anything that has no significance. Notice the manner in which they were to give. It has not changed. When you give an offering, it must be with a willing heart. **“Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering”** (Exodus 25:2).

How does God build His Church? In the same way as the tabernacle was built—by revelation knowledge and by His children. There is no better way. That is why it is so important to hear God’s voice and to move in the direction of His vision and revelation.

The Church is also built through



sons and through generations— His children and children’s children. God is not referring only to biological families but to His people, the family of God. He is not referring to outsiders. When you receive the gift of salvation, you become His child. **“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”** (John 1:12-13). God builds His Church through you—His sons and through your children’s children.

In the Old Testament, when God referred to Himself, He described Himself as the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob. He is the God of generations of believers. God promised to make Abraham the father of a great nation. He would build this nation through sons. In Abraham’s case, it would be through Isaac, the son of God’s promise. It is the will of the Lord that sons, His children, build His church.

God’s sons build and serve the House of God. There are churches today where hired servants are serving in the House of God instead of true sons. There is a great difference between the service of a son and that of a hired servant.

Let us consider some differences. Sons build the house. Hired servants merely serve. They are not interested in the development and growth of the household.

Sons hold the father’s heart and the success of the father’s work as their own. Hired servants do not.

Sons are family oriented. Hired servants are issues oriented.

Sons use the language of family, such as “we”, “us” and

“ours”. Hired servants use terms such as “me”, “mine” and “they”.

Sons honour headship and “cover the nakedness of their father”. In [Genesis 9:20-27](#), Ham saw Noah’s nakedness and told his brothers. **“But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and**

**went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness”** (Genesis 9:23). Hired servants will expose the nakedness of the father. Backslidden sons can act like servants, as in the case of Ham.

Sons do not compromise. They see the wrong but are ready to strengthen and help the family to move on. Hired servants, instead, let others see the shame of the household.

Sons honour the chain of command. Hired servants question the chain of command.

Sons want to share their lives with their fathers to the second and third generation. Hired servants are self-centred and live for themselves.

Sons carry on the vision of the father to the next generations. Hired servants have no concern for the vision.

Sons bond new people to the father and the house. Hired servants bond new people to themselves.

Sons focus on the welfare of the household. Hired servants focus on appearance and themselves.

Sons share their concerns and interests with their father. Hired servants are secretive.

Sons feel secure and can handle discipline. Sons know their father disciplines because he cares. Hired servants rebel when disciplined.

The challenge is to build the House of God. Serve His household like sons and not like hired servants. Recognise that you belong to the family of God. With revelation-knowledge, serve as a son and you will see the Church grow as a testimony for His glory. Are you a son or a hired servant? 🙏

*All Bible quotations are taken from the New King James Version.*

# Foreign domestic helpers enjoy day trip to Sunway Lagoon

By Stella Ng

“I want to thank my employer for appreciating me and giving me an opportunity to be among people from my own country.” **Muni Molita Reo**

“I thank the Church for planning this trip. I really enjoyed it and have been refreshed.” **Ester Rambu Konga Simon**

On July 16, 2005, 91 excited participants gathered at Calvary Church, Damansara Heights at 8 am.

Before they embarked on the day trip, Assistant Pastor David Seah shared a devotional thought using the analogy of a roller coaster. The participants were reminded that as they experience the ‘ups and downs’ in life, very much like a roller coaster experience, they can trust God who is faithful to complete the work He has begun in them. Ten people accepted the Lord and five rededicated their lives while many others responded to the altar for prayer. What a wonderful way to begin the outing!

This year’s outing, held for the third consecutive year, was a result of the Church wanting to provide an opportunity to enhance the employer-employee relationships. Many of the employers made adjustments to their daily routine so that their helper could enjoy the day’s outing. This was indeed commendable of the employers.

The group took off to Sunway Lagoon chaperoned by appointed leaders. All participants were divided into teams and they took turns to experience hair-raising, stomach-churning rides in the theme park. For many, this was the first

consciousness among them. Character traits like cooperativeness, kindness, generosity and patience were encouraged. Hampers were given to teams that displayed outstanding Christian behaviour.

Through the outing, the participants developed a greater sense of gratitude towards their employers and the Church.

All in all, these helpers went home having a greater determination to reciprocate such kindness with diligent work and a deeper sense of responsibility to their employer and their family.

Responding at the altar after the message by Assistant Pastor David Seah (left)



Happy helpers make better workers!

time sitting on a roller-coaster! Everyone had an equally fun time catching up with each other as well as laughing at their petrified friends on the rides.

When it was time for lunch, the participants headed for a sumptuous buffet lunch at Hartz Chicken in Sunway Pyramid. All were delighted with the never-ending supply of chicken in various shapes, sizes and preparation.

This year’s trip was not mere fun and laughter. Besides giving the participants a good break from their daily routine, the objective of the trip was to inculcate civic-



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