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## Weapons of Warfare

—Spiritual Strongholds, Warheads and Rockets

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

The apostle Paul distinctly taught that a believer in Christ engages in warfare that is very different from that of the world. In the Christian realm, the weapons used are also very different from carnal weapons. There are certain strategic areas where the believer’s battles are fought—one of them is in the mind. Satan is after your mind. If he gets control of your mind, you lose the battle.

The Bible says that you are what you think. Paul taught that every thought that promotes itself against God must be pulled down and destroyed. Watch out when you allow worldliness and its ideologies into your life as they will dictate your lifestyle. Satan is gaining control of your mind. When you start to rationalise and accept the wisdom of this world, you are on the way to losing your battle.

There is another arena where spiritual battles are fought—in the heavenly realms. Paul specifically points out four enemies you fight against: rulers, authorities, powers

of this dark world and spiritual forces of wickedness. “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” ([Ephesians 6:12](#)). Have you ever felt that your prayers are hitting the ceiling and coming back down? Or have you felt opposition when you tried to move in the spiritual realm? There are powers in the air that come against you in the spirit when you want to seek God. That is why many do not succeed when they are trying to


develop their prayer and spiritual lives.

Daniel experienced this. He sought God with prayer and fasting. “In the first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes” ([Daniel 9:1-3](#)).

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# 2006 Deacons and Auditors installed

On Sunday, 26 March 2006, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam installed seven Deacons, Bernadette Foo Fong Lian, Patrick Wong Sing Fah, Han Joke Kwang, Stephen Liu Sow Yin, Lum Siew Heng, Lawrence Mak Siew Hong and Edward Rajasingam and two Auditors, Lee Tuck Heng and Chow Sang Hoe.

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



*Left to right*

**Front row:**

*Stephen Liu (Church Relations and Promotions);*

*Patrick Wong (Deacon for Administrative Affairs);*

*Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam;*

*Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam;*

*Bernadette Foo (Church Secretary);*

*Han Joke Kwang (Building and Financial Management/Church Business)*

**Back row:**

*Lee Tuck Heng (Church Auditor);*

*Edward Rajasingam (Church Treasurer);*

*Lawrence Mak (Personnel and Human Resources);*

*Lum Siew Heng (Hospitality/Special Functions);*

*Chow Sang Hoe (Church Auditor)*



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

## Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)

# Introducing the CCC Resource Centre

By Philemon Soon

The proposed development of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC), with its 5,000 seat auditorium, has attracted a great deal of interest and excitement not only among Calvarites but the Christian community as well.

While Calvarites have been privy to the latest news and development of CCC through the pulpit and other Church media channels, it is felt that information could be better disseminated through an integrated approach whereby past, present and future information and other paraphernalia of the CCC could be obtained in one central location. The CCC Resource Centre was set up as a result.

Located at the right-hand corner of the Antioch Bungalow, the CCC Resource Centre is the place where you can obtain all the latest information and materials regarding the CCC. There is a display of the CCC model, the architectural design and layout plans, photographic and video presentations on the major CCC events, as well as other CCC paraphernalia and literature.

Calvarites are encouraged to bring their relatives and friends to visit the Resource Centre where they will be given an overview of the Church's vision for CCC as well as its mission and development activities.

The Centre is also looking for volunteers to host the Centre on Saturdays and Sundays. The Centre will be hosted by CCC staff during the weekdays on an appointment basis while volunteers will host the Centre on the weekends.

In the months ahead, the CCC Working Committee will be coming out with various fund-raising projects and activities. Calvarites are encouraged to participate and take ownership of the various CCC development activities as this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to serve. Make use of the talents that God has





Goldhill group



Damansara Uptown group

## Market place evangelism through small groups

By Carol Lim

**Calvarites in the market place are gathering in small groups to reach out to their unsaved colleagues. They invite their colleagues to join them and find out for themselves what the Christian faith is about. Their invited guests are then given the opportunity to explore the faith in a relaxed and non-threatening manner over ten weekly sessions.**

Each week, a video talk on the basics of our faith is shown, after which, the guests and hosts will gather in small groups for discussion. So far, the potential believers who came have found the sessions very meaningful and the small group setting provides a platform for them to voice and clear their doubts.

Here are some feedback from both the invited guests and Calvarites who attend the two groups, which meet over the lunch hour in Damansara Uptown, Petaling Jaya and in Jalan Raja Chulan, Kuala Lumpur.

### Invited guests

**Ms Leng Kek Yin**, a finance officer

“This is a new thing for me to learn. I am not a Christian yet. I think any religion that helps you to do good is good. So Christianity is okay. But I like to hear more. I believe there is a God. I come also because I can be relaxed during the lunch hour and it calms me down”.

**Mr Alan Wong**, a deputy manager-finance

“Coming to the talks helps me understand what Christianity is all about. Step by step, my doubts are cleared. Especially after yesterday’s session, the illustration about the importance of complying with rules when playing football made me see the purpose of the Bible. I am keen to learn more.”


### Calvarites who invited their colleagues

**Mr Chan Wai Khoon**, an assistant manager

“I have had very little success in inviting people to Churches or other Christian meetings in the past and I did not see how this would be any different. But to my pleasant surprise, four of my colleagues came to the first session and two continued to come regularly. Inviting someone usually opens the door to a lot of potentially difficult and alienating conversations but in this case, I am able to say, “Come and find out for yourself!”

**Ms Evelyn Cheong**, a risk manager

“I invited ten of my colleagues who are mainly non-believers. Eight came. All glory to God.”

given you for the furtherance of His Kingdom. You can obtain the application forms for the various activities at the Resource Centre. 



### OPENING HOURS OF CCC RESOURCE CENTRE

- > Monday to Friday  
(By prior arrangement:  
Please call 03-2095 9659)
- > Saturday | 1.30pm-5pm
- > Sunday | 9.30am- 1.30pm;  
| 3.45pm-4.45pm;  
| 6.30pm-7.30pm

Volunteer your God-given talents and skills to help build the CCC! Get the forms at the CCC Resource Centre.

Group	DAMANSARA UPTOWN	GOLDHILL GROUP
Hosts	Wong Mae Nyiuk, Wong Yoke Ying, Lily Lim, Chan Wai Khoon	Esther Chan, Puan Chen Keck, Samuel Kurian
Day	Wednesdays	Fridays
Time	12.45 to 1.45 pm	12.45 to 1.45 pm
Venue	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, No 56 B - 60 B Jalan SS 21/35 (next to Ambank) Damansara Utama 47000 Petaling Jaya	21 <sup>st</sup> Floor Wisma Goldhill, 67, Jalan Raja Chulan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur

### You too can be part of this rewarding experience!

Indeed, all who are involved in the meetings are unanimous in giving their thumbs up for such an avenue to reach potential believers in the market place. You can hold such groups for potential believers in homes too. Choose the time most appropriate for yourself and guests, be it after work or on Saturdays.

**If you are interested to be involved in such a group please contact Carol Lim at 03-2095 3202 ex 108.** 

# Prayer Emphasis Week

# Pray...God is Faithful

Assistant Pastor Karen Seah Lee Peng

**“For almost a month, I was looking for a job and the Lord answered my prayer during the Prayer Emphasis Week. He blessed me with a good job.”** Solomon David

**“I brought an individual whom I had been trying to reach for the past three to four years to the prayer meeting on Thursday. I thank God that she said the sinner’s prayer that night!”** Carol Lim

**“For many years, I always woke up each morning with a sense of heaviness in my spirit. Since the Lord touched me during the Friday Prayer Emphasis Meeting, that ‘heaviness’ has been lifted. Now I wake up each morning with a sense of joy and expectation.”** N. P. Rani

**“I prayed and fasted during the Prayer Emphasis Week for my dad who was taken very ill. Praise God, he is much better now and the good news is that he gave his heart to the Lord recently.”** Wee Lin San

## Damansara Heights



What a powerful week of prayer and a timely reminder that God is faithful to answer the prayers of His people!

A total of 2,666 adults and children came out for the Prayer Emphasis Week meetings from 12 to 18 March 2006. For the first time, prayer meetings were

held simultaneously at the Satellite locations in Ampang, Cheras and Damansara Perdana from Tuesday to Thursday night and Damansara Heights. The children also had a special prayer programme each night.

The themes for each night of the prayer meetings were centred on the biblical

truth, “Sow in faith and reap in joy”. Before we can sow into the lives of others, the fallow ground of our hearts first needs to be broken. In line with the theme, “Breaking Ground” on Tuesday, God’s people were guided through a prayer journey of discovering, surrendering and obeying His

will for their lives. On Wednesday, it was ‘sowing time.’ Each one wrote down the names of potential believers he is reaching, on a slip in the form of a giant mustard seed. These ‘seeds’ were later put up on a specially designed board and the Church united in prayer for the salvation of these

## Ampang



## Damansara Perdana



precious souls. In anticipation of a great harvest, on Thursday, God's people by faith proclaimed the power of His Word, appropriating the Scripture promises He has given in the lives of potential believers. On Friday, the congregation from all the locations came together for a time of combined celebration. Many were greatly blessed as the

Church took time to pray for families, singles and those in the marketplace.

Jesus said in Luke 18:1, "Men ought always to pray and not give up." What we have sown during the Prayer Emphasis Week will certainly result in a bountiful harvest if we continue to labour in prayer faithfully without ceasing. God's best is yet to come.

The Wednesday Morning Watch (7am) and regular prayer meeting every Friday (8.15 pm) in Damansara Heights is a good opportunity for us to meet together as a body of Christ to pray continually and believe God for powerful breakthroughs in our lives, our families and the Church.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:3). If we come with sincere faith, great expectation and earnestness each time we come together for prayer, God will definitely show up in our prayer meeting! 🙏



## Cheras



## Morning Watch

At the Morning Watch on Wednesday, 15 March 2006

At the Morning Watch on Saturday, 18 March 2006





# Senjata Peperangan

—Benteng Rohani, Moncong Senjata dan Roket

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

“Memang kami masih hidup di dunia, tetapi kami tidak berjuang secara duniawi, karena senjata kami dalam perjuangan bukanlah senjata duniawi, melainkan senjata yang diperlengkapi dengan kuasa Tuhan, yang sanggup untuk meruntuhkan benteng-benteng.

Kami mematahkan setiap siasat orang dan merubuhkan setiap kubu yang dibangun oleh keangkuhan manusia untuk menentang pengenalan akan Tuhan. Kami menawan segala pikiran dan menaklukkannya kepada Kristus.”

2 Korintus 10:3-5 (Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia)

**Paulus dengan jelas mengajar bahawa umat Kristen terlibat dalam peperangan yang sangat berbeza daripada peperangan di dunia. Dalam alam kekristenan, senjata yang digunakan juga berbeza daripada senjata duniawi. Terdapat beberapa kawasan strategik di mana umat Kristen akan berperang - salah satunya ialah di dalam fikiran. Syaitan mahu menguasai fikiran kamu. Jika ia dapat menguasai fikiran kamu, kamu akan tewas dalam peperangan itu.**

Alkitab mengatakan kamu adalah seperti apa yang kamu fikirkan. Paulus mengajar bahawa setiap fikiran yang menentang Tuhan mesti diroboh dan dimusnahkan. Berjaga-jaga apabila kamu membenarkan keduniaan dan ideologinya meresapi kehidupan kamu kerana semua ini akan menentukan cara hidup kamu. Syaitan mula menguasai fikiran kamu. Apabila kamu mula merasionalisasi dan menerima kebijaksanaan dunia ini, maka kamu mula menuju ke arah kekalahan dalam peperangan kamu.

Terdapat satu lagi gelanggang di mana peperangan rohani bertempur – dalam gelanggang syurgawi. Paulus dengan spesifik menunjukkan empat musuh yang kamu hadapi: pemerintah-pemerintah, penguasa-penguasa, penghulu-penghulu dunia yang gelap ini dan kuasa kejahatan. “Karena perjuangan kita bukanlah melawan darah dan daging, tetapi melawan pemerintah-pemerintah, melawan penguasa-penguasa, melawan penghulu-penghulu dunia yang gelap ini, melawan roh-roh jahat di udara” (Efesus 6:12). Pernahkah kamu merasai bahawa doa kamu

kena pada langit-langit dan terpantul ke bawah? Atau pernahkah kamu rasai penentangan apabila kamu cuba memasuki alam rohani? Terdapat kuasa di udara yang menghalang kamu di dalam roh apabila kamu hendak mendekati Tuhan. Sebab itu ramai yang tidak berjaya apabila mereka cuba membina kehidupan doa dan rohani mereka.

Daniel mengalami ini. Ia cuba mendekati Tuhan dengan berdoa dan berpuasa. “Pada tahun pertama pemerintahan Darius, anak Ahasyweros, dari keturunan orang Media, yang telah menjadi raja atas kerajaan orang Kasdim, pada tahun pertama kerajaannya itu aku, Daniel, memperhatikan dalam kumpulan Kitab jumlah tahun yang menurut firman TUHAN kepada nabi Yeremia akan berlaku atas timbunan puing Yerusalem, yakni tujuh puluh tahun. Lalu aku mengarahkan mukaku kepada Tuhan Allah untuk berdoa dan bermohon, sambil berpuasa dan mengenakan kain kabung serta abu” (Daniel 9:1-3).

Jawapan doa Daniel telah dilambatkan selama 21 hari atau tiga minggu kerana dihalang oleh putera Persia yang bukannya putera manusia tetapi satu kuasa dunia gelap yang Paulus katakan dalam Efesus. Tetapi Daniel tekun berdoa dan mempercayai Tuhan. Selepas itu Daniel mempunyai satu visi dan di dalamnya, seorang lelaki berkata kepadanya, “Jangan takut, Daniel. Sebab telah didengarkan perkataanmu sejak hari pertama engkau berniat untuk mendapat pengertian dan untuk merendahkan dirimu di hadapan Tuhanmu, dan aku datang oleh karena perkataanmu itu. Pemimpin kerajaan orang Persia berdiri dua puluh satu hari lamanya menentang aku; tetapi kemudian Mikhael, salah seorang dari pemimpin-pemimpin terkemuka, datang menolong aku, dan aku meninggalkan dia di sana berhadapan dengan raja-raja orang Persia. Lalu aku datang untuk membuat engkau mengerti apa yang akan terjadi pada bangsamu pada hari-hari yang terakhir; sebab

penglihatan ini juga mengenai hari-hari itu” (Daniel 10:12-14). Ayat-ayat ini jelas menunjukkan kepada kita bahawa adanya peperangan yang berlaku dalam alam rohani. Syaitan telah memberikan kuasa kepada roh-roh jahatnya ke atas kawasan-kawasan geografis tertentu untuk menghalang kerja-kerja rohani. Sebab itu umat Kristen berasa sukar untuk berdoa dan menerima jawapan dengan serta merta. Peperangan rohani sedang berlaku di mana kuasa kegelapan cuba menghalang Gereja Yesus Kristus daripada mempercayai bahawa kita boleh mencapai kemenangan.

Suatu kesaksian yang ditulis di dalam Majalah Kisah Para-Rasul oleh Organisasi Peta Dunia menjelaskan ini dengan terang:

“Seorang mubaligh bekerja di dalam kawasan baru di dalam pergunungan Brazil dan Uruguay di Amerika Selatan. Dia bersaksi di dalam sebuah kampung yang terletak di sempadan kedua-dua negara itu. Malahan, sempadan itu melintasi tengah-tengah jalan utama. Dia sedang mengedarkan risalah-risalah Injil semasa membeli-belah apabila dia memerhatikan sesuatu yang luar biasa.

Pada sebelah jalan utama Uruguay, tiada orang yang menerima risalah Injilnya. Tetapi di sebelah Brazil, setiap orang menerima risalah-risalah itu dengan ramah dan terbuka hati untuk mendengar kesaksian tentang imannya dalam Kristus. Dia berulang-alik di seberang jalan itu dengan keputusan yang membingungkan. Kemudian dia perhatikan seorang wanita yang enggan menerima risalahnya di sebelah jalan Uruguay. Wanita itu kemudian menyeberang pula ke sebelah Brazil. Mubaligh itu mengikutinya dan sekali lagi menawarkannya sebuah risalah. Wanita itu menerimanya dengan penuh bersyukur dan mubaligh itu dapat bersaksi kepadanya mengenai Tuhan.

Mubaligh itu menyedari sesuatu yang aneh telah berlaku. Dia pun mula menanya mubaligh-mubaligh lain dalam kawasan Brazil itu. Dia menemui sekumpulan orang-orang Kristen yang telah memasuki peperangan kerohanian. Mereka telah melibatkan diri dalam doa

syafaat dan secara harfiah telah menguasai dan mengikati putera kegelapan dalam kawasan Brazil itu.

Dimana sahaja Injil dikhutbahkan di sana, kebangkitan rohani yang dahsyat akan berlaku. Tetapi kesedaran yang mengejutkan mubaligh itu ialah hakikat bahawa kebangkitan rohani itu berakhir di sempadan geografis; benteng yang kukuh dalam kawasan Brazil berakhir di sempadan jalan utama itu.”

Kamu bukan bermain dengan permainan kanak-kanak apabila kamu melutut dan berdoa. Kamu sedang bertentangan dengan benteng-benteng rohani. Kamu berada dalam peperangan dan Tuhan telah memberikan kamu senjata-senjata yang berkuasa. Mungkin kamu tidak membawa sepucuk senapang atau menyimpan roket di dalam rumah kamu tetapi kamu mempunyai senjata-senjata yang dahsyat untuk meruntuhkan benteng-benteng itu.

Terdapat empat senjata yang Alkitab katakan: Senjata pertama: Nama Yesus. Bila kamu berdoa dalam namaNya, kamu memiliki kuasa dan hak untuk menegur pemikiran negatif, jijik dan tidak beriman yang Syaitan letakkan dalam pemikiran kamu dan kamu boleh melemparkan khayalan bangga diri. Dalam namaNya, kamu boleh menjatuhkan kuasa kegelapan yang memusnahkan bangsa-bangsa dan menghalang kerajaan-kerajaan daripada memerintah dengan kebenaran. “Tanda-tanda ini akan menyertai orang-orang yang percaya: mereka akan mengusir setan-setan demi namaKu, mereka akan berbicara dalam bahasa-bahasa yang baru bagi mereka” (Markus 16:17). Senjata kedua: Firman Tuhan. Yesus sendiri menggunakan nas Alkitab pada Syaitan. “...bahwa manusia hidup bukan dari roti saja, tetapi manusia hidup dari segala yang diucapkan Tuhan.” (Ulangan 8:3, rujuk juga dalam Lukas 4:4). Senjata ketiga: Darah Yesus. Rayu dan kenakan darah Yesus. “Dan mereka mengalahkan dia oleh darah Anak Domba, dan oleh perkataan kesaksian mereka. Karena mereka tidak mengasihi nyawa mereka sampai ke dalam maut.” (Wahyu 12:11). Senjata keempat: Puji dan sembah. Tuhan menetap dalam

pujian umatNya dan Syaitan telah ditewaskan apabila umatNya menyembahNya.

Saya menggelarkan keempat-empat senjata ini moncong senjata roket. Roket dengan sendirinya tidak berbahaya tetapi moncong senjata itulah yang dapat memusnahkan. Roket itu membawa atau mendorong moncong senjata itu ke kawasan musuh. Doa bagaikan roket yang membawa moncong senjata itu ke mana saja yang diperlukannya. Sekali moncong senjata itu dilepaskan, ia akan meletup dan memusnahkan musuh.

Tibalah masanya untuk kamu melakukan pertempuran rohani yang serius dengan musuh. Umat Tuhan perlu dibebaskan daripada tabiat-tabiat buruk, ketakutan dan kelemahan. Bukalah mulut kamu dan berdoa dan hantarkan peluru-peluru berpandu rohani ke dalam kawasan Syaitan dan menangi mereka yang sesat dan kuatkan orang-orang suci! Tuhan memberitahu Yesaya, “Sesungguhnya, Aku membuat engkau menjadi papan pengirik yang tajam dan baru, dengan gigi dua jajar; engkau akan mengirik gunung-gunung dan menghancurkannya, dan bukit-bukitpun akan kau buat seperti sekam. Engkau akan menampi mereka, lalu angin akan menerbangkan mereka, dan badai akan menyerakkan mereka. Tetapi engkau ini akan bersorak-sorak di dalam Tuhan dan bermegah di dalam Yang Mahakudus, Tuhan Israel” (Yesaya 41:15-16).

Tuhan telah menjadikan kamu papan pengirik baru dan tajam untuk mengirik bukit-bukit dan gunung-gunung dan bangkit dalam kemenangan. Marilah kita bangkit dan pergi berdoa. Syaitan dan roh-roh jahatnya akan ditewaskan dalam nama Yesus, dengan Firman Tuhan, darah Yesus dan dengan pujian dan sembah. Kemenangan-kemenangan sedang dalam perjalanan kerana Tuhan telah memberikan kita senjata-senjata rohani untuk berperang. 🏹

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Good Friday

# For God so loved...

By Audrey Kum

**This year, Good Friday Services were held on 14 April 2006 at Calvary Church Damansara Heights at 7pm and 9pm and at 9pm at Calvary Damansara Perdana.**

The Creative Arts Team portrayed the final hours of Christ powerfully. Using excerpts of images taken from "The Passion of the Christ" in the background, five actors brought us the message of God's great and sacrificial love for mankind.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam concluded the Services with a touching story of a mother's love for her child which mirrors only a fraction of God's great love for us. Senior Pastor encouraged us to affirm our love for the Lord. He invited those who wanted to receive God's

The 7pm congregation



Thursday evening: Christ is betrayed and arrested at the Garden of Gethsemane

## "The Final Hours"

Thursday evening: Jesus and His disciples eat the Last Supper



healing touch, those who wanted God to meet their needs and those who wanted Jesus to be

their Saviour and Lord, to come forward. The altars were packed at all the Services.



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam (left) and the 9pm congregation (below)



Friday morning: The trial continues



The kids who came at 9pm

## Kids respond to God's love

Children's Easter programmes were held concurrently with the adult Good Friday Services, at the Education Block for those aged 7 to thirteen and at the Antioch bungalow for those aged four to six.

The theme was "For God So Loved". While Good Friday commemorates the death of Jesus Christ, the children joyfully worshipped the risen Lord!

The kids who came at 7pm



"For God So Loved"



Photographs by Onny Maathai,  
Audrey Kum, Michael Chang  
and Jason Tan

Friday morning: The trial of Christ

Friday morning:  
Christ is scourged

The Sanctuary Choir singing "How Beautiful" with "My All In All"



The Chinese Choir singing, "The Sacrificial Love" during the offertory

Jesus said: "Father, forgive them."



Friday before 9am:  
Christ on the road to the cross-Via Dolorosa

Friday 9am to 3pm:  
Christ is crucified



The congregation at  
Damansara Perdana



The children paying  
close attention to  
Associate Pastor  
Richard Yun and the  
Creative Arts Team




The kids at the two sessions (above) responding to the message of God's love

Some of the four to six year  
olds showing their handwork



The Kids Choir during the altar call at the first  
session (top) and at the second session (below)

Associate Pastor Richard Yun told the kids that sin must be punished by death and Jesus died and took the punishment on our behalf. An adult Creative Arts Team enacted what Jesus went through as He went to the cross along the Via Dolorosa till He was crucified on the cross. The children, in simple faith, responded to the great love of God and many went forward to be prayed for—some to invite Jesus into their hearts and others to ask Jesus to help them live for Him. 

## Easter Sunrise Service

# Jesus is alive!

By Audrey Kum    Photographs by Onny Maathai, Audrey Kum and Jason Tan

Our last Easter Sunrise Service was held in the last century—in 1999! This year, on Easter Sunday, 16 April 2006, the Church gathered together at 6.30am at the National Hockey Stadium at Bukit Jalil to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We arrived when the sun had not risen and we worshipped the Lord till the sun rose, symbolising the resurrection. Special songs and dances were presented by the Easter Choir, the Chinese Choir and the Creative Arts Team.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam preached that as believers, our destination is heaven because Jesus has made it possible through His death and resurrection. Heaven is a beautiful place. It will be our home. Jesus who died and rose again is coming back for those who believe in Him and are we ready for His coming?

Senior Pastor also took the opportunity to thank everyone who helped to organise the occasion. At the conclusion of the Service, there was a time of fellowship over breakfast. ☺



Senior Pastor  
Prince Guneratnam



Fellowshipping over  
breakfast that was served with a smile!



"Alleluia Jesus is Risen"



# Kids Easter Rally

## “For God so loved...”

By Amelia Guneratnam, Audrey Kum and Adrian Lee  
Photographs by Michael Chang and Audrey Kum

Karen Tai

On Saturday, 15 April 2006 at 2.30pm, kids aged four to six had an Easter Party at Antioch bungalow while those from seven to 9 had their Kids Rally in the sanctuary at Damansara Heights.

Teacher Karen Tai told the younger kids the Easter story and all 78 children wanted Jesus to come into their hearts and give them a “clean” heart. The kids enjoyed the Easter egg hunt crawling through tunnels to find their eggs and also had fun decorating them afterwards.

Meanwhile, the Kids Choir with three youth from the Youth Choir led the older kids and parents in a great time of praise and worship. The kids enjoyed the dance entitled “God So Loved” by the Creative Arts Team.

Then came the highlight of the day. Associate Pastor Richard Yun, with a team of five actors, enacted the story of a Jessie, a girl who was ashamed of her mother because she had the most

hideous scars on her face and hands. When Jessie found out that her mother had those scars because she risked her life to save her from a fire that engulfed their house, she realised how much her mother loved her.

After Pastor Richard explained how much more

Jesus loves us, 164 children responded to the altar call – to receive Christ and to rededicate their lives to Jesus.

Associate Pastor Chris Lee praying for the children at the start of the Kids Rally



“Uncle Bevy” and his assistant



Being creative



Jessie ashamed of her mother



Associate Pastor Richard Yun praying for the kids



The Children's Choir singing “A Good Day on a Bad Day”

# Youth Easter Rally

A total of 454 energetic youths including kids aged ten to 13 years turned up at 5pm on 15 April 2006 for their first ever Youth Easter Rally.

The youth packed the altar space and freely expressed their worship unto the Lord. The Youth Choir sang “All for Love” accompanied by a dance by the Asian Institute of Ministries (AIM) team. The Creative Arts Team then presented a dance called “God So Loved” depicting the story of God

sending His only Son to the world to save mankind from their sin.

The AIM team also presented a skit portraying a young man who gave away his things for the benefit of others, ultimately giving his own life to save another.

Assistant Pastor David Seah then shared a powerful message based on John 3:16, reminding everyone of the immense love of God for us. Praise God fifteen gave their hearts to Christ for the first time and 14 rededicated their lives!



The AIM Team presenting a skit and dance



Associate Pastor Steven Kum praying for the youth at the altar

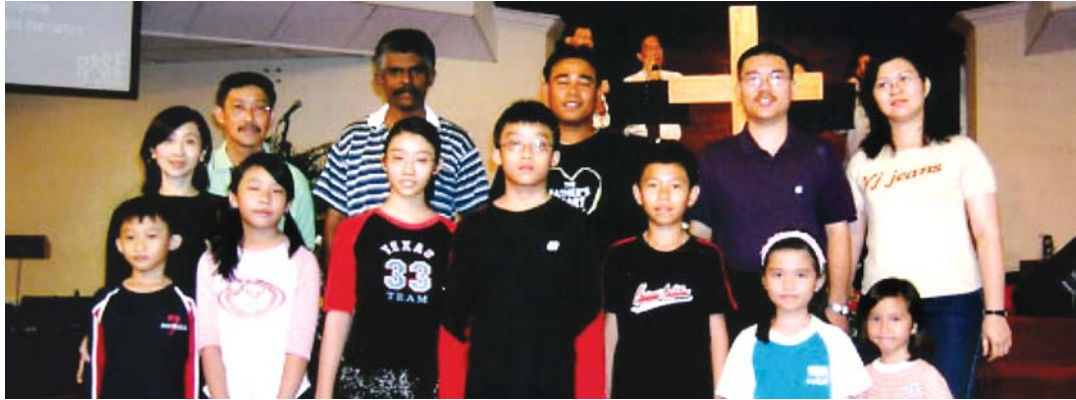


Assistant Pastor David Seah



# Fourteen baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 14 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 19 February 2006!  
By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and Master.



Left to Right

Front Row: New Jo-Kyle; New Jo-Kym; New Jo-Lyn; New Jo-Shua; Eugene Christopher Gerard; Elizabeth Louise Gerard, Emeleen Michelle Gerard,  
2nd Row: Lillian Ng Bee Lian; New Wan Kung; T. Elenggoven; Norberto C. Telan; Joseph Gerard; Lillian Ng Mun Ling;  
Not in picture: Paul Wong Kei Yan 🙏

## Lunch Hour Evangelistic Fellowship

# “Ang Pow” Service

By Alan Chew

As the city of Kuala Lumpur celebrated the Chinese New Year (CNY) from 29 January 2006 onwards, with lanterns hanging overhead and bright city lights, the Lunch Hour Evangelistic Fellowship at Calvary Church Ampang took the opportunity to reach out to the many Chinese folk who work around its vicinity. It held its very own “Ang Pow” service on Friday, 10 February 2006, with a unique blend of worship songs, a special CNY message, a song presentation and of course, food.

The service started with the congregation singing some vibrant praise songs that befit the CNY mood. The worship team members sang a “biblical” adaptation of an old CNY favourite, “Gong Xi, Gong Xi, Gong Xi Ni”. It was a brave performance from some of them who are not Mandarin-speaking.

As the CNY is a time of giving and receiving “Ang Pows”, Associate Pastor Richard Yun shared a lively message about a



God who gives freely to us. He emphasised that our God is a God who knows how to give good gifts to His children. But we have to trust Him to give us only that which He knows is good for us.

Before leaving, everyone was given an “Ang Pow” each. Instead of the usual monetary content, each “Ang Pow” contained a Bible verse, something which will be far more precious than what money can offer.

Of the 97 who attended this less-than-an-hour event, there were 27 visitors who came for the first time. Praise the Lord for the salvation of two precious souls as well for seven people who rededicated their lives to God. 🙏

**For more information on the Services of the Lunch Hour Evangelistic Fellowship held at 7th Floor Wisma Central, Jalan Ampang, please call Evelyn at 03-2166 1007.**

## Missionettes

# Celebrating 25 years of God's faithfulness!

By Low Mei Leong

Calvary Missionettes celebrated 25 years of God's faithfulness on 1 April 2006. The joyous occasion was held in conjunction with the 2006 Honour Awards celebration.

Missionettes boys and girls singing, "We Are Missionettes for Jesus"

Coordinator Catherine Lim welcoming everyone



Enjoying the Power Point presentation, "Down Memory Lane"



Presenting a skit



Rainbows, Daisies and Prims singing, "Jesus Loves Me"



Stars Club girls doing a line dance

The celebration began with the Missionettes marching into the sanctuary in tempo with the music "We are Missionettes for Jesus." In her welcoming address, Coordinator Catherine Lim acknowledged the presence of special guests including Pastors, former Sponsors and the Missionettes from Agape Gospel Assembly, Seremban. After the opening prayer by Assistant Pastor Karen Seah Lee Peng, the Pastor for the Missionettes, Sponsor Low Mei Leong together with girls from the Friends Club led the congregation in a time of praise and worship beginning with the theme song, "Arise Shine."

Calvary Missionettes was started by Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam in 1981 when she saw the need to mentor and build girls through a girls-only club. Her exposure to the Missionettes Programme in the US inspired her to start an informal group in Calvary Church with nine teenagers upon her return. From this pioneer group, the Missionettes has grown to 140 girls today. Through the tireless effort of its Sponsors, the Programme has remained true to its central values viz. missions and mentoring girls to become godly women of Christ. Many of the Missionettes girls have since grown to

become God's lighthouse in places where He has placed them. All these were presented in a brief Power Point presentation, "Down Memory Lane."

Following this, the Girls Only and Friends Club girls came on stage to present a skit. The skit was about a mother's love for her two children and her hope that they would both grow up keeping God's Word in their hearts through the influence of the Missionettes Programme. The skit was interspersed with various presentations from the different Clubs.

In delivering the keynote address, "Keep the Fire Burning," Pam

**Ruth Cheah, Honour Star** | The Awards Celebration was the most memorable day of my life. Thank you, God.

**Jessica Goh, Honour Star** | I am proud that I have completed the Star programme with God's help!

## Royal Rangers

# Royal Rangers Advancement Day Camp

By Jim Guneratnam

During the recent school holidays, from 15 to 17 March 2006, 35 Royal Rangers attended the Advancement Day Camp held at Bethel Bungalow, Damansara Heights. For three days, the Rangers worked on merit badges that would allow them to achieve their advancements.

On the first day, they there taught the Rope Craft and Lashing Merits, and as part of the requirements built a tool rack using the skill they had learnt that day.

On day two, it was the Cooking Merit. The Rangers learnt various cooking methods, like boiling, baking and grilling, and cooked their own lunch and dinner.

On the third and final day, the Rangers completed the Compass Merit. They learnt to use a compass and map as well as how to find direction using the stars, sun and even a watch. Continuing with the cooking, the Rangers cooked another two meals to complete the Cooking Merit.

This camp allowed the Rangers to

put into immediate practice, the skills and techniques they had learnt. Look out for more exciting events planned especially for the Rangers!



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam (centre) with the Honour Stars and Honour Friends

Assistant Pastor Karen Seah presenting Jim Guneratnam with a gift of appreciation



Special presentation by Agape Missionettes



Cutting of the 25th Anniversary cake

Song and dance by Honour Stars and Friends

Guneratnam, one of the pioneer girls and Director of Calvary Life Ministries, encouraged the Missionettes to continue shining for Jesus. She shared of the times when she had felt discouraged but was greatly blessed when God showed her how her ministry had touched lives. She challenged us to live God-centred lives and to invest in the lives of others.

This year, eight girls from the Stars Club completed their Stairway to the

Stars Programme and were crowned Honour Stars in the Awards ceremony. They were Esther Kuok, Carmen Ten, Charissa Lee, Esther Tang, Josephine Lim, Jessica Goh, Cheryl Tan and Ruth Cheah. Four girls from the Friends Club were crowned Honour Friends. They were Adelene Yem, Carmen Chong, Miriam Cheah and Yap Sze Foong. For their special presentation, the Honour Stars and Honour Friends presented a dance, choreographed by Carmen Chong entitled "Blessed be His Name".

To commemorate the 25th Anniversary, Pastor Petrina, our special guest of honour, accompanied by all the Sponsors and Pastor Karen, cut the Anniversary cake. A special gift was presented to Uniformed Groups Ministry Head, Jim Guneratnam, in appreciation of his guidance and leadership over the Missionettes for the past three years. All guests were presented with a key-chain as a special memento. Lunch was served at the Calvary Refreshment Centre.

Pam Guneratnam

**Yap Sze Foong, Honour Friend** | What a wonderful opportunity and experience to be able to play the keyboard for the first time in the sanctuary!

**Carmen Chong, Honour Friend** | It was such a joy to be caped by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam and to understand that this symbolises the authority vested upon me to serve God whole-heartedly. 🙏



# Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/(DH) 10.30am 5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
	<b>7</b> Communion Associate Pastor Steven Kum	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong
	<b>14</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> Adelaide H Mills	Adelaide H Mills/ Bishop Dag Heward Mills	Adelaide H Mills	Adelaide H Mills
	<b>21</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
	<b>28</b> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
<b>MAY</b>				

	<b>4</b> <i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian	<i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian	<i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian	<i>Communion</i> Rev. Dikran Salbashian
	<b>11</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Yong Chee Weng/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
	<b>18</b> <i>Father's Day</i> Rev. Chuck Brewster	Rev. Chuck Brewster	Rev. Chuck Brewster	Rev. Chuck Brewster
	<b>25</b> Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	<i>Water Baptism</i> Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
<b>JUNE</b>				

## Plan to attend Family Camp!

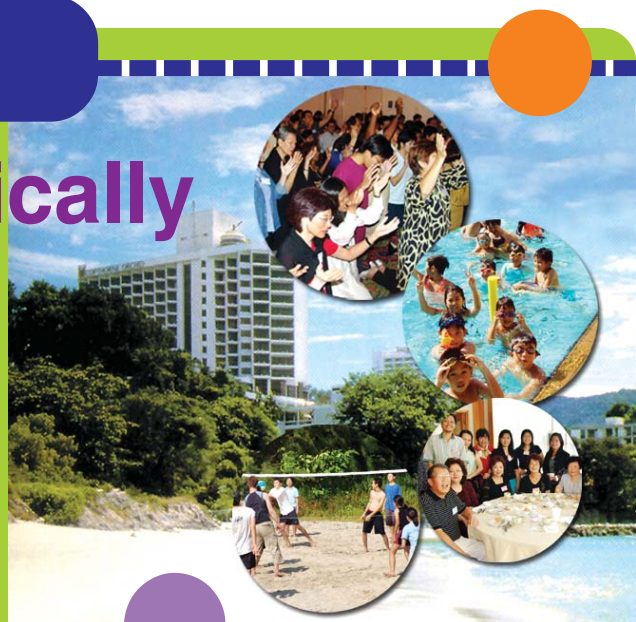
### Living Enthusiastically

5-8 June 2006

Copthorne Orchid Hotel, Penang

Speakers Rev. Dikran Salbashian  
Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Chinese Camp  
Speaker Rev. Lawrence Yap



# May

## Chinese Fellowship

28 Combined with Family Camp

## Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: Maintaining your Guard

- 6 Battle Stations Everybody
- 13 Don't Take the Bait
- 20 Be a Giant Killer
- 27 Youth Celebration

## College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: Planning for the Future (Jeremiah 1:10; 29:11)

- 6 Tearing Down and Uprooting Deceitful Ideas
- 13 Destroying and Overthrowing False Authorities
- 20 Building and Planting for Lasting Impact
- 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 | 17 June 2006 | 2pm

### Water Baptism Service

Sunday | 18 June 2006 | 5pm

### Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | 7 May 2006

# June

## Chinese Fellowship Sunday 5pm

25 Speaker: Lim Chune Sin  
Venue: Bethel Hall

\* Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Chua Ken Tee at 03-7727 3948 ext. 320 for more information.

## Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: The Working of God

- 6 God has a JOB?
- 13 God the Gardener
- 20 God the Potter
- 27 Youth Celebration

## College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: God-Assigned Roles

- 3 What Does God Expect of a Man?
- 10 What Does God Expect of a Woman?
- 17 What Does God Expect of a Child?
- 24 Youth Celebration

## Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

25 Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah  
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# 争战的兵器

—屬靈的堅固營壘，彈頭和飛彈  
文：古納南主任牧師

「因為我們雖然在血氣中行事，卻不憑著血氣爭戰。我們爭戰的兵器，本不是屬血氣的，乃是在神面前有能力，可以攻破堅固的營壘，將各樣的計謀，各樣攔阻人認識神的那些自高之事一概攻破了，又將人所有的心意奪回，使他都順服基督」（林後10：3-5）。

使徒保羅很明顯地教導關於在基督里的信徒正在從事一場與世界很不同的爭戰。在基督徒的領域，它所使用的武器也是與世俗的武器很不同。有幾個具戰略性的範圍是信徒已經加入爭戰中—其中一個是在心思意念。撒但要奪取你的心思意念。如果牠成功控制了你的心思意念，你必將戰敗。

聖經上說，你“思”故你“是”。保羅教導說每一個使人自高不認識神之思想必須被攻破和摧毀。當你讓屬世的思想 and 世俗的意識進入你的生命里，就不得不小心提防，因它們將會支配你的生活方式。撒但要控制你的心思意念。當你開始使世俗的智慧合理化和接受它時，你就必將失去你的鬥爭。

在另一個戰場有一屬靈的爭戰正在進行中—在天空屬靈的領域。保羅特定的指出你要與四類的敵人爭戰：那些執政的、掌權的、管轄這幽暗世界的，以及屬靈氣的惡魔。「因我們並不是與屬血氣的爭戰，乃是與那些執政的、掌權的、管轄這幽暗世界的，以及天空屬靈氣的惡魔爭戰」（弗6:12）。你是否曾經感覺到你的祈禱只達至天花板而返回來？或者當你嘗試在屬靈的領域中前進時，你感覺到阻擾？當你要尋求神的時候，在天空中有許多的權勢在與你對抗。這就是為何有許多當他們試圖建立他們的祈禱和屬靈生命時不能成功。

但以理曾有這樣的經歷。他以禱告和禁食來尋求神。「瑪代族亞哈隨魯的兒子大利烏立為迦勒底國的王元年，就是他在位第一年，我但以理從書上得知耶和華的話臨到先知耶利米，論耶路撒冷荒涼的年數，七十年為滿。我便禁食，披麻蒙灰，定意向主神祈禱懇求」（但9:1-3）。

但以理的禱告蒙應允被耽延了二十一天或三個星期，因為從波斯國的惡魔而來的反抗。牠並不是世界上的君主，而是保羅在以弗所書信中所說的屬幽暗世界的權勢。但是但以理堅持的禱告和信靠神。然後，但以理得一個異象，在異象中，有一個人向他說，「他就說：“但以理啊，不要懼怕！因為從你第一日專心求明白將來的事，又在你神面前刻苦己心，你的言語已蒙應允，我是因你的言語而來。但波斯國的魔君攔阻我二十一日，忽然有大君中的一位米迦勒來幫助我，我就停留在波斯諸王那裡。現在我來使你明白本國之民日後必遭遇的事，因為這異象關乎後來許多的日子。”」（但10:12-14）。這段經文清楚地顯示有

一屬靈的爭戰正在天空中交戰。撒但給了牠的邪靈力量管轄一些區域來攔阻任何的屬靈工作。這是為何信徒會發現祈禱的困難和不能立刻得到應允。有一場屬靈的爭戰在進行中，在那里空中屬靈氣的惡魔在嘗試攔阻耶穌基督的教會相信他們能夠得勝。

在“世界地圖組織”出版的《使徒雜誌》里的一個見證正好說明了這一點。有一位宣教士在南美洲巴西和烏拉圭山區的一個新的地方工作。他在正好位於這兩國邊境的一個鄉村開荒佈道。實際上，邊境的分界線是沿著大街的正中間一路下去。當他在一個購物的日子分派福音單張時，他注意到一些不尋常的事情。

在烏拉圭邊境那邊的大街，沒有人要接受他的福音單張。但是在巴西境內，每個人都和藹地接受單張，並以開放的態度聆聽他分享關於信仰基督的見證。他在街上兩邊來回，在越過對面時就有同樣地令人困惑的結果。然後，他注意到有一個曾經在烏拉圭境內拒絕他的單張的婦女越過街到了對面巴西的境內。他就跟隨著她，再次的給她一張單張。她很感激地接受了它，而他也有機會向她作見證分享主。

那宣教士意識到有些奇怪的事情在進行中。他開始與在巴西那地區的其他宣教士查問。他發現有一群的基督徒正進入屬靈的爭戰。他們正參與代禱的工作並控制和捆綁了在巴西那地區的惡魔。

在福音被傳揚的地方，出現了很大的復興。但是令那宣教士感到震撼的是那令人可畏的覺察，既事實上復興的工作停止在巴西地理領域的邊界內；在巴西那地區的堅固營壘的末端是在大街中間的分界線。

當你跪下祈禱時，你不是在玩一些小孩子的遊戲。你是在與屬靈的堅固營壘對抗。你在參與爭戰，神已經給了你有威力的武器。你雖然不是攜帶著槍械或家里擁有飛彈，但是你有極大的武器能夠攻破堅固的營壘。

在聖經里有提到四種的武器：第一種的武器是：耶穌的聖名。當你奉祂的名祈禱時，你是有權力和權柄來斥責撒但放在你腦中的一些消極，污穢和不虔誠的思想，並且你能夠將各樣的計謀攻破。奉祂的名，你能夠摧毀那要毀滅萬民和阻止政府以公義來治理國家的黑暗權勢。「信的人必有神蹟隨著他們：就是奉我的名趕鬼，說新方言」（可16:17）。第二種的武器：神的話語。耶穌祂自己使用經文來對付撒但。「...‘人活著不是單靠食物，乃是靠神口裡所出的一切話’」（申8：3，參考路4：4）。第三種武器：耶穌的寶血。懇求和應用耶穌的寶血。「弟兄勝過牠，是因羔羊的血和自己所見證的道。他們雖至於死，也不愛惜性命」（啟12:11）。第四種武器：贊美

和敬拜。神是居住在祂子民的贊美之中和當祂的子民敬拜祂時，撒但就被擊敗。

我稱這四種的武器為飛彈的彈頭。飛彈本身是不危險的，但是它的彈頭卻能帶來傷害。飛彈運載或推動彈頭到屬敵人的區域。祈禱就如運載彈頭到達有需要之處的飛彈。當彈頭被投下時，它就爆炸和攻破敵人。

這是適當的時機，你要與敵人作一場嚴肅的屬靈戰鬥。神的子民需要從壞的習慣中被釋放出來。打開你的口來祈禱，並發射屬靈的火箭進入到撒但的領土和贏得失喪的靈魂並堅固眾聖徒！神告訴以賽亞，「看哪，我已使你成為有快齒打糧的新器具；你要把山嶺打得粉碎，使岡陵如同糠秕。你要把它簸揚，風要吹去，旋風要把它颳散。你倒要以耶和華為喜樂，以以色列的聖者為誇耀」（賽41:15-16）。

神塑造你成為新的和鋒利的，有快齒打糧的新器具，要把山嶺打得粉碎，並得勝起來。讓我們起來出去祈禱。奉耶穌的名字，以神的話語，耶穌的寶血並以贊美和敬拜，撒但和牠的邪靈將被擊敗。勝利已經快要到來因為神已經賜給我們屬靈的武器來爭戰。✠

（以上經文是采用中文聖經和合本）

## 五月份

### 中文聚會

（與家庭營會聯合）

## 六月份

### 中文聚會

日期：25-6-06

時間：下午五點正

地點：伯特利樓

講員：林俊新弟兄

### 家庭營會

主題：充滿熱心的生活

日期：5-6-06—8-6-06

地點：檳城Cophorne Orchid Hotel

講員：Lawrence Yap牧師和古納南主任牧師

### 申請浸禮及會籍

#### 課程

日期：17-6-06（星期六）

時間：下午二點正

### 浸禮聚會

日期：18-6-06（星期日）

時間：下午五點正

地點：大堂

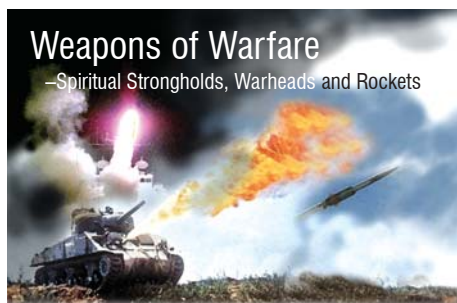
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Daniel's answer was delayed for 21 days or three weeks because of resistance from the prince of Persia who was not an earthly prince but a power of this dark world that Paul talked about in Ephesians. But Daniel persevered in prayer and trusted God. Then Daniel had a vision and in the vision, a man said to him, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come" (Daniel 10:12-14). This passage clearly shows that there is a warfare going on in the heavenlies. Satan has given his demons power over certain geographical areas to hinder any spiritual work. This is why believers find it difficult to pray and to receive answers immediately. There is a spiritual warfare going on where the powers of the air are trying to prevent the Church of Jesus Christ from believing that we can be victorious.

A testimony written in the Acts Magazine by World Map Organisation illustrates this well:

"A missionary was working in a new area in the mountains of Brazil and Uruguay in South America. He was witnessing in a village situated directly on the border of the two nations. In fact, the border ran down the centre of the main street. He was distributing Gospel tracts during a shopping day when he noticed something quite unusual.

On the Uruguayan side of the main street, no one would accept his Gospel tract. But on the Brazilian side, everyone accepted the tracts graciously and was open to hearing his testimony concerning his faith in Christ. He moved back and forth across the street with the same bewildering results. Then he noticed a woman who had refused his tract on the Uruguayan side of



the street across the Brazilian side. He followed her and again offered her a tract. She accepted it gratefully and he was able to witness to her about the Lord.

The missionary realised something very strange was going on. He began checking with other missionaries in that particular area of Brazil. He discovered there was a group of Christians who had entered into spiritual warfare. They were involved in intercessory prayer and had literally taken authority over and bound the prince in that area of Brazil.

Wherever the Gospel was preached there, tremendous revival was occurring. But the awesome realisation that shook the missionary was the fact that the revival ended at the geographical boundary; the stronghold over that area of Brazil ended at the border of the main street."

You are not playing some child's game when you kneel down and pray. You are coming against spiritual strongholds. You are in warfare and God has given you powerful weapons. You may not carry a gun or have a rocket in your house but you have tremendous weapons to tear down strongholds.

There are four weapons that the Bible talks about: The first weapon: The name of Jesus. When you pray in His name, you have the power and authority to rebuke negative, filthy and ungodly thoughts Satan puts in your mind and you can cast down vain imaginations. In His name, you can pull down the powers of darkness that seek to destroy nations and prevent governments from ruling in righteousness. "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues" (Mark 16:17). The

second weapon: The Word of God. Jesus Himself used the Scriptures against Satan. "...Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD" (Deuteronomy 8:3 c.f. Luke 4:4). The third weapon: The blood of Jesus. Plead and apply the blood of Jesus. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death" (Revelation 12:11). The fourth weapon: Praise and worship. God inhabits the praises of His people and Satan is defeated when His people worship Him.

I call these four weapons, warheads of a rocket. The rocket itself is not dangerous but it is the warhead that does the damage. The rocket carries or propels the warhead to the enemy territory. Prayer is like the rocket that takes the warhead to where the need is. Once the warhead is released, it blows up and demolishes the enemy.

It is time for you to do serious spiritual combat with the enemy. God's people need to be free from bad habits, fear and weakness. Open your mouth and pray and send spiritual missiles into Satan's territory and win the lost and strengthen the saints! God told Isaiah, "See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff. You will winnow them, the wind will pick them up, and a gale will blow them away. But you will rejoice in the LORD and glory in the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 41:15-16).

God has made you a new and sharp threshing instrument to beat the hills and mountains and rise up in victory. Let us arise and go to prayer. Satan and his demons will be defeated in the name of Jesus, with the Word of God, the blood of Jesus and by praise and worship. The victories are on the way because God has given us spiritual weapons to do warfare. 🙏

*All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.*

# 'The Ultimate Trail to Freedom'

By Jason Sia

On 18 February 2006 (Saturday), 95 L.I.G.H.T. & Y.P. LG members and their friends flagged-off for 'The Ultimate Trail to Freedom' Motor Treasure Hunt from Calvary Church, Damansara Heights, at 2.30pm.



Associate Pastor Timothy Ong flagging off the hunt

The questions to the treasure hunt were chosen based on the Exodus journey, where Moses led the Israelites to the land of promise. It was purposefully chosen to indirectly share the message of hope to the potential believers.

One of the requirements along the journey was to have the participants arrive at Pusat Aktiviti Calvary in Damansara Perdana. There, the participants were surprised to be given the opportunity to redeem three questions they thought were answered wrongly. In other words, their three 'sins' would simply be forgiven at Calvary!

After a four and a half hour exhilarating hunt, the participants arrived at the Desa Waterpark Restaurant. Everyone was exhausted but thrilled. A scrumptious dinner was



drove home an important truth by saying that what matters most in a journey is direction. Our life can be likened to a journey. For if the direction is wrong, then no matter how wonderful the journey is, the journey will be futile. Pastor David invited everyone to a follow-up event where they can explore further

The champions!



served. Dominic Roche, who professionally designed the hunt on a voluntary basis, revealed the answers to the participants.

Assistant Pastor David Seah then took over and

the right direction in life.

The event ended with the giving of prizes to seven winning groups. All participants stayed through the evening and had enjoyable fellowship around the tables.

The feedback received from the participants was more than encouraging. They were not only satisfied with the hunt that was professionally organised, but had the opportunity to meet new friends. Those who brought their potential believer



friends appreciated the Church for organising the event of such a nature where their friends could be reached. Some even had the

opportunity to share the Gospel with their friends after the dinner!



The teams eagerly listening to the answers



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