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Excellence with Integrity

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“People of excellence and integrity are the salt and light of the world.”

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality” (Colossians 3:23-25).

God has called us to be people of excellence with integrity. Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5: 13-16).

People of excellence and integrity are the salt and light of the world. They go the extra mile. They keep their word, their promises, pledges and commitments. They give their employers' their money's worth and more. They live with enthusiasm. They are willing to obey and to serve. When others see their excellence, they will glorify the Father in heaven and say that the God they serve is a truly wonderful God!

Solomon said, “**Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going**”

(Ecclesiastes 9:10). There was once a contractor who built houses and he was going through a hard time financially. The economy was on the downturn and he was finding it hard to make ends meet. He had a wealthy friend who heard about his difficulty. The friend gave him a cheque for a big sum of money and said, “I want you to build me a house. I am very busy and will not be checking on the progress of the building as I trust you. This is the land that you are to build on.”

The contractor was overjoyed. He thought of how to make some extra money by cutting corners and

using cheaper building materials that could not be easily detected. Upon completion of the house, he brought his wealthy friend to see it. The friend was impressed and pleased with what he saw. He then said to his contractor friend, “I do not need this house. I did this to help you. I already have a beautiful house of my own. I am going to give you this house!” On hearing this, the contractor friend almost passed out! He thought, “Oh, what a fool I am! If I only knew, I would not have cheated but used the best material and built a better house.”

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Enthusiastic Leadership

By Audrey Kum

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam appreciating the leaders



Bishop Dr. Dag Heward-Mills, the Senior Pastor of Lighthouse Cathedral in Accra, Ghana, challenged the leaders who attended the Calvary Church Summit at the Tropicana Golf & Country Resort on 12 and 13 May 2006, to find out how God wants His work done.

Church Summit speaker, Bishop Dr. Dag Heward-Mills



As ministers of God, we must be passionate and in Psalms 104:4, we see that God makes His ministers "flames of fire."

The message of the Church must not be limited to the blessings of God. Bishop Dag strongly advocated that it must include the message of sacrifice.

There must be more teaching on the cross of Jesus Christ and the need to take up the cross and follow Him. Paul says, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Sacrifice releases power. It makes people follow us. It makes them believe because there is power in the Blood. Sacrifice makes people take us seriously and it induces commitment.

The master key to fruitfulness is sacrifice. Jesus Himself said, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain" (John 12:23-24). "The missing ingredient," said Bishop Dag, "is not more knowledge but 'death!'"

There is a price to be paid when we push for new frontiers. Real advancement comes with sacrifice. Satan makes one who sacrifices seem to be an extremist. The Antichrist is



The leaders praising and worshipping God



Fellowshipping over food

against daily sacrifices (Daniel 11:31). Judas was against the sacrifice made by the woman who broke the alabaster jar to anoint Jesus with expensive perfume. "Nice" people can



Ministry at the altar at Calvary Church Damansara Heights on Friday night

Bishop Dr. Dag Heward-Mills praying for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the leaders

also speak against sacrifice. Peter did not want Jesus to go to Jerusalem and suffer and be killed. Jesus recognised Satan's influence and rebuked him.

We must however beware of making substitute sacrifices for causes that are not of God. How true that many of us do make sacrifices but for things that do not mean anything to God.

The Church Summit continued at Calvary Church Damansara Heights at 7pm where those who regularly come for the Friday School of Christian Growth classes and for the Prayer Meeting joined in. Bishop Dag expanded on his earlier messages. While God is making us into flames of fire, zealously working for Him, He wants us to be fruitful and not go to heaven barren (1 Peter 1:8-9). We must open our eyes and not be short-sighted and



Bill Hybels on video



At one of the Workshops

in about seven years, to reach out so that there would be "No more empty seats". Using Moses as an example, Bishop Jakes challenged leaders to take responsibility, to cease complaining and to make changes, beginning with themselves. We cannot fight today's challenges with yesterday's weapons. With every new level, comes new devils! We must look for Joshuas, Aarons and Hurs. Some are called to be aggressive in battle like Joshua while there are



Bishop T.D. Jakes Senior on video



not forget there are others who still need to be saved.

On Saturday, back again at the Tropicana Golf & Country Resort, Bishop Dag Heward-Mills spoke on the need to serve God with feelings of compassion. Jesus Himself was moved with compassion for the multitudes (Matthew 9:36). God places holy desires within us and we must respond to God and not quench these desires to live for and serve Him.

Why did God save us? What pleases God? If Jesus came to Kuala Lumpur for three days, what would He do first? What did He do when He was on earth? These were some of the questions that Bishop Dag posed to us. The answers will tell us what we need to be doing too—preaching, teaching and bringing healing to the many who have yet to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The messages left the leaders with a sense of urgency to go out and put into action all that we had received the past two days.

The leaders also benefited from two video workshops: "The Leader's Finest Hour" presented by Bill Hybels, founding and Senior Pastor of Willow



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam concluding the Church Summit with a challenge to the leaders

Creek Community Church and "Exceptional Leadership at Every Level" by T.D. Jakes Senior. Bill Hybels challenged leaders to lead with all diligence and warned that difficult challenges are inevitable in leadership. During these trying times that come with growth, leaders must wear different hats or in his words, "uniforms". One clear message that came across was that the local church is the hope of the world. It is God's means to renew broken hearts and to reconcile the world to God.

Bishop T.D. Jakes Senior, Senior Pastor of The Potter's House in Texas, challenged his church that grew from 50 families to more than 28,000 members

those who need to be like Aaron and Hur, undergirding the leader, Moses.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam concluded the Summit calling the leaders to rise up and disciple new leaders to reach out to the community. It will amaze us how God can use us. Are we ready to move to a new level of growth? God is speaking to us: "No more empty seats!" Senior Pastor said he needs more Joshuas, Aarons and Hurs so that Calvary Church can become the Fountain Head Church that God has called us to be. We will see God's amazing work when we willingly and obediently serve the Lord with enthusiasm! 🙏

Mother's Day



Clockwise: Carpenter's Workshop children at Cheras, Damansara Perdana, Ampang and Damansara Heights singing "Rejoice in the Steps"

Calvary Church celebrates Mother's Day

By Audrey Kum

On Sunday, 14 May 2006, Calvary Church honoured all the mothers who attended our morning Worship Services at all our Church locations. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam recognised the important role of mothers and prayed for them. They also received a gift from the Church.

Our speaker, First Lady (as she is known in her church, Lighthouse Cathedral in Accra, Ghana) Adelaide Heward-Mills, pointed out that women become mothers for various reasons—for example, Hagar, because Sarah was concerned about fulfilling God's promise to Abraham and Naomi, by adoption of Ruth who chose to follow her and her God.

God makes each child different, even if they are identical twins. God has plans for every child and Sister Adelaide encouraged parents to rest in what He has in store for them. During her pregnancy, Rebekah, the mother of Esau and Jacob heard from the Lord that the younger child will serve the older. (Genesis

25:23). When the time came for Isaac to bless his first-born, Esau, before he died, Rebekah resorted to deception and manipulation to help God fulfil His plan (Genesis 27:5-17)! In her love for and desire to help her son, Jacob, whom she was partial to, she ran ahead of God and sadly, did not live to enjoy the results of God's will.

God can work in even the most difficult child. Sister Adelaide exhorted parents not to give up on their children. God worked in Jacob's life— He met him in Bethel;

let him be deceived on his wedding night; wrestled with him and gave him a new name, Israel, meaning Prince with God. The God who worked in Jacob and changed a deceiver into a prince, can also work in your child.

Hebrews 4:9 says, "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God". Sister Adelaide concluded by exhorting parents to be diligent to enter into God's rest and to meditate on His Word, walk by faith and trust in His promises. God's plan is always better. Their responsibility is to lift their children before God and be good stewards to nurture them in the Lord. 🙏



First Lady Adelaide Heward-Mills



1,025 mothers received gifts at the Mother's Day Services at different locations



Responding to the message at the 8am (left) and 10.30pm (right) Services at Damansara Heights

Ladies' Worship Service



Filipino Dance Team doing a flag dance



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Gumaratnam (top) introducing speaker, Pam Lee (centre). Helen Cheah (bottom) singing a Cantonese song she wrote.



The Tuesday Ladies' Choir



Calvary Education Resource Centre students singing "Lord Bless My Mother"

You have a gift!

The ladies at the Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service celebrated Mother's Day on 16 May 2006. The speaker, Pam Lee, in accordance with the theme that day, "Rise With Your Talents", helped the ladies recognise that every believer has been given a special gift by God (Ephesians 4:7). She observed that people often think they do not have a gift just because it is not a "performance" gift.

Referring to 1 Corinthians 12, she pointed out that just as there are different parts to a body and there are different gifts. And just as every part of the body is important, every gift is important. Pam suggested the way to identify our gifts is to find out what we do best and very naturally! For example, an ear listens and a nose smells. Similarly, if you find that you smile a lot

and love making people feel comfortable, it is likely that you have the gift of hospitality.

The parts of a human body function for the sake of the body's well-being. She urged the ladies to contribute and commit their gifts for the good of the body of Christ so that the Lord will be glorified. They in turn will feel a sense of belonging to the body

that they serve. She also cautioned that gifts that are not used will be like parts of a body that do not remain attached to the body and they will die a spiritual and natural death respectively.

The ladies were greatly blessed by the message and were challenged to use their gifts and talents for the Lord. After the Service, they enjoyed fellowship over food served at the Church foyer.

Calvary Refreshment Centre (CRC) Special menu on Mother's Day

In honour of mothers, the Calvary Refreshment Centre (CRC) at Damansara Heights served a special menu on 14 May 2006! They provided set meals of drinks with Curry Laksa, Prawn Mee and Nasi Lemak with Rendang Chicken. Those who bought the set meals received a complimentary dessert - "Tou Fu Fa" fresh from a parked van! Volunteers from the Men's Life Groups cheerfully assisted the CRC Team to sell and to serve the food that morning.



Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship



Assistant Pastor Karen Seah



Betty Han

Mothers' role reaffirmed

By Linda Pang

Fifty-three people gathered in the afternoon at the Bethel Bungalow for a fellowship for the Indonesian domestic helpers on 14 May 2006. The fellowship organised by the Bahasa Malaysia Life Groups, aimed to reaffirm the role of mothers as well as to reinforce a sense of significance in the lives of these ladies.

Assistant Pastor Karen Seah shared an inspiring message in Bahasa Malaysia on how to live a purpose-driven life, and the importance of leaving a spiritual legacy. The ladies were reminded that they ought to always give their utmost for His highest in all aspects of their lives. Out of the 53

people who came, seven rededicated their lives whilst two others accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

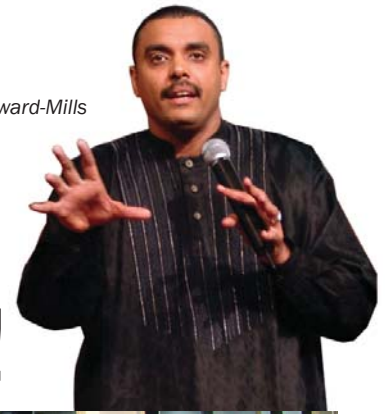
To reinforce the message, Betty Han then gave a demonstration on how to care for a small potted plant. Using the analogy of a plant, the participants were reminded that their labour, when

done as unto the Lord will always yield results. Our responsibility is to faithfully do the will of God.

Everyone left the fellowship refreshed, appreciated and determined to give their best to God and be a blessing to others. *Puji Tuhan!*

Bishop Dr. Dag Heward-Mills

There was a sense of expectation as Calvarites converged at Calvary Church Damansara Heights for the Healing and Miracle Service at 5pm on 14 May 2006. They took the opportunity to bring along their family members and friends to meet Jesus who heals and touches lives.



Jesus heals and touches lives!

By Audrey Kum

They were not disappointed because Bishop Dr. Dag Heward-Mills introduced kind, strong yet gentle, saving and redeeming Jesus who heals, teaches and preaches, to us. He brought us to Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament which gives us a picture of Jesus Christ engaged in a powerful ministry of healing. In chapter 4 and verse 2, we read that the "Sun of Righteousness shall rise with healing in His wings."

When we are sick, we all want a specialist to attend to us. Jesus is a specialist in every area! Why do we not go to One with healing in His wings? Jesus heals those with gynaecological problems, with mental problems, the blind, those with broken hearts and the paralysed. He can even can raise the dead, be it the physically dead or situations that have died.

We often want to see a miracle happen immediately. But Bishop Dag said that God could start a miracle that evening but only in time can we see the change. He encouraged us to keep confessing Jesus and trusting in His healing. We must not stop praying as



prayer is a blessing whether or not we are healed!

That evening, as we heard the Word, faith in our Lord Jesus arose in our hearts. Bishop Dag asked those who wanted God to heal them and to touch them in any specific area, to place their hands on the parts that needed healing or on their hearts. All over the sanctuary, individuals reached out in faith.

At the end of the Service, many came out to testify that the Lord had healed them and many literally felt the Lord's touch in the form of warmth and



tingling sensations. New hope filled those with broken hearts. There was also great joy over those who received Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

The sense of expectation continued as we left the sanctuary because Jesus will continue and complete that which He began that evening. All glory to God!



11 year old Joshua Park was among the many who testified of the healing touch of Jesus

If you need someone to pray with you for God's healing or wish to testify that you were healed by the Lord at the Healing and Miracle Service, do inform us via the Prayer Request cards available at the pews and place them in the boxes provided at the Church premises. **We encourage you to come for the Prayer Meetings every Friday at 8.15pm. and for the Morning Watch at 7am every Wednesday at Damansara Heights!**

Every bite counts!

By Audrey Kum


The Bite Size Commitment 2 was launched on 21 May 2006. We thank God for every partner who gave through the Bite Size Commitment 1 that was launched in March 2005, towards the building of the Calvary Convention Centre!

Via video at all the Church locations, Deacon for Building and Financial Management/Church Business, Han Joke Kwang, reminded us how it is possible to achieve our target of RM 10 million, if we joined our hands to give systematically and faithfully, towards the building fund. If we all do our part, it is possible to meet the target. Every bite counts!

He said that if each of us increased our Bite Size 1 commitment by 1.5

times, we can reach our target. Sacrifice releases God's power. This is a key principle shared by Bishop Dag Heward-Mills with the Church leadership.

After prayer, the adult congregations and the children at the

Carpenter's Workshop classes at all the Church locations made pledges to give to the Lord as partners to fulfil His call to us to be a Fountain Head Church to reach Kuala Lumpur and beyond for Jesus Christ. 

Adult congregations participating in Bite Size 2: At Damansara Heights



Watching the video at Damansara Heights



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for the Bite Size Commitment 2 partners at Damansara Heights



Associate Pastor Timothy Ong leading in prayer for the Bite Size Commitment 2 partners at Damansara Perdana



At Ampang (above left), Damansara Heights (above) and Damansara Perdana (left)



Carpenter's Workshop children participating in Bite Size 2: At Damansara Heights



At Cheras



Kecemerlangan dengan Ketulusan

Oleh Pendita Senior Pastor Guneratnam

“Orang-orang yang berkecemerlangan dan berketulusan merupakan garam dan cahaya dunia.”

“Apa pun juga yang kamu perbuat, perbuatlah dengan segenap hatimu seperti untuk Tuhan dan bukan untuk manusia. Kamu tahu, bahwa dari Tuhanlah kamu akan menerima bagian yang ditentukan bagimu sebagai upah. Kristus adalah tuan dan kamu hambaNya. Barangsiapa berbuat kesalahan, ia akan menanggung kesalahannya itu, karena Tuhan tidak memandang orang.” (Kolose 3:23-25, Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia)

Tuhan telah meminta kita untuk menjadi sebuah masyarakat yang berkecemerlangan dengan ketulusan. Yesus telah berkata, **“Kamu adalah garam dunia. Jika garam itu menjadi tawar, dengan apakah ia dimasinkan? Tidak ada lagi gunanya selain dibuang dan diinjak orang. Kamu adalah terang dunia. Kota yang terletak di atas gunung tidak mungkin tersembunyi. Lagipula orang tidak menyalakan pelita lalu meletakkannya di bawah gantang, melainkan di atas kaki dian sehingga menerangi semua orang di dalam rumah itu. Demikianlah hendaknya terangmu bercahaya di depan orang, supaya mereka melihat perbuatanmu yang baik dan memuliakan Bapamu yang di syurga”** (Matius 5:13-16).

Orang-orang yang berkecemerlangan dan berketulusan merupakan garam dan cahaya dunia. Mereka membuat lebih daripada perlu. Mereka akan melakukan apa sahaja yang dijanji, disumpah dan diperuntukkan. Mereka memberikan sumbangan yang terbaik kepada majikan mereka. Mereka juga hidup bersemangat. Mereka sanggup mendengar kata dan menyumbang. Apabila orang lain melihat kecemerlangan mereka, mereka akan memuji Tuhan yang berada di syurga dan berkata bahawa Tuhan yang disembah oleh mereka merupakan Tuhan yang menakjubkan!

Salomo berkata, **“Segala sesuatu yang dijumpai tanganmu untuk dikerjakan, kerjakanlah itu sekuat tenaga, karena tak ada pekerjaan, pertimbangan, pengetahuan dan hikmat dalam dunia orang mati, ke mana engkau akan pergi”** (Pengkhotbah 9:10).

Pada suatu ketika, terdapat seorang kontraktor yang membina rumah dan ia mengalami kesempitan

wang. Ekonomi negara merosot dan kontraktor itu mengalami kesukaran untuk membayar segala hutangnya. Ia mempunyai seorang kawan yang kaya dan beliau telah terdengar tentang masalah kontraktor tersebut. Kawan itu pun memberi sekeping cek yang mengandungi sejumlah wang yang besar kepada kontraktor itu dan berkata, “Tolong bina sebuah rumah untuk saya. Saya amat sibuk dan tidak akan dapat melihat perkembangan pembinaan rumah itu kerana saya percayakan kamu. Inilah tanah yang akan kamu guna untuk pembinaan rumah itu.”

Kontraktor itu pun merasa sangat gembira. Dia berfikir tentang cara-cara untuk mengurangkan perbelanjaan dan mendapatkan keuntungan dengan menggantikan bahan-bahan binaan yang murah dan tidak mudah dikesan. Apabila rumah itu siap, dia membawa kawannya yang kaya itu untuk melihat rumah itu. Kawannya kagum dan gembira dengan apa yang dilihat olehnya. Dia pun berkata: “Saya tidak perlu rumah ini. Saya membuat semua

ini untuk membantu kamu. Saya sudah mempunyai sebuah rumah yang cantik. Saya akan memberikan rumah ini kepada kamu!” Selepas mendengar kata-kata kawannya, kontraktor itu hampir pengsan! Dia berfikir, “Oh alangkah bodoh diri saya ini. Jika saya tahu dari awal lagi, saya akan menggunakan bahan-bahan yang terbaik, tidak menipu dan membina sebuah rumah yang lebih baik.”

Kitab Injil memanggil kita menjadi pembina mahir kehidupan. Rasul Paulus berkata, **“Sesuai dengan kasih karunia Tuhan, yang dianugerahkan kepadaku, aku sebagai seorang ahli bangunan yang cekap telah meletakkan dasar, dan orang lain membangun terus di atasnya. Tetapi tiap-tiap orang harus memperhatikan, bagaimana ia harus membangun di atasnya. Karena tidak ada seorang pun yang dapat meletakkan dasar lain dari pada dasar yang telah diletakkan, yaitu Yesus Kristus. Entahlah orang membangun di atas dasar ini dengan emas, perak, batu permata, kayu, rumput kering atau jerami, sekali kelak pekerjaan**

masing-masing orang akan nampak. Karena hari Tuhan akan menyatakannya, sebab ia akan nampak dengan api dan bagaimana pekerjaan masing-masing orang akan diuji oleh api itu. Jika pekerjaan yang dibangun seseorang tahan uji, ia akan mendapat upah. Jika pekerjaannya terbakar, ia akan menderita kerugian, tetapi ia sendiri akan diselamatkan, tetapi seperti dari api” (1 Korintus 3:10-15).

Terdapat lima perkara yang patut diberi perhatian daripada peringatan Paulus. Yang pertama, dasar yang kamu bina adalah di atas Yesus. Yang kedua, apa yang kamu guna untuk membina sama ada akan tahan dan membawa ganjaran kepadamu ataupun akan musnah dan membawa kerugian kepada kamu apabila Yesus datang. Ketiga, bahan-bahan yang kamu gunakan akan diuji dan diperlihatkan oleh api. Keempat, yang dibuat dengan emas, perak dan batu permata akan tahan uji tetapi yang dibuat dengan kayu, rumput kering dan jerami akan terbakar. Akhirnya, sesiapa yang menggunakan bahan binaan yang tahan uji akan diberi ganjaran. Adakah kamu membina menggunakan bahan-bahan yang sesuai untuk menjadi garam dan terang supaya Bapa dimuliakan apabila melihat perbuatanmu yang baik?

Untuk menjadi pembina mahir yang bijak dan tulus, kita mesti melayani untuk menyenangkan hati Tuhan dan bukan manusia. Paulus mengajar kita untuk melayani, “Jangan hanya di hadapan mereka saja untuk menyenangkan hati orang, tetapi sebagai hamba-hamba Kristus yang segenap hati melakukan kehendak Tuhan” (Efesus 6:6). Beliau juga berkata, “Hai hamba-hamba, taatilah tuanmu yang di dunia ini dalam segala hal, jangan hanya di hadapan mereka saja untuk menyenangkan mereka, melainkan dengan tulus hati karena takut akan Tuhan” (Kolose 3:22). Adalah Tuhan yang memanggil kamu untuk melayani dan kamu hendaklah melayani dengan cemerlang dan dengan ketulusan kerana Tuhan yang memerhati dan melihat kamu bukannya pendita atau majikan kamu ataupun ibubapa kamu yang memerhatikan kamu. Tetapi kenapakah umat manusia mahu melayani dan menyenangkan manusia dan bukannya Tuhan? Alkitab ada memberikan kita jawapannya: “Sebab mereka lebih suka akan kehormatan manusia daripada kehormatan Tuhan” (Yohanes 12:43).

Melayanilah untuk menyenangkan

hati Tuhan kerana Dia akan memberi ganjaran kepada seorang pekerja yang cemerlang dan tulus. “Kamu tahu, bahwa dari Tuhanlah kamu akan menerima bagian yang ditentukan bagimu sebagai upah. Kristus adalah tuan dan kamu hambaNya” (Kolose 3:24). Penulis Mazmur berseru, “Oh, betapa agungnya kebaikanMu, yang Kau rancangkan untuk mereka yang taat kepadaMu, yang Kau sediakan untuk mereka yang mempercayai dan menghormatiMu di kalangan umat manusia!” (Mazmur 31:19). Melayani untuk kecemerlangan dan ketulusan kerana jerih payahmu tidaklah sia-sia! Paulus berkata, “Karena itu, saudara-saudaraku yang dikasihi, berdirilah teguh, jangan goyah dan giatlah selalu dalam pekerjaan Tuhan! Sebab kamu tahu, bahwa dalam persekutuan dengan Tuhan, jerih payahmu tidak sia-sia” (1 Korintus 15:58).

Bagaimanakah kita tahu bila kita kekurangan dalam ketulusan dan tidak melaksanakan tugas dengan cemerlang dalam hidup kita? Bila kita menipu dan mencuri—menjadi malas dan tidak peduli, bila kita membohong—menjadi tidak bertanggungjawab dan tidak sungguh-sungguh, bila kita lalai—menjadi leka dan berkompromi, bila kita mementingkan diri sendiri sahaja—tidak menghasilkan apa-apa dan membazir, dan bila kita bertindak tidak adil—mempunyai buruk sangka dan tanpa perasaan belas kasihan.

Untuk menjadi seorang pembina mahir yang bijak dan pekerja yang cemerlang, kita mesti juga melayani dengan taat kepada Tuhan. “Hai hamba-hamba, taatilah tuanmu yang di dunia ini dalam segala hal, jangan hanya di hadapan mereka saja untuk menyenangkan mereka, melainkan dengan tulus hati karena takut akan Tuhan” (Kolose 3:22). Umat manusia perlu mentaati Tuhan. Apabila manusia hilang rasa takut akan Tuhan, dia akan menjadi atau bertindak bagaikan binatang kerana tiada had untuknya. Yesus mengajar kita supaya mentaati Tuhan. Yesus bersabda, “Hai sahabat-sahabatKu, janganlah kamu takut terhadap mereka yang dapat membunuh tubuh dan kemudian tidak dapat berbuat apa-apa lagi. Aku akan menunjukkan kepada kamu siapakah yang harus kamu takuti. Takutilah Dia, yang setelah membunuh, mempunyai kuasa untuk melemparkan orang ke dalam neraka. Sesungguhnya Aku berkata kepadamu, takutilah Dia!” (Lukas 12:4-5). Manusia hanya boleh memusnahkan tubuh kamu tetapi Tuhan

juga dapat membinasakan roh kamu. Layani dan taatilah Tuhan kerana Dia adalah yang paling agung dan berkuasa daripada umat manusia. Pengadilan Tuhan adalah lebih tegas daripada mana-mana manusia.

Tuhan menyayangi dan mengambil berat tentang kamu. Yesus bersabda, “Bukankah burung pipit dijual lima ekor dua duit? Sungguhpun demikian tidak seekorpun daripadanya yang dilupakan Tuhan, bahkan rambut kepalamu pun terhitung semuanya. Karena itu jangan takut, karena kamu lebih berharga daripada banyak burung pipit” (Lukas 12:6-7). Jika Tuhan mengambil berat tentang burung pipit yang dapat dibeli dengan murah, betapa berharga lagi diri kamu kepadaNya. Tuhan adalah pembekal dan keselamatan kita. Rasul Petrus berkata, “Serahkanlah segala kekhawatiranmu kepadaNya, sebab Ia yang memerihara kamu” (1 Petrus 5:7). Dia adalah Tuhan yang mempunyai kuasa untuk mengubah situasi yang rumit dan negatif—konflik dan penganiayaan kepada yang memanfaatkan kamu. Paulus berkata, “Kita tahu sekarang, bahwa Tuhan turut bekerja dalam segala sesuatu yang mendatangkan kebaikan bagi mereka yang mengasihi Dia, iaitu bagi mereka yang terpanggil sesuai dengan rencana Tuhan” (Roma 8:28) dan “Sebab penderitaan ringan yang sekarang ini, mengerjakan bagi kami kemuliaan kekal yang melebihi segala-galanya, jauh lebih besar daripada penderitaan kami” (2 Korintus 4:17). Tuhan bersabda, “Cukuplah kasih karuniaKu bagimu, sebab justru dalam kelemahanlah kuasaKu menjadi sempurna” (2 Korintus 12:9).

Tuhan adalah setia tetapi kamu perlu membuat pilihan. Adakah kamu akan melayaniNya dengan cemerlang dan tulus, menyenangkanNya dan bukan manusia? Adakah kamu akan takut akan Dia? Adakah kamu, seperti Yosua dan seisi keluarganya, akan mengistiharkan, “Tetapi untuk aku dan rumahku, kami akan berbakti dan melayani Tuhan” (Yosua 24:15). 🙏

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Light-hearted (left) and serious moments with Rev. Dikran Salbashian

At the Men's Workshop



At the Youth Workshop



Living enthusiastically!

By Audrey Kum, Chow Sang Hoe, Michael Yee, Jeanette Alphonsus and Adrian Lee

What was in the minds of the campers who headed to Copthorne Orchid and Crown Jewel Hotels for our Family Camp in Penang? Food—spiritual and definitely the famed Penang cuisine—fun and fellowship! We were expecting to be blessed during these four days from 5 to 8 June 2006.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, at the keynote session, zeroed in on three destructive situations that can kill our enthusiasm, namely disappointment, emotional hurt and bitterness. It is these common, 'little' things that destroy us and we need to deal with them by confessing them to the Lord and asking Him for forgiveness. It was a great way to begin camp, as it prepared our hearts to be receptive to the Lord.

Amidst much laughter, Camp Speaker, Rev. Dikran Salbashian, from Jordan, brought home many great truths

from the Word. He said it is important that we see God as a loving Father because this affects our thoughts of ourselves and our actions. Our God is also a covenant-keeping God who will continually bless us until we stop Him with our sins. We must expect our faith to face examinations: trials of difficulties, persecutions, the silence of God, apparent rejection by God and the trial of waiting for God to act.

Rev. Dikran said that grumbling is a great killer of enthusiasm. We must counter this with thanksgiving, positive thoughts, prayer and forgiveness. We also

cannot live enthusiastically unless we have a purpose in life. Senior Pastor concluded by challenging us to faithfully mind the business that God gave each of us so that we can fulfil what God has purposed for Calvary Church.

The men, women and youth had separate workshops. Rev. Dikran challenged the men to seek God's will so that they can make purposeful choices and decisions to fulfill His will. Associate Pastor Steven Kum encouraged the men to emulate three qualities of Nehemiah which helped him fulfil God's calling: a

reverence for God, a relationship with God and men and a solid reputation.

Sister Ani Salbashian's testimony of how God has used her to win souls for Him greatly challenged the women to trust and obey God to do the same through them. Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam challenged the women to live enthusiastically using their God-given gifts.

Assistant Pastor David Seah challenged the youth to allow God to be Lord of every "room" in their lives so that they can live victoriously. And Jim



The ladies being blessed by Sister Ani Salbashian at their Workshop



Senior Pastor acknowledging the good work done by those who organised the Family Camp

Guneratnam encouraged them to throw off everything that hinders their living enthusiastically for the Lord.

It was a great camp! We thank God

for all who worked so hard to bless us. And we certainly had our fill of food—both the spiritual and physical kind!

Continued overleaf



From left: The toddlers; Kids having some fun; youths playing board games in the evening; checking out Penang food; Meal time at the hotel; Fun at the pool; Youths at the Penang War Museum; The Sanctuary Choir, one of several groups who ministered in song during each session



Chinese Camp

By Lim Chune Sin

More than 52 worshippers from our Chinese-speaking congregation and their loved ones attended this year's Chinese Family Camp held in Penang.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam inspired us to overcome the disappointments in life, emotional hurts and bitterness so that we can live with enthusiasm.

Rev. Lawrence Yap, from Charis Christian Center, shared on how we can overcome the Goliath in our lives by believing that God is real, that He is faithful and by following in His ways. He also touched on the life of Moses on how we can rise up and serve God enthusiastically by knowing who we are



Rev. Lawrence Yap (left) and Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam ministering to the Chinese campers

The sessions were held at the Crown Jewel Hotel home and in the community where we live. When we begin to sow seeds of good works with love and compassion, we can also expect to reap a good harvest in due time.

The simple yet very powerful messages have brought wonderful renewal to our spiritual life. Many campers responded and sought the Lord at the altar after each session. Praise the Lord for the 12 who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We had good times of fellowship over meals and the recreational activities greatly enhanced the bonding we have with one another.

in God's eyes. By depending on His grace and power we can be bold and strong to let God use us. He also encouraged us that Jesus, our good, great and chief Shepherd will empower us to live for Him while we await His return.

By living enthusiastically for God, we can become a very powerful witness at

Kids' Camp

By Michael Chang



Associate Pastor Chris Lee speaking to the kids



A total of 124 (12 babies and toddlers; 24 aged four to six and 88 aged seven to 12) children had a fun filled and exciting time in a specially planned African Safari themed programme, "Serengeti Trek—Where kids are wild about God" complete with jungle-like decorations, green plants and jungle animal noises playing throughout the day and mascot banners.

The older children (seven to 12 years) were taken on a daily "Bible Expedition" by the Creative Arts Team while the younger ones (four to six years) had "role-play" Bible Story lessons where they learnt in a participative manner, different Bible Points like: Know God,

Talk to God, Tell About God, Love God and Work for God.


The "Chadder Adventure" video shown daily further emphasised the daily lessons and kept the children asking for more. Even the hand crafts and snacks were in line with the daily Bible Points.

Praise and thank God that on the second night, 15 children experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for the first time and many others were refreshed in the Lord and 35 children responded for salvation and rededication during the



various sessions.

Associate Pastor Chris Lee together with the Children's Ministry coordinators, teachers, helpers and parents who were helping also joined in the fun, games and Bible lessons. They sang the action songs and even had their faces painted!

All Glory to God for an exciting and spiritually rewarding time! 

Enthusiastically

Special presentation by the kids at the Adult Camp



Congratulations Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam— General Superintendent Emeritus!




General Superintendent Emeritus conferred by Rev. Dr Vincent Leoh, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia



The Executive Brethren of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia (above) and the congregation including delegates of the Assemblies of God Asia Pacific Conference and Calvarites (below), praying for Senior Pastor Prince and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

On 2 June 2006, at the conclusion of the Assemblies of God Asia Pacific Conference, our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam was conferred the title “General Superintendent Emeritus” by the Malaysian Assemblies of God in recognition of his meritorious and outstanding leadership during his 26 years as General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God Malaysia.

At the 46th Annual General Council of the Assemblies of God Malaysia, Associate Pastor Peter Ong was re-elected to serve a Central District Committee Member and Field Representative for Malaysia Bible Institute. Associate Pastor Steven Kum was re-elected to serve as Field representative for Bible College of Malaysia. We congratulate our Pastors! 

Family Day



Calvary Church

Family Day

Set aside
31 August 2006
to fellowship with the
Calvary Family!
Look out for more
information...

Connected to each other through LGs

Romans 12: 5 tells us that Christ made us one body, connected to each other. What better way to experience and develop this connection than in the Life Group. Here are some testimonies of several LG members who have experienced the blessings of belonging to a LG:



Esther Von Lindeiner (left) and Janet Tan

ESTHER VON LINDEINER recalls:

“The whole idea of being part of a LG was alien to me three years ago. I was sceptical. However, bearing my heart open and willing to learn, I have indeed been blessed. I have learnt to pray for others and found direction in life. It is obvious to me now that it is necessary to stay in a group to be always reminded of God’s goodness and mercy. The testimonies shared have revealed the awesome power of God time and time again. Life is all about a passionate relationship with God as the centre of my life. This is reiterated each time at the Tuesday Ladies’ Worship Service and in my LG. I have been blessed in many ways by God’s favour and favour with authorities. In what everyone would attest to be impossible, I have experienced God’s divine intervention. I have so much to be grateful for and I praise God for His faithfulness.”



Agnes Yoon

JANET TAN testifies:

“After losing my only son, my life was shattered. There were no more tears, just emptiness and a broken heart, but God’s divine ray of sunshine shone upon me and led me to a LG. They accepted me with open arms and helped me make friends with Christians whom I later became close to and with whom I shared my personal struggles. They have become my support team and impacted my life and the lives of those around me. It has been such a blessing to me to be able to broaden my horizon and meet other Christian women who can come together to witness and testify of God’s grace, power and love. In the LG, I have found God’s strength and divine mercy to carry me through my journey of faith. My LG is a loving group where our Lord Jesus is always present.”

AGNES YOON says:

“LG is a ministry that caters to every believer who desires to be nurtured spiritually. Spiritual growth is neither instant nor automatic and there are no short-cuts to maturity. Since joining the LG from its inception, I have been truly blessed. We study the Word of God which is like a daily bread for my soul. My faith is also strengthened by faith-inspiring testimonies. We pray for one another’s needs. Sometime last year, my daughter had contracted a virus that doctors initially could not diagnose. For three months, she was in and out of hospital and I had to take no-pay leave for two months. Praise the Lord that through persistent prayers of my LG Leader and members, my daughter was completely healed. When there is an urgent prayer request from anyone in the LG, my leader will immediately inform the rest of the members and a prayer chain will be formed to uphold the person in need.”

Come join a LG and be blessed !
For more information, please contact the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7728 6000 ext 307 and 308.

Youth

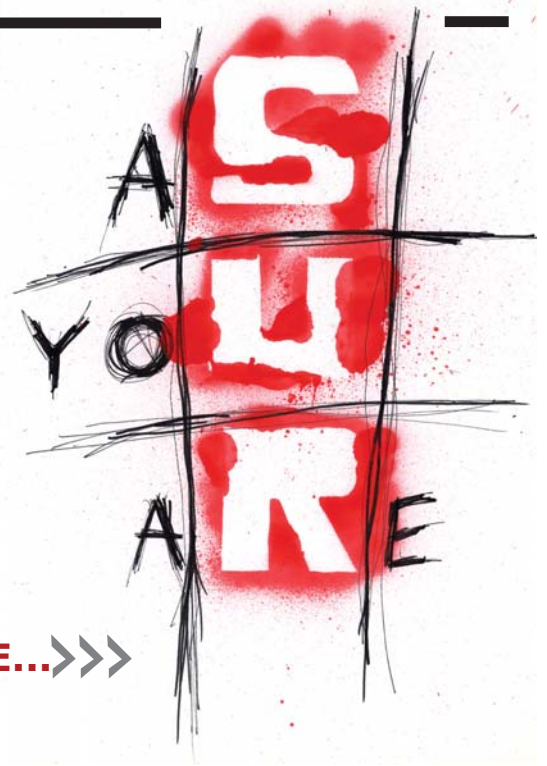
Hey Young People!!!

Watch out for another explosive and extraordinary night of worship.

Youth Concert 2006

is coming your way this **29th July 2006.**

How should you come? Come just AS YOU ARE...>>>



Baby Dedication

Thirteen babies dedicated to the Lord!

On 21 May 2006, at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated 13 babies to the Lord! We thank God for the parents who seek to nurture their children in the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. 🙏

Ruth Chew
Kah Yan



Matthew Tan
Jin Hui



Cheryl Cheong
See Hwa



Ethan Lee
Zhi Jian



Isabelle
Sisoski Chan
Huesere



Adda Soo
Ying Xuan



Ong Ken-Jen



Caleb Wong
Chee Keng



Liew Wei Zi



Isaac Chong
Jia Jian



Ezekiel Ng
Zhong Sheng



Grace Chean
Hui Yin



Dashayne
Lum Shen Li



1. Alan & Valerie Chew with baby, Ruth Chew Kah Yan
2. Jason Tan & Wei Chee with baby, Matthew Tan Jin Hui
3. Barry & Jeanette Cheong with baby, Cheryl Cheong See Hwa
4. Benny & Brenda Lee with baby, Ethan Lee Zhi Jian
5. Andy & Susan Chan with baby, Isabelle Sisoski Chan Huesere
6. Soo Tong Hui with daughter Amanda, & Wan Hwa with baby, Adda Soo Ying Xuan

7. David & Cheryl Ong with baby, Ong Ken-Jen
8. Peter & Fanny Wong with baby, Caleb Wong Chee Keng
9. Lawrence & Karen Lim with baby, Liew Wei Zi
10. Chong Chee Sing & Chai Ming with baby, Isaac Chong Jia Jian
11. Eng Leong & Angelynn Ng with baby, Ezekiel Ng Zhong Sheng
12. Chee Kuan & Esther Chean with baby, Grace Chean Hui Yin
13. Pascal & Grace Lum with baby, Dashayne Lum Shen Li

Calvary Life Ministries (CLM)



GRIEF

Support Group


For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one...

Every 3rd Thursday – monthly

Venue | Calvary Life Ministries (CLM), Damansara Perdana, PJ
Time | 7:30pm

Please call CLM at 7710 3360 for more information.

Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/(DH) 10.30am 5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
 2 Benny Ferguson	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i> Benny Ferguson	<i>Communion</i> Benny Ferguson	<i>Communion</i> Benny Ferguson
 9 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
16 Associate Pastor Richard Yun		Assistant Pastor David Seah/ Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
 23 Gary Thomas		Gary Thomas	Gary Thomas	Gary Thomas
30 Associate Pastor Peter Ong		Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
JULY				

 6 Jack-Tommy Ardenfors	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i> Jack-Tommy Ardenfors	<i>Communion</i> Jack-Tommy Ardenfors	<i>Communion</i> Jack-Tommy Ardenfors
13 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		<i>Water Baptism</i> Associate Pastor Steven Kum/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
20 Associate Pastor Steven Kum		Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
27 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong		Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
AUGUST				

Finish His Work Missions Emphasis

“We are...created in Christ Jesus to do good works” Ephesians 2:10. This work is to

Friday, 30 June 2006

Adults

Damansara Heights [DH] 7pm

Rev. Benny Ferguson carries a wealth of experience in ministering to people in many nations. Come and be challenged to rise and finish God's work.



Children [DH] 7pm

Count the children in! They are part of God's plan to reach the world for Jesus. An exciting night of discovery.



July

Chinese Fellowship Sunday 5pm

- 30** Speaker: Rev. Florence Tong
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: Mobilised to Reach

- 1** Youth Rally-REACH OUT
- 8** Cokes, Carwashes and the Good News
- 15** The Testimony of Miracles
- 22** Taking It to the Streets
- 29** Youth Concert: "As You Are"

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: "Sharing His Love"

- 1** Youth Rally-REACH OUT
- 8** The Dynamics of Declaration
- 15** The Practice of Love (I)
- 22** The Practice of Love (II)
- 29** Youth Concert: "As You Are"

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

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

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **12 August 2006** | 2pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **13 August 2006** | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | **2 July 2006**

August

Chinese Fellowship Sunday 5pm

- 27** Speaker: Rev. Wendy Ching
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: Consciously Connect

- 5** Celebrate Life!
- 12** No Man is an Island
- 19** Community in Action
- 26** Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: "Establishing His Truth"

- 5** Identifying Non-negotiables
- 12** Transmitting Values
- 19** Building Faith
- 26** Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

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

20-26 August 2006

Prayer Emphasis Week

"Your Will Be Done"

Matthew 6:10

Sunday, 2 July 2006

Faith Promise Sunday

God's work is a work of faith. And we are faith partners in His work. Faith is the only way to finish His work. Let us rise in faith!

Damansara Heights | 8am, 10.30am, 5pm
Cheras | 9am
Damansara Perdana | 10.30am
Ampang | 10.30am

"make disciples of all nations."

Saturday, 1 July 2006

Women [DH] 10am

Calling all women! Have you risen to your full potential?

Sherri Ferguson, wife of Rev.

Ferguson, has empowered many women to fulfil their God-given destiny.

It's your turn!

Youth [DH] 3pm

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Not when it comes to God's work! We need your dynamism and energy to reach out.

Rev. Benny Ferguson will inspire you.



卓越加上正直的心

文：古納南主任牧師

「無論做甚麼，都要從心裡做，像是給主做的，不是給人做的，因你們知道從主那裡必得著基業為賞賜。你們所事奉的乃是主基督。那行不義的，必受不義的報應；主並不偏待人」（西3:23）。

神呼召我們作卓越和正直的人。耶穌說，「你們是世上的鹽。鹽若失了味，怎能叫它再鹹呢？以後無用，不過丟在外面，被人踐踏了。你們是世上的光。城造在山上，是不能隱藏的。人點燈，不放在斗底下，是放在燈台上，就照亮一家的人。你們的光也當這樣照在人前，叫他們看見你們的好行為，便將榮耀歸給你們在天上的父」（太5:13-16）。卓越和正直的人是世上的鹽和光。他們是多走一里路的人。他們守信，守諾言，遵守誓言和承擔許諾。他們不但給僱主與工價相等值的勞力，並超過所規定的。他們熱心的生活。他們願意服從和服事。當別人看到他們卓越的表現時，他們便將榮耀歸給天父，並說他們所事奉的神確是奇妙的神！

所羅門說，「凡你手所當做的事，要盡力去做，因為在你所必去的陰間，沒有工作，沒有謀算，沒有知識，也沒有智慧」（傳9:10）。曾經有一位建築工程的承包商，他正面對財務上的困難。經濟正進入衰退時期，他的收支平衡出現了問題。他有一位富有的朋友聽到他的困境。這位朋友就給了他一筆大數目款項的支票，並對他說，「我要你為我建造一座房子。我非常忙因此不會檢查工程的進展，因我信任你。你可把房子建立在這塊地皮上。」

承包商便雀躍萬分。他想設法如何不按工程所規定的質量要求，為要賺多點錢而私自削減工序和用料。在房子建造完成之後，他帶了他有錢的朋友來看。那朋友見了感到很滿意和高興。然後他就對承包商說，「我並不需要這座房子。我這樣做是為了幫助你。我自己已經有了一棟美麗的房子。我要把這房子送給你！」聽到他這樣說，那承包商幾乎昏倒！他想，「我真是愚蠢啊！如果我知道的話，我就會用最好的材料，不詐取和建造一座更好的房子。」

聖經稱我們為建造自己生命工程的建築師。使徒保羅說，「我照神所給我的恩，好像一個聰明的工頭，立好了根基，有別人在上面建造，只是各人要謹慎怎樣在上面建造。因為那已經立好的根基就是耶穌基督，此外沒有人能立別的根基。若有人用金、銀、寶石、草木、禾秸在這根基上建造，各人的工程必然顯露，因為那日子要將它表明出來，有火發現，這火要試驗各人的工程怎樣。人在那根基上所建造的工程若存得住，他就要得賞賜；人的工程若被燒了，他就要受虧損，自己卻要得救；雖然得救，乃像從火裡經過的一樣」（林前3:10-15）。

從保羅的警告中，有五樣東西是我們要注意的：第一，你是建立在耶穌基督的根基上。第二，當耶穌再臨時，你所用來建造的材料或是將保存得住和得賞賜或是被燒了和帶來虧損。第三，你所用的材料將被火試驗和顯露。第四，那用金、銀、寶石建造的工程將

會保存得住，但是那用草木、禾秸建造的工程將會被燒了。最後，那用保存得住的材料者，將得賞賜。你是否用正確的材料來建造成爲鹽和光，因而當人看見你的好行為而歸榮耀給天父？

爲了要成爲聰明和正直的工頭，我們必須是爲討神的喜悅而事奉，不是討人的喜歡。保羅教導我們如何地事奉，「不要只在眼前事奉，像是討人喜歡的，要像基督的僕人，從心裡遵行神的旨意」（弗6:6）。他也說，「你們作僕人的，要凡事聽從你們肉身的主人，不要只在眼前事奉，像是討人喜歡的，總要存心誠實敬畏主」（西3:22）。是神呼召你來事奉，你需要以卓越和正直的心來事奉神，因爲祂在察看你，而不是你的牧師或是你的僱主或父母親在察看你。但是爲何有些人是要爲了討人的喜歡而事奉，而非討神的喜悅呢？聖經給了我們答案，「這是因他們愛人的榮耀過於愛神的榮耀」（約12:43）。


要事奉取悅神因爲祂必賞賜於卓越和正直的工人。「因你們知道從主那裡必得著基業為賞賜。你們所事奉的乃是主基督」（西3:24）。詩人驚嘆地說，「敬畏你、投靠你的人，你爲他們所積存的，在世人面前所施行的恩惠是何等大呢！」（詩31:19）。以卓越和正直的心來事奉，因爲你的勞苦不是徒然的！保羅說，「所以，我親愛的弟兄們，你們務要堅固，不可搖動，常常竭力多做主工，因爲知道你們的勞苦，在主裡面不是徒然的」（林前15:58）。

我們怎麼樣知道我們的生活在什麼時候缺少正直和工作表現並不卓越呢？當我們詐取和偷盜的時候——懶惰和漠不關心；當我們說謊的時候——不負責任和不委身；當我們粗心的時候——不經心地和妥協；當我們自私的時候——沒有果效和浪費及當我們對人不公平的時候——有偏見和沒有憐憫人的心。

爲了作聰明的工頭和卓越的工人，我們必須以敬畏神的心來事奉祂。「你們作僕人的，要凡事聽從你們肉身的主人，不要只在眼前事奉，像是討人喜歡的，總要存心誠實敬畏主」（西3:22）。人需要敬畏神。當人失去敬畏神的心，祂就成爲牲畜因爲沒有什麼事物來抑制他。耶穌教導我們要敬畏神。祂說，「我的朋友，我對你們說：那殺身體以後不能再做甚麼的，不要怕他們。我要指示你們當怕的是誰，當怕那殺了以後又有權柄丟在地獄裡的。我實在告訴你們：正害怕他」（路12:4-5）。人只能夠毀滅你的身體，但是神也能夠毀滅你的靈魂。事奉和敬畏神因爲祂比人崇高和偉大。祂的審判是比人來得更嚴厲。

神愛和關懷你。耶穌說，「五個麻雀不是賣二分銀子嗎？但在神面前，一個也不忘記；就是你們的頭髮，也都被數過了。不要懼怕，你們比許多麻雀還貴重！」（路12:6-7）如果神關懷價格便宜的麻雀，你對神來說可不是更加貴重。神是我們的供應者和保障。使徒彼得說，「你們要將一切的憂慮卸給神，因爲他顧念你們」（彼前5:7）。祂是

一位有能力扭轉困難和負面情況的神——衝突和逼迫，而使我們得益處。保羅說，「我們曉得萬事都互相效力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按他旨意被召的人」（羅8:28）和「我們這至暫至輕的苦楚，要爲我們成就極重無比永遠的榮耀」（林後4:17）。神說，「“我的恩典夠你用的，因爲我的能力是在人的軟弱上顯得完全”」（林後12:9）。

神是信實的，但是你要做一個選擇。你會否以卓越加上正直的心來取悅祂而不是人呢？你選擇敬畏神嗎？你是否愿意如約書亞和他的家人一起宣告，「至於我和我家，我們必定事奉耶和華」（書24:15）？

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The Bible calls us master builders of our life's work. The Apostle Paul said, **"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire"** (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).

There are five things to note from Paul's warning: First, the foundation that you are building on is Jesus Christ. Second, what you use to build will either endure and bring you reward or be destroyed and bring you loss when Jesus comes. Third, the materials you use will be tested and revealed by fire. Fourth, that which is built with gold, silver and precious stones will endure but that which is built with wood, hay and straw will be burned. Finally, the one using building materials that endure, will be rewarded. Are you building with the right materials to be the salt and light so that the Father is glorified when people see your good works?

In order to be wise master builders with integrity, we must serve to please God and not men. Paul teaches us to serve, **"Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart"** (Ephesians 6:6). He also says, **"Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God"** (Colossians 3:22). It is God that calls you to serve and you need to serve with excellence and with integrity because God is watching and not because your

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pastor or your employer or your parents are watching you. But why do people want to serve and please man rather than God? The Bible gives us the answer: **"For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God"** (John 12:43).

Serve to please God because He will reward an excellent worker with integrity. **"Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ"** (Colossians 3:24). The Psalmist exclaims, **"Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!"** (Psalm 31:19). Serve with excellence and integrity because your labour is not in vain! Paul says, **"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"** (1 Corinthians 15:58).

How do we know when we lack integrity and are not performing with excellence in our lives? When we cheat and steal—being lazy and indifferent; when we tell lies—being irresponsible and uncommitted; when we are careless—being careless and compromising; when we are selfish—being unproductive and wasteful and when we are unfair—being prejudiced and without compassion.

In order to be wise master builders and excellent workers, we must also serve with the fear of God. **"Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God"** (Colossians 3:22). People need to be God-

fearing. When man loses the fear of God, he becomes an animal as there is nothing to hold him back. Jesus teaches us to fear God. He says, **"My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!"**

(Luke 12:4-5). Man can only destroy your body but God can also destroy your soul. Serve and fear God because He is greater and mightier than men. His judgment is more severe than any man's.

God loves and cares for you. Jesus said, **"Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows"** (Luke 12:6). If God cares for sparrows that can be bought so cheaply, how much more valuable you are to Him. God is our provider and security. The Apostle Peter says, **"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you"** (1 Peter 5:7). He is a God who has power to turn difficult and negative situations—conflicts and persecutions for your benefit. Paul says, **"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose"** (Romans 8:28) and **"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"** (2 Corinthians 4:17). God says, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness"** (2 Corinthians 12:9).

God is faithful but you have to make a choice. Will you serve Him with excellence and integrity, to please Him and not man? Will you fear Him? Will you, like Joshua and his household declare, **"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD"** (Joshua 24:15)? 🙏

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

Vision becomes a reality!

By Assistant Pastor Karen Seah

For the 60 intercessors who made the trip to Calvaryland on 6 May 2006, it was more than just a journey to its location in Sungai Pelek. It was a journey of faith that they, as part of the Calvary family, had taken since the vision was birthed in the heart of our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam a few years ago.

Now that the vision has become a reality, it was indeed a cause for much rejoicing and thanksgiving. Standing on Calvaryland itself brought about a sense of awe and wonder because God has answered our prayers in ways beyond our imagination!

There was much excitement as Assistant Pastor Shereen Wong, the Pastor in charge of Calvaryland, shared about the upcoming plans to set up homes for the children, the elderly and a living skills programme for youth with learning disabilities. With these mental pictures of what Calvaryland would be, the intercessors went for a tour cum prayer walk within the newly constructed buildings.



Worshipping and thanking God



Praying for Calvaryland

Brief as it was, the trip was a memorable one—memorable because it was a reminder to us of the unfulfilling promise of God's Word in 1 John 5:14 "that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." And above all, significant because deep within the hearts of many, there was an inner witness that our God who has brought Calvaryland to fruition is more than

Assistant Pastor Shereen Wong (above right) sharing the plans of Calvaryland

capable of bringing to fulfilment our plans for the Calvary Convention Centre. What God has called His people to do, He will provide the resources needed to accomplish the task. What a blessed assurance!



Intercessors going on a tour cum prayer walk within the newly constructed buildings.



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