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God's Grace in Tight Places

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



"Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, 'Sit here while I go and pray over there.' And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, 'My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.' He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.' Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, 'What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.' And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then He came to His disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand'" (Matthew 26:36-46).

Everything does not necessarily go smoothly when you do the will of God. When Jesus did God's will, He experienced opposition, pressure, pain and sorrow. Yet Jesus victoriously said, **"Rise, let us be going,"** (Matthew 26:46) and the Bible says, with joy, He **"endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"** (Hebrews 12:2, NIV).

The apostle Paul was in a similar situation. He cried out to God to remove the "thorn in his flesh". He pleaded three times for God to take it away but to no avail. Instead, God said to him, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."** (2

Corinthians 12:9). This was also the experience of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Not everybody will be healed. Not everyone will be wealthy. But in any situation, God's grace is sufficient. You may be limping because of a broken leg yet you can

still be contented. You do not need to have a grand house on a hill or a beautiful car to drive to be happy. You can have what you have and find that God's grace is sufficient. Godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Timothy 6:6). Therefore, do

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Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam



Rev. Margaret Rodgers



Ellen Swigart



Sharese Bumphus



Denise Coleman



Sanaa Hana

A life-changing encounter

By Carol Weller

“I have rest and joy...Come to Me...you do not have to do the impossible...surrender your burdens...” These are some of the words of exhortation given to the 91 women who attended the Ladies’ Spiritual Encounter at the Corus Paradise resort, Port Dickson from 8 to 10 September 2006.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam welcoming the ladies to Calvary Church’s first Ladies’ Spiritual Encounter



The ladies symbolically burning the bondage of the past and celebrating God’s deliverance

What a blessed weekend! The women in ministry from our Church were ministered to by a team of five ladies from the Evangel World Prayer Center in Louisville, Kentucky, led by Rev. Margaret Rodgers. Rev. Margaret is the wife of the Senior Pastor, Rev. Bob Rodgers, who has spoken at our Church in previous years.

Rev. Margaret introduced the encounter as a way by which God was going to ‘peel off layer by layer’ all that could hinder us from a life of

abundance and fruitfulness. On the first night, we were invited to be like Zaccheaus who did not let any personal limitation or distraction stand in the way of a life transforming encounter with Jesus (Luke 19:1-10). Would we too be equally determined to pursue our goal of receiving healing and wholeness? We were assured that the love of the Father would be there to meet us at our every point of need.

The next day began an intensely poignant journey

that culminated at the foot of the cross. It began with a call to peel of the first layer of self-sufficiency and to come to a place of brokenness. It was a call to repentance and confession. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it would not bear fruit (John 12:24).

The need for us to forgive others was emphasised. Unforgiveness hinders the hand of God and could be a source of sickness or even poverty. Forgiving from the heart, the

identifying and breaking of curses and obedience to God bring about deliverance from bondage and inner healing.

The reality of God’s promises was felt beyond the power of mere words. Many of the ladies experienced the power of a fresh healing touch from God as we responded to the altar call after each session.

On the final night, Rev. Margaret Rodgers led us to a deeper understanding of the power of the passion of Christ – “the most important six hours in the history of man”. It was a revelation that the first “drops of blood” which fell from Jesus’ brow were in a garden (of Gethsemane) to break the curse of sin which began in the Garden of Eden. What an experience it was for us as we knelt at a wooden cross.

The next morning dawned like a new day and the Lord poured out His anointing upon us like a new wine of joy. It was truly a time to celebrate and renew our vision and purpose. 🙏

Go and make disciples

God is love. He is not willing that any should perish. His will is for us to be the salt and light of the world. When we go and make disciples, we are doing His will. He anoints us as we fulfil the Great Commission. Our Life Groups (LG) will grow as each LG member reaches out with the love of God. God has been using the LG members in the market place. Here are two testimonies of God's saving grace upon their colleagues and friends.

Lily Lim's testimony

*Lily Lim, Office LG, Damansara Utama
Installed 3 September 2006*

Lily Lim who works for a financial institution, cried for joy when her colleague, Leng Kek Yin, accepted Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour on her first visit to Calvary Church at the Visitor's Lounge on 16 July 2006.

Lily had been reaching out to Leng in her office for a long time. "I worked very closely with Leng on numerous projects at our office. This gives me the opportunity to testify to her of how God helped to sustain me in our very stressful and demanding workplace. Without God, I will never be able to press on. This has allowed Leng to be open to our Lord," confided Lily. Leng now attends the Office LG at Damansara Utama and Sunday services at Calvary Church.

Besides Leng, another two of Lily's colleagues, Chan Wai Khoon and Jennifer Liew are also attending Church and the same Office LG. "When God opened the door for me to help pioneer the Office LG at Damansara Utama, I invited Chan to join us. He did so readily and has been one of our most regular member each week. Then, I invited Chan to the Sunday Service at Damansara Heights. He enjoyed the sermons and decided to bring his wife along for the next Sunday service," said Lily.

As for Jennifer, she has also been attending Friday Prayer Meetings, the School of Christian Growth and Sunday Services regularly. Lily, Chan and Jennifer are now constantly inviting other colleagues to the Office LG. "Our Office LG set up a games stall in the Carnival and Chan was in charge of the stall." Lily sums up her effectiveness: "It is through speaking to my colleagues, showing care and concern and spending time with them." Indeed, God is faithful and Lily has the joy and fulfilment of seeing the labour of her hands bearing good fruits.



Lily Lim (far right) with her colleagues (from left) Darren Law and Chan Wai Khoon and her daughter, Nicole, at their games stall at the Calvary Carnival '06

Tracy Chang's testimony

Tracy Chang, Chinese LG, Cheras

"When my beauty salon assistant told me that her neighbour, Madam Yee Yoke Ying was depressed and suicidal about being cancer stricken, I was burdened to pray for her. I invited a Church friend to go with me to visit her. The Lord ministered powerfully to Madam Yee and she was visibly filled with the peace and joy of God," says Tracy Chang.

Madam Lee then went through chemotherapy and is healed now. Madam Lee's brother-in-law, Lau Kim Heng, was very encouraged by the dramatic change in her. Lau said, "During the next few days, I kept reading the tracts. The following Sunday, I went to the Ampang Satellite Church with Tracy. I was touched by the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ as my Lord in October 2004".

Tracy is very encouraged by Lau Kim Heng's spiritual growth. He was baptised in water in April 2005 and became an associate member in September 2005. Lau is a great blessing to the Bukit Bintang Street Church, helping in the cooking for the street people. He is also involved in the ministry of helps with the Chinese congregation at the Ampang Satellite Church. He currently attends the Chinese LG that Tracy helped to pioneer. 🙏



Tracy Chang



Lau Kim Heng

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Prayer Emphasis Week

Praying at various Church locations:
Cheras



Damansara Heights

Damansara Perdana



Ampang

Your will be done!

By Assistant Pastor Karen Seah and Audrey Kum

Despite heavy downpours and horrendous traffic jams, a total of 1,682 people attended the prayer meetings at the various Church locations on Wednesday to Friday night during the Prayer Emphasis Week (PEW) from 20 to 26 August 2006.

The purpose of the PEW was to challenge the congregation to turn from looking 'inward' to 'upward' i.e. to focus on fulfilling the purposes of God as the primary objective of prayer rather than just having our needs met.

On Wednesday, based on the sub-theme, "The Father's Will", the congregation was encouraged to pattern their

prayer life after the prayer model that Jesus gave i.e. "The Disciple's Prayer. They responded well in prayer and were very blessed by the testimonies of provision that were shared.

On Thursday, based on the sub-theme, "Living in His Will", we saw an example of the outworking of the "Disciples' Prayer" in the life of an individual, Joseph, who went through a myriad of

experiences in fulfilling his God-given purpose. The congregation was taken on a prayer journey based on the significant events of Joseph's life—from "The Dream" to "The Pit", to "Potiphar's House", to "The Prison" and finally, "The Palace." Because of his faithfulness, Joseph was put in a place of prominence and influence for the greater purpose that God had in mind i.e. the saving of



The children also had prayer meetings concurrently with all the adult prayer meetings

**“And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,
‘Oh, that You would bless me indeed,
and enlarge my territory,
that Your hand would be with me,
and that You would keep me from evil,
that I may not cause pain!’
So God granted him what he requested.”
1 Chronicles 4:10**



Youth Ensemble 3 singing “Be in Your Blessing”

Youth Ensemble 2 singing “This is My Prayer” accompanied by a dance by the Creative Arts Dance team



Ensembles singing “Prayer of Jabez”



many lives. In the same manner, the fulfilment of God’s purpose for our lives fit into an overall bigger plan that He has. Many were very blessed by the prayer journey because they could identify with the experiences that Joseph had.

On Friday, the PEW culminated with a prayer concert, the “Prayer of Jabez” – “And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, ‘Oh,

that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!’ So God granted him what he requested” (1 Chronicles 4:10-NKJV).

We were challenged to enlarge our territories, both individually and corporately as a Church. Apart from discovering and living in the

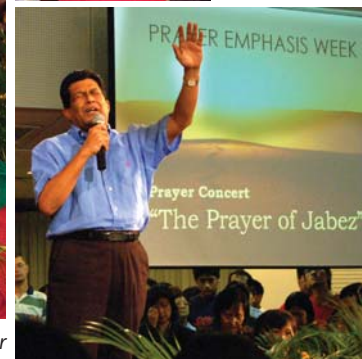
Father’s will, we are to maximise our fullest potential for His glory. God enlarges our territories so that we can in turn enlarge the territories of the Church. He wants to take us beyond the borders as a Church and He is enlarging our territories through the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). Through CCC, we will fulfil God’s vision for Calvary Church to be a fountain-head

church to impact the nation and beyond.

One of the highlights of the concert was the PowerPoint presentation of prophecies given to the Church. Many found the concert inspiring, exciting and touching. May our response translate into action as we pray daily, “Your will be done.” 🙏



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam praying for a fresh outpouring of God’s love and power



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam concluding in prayer

Kasih Karunia Tuhan Pada Waktu Terdesak

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam



“Maka sampailah Yesus bersama-sama murid-muridNya ke suatu tempat yang bernama Getsemani. Lalu Ia berkata kepada murid-muridNya, ‘Duduklah di sini, sementara Aku pergi ke sana untuk berdoa.’ Dan Ia membawa Petrus dan kedua anak Zebedeus sertaNya. Maka mulailah Ia merasa sedih dan gentar, lalu kataNya kepada mereka, ‘HatiKu sangat sedih, seperti mau mati rasanya. Tinggallah di sini dan berjaga-jagalah dengan Aku.’ Maka Ia maju sedikit, lalu sujud dan berdoa, kataNya, ‘Ya BapaKu, jikalau sekiranya mungkin, biarlah cawan ini lalu daripadaKu, tetapi janganlah seperti yang Kukehendaki, melainkan seperti yang Engkau kehendaki.’ Setelah itu Ia kembali kepada murid-muridNya itu dan mendapati mereka sedang tidur. Dan Ia berkata kepada Petrus, ‘Tidakkah kamu sanggup berjaga-jaga satu jam dengan Aku? Berjaga-jagalah dan berdoalah, supaya kamu jangan jatuh ke dalam pencobaan. Roh memang penurut, tetapi daging lemah.’ Lalu Ia pergi untuk kedua kalinya dan berdoa, kataNya, ‘Ya BapaKu jikalau cawan ini tidak mungkin lalu, kecuali apabila Aku meminumnya, jadilah kehendakMu.’ Dan ketika Ia kembali pula, Ia mendapati mereka sedang tidur, sebab mata mereka sudah berat. Ia membiarkan mereka di situ lalu pergi dan berdoa untuk ketiga kalinya dan mengucapkan doa yang sama juga. Sesudah itu Ia datang kepada murid-muridNya dan berkata kepada mereka, ‘Tidurlah sekarang dan istirahatlah. Lihat, saatnya sudah tiba, bahwa Anak Manusia diserahkan ke tangan orang-orang berdosa. Bangunlah, marilah kita pergi. Dia yang menyerahkan Aku sudah dekat’ (Matius 26:36-46).

Apabila kamu melakukan kehendak Tuhan, tidak semestinya segalanya berjalan dengan lancar. Apabila Yesus sendiri mengikut kehendak Tuhan, Ia sendiri mengalami tentangan, tekanan, kesakitan dan kesedihan. Namun Yesus menyatakan dengan penuh kemenangan, “Bangunlah, marilah kita pergi,” (Matius 26:46) dan Firman Tuhan juga mengatakan dengan sukacita, Ia “yang dengan mengabaikan kehinaan, tekun memikul salib yang sekarang duduk di sebelah kanan takhta Tuhan” (Ibrani 12:2).

Rasul Paulus mengalami situasi yang sama. Ia merayu kepada Tuhan untuk mengeluarkan “duri dari dagingnya”. Ia merayu sebanyak tiga kali kepada Tuhan untuk mengeluarkannya, namun tidak berjaya. Tuhan berkata kepadanya, **“Kasih KaruniaKu cukup bagimu. Apabila engkau lemah, kuasaKu menjadi sempurna di dalam engkau” (2 Korintus 12:9).** Ini juga pengalaman Yesus di Taman Getsemani.

Tidak semestinya semua orang akan disembuhkan. Tidak semestinya semua orang akan menjadi kaya. Tetapi dalam semua situasi kasih karunia Tuhan cukup untuk kita. Kamu boleh menjadi tempang kerana kaki kamu sudah cedera, namun hati kamu masih berasa selesa. Kamu tidak perlu ada satu rumah yang besar ataupun kereta mewah untuk menjadi gembira. Kamu boleh memiliki apa yang kamu sudah miliki dan mendapati kasih karuniaNya

adalah mencukupi (1 Timotius 6:6). Dengan itu, jangan menolak apa yang kamu miliki atau hadapi ataupun apabila kamu dalam kesakitan atau kesedihan yang biasa atau yang unik. Kasih karunia Tuhan menjadikan kamu girang dan berkemenangan. Tuhan ingin memenuhi keperluanmu. Kamu tidak berbangga akan kelemahan kamu, tetapi kamu berbangga akan kasih karunia Tuhan.

Yesus, dalam melakukan kehendak

Tuhan bukannya seorang manusia yang biasa. Ia merupakan Anak Tuhan yang tunggal, olehNya segala sesuatu diciptakan namun Ia mengalami kedukaan yang mendalam apabila Ia berdoa sendirian di Taman Getsemani. Dalam bahasa Ibrani "Getsemani" bererti tempat di mana buah zaitun diperah untuk minyaknya. Semasa berada di Taman itu, Yesus menerima kasih karunia Tuhan dalam bentuk seorang malaikat. **"Maka seorang malaikat dari langit menampakkan diri kepadaNya untuk memberi kekuatan kepadaNya. Dan dalam kesakitan Ia tekun berdoa. PeluhNya menjadi seperti titik-titik darah yang bertetesan ke tanah"** (Lukas 22:43-44).

Ada tiga peristiwa penting dalam kehidupan Yesus yang menyediakanNya untuk masa depanNya (kebangkitanNya untuk bersama BapaNya): belantara, taman dan salib.

Belantara melambangkan satu tempat godaan di mana kamu membuat pilihan sama ada untuk hidup ataupun mati. Apabila Yesus berada di belantara ini, Ia menghadapi godaan-godaan. Namun Ia tidak jatuh kedalam godaan-godaan itu tetapi Ia memilih kehidupan (mentaati Tuhan) sebagai pilihanNya. Ini menentukan masa depanNya.

Taman melambangkan satu tempat yang mendesak di mana kamu perlu menghadapi pelbagai tekanan. Di sini Yesus juga menentukan masa depanNya. Apabila kamu berada dalam taman ini dan memilih untuk melakukan kehendak Tuhan, untuk percaya dan mentaatiNya, kamu akan menentukan masa depan kamu. Kamu hanya dapat melakukan kehendak Tuhan melalui kasih karuniaNya dan bukannya dengan kekuatanmu sendiri. Ramai Kristen yang hidup dengan kekuatan mereka sendiri, mereka letih, lesu dan gagal. Mereka melakukan sesuatu berdasarkan "Aku boleh" tetapi Paulus mengajar **"Aku dapat...melalui Kristus yang memberi kekuatan kepadaku"** (Filipi 4:13).

Salib mewakili tempat di mana daging kita disalibkan. Sekali lagi, Yesus telah menentukan masa depanNya dengan mati di kayu salib. Cara untuk menangani ciri-ciri kedagingan, yang tidak mengerti kehendak Tuhan, adalah dengan membiarkannya mati. Masa depan kamu akan ditentukan melalui pengalaman di belantara, di taman dan di salib. Tempat-tempat yang mendesak adalah tempat-tempat yang penuh dengan cabaran.

Adakalanya, tekanan hidup ini akan menjadikan kamu sengsara dan

mengasingkan kamu dari orang lain. Kamu bersendirian seperti Yesus apabila pengikut-pengikutnya mengantuk dan tidak berdoa bersamaNya. Kamu sentiasa kembali kepada orang-orang atau situasi-situasi yang tidak dapat menolongmu kerana kamu terdesak. Kamu hendaklah berhenti daripada bergantung kepada orang lain tetapi sebaliknya bergantung kepada Tuhan supaya kamu mendapat kasih karuniaNya.


Kamu akan berada di tempat yang terdesak apabila berasa tidak selamat. Ini mungkin akan menukar peribadi kamu. Ianya akan membuat kamu terjaga pada waktu malam dan damai atau istirahat melepasi. Tempat yang terdesak boleh menyebabkan seorang yang baik bertindak aneh dan juga boleh menyebabkan kacau bilau di dalam kehidupan seseorang yang tidak baik. Seseorang mungkin boleh kelihatan normal walaupun sedang menghadapi tekanan hidup. Kamu boleh senyum dan tiada sesiapa yang tahu apa yang sedang kamu alami. Walau bagaimanapun, di dalam diri kamu, tekanan tersebut sedang membinasakan kamu.

Yesus mengerti tentang tekanan hidup. Dia tahu bahawa kamu boleh menanganinya dan keluar daripadanya dengan kemenangan. Kamu melakukannya melalui hubungan kasih dengan Tuhan. Kamu perlu meletakkan iman dan kepercayaan sepenuhnya dalam Tuhan sebagai sumber segalanya, tidak kepada orang lain. Bila Tuhan memberikan kamu satu janji, satu visi ataupun satu mimpi, Tuhan akan menunjukkan kepada kamu apa janji itu akan lakukan tetapi Tuhan tidak menunjukkan apa yang akan berlaku di sepanjang perjalanannya. Tuhan telah menunjukkan dalam mimpi kepada Yusuf bahawa beliau akan menjadi seorang pemimpin. Beliau bermimpi bahawa berkas gandum dan juga matahari, bulan dan bintang-bintang tunduk kepada beliau tetapi Tuhan tidak menunjukkan kepada Yusuf bahawa terdapat lubang telaga, isteri Potifar dan penjara menunggunya sebelum beliau menjadi seorang pemimpin. Tuhan tidak menunjukkan kepada kamu proses di antara perjanjian dan peruntukan kerana Dia mengetahui bahawa kamu belum cukup matang untuk menghadapi cabaran-cabaran tersebut. Alkitab menyatakan bahawa **"Tuhan memimpin orang ke jalan yang harus di tempuhinya dengan melindungi orang yang diperkenannya"** (Mazmur 37:23). Oleh yang demikian,

Tuhan akan mengajar kamu dengan memimpin kamu melalui belantara, taman dan salib supaya kamu dapat menangani kemuliaanNya apabila Ia menunaikan janjiNya. Oleh itu, wajarlah kamu melalui proses tersebut dengan kasih karuniaNya dan urapan Roh Kudus.

Ibu bapalah yang memahami ini. Walaupun mereka mampu menunaikan kehendak anak-anak mereka, mereka tidak akan melakukannya kerana mereka ingin mengajar anak mereka melalui disiplin. Sama seperti Tuhan, Ia tidak memberikan semua yang dijanjikanNya sekaligus kerana Ia tahu bahawa pemberian sebegitu akan melukai kamu. Alkitab berkata, **"Jangan berikan apa yang suci kepada anjing; anjing hanya akan berbalik lalu menerkam kamu; jangan berikan mutiara kepada babi, babi hanya akan memijak-memijak mutiara"** (Matius 7:6). Sebaliknya, Tuhan menyeru kamu untuk berjalan bersamaNya di mana kamu akan mengalami kasih karuniaNya.

Ada di antara kamu yang menganggap bahawa apabila saya tamat pengajian dari sekolah Alkitab, saya terus menjadi pendita Gereja Calvary yang mempunyai ramai jemaat dan pelbagai pelayanan. Saya telah melalui tempat-tempat yang terdesak pada masa saya dan isteri saya datang ke Gereja Calvary dahulu dan semasa kami memulakan Gereja Glad Tidings di Klang. Sehingga kini, saya masih mengalaminya, namun kasih karunia Tuhan akan menguatkan kami di tempat-tempat yang terdesak. Tiada lain yang dapat menolong. Hanya selepas itu kami mengetahui bagaimana cara mengendalikan kemuliaan dan berkat Tuhan di dalam kehidupan kami.

Kamu akan mengalami belantara, taman dan salib di dalam hidup ini. Pengalaman di tempat-tempat ini akan membantu kamu untuk mengimbas kemuliaanNya dan kamu akan menjadi terang dan garam di dalam dunia ini. Adakah kamu berada di tempat yang terdesak? Jangan berputus asa. Tuhan berkata kepada kamu, "Kasih karuniaKu adalah mencukupi untuk mu." 

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Performances conclude Training-in-the-Arts programmes

By Christopher Ling

The Creative Arts Centre was recently transformed into an engaging theatre space with the conclusion of two Training-in-the-Arts programmes organised by the Music & Creative Arts Department.

The 2006 Drama Skills Course (DSC) concluded with two nights of workshop performances on 29 and 30 August 2006 entitled *Inside the Room of my Soul* that featured twelve actors, 10 of whom graduated this year.

The ensemble piece combined original writing by the actors and scripts from various sources to encourage us to consider “the elephant in the room” – our spiritual condition and how we respond to Jesus.

The three-month DSC programme focuses on basic acting skills for the stage and ministry through drama. In the last five years, more than 50 Calvarites have been through the DSC and are currently serving faithfully in our Easter and Christmas presentations.

The DSC workshop performances were swiftly followed by the Young Directors Lab’s *Open Secrets*, which was performed over three nights from 12 to 14 September 2006.

The three-month Young Directors Lab (YDL) provides a safe place for young directors to hone their skills in directing for the theatre, which involves script interpretation, stage design basics as well as looking after the spiritual focus of their production team.

Throughout the duration of the DSC and YDL programmes, community was formed amongst the participants, which was centred on a mutual love for God and the Arts, enabling them to reach out in prayer and support for one another.

Thank God for ministering to actors,

directors and stage crew alike throughout the months of lessons and rehearsals as they dealt with personal issues as diverse as stage fright, pride, the need for self-discipline, confidence and conviction in what they were doing.

Actors encountered God in the scripts that they were performing whilst directors and stage crew learnt to trust God in all circumstances. In the end, each one was blessed not only with new drama skills but were, more importantly, drawn into closer connection with the Lord in the process. 🙏

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Young Directors Lab – “Open Secrets”



Drama Skills Course – “pondering the elephant in the room”



A total of six actors guided by three young directors combined an intriguing mix of set design, costume and live video in a 75-minute ensemble piece looking at how something as private as prayer can be put on so public a setting as a fashion show.

Drama Skills Course – a scene from “Inside the Room of my Soul”



Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)



Au Weng Sang, Calvary Carnival '06 Organising Chairman, giving his welcome speech at 8.30am



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam officiating the opening of Calvary Carnival '06



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for God's blessing after giving his speech



Associate Pastor Steven Kum leading in worship



The golfers meanwhile had teed-off by 8am



Senior Pastor and Pastor Petrina being taken on a tour of all the stalls by the organising committee

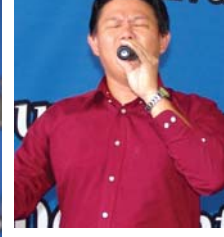
Calvary Carnival '06 By Philemon Soon

It drizzled almost non-stop the night before. The next morning, however, it was a bright and sunny day—a perfect day for a carnival, exactly the kind of day the Church had prayed for.

Calvary Carnival '06, held at the Bukit Jalil Golf and Country Resort in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday, 16 September 2006, took off on a fine start, with Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam thanking everyone involved in organising this carnival—from the stall and games operators to the security and traffic control. He thanked them especially for the spirit and willingness to give of their time, effort and talents to ensure the success of the carnival. He said, "It is people like you who make a great church!" Senior Pastor also said, "Make sure that Jesus shines through you." He prayed that everything done that day would lift and glorify the Name of Jesus.

From left: Liang, Juwita Suwito, Patrick Leong and Joanne Yeoh entertaining the lunch-time crowd

Introducing the CCC to visitors at the CCC Resource Centre



Accompanied by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, he was taken on a tour by the organising committee and introduced to all the food and game stalls as well as the bazaar operators before the entourage sat down to sample some of the delicious food.

The crowd came pouring in slightly after nine in the morning and continued

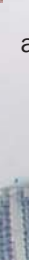
to come until 5pm when the carnival was officially over. Most visitors made a beeline for the food stalls that offered a wide variety of mouth-watering Asian delights and Western cuisines. Others thronged the games stalls for a bit of fun or to browse among the many bazaar stalls for all sorts of knick-knacks and curios.

The children had a great time too bouncing on the "inflatables" or trying to knock their opponents down with a giant-size battering ram. Those out for a make-over, grabbed the opportunity to have their hair cut by professional hair stylists at the makeshift saloon located within the games area. Golf enthusiasts too took their places by competing at the

friendly golf tournament at the golf course. Altogether, there were 80 stalls present to cater to the enjoyment of the whole family. Calvary Carnival '06 was organised not just to raise funds for the building of Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) but also to encourage Calvary members to take ownership of the CCC and to see the



Our Pastors hard at work over hot stoves!



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project as one that would benefit the nation, Church and all its members.

Some 900 visitors also dropped by the CCC Resource Centre where exhibits of the CCC were on display. Many of these visitors saw the exhibits, including a scaled model of the CCC for the first time and their comments ranged from “Awesome”, “Impressive”, “Inspiring” to “Love to worship in

this place”, etc...”. Indeed, they brought a spirit of encouragement.

The organising committee during their planning, had targeted to reach a revenue goal of RM 500,000. Guess what? The Lord blessed us with more than the targeted amount through sponsorship and coupon uptakes. Praise the Lord! 🙌



The gift redemption tent was a hive of activity!



Updates of Bite Size 2 giving

Updates of Bite Size 2 giving are available at the Calvary Convention Centre Resource Centre.

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Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam ministers in Santa Clara, California

By Pam Lee

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, together with Professor Kim Sung Hae Cho (wife of Dr Cho Yonggi) were invited to be the key note speakers at the Third Annual Conference of The Double Portion Ministry from 21 to 23 September 2006.

This ministry that seeks to minister to Chinese women all over the United States of America, was started by Belinda Liu, the wife of the pastor of the River of Life Church in Santa Clara, California, a Chinese Church that has 2,000 attendees and more than 40 daughter churches all over the world.



Seated (from left):
Host pastor Belinda Liu,
Professor
Kim Sung Hae Cho,
Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam,
Standing: Pam Lee



Pastor Petrina ministering at the altar

Pastor Petrina's ministry began at 7am on Thursday morning when she spoke to about 25 male Korean district pastors who lead different districts in California, at their breakfast meeting. At lunch time, she shared an encouraging message to 30 women pastors at a local Chinese restaurant. She reminded them that women were a powerful resource in the local church and of the importance and value of the role they play in supporting the ministries of the church.

At the first night of the Conference on Thursday, the hall that could seat about 900 people, was packed to capacity. Overflow facilities were available. Professor Kim shared a powerful message on having a positive attitude and the importance of the words we speak.

Pastor Petrina took the plenary sessions in the morning. The women came with great expectation and enthusiasm. After she shared her personal testimony of God's call in her life and His faithfulness, she challenged them not to be hindered by their past and traditions or expectations placed on them but instead, to rise to the call God has placed in their

life and serve Him. The women rushed to the altars during ministry time, forming lines for prayer. The strong anointing presence of God was felt as the women worshipped and poured out their hearts in prayer as Pastor Petrina ministered to them.

At each session, there was a time for ministering to personal needs. Pastor Petrina and Professor Kim prayed for them including the sick who came to the altar for healing.

On the last day of the Conference, Pastor Petrina shared a special word that she received when she prayed for the conference. She challenged the women to grow in their service and in their giving to God. She shared with them the blessings that come with living a life for God. Once gain there was a powerful anointing as God's Spirit ministered to the women who wept at the altar, rededicating their lives to Him.

The opportunity to spend time with these women have been a tremendous blessing. We thank God for their spiritual hunger, openness to His Word and dedication to ministry. 🙏

Royal Rangers

On 30 July 2006, the Royal Rangers conducted its 24th Council of Achievement (COA). A total of 111 Royal Rangers received 220 awards and advancements at the COA.



Expedition Ranger Lam Kah Leong receiving the Gold Medal of Achievement from Senior Commander Jim Guneratnam



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam praying for the medal recipients

Royal Rangers receive awards

By Lam Kah Meng

The ceremony started off with the Presentation of Colours done by the Expedition Rangers and the Discovery Rangers, followed by the Royal Rangers and the parents giving thanks to the Lord for the many blessings, through praise and worship.

The Ranger Kids then presented a skit entitled "David and Goliath" before our Chaplain, Associate Pastor Steven shared with us a short devotional thought. After being encouraged through the devotion, the Royal Rangers celebrated by receiving their awards from the respective Outpost Commanders. The Expedition Rangers

and Adventure Rangers also presented a skit each.

Finally, it was time for the medals ceremony. Two Bronze Medals of Achievements (BMA) were awarded to Adventure Rangers Josephine Raj and Josephine Tiew. They are the first girl Royal Rangers in our outpost to receive national medals. Expedition Ranger Lam Kah Leong was awarded the Gold Medal of Achievement, the highest award in the Royal Rangers programme. He is the first Royal Ranger in Malaysia to have earned all three national medals; Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals of Achievement. Senior Associate Pastor

Petrina Guneratnam then prayed for all the medal recipients.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Royal Rangers and the parents enjoyed the refreshments that were served in the Calvary Refreshment Center (CRC). All in all, it was a fruitful day. Seeing the Royal Rangers proudly walking up on stage in recognition of their achievements is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Royal Rangers Commanders in implementing the programme to develop these young lives for Christ. 🙏

Lunch-Hour Evangelistic Fellowship

A concert of promises and blessings

By Nicholas Loke

A crowd of about 60 people were serenaded by the vocal talent of Patrick Leong at the Lunch-Hour Evangelistic Fellowship held at Wisma Central on 15 September 2006.

Patrick brought a message of hope, perseverance and passion for the Lord's kingdom. This was indeed an encouragement for the attendees, some of whom may have been facing challenges in their work, family or spiritual life. We were reminded to live each day for the Lord and not be too distracted or dismayed by the things of the world.

Patrick brought the hour-long event to a close by getting the crowd on their feet and clapping to the vibrant rendition of "Hold On, Change is Coming". The lively finale left the congregation revitalised by the Holy Spirit and ready to embrace the promises of the Lord.

Praise the Lord for the two people who received salvation from our Lord Jesus Christ and many who dedicated their lives at the end of the concert. 🙏



Patrick Leong



This was the second time that he has been invited to minister in song here and many enthusiastically turned up to be blessed by this talented man. Through his songs, including those from his newly released album, "Unto You",



Chinese Evangelistic Meetings

“Blessing on earth”

By Lim Chune Sin

More than 600 people attended the three nights of the Chinese Evangelistic Meetings, “Blessing on Earth” held at Pusat Aktiviti Calvary, Damansara Perdana from 22 to 24 September 2006.

Rev. Daniel Choo shared with us how we can receive “The Blessing” i.e. Jesus Christ, into our lives. On the first night, he told us the story of the Prodigal Son. He also related how God delivered him from the harmful destruction of drug addiction and abusive violence. God healed and restored him when he was born again. Subsequently with this new hope, he was then given the

seen in the examples he gave of individuals who were trapped in debt and faced the threats of debt collectors, etc. When they gave their lives to Jesus and believed in Him. God empowered them to do His will and helped them to walk in His way for His glory.

On the final night, he shared how the blessings of God can come upon a person when he puts his trust in God and obeys Him. Abundant life and victorious living is possible to those who have faith in God.

Each night, we were blessed by special presentations. Testimonies were shared by individuals of how God delivered them from despair, fear, aimlessness, idol worship and brought hope and blessings after they accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. A

Chinese opera-style dance entitled “The treasure of the heart” by two members of our Chinese congregation brought delight to the audience.

There were 64 visitors, of which many are still potential believers. Praise the Lord that out of the 64, 15 of them made decisions for Christ for the first time and many were healed. From these, two have started to attend Sunday Services and one has had idols removed from her home!

Rev. Daniel Choo



Opera-style dance entitled “The treasure of the heart” by two members of our Chinese congregation



The Chinese Choir



The children had their own programme during the adult meetings

opportunity to study in Bible school. Through his powerful testimony of God’s transformation in his life, many people, including his parents, have been brought to know Jesus.

On the second night, Rev. Daniel Choo shared how the anointing of God can transform our lives and set us free from the dominion of sin, bondage and power of darkness. This was clearly



Responding at the altar

Baby Dedication

Ten babies dedicated to the Lord!

On 17 September 2006, at the Worship Service at Damansara Perdana, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated 10 babies to the Lord! We thank God for the parents who seek to nurture their children in the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. 🙏



Elizabeth Gan Hinee



Elijah Saharsh Peters



Christable Tan Mei Yee



Daniel Chong Wei Jyan



Ryon Wong Paul Wayne



Alfred Wong Wai Joon



Chan Zhi Tern



Wong Sook Huei



Samantha Ng Hui Min



Lim Fang Jie



1. Lim Jit Yaw & Audrey with baby, Lim Fang Jie; 2. Gan Tion Chew & Lai Kuin with baby, Elizabeth Gan Hinee;
3. Wong Leong Sang & Sherry with baby, Ryon Wong Paul Wayne; 4. Raymond Chong & Hua Li with baby, Daniel Chong Wei Jyan;
5. Martin & Stella Ng with baby, Samantha Ng Hui Min; 6. Ian & Lucy Peters with baby, Elijah Saharsh Peters;
7. Andre & Petrina Chan with baby, Chan Zhi Tern; 8. Kenny & Christina Wong with baby, Alfred Wong Wai Joon;
9. Gary & Josephine Wong with baby, Wong Sook Huei; 10. Bernard & Susan Tan with baby, Christable Tan Mei Yee

Twelve baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 12 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 13 August 2006! By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and Master.



From left: Front Row: Andrea Lee May Wan, Grace Ng Zhen Li, Ong Wei-Jen, Daniel Ng Zheng Han, Mary Jane M. Abad; Back Row: Angie Hor Suit Kiew, Crystal May Ng Mei Foong, Yap Kim Fong, Chris Lee Choon Kei, James Lee Zhong Kein, Christina Ho Sook Kuan, Kenny Wong Kim Hoong

Congratulations Rev. David Seah!

The General Council of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia ordains qualified persons for the sake of the Gospel ministry. The title "Reverend" is accorded to the full-time minister and is the highest credential given. An ordained minister is one who is a person committed to Christ, sound in doctrine, apt to lead, preach, teach and witness; diligent and faithful in the exercise of the ministry and whose life and conduct are exemplary.



Assistant Pastor David Seah and wife, Assistant Pastor Karen Seah, with the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia, Rev. Dr Vincent Leoh

At the Ordination Service held on 3 September 2006 at Agape Gospel Assembly, Seremban, Assistant Pastor David Seah was ordained. We congratulate Rev. David Seah and pray that our Lord will continue to bless him and use him for His glory! 

Jesus Christ is God

By Ken Horn

"We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return." This statement is how those who trust God's Word view Jesus.

Jesus is God in the flesh. John 1:1,14 makes this clear: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (NKJV).

Jesus is fully God and fully Man. He was not half man and half god. He was not a creation. He was 100 percent both—God the Son, who became human, and while temporarily laying down some of His Godly privileges (like omnipresence) continued to be fully God. This is what is meant by "[He] emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7, NASB). The NIV puts it this way: "[He] made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Jesus was perfect, without sin. Though He was tempted "in all points ... as we are" (Hebrews 4:15, NKJV), Jesus never sinned. Thus He could become the perfect sacrifice for our sins—which He did when He died for us. He completed the victory when He rose from the dead.

Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus is the only way to salvation—and to an abundant life of victory. He can be received today.

Based on one of 16 foundational truths of the Assemblies of God.

Today's Pentecostal Evangel,
January 22, 2006

神在困境中的恩典

文：古納南主任牧師

「耶穌同門徒來到一個地方，名叫客西馬尼，就對他們說：“你們坐在此處，等我到那邊去禱告。”於是帶著彼得和西庇太的兩個兒子同去，就憂愁起來，極其難過，便對他們說：“我心裡甚是憂傷，幾乎要死；你們在這裡等候，和我一同警醒。”他就稍往前走，俯伏在地禱告說：“我父啊，倘若可行，求你叫這杯離開我；然而，不要照我的意思，只要照你的意思。”來到門徒那裡，見他們睡著了，就對彼得說：“怎麼樣，你們不能同我警醒片時嗎？總要警醒禱告，免得入了迷惑。你們心靈固然願意，肉體卻軟弱了。”第二次又去禱告說：“我父啊，這杯若不能離開我，必要我喝，就願你的意旨成全。”又來見他們睡著了，因為他們的眼睛困倦。耶穌又離開他們去了。第三次禱告，說的話還是與先前一樣。於是來到門徒那裡，對他們說：“現在你們仍然睡覺安歇吧！時候到了，人子被賣在罪人手裡了。起來，我們走吧！看哪，賣我的人近了！”」（太 26:36-46）

當你遵行上帝的旨意的時候，每件事物不必然地順利進行。當耶穌遵行上帝的旨意的時候，他經歷了反對，壓力，痛苦和悲傷。然而耶穌凱旋地說，“起來，我們走吧！”（太 26:46）和聖經上說，因喜樂，他“就輕看羞辱，忍受了十字架的苦難，便坐在神寶座的右邊”（來 12:2）。

使徒保羅也經歷一種相似的情形。他向上帝祈求除去“那加在他肉體上的一根刺”。他三次求過上帝，叫這刺離開他，但是沒有作用。相反的，上帝對他說，“我的恩典夠你用的，因為我的能力是在人的軟弱上顯得完全。”（林後 12:9）。這也是耶穌在客西馬尼園的經驗。

不是每個人都將會被治癒。不是每個人將會是富有的。但是在任何的情形中，上帝的恩典是足夠的。你可能因為有一只斷腿而跛行然而你仍然是滿足的。你不需要在小山上擁有一棟洋房或者有一輛美麗的汽車駕駛才會快樂。你能有所擁有的並且感到上帝的恩典是足夠的。然而，敬虔加上知足的心便是大利了（提前 6:6）。因此，不要輕視你有的或者面對的，是否好或壞的，痛苦的或悲傷的，通常的或獨特的。上帝的恩典能使你微笑和勝利的。上帝要在你有需要的地方與你相遇。雖然你不會誇耀有關你的軟弱，你能誇耀有關上帝的恩典。

耶穌在成就神的旨意之時，不是一位平凡的人。祂是神的獨生兒子，藉著祂萬有被創造，可是當祂在客西馬尼園禱告的時候，祂仍要經歷憂傷和極深的悲痛。在希伯來譯文，「客西馬尼」的意思是踹橄欖榨油的油醃。當耶穌在園中時，祂從天使得到神的恩典。「有一位天使從天上顯現，加添他的力量。耶穌極其傷痛，禱告更加懇切，汗珠如大血點滴在地上。」（路 22:43-44）

在耶穌基督的生命中有三個重要的事件，準備他面對他的命定（他的復活並到祂的父那裡去）：曠野，客西馬尼園和十字架。曠野代表了試探，是關乎你做生死的抉擇。當耶穌在

曠野的時候，祂面對了試探。祂沒有屈從它們而選擇了生命（順服神）。這決定了祂的命定。

客西馬尼園代表了一個極其困難境地，那裡是你必須處理所有類型的壓力。這裡是耶穌決定祂的命定的地方。當你在園中，而你選擇要遵行神的旨意，信靠和順服祂，你將決定你的命定。唯有藉著神的恩典你才能遵行祂的旨意，而不是靠你自己的力量。許多基督徒是靠他們自己的力量生活，因此他們會疲憊，疲乏而且是失敗。他們是以「我能」來行事，但是保羅教導說，「我靠著那加給我力量的，…都能做。」（腓 4:13）

十字架代表了肉體被釘死的地方。再次，耶穌以死在十字架上決定了祂的命定。屬血氣的人不能領會神的旨意，處理他之道就是讓他死。你的命定將由曠野，客西馬尼園和十字架來決定。困難境地是充滿挑戰的地方。

有時，壓力會折磨你，使你與人隔離。你有如耶穌獨處，祂的門徒不能警醒片刻與祂禱告。你因為絕望，不斷地回到不能幫助你的人或情形那裡去。直到你停止倚靠別人而倚靠神的時候，你不能得到祂的恩典。

當你感到不安全的時候，你能夠發現自己是在一個困難境地。這可能改變你的性格。它能使你晚上失眠，平安和安息離你而去。困難境地能使一個好人有怪異的行為，使壞人帶來破壞。當你在壓力之下，也可能在外表看來正常。你能夠面有笑容，沒有人知道你正在經歷什麼事情。但是，在你裡面，壓力正在摧毀你。

耶穌明白什麼是壓力。祂知道你應該如何處理它並從中得勝出來。你是藉著與神所建立的愛的關係。你需要信心和信靠神是你的來源，並沒有其他。當神賜給你一個應許，一個異象或一個夢想，祂顯示給你那應許將能成就的事，但祂並不顯示於你中間發生的過程。神藉異夢顯示給約瑟知道祂將成爲一位統治者。他夢見田裡的禾稼，甚至太陽、月亮與十一個星向他下拜。但是神沒有顯示給他當中將會有一個深坑，一位波提乏的妻子和一個監牢在等著他。神不會顯示你這應許和供應之間的過程，因為祂知道你還不夠成熟來處理這些挑戰。聖經上說，「義人的腳步被耶和華立定，他的道路，耶和華也喜愛」（詩 37:23）。因此祂藉帶領你經過曠野，客西馬尼園和十字架來門訓你，這樣當祂賜給你祂所應許你的，你就有能力處理祂的榮耀。所以你必須靠祂的恩典和聖靈的恩膏來經歷這過程。

做父母的都明白這道理。他們也許有能力供應他們的孩子所要的，但是他們沒有這樣做因為他們要他們的孩子通過紀律學習。同樣地，神不一次就給你所有祂應許於你的，因為祂知道這將會傷害你。聖經上說，「不要把聖物給狗，也不要把你們的珍珠丟在豬前，恐怕牠踐踏了珍珠，轉過來咬你們」（太 7:6）。反而，祂要你與祂同行，藉而經歷祂的恩典。

一些人以為我是直接從聖經學院來到已經有很多會眾和許多事工的加略山教會。當我和我的妻子來到早期的加略山教會和當我們在吧生開荒植堂時一喜信堂神召會，我也曾面對困難境地。即使今天我還是有這樣的經歷，但是除了神的恩典以外，沒有別的能夠將在困難境地支持著我們。當神的榮耀和福份臨到我們的身上時，我們因而知道如何處理它們。

你將會有你的曠野，你的客西馬尼園和你的十字架。它們會幫助你反映祂的榮耀，那麼你將成爲世上的光和鹽。你是否正處在困難境地中？不要絕望。神在對你說，「我的恩典是夠你用的」。

（以上經文是採用中文聖經和合本）

十一月份

中文聚會 感恩會

日期：26-11-06
時間：下午五點正
地點：伯特利樓

祈禱週

主題：祈禱…祂是大有能力
經文：弗 3:20
日期：26-11-06 至 2-12-06

十二月份

中文聚會（沒有聚會）

聖誕節前夕聯合聚會

主題：完美的禮物
日期：24-12-06
時間：上午十點正
講員：古納南主任牧師
地點：武吉加里爾布特拉室內體育館

新年前夕聚會

日期：31-12-06
時間：晚上八點三十分
講員：古納南主任牧師
地點：大堂

申請浸禮及會籍 課程

日期：16-12-06（星期六）
時間：下午二點正

浸禮聚會

日期：17-12-06（星期日）
時間：下午五點正
地點：大堂
報名截止日期：5-11-06

November

Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Answers to Tough Questions

- 4** Why would God allow 'bad' things to happen to 'good' people?
- 11** Did I commit the 'unpardonable sin'?
- 18** Can I be sure of going to heaven?
- 25** Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Indicators of Jesus' Soon Return (Matthew 25)

- 4** Political Indicators—"The Fig Tree Buds"
- 11** Natural Indicators—"Global warning and the like"
- 18** Social Indicators—"Love grows cold..."
- 25** Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

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

Chinese Fellowship

Thanksgiving Service

Time | 5pm
Date | 26 November 2006
Venue | Bethel Hall

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | 17 December 2006 | 2pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | 16 December 2006 | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | 5 November 2006

December

Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Living Beyond the Box

- 2** Living Authentically
- 9** Living Accountably
- 16** Living Availably
- 23** Youth Christmas Outreach
- 31** Youth Celebration Rally

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Indicators of Jesus' Soon Return (Matthew 25)

- 2** Spiritual Indicators—"Counterfeit Christs"
- 9** Intellectual Indicators—"The Clash of Worldviews"
- 16** Christmas...Indicator of God's Matchless Love
- 23** Youth Christmas Outreach
- 31** Youth Celebration Rally

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

BM Thanksgiving Fellowship

Speaker | Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam
Time | 12.30pm
Date | 10 December 2006
Venue | Bethel Bungalow

26 November - 2 December 2006

Prayer Emphasis Week

Pray...He's More than Able

Ephesians 3:20

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPEN SESSIONS



WITH **Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam**

THEME | **Going from Struggle to Strength**

Senior Pastor will help you learn the steps through the process of turning around areas of your life where you have struggles into a place of victory and blessing.


DATE | 17, 24 November
& 1 December 2006 [FRIDAYS]

TIME | 7.30pm

VENUE | Calvary Church
Damansara Heights

COME AND BE BLESSED!

Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/DH 10.30am 5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
5 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
12 Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
19 Assistant Pastor David Seah	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
26 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Yong Chee Weng	Yong Chee Weng	Yong Chee Weng
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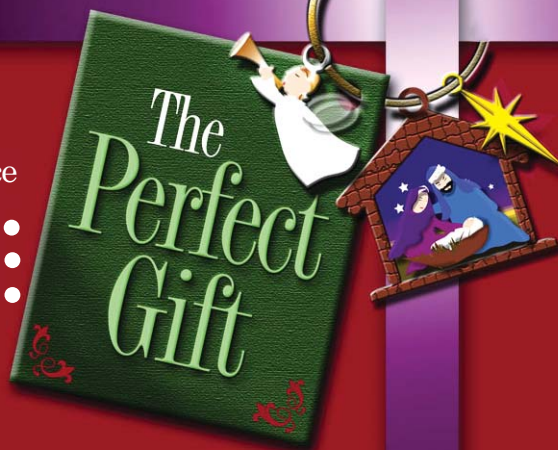
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10 Rev. Wirachai Kowae	Rev. Wirachai Kowae	Rev. Wirachai Kowae	Rev. Wirachai Kowae	Rev. Wirachai Kowae
17 Associate Pastor Richard Yun	<i>Water Baptism</i> Yong Chee Weng	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
24	Combined Christmas Eve Service at Putra Stadium at 10am Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam			
31 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Combined with 8am & 10.30am Services	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
DECEMBER				

Be blessed as a family this Christmas!

a Christmas Worship Service

24 December 2006 ●
10am ●

Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil ●



Plan to attend!

New Year's Eve Service

- Speaker
Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
- Time
8.30pm
- Date
31 December 2006
- Venue
Calvary Church
Damansara Heights

From front page

not despise what you have or face, whether good or bad, painful or sorrowful, common or unique. The grace of God can keep you smiling and victorious. God wants to meet you where your need is—where the rubber meets the road. While you do not boast about your infirmities, you can boast about the grace of God.

Jesus, in doing the will of God was no ordinary person. He was the only begotten Son of God, by whom all things were created and yet He experienced sorrow and deep distress while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. In the Hebrew translation, “Gethsemane” means an oil press where olives are pressed for oil. While at that Garden, Jesus received God’s grace in a form of an angel. **“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground”** (Luke 22:43-44).

There were three crucial events in the life of Jesus that prepared Him for His destiny (His resurrection to be with His Father): the wilderness, the garden and the cross. The wilderness represents a place of temptation where you make a choice for life or death. When Jesus was in the wilderness, He was confronted with temptations. He did not yield to them but chose life (obeyed God) instead. This determined His destiny.

The garden represents a tight place where you have to handle pressures of all kinds. This is where Jesus also determined His destiny. When you are in the garden and you choose to do the will of God, to trust and obey Him, you will determine your destiny. You can only do the will of God by His grace and not by your own strength. Many Christians are living by their own might and therefore they are tired, weary and are failures. They are doing things on the basis of “I can” but Paul teaches, **“I can...through Christ who strengthens me”** (Philippians 4:13).

The cross represents the place where the flesh is crucified. Again,



God's Grace in Tight Places

Jesus determined His destiny by dying on the cross. The way to handle the carnal man, who cannot understand the will of God, is to let him die. Your destiny will be determined by the wilderness, the garden and the cross. The tight places are challenging places.

Sometimes, pressure can torment you and separate you from others. You are alone just like Jesus whose disciples could not stay awake to pray with Him. You keep going back to people or situations that cannot help you because you are desperate. Until you stop depending on others and depend on God, you will not find His grace.

You can find yourself in a tight place when there is insecurity. This may change your personality. It can keep you awake at night, and peace or rest evades you. A tight place can make a good person act strangely and does havoc to a bad person. It is also possible to appear normal when you are under pressure. You can smile and no one knows what you are going through. However, deep inside, the pressure is destroying you.


Jesus understands what pressure is. He knows how you can handle it and come out of it victoriously. You do this through a love relationship with God. You need to have faith and trust in God as your source and no one else. When God gives you a promise, a vision or a dream, He shows you what the promise will do but He does not show you what happens in between. God showed Joseph that he will be a ruler through dreams. He dreamt the sheaves and even the sun, moon and stars bowed down to him

but God never showed him that there will be a pit, a Potiphar’s wife and a prison waiting for him. God does not show you the process between the promise and the provision because He knows that you are not matured enough to handle the challenges. The Bible says, **“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way”** (Psalm 37:23). So He

disciples you by bringing you through the wilderness, the garden and the cross so that you will be able to handle His glory when He gives you what He promised. It is therefore necessary for you to go through the process by His grace and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Parents understand this. They may have the capability of providing their children with what they want but they do not because they want their children to learn through discipline. Similarly, God does not give you what He promised you all at once because He knows it will hurt you. The Bible says, **“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces”** (Matthew 7:6). Instead, He asks you to walk with Him where you will experience His grace.

Some people think that I came directly from Bible School to Calvary Church with a large congregation and with its many ministries. I had my tight places when my wife and I came to Calvary Church in its early years and when we pioneered the Glad Tidings church in Klang. I still do, even today but God’s grace will sustain us in tight places. Nothing else will. We will then know how to handle the glory and blessings of God when they come upon us.

You will have your wilderness, your garden and your cross. They will help you reflect His glory and you will become the light and the salt of the earth. Are you in a tight place? Do not give up. God is saying to you, “My grace is sufficient for you.” 

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Bible.

A refreshing outing!

By Henry Wee

The Bahasa Malaysia and Filipino Life Groups came together on 19 August 2006 for a combined outing held for the fourth consecutive year. This time they were off to Bayu Beach Resort in Port Dickson where the participants were treated to a relaxing paced programme which included beach games, a buffet lunch and some free time.

Many kind employers were up as early as 6.45am to send their helpers to the Church at Damansara Heights.

During the morning devotion, Assistant Pastor David Seah set the direction for the day by addressing the issue of the human heart by using the analogy of the sea. Many times, while the sea surface may appear to be serene, the underwater condition could be turbulent. Very often too, we may appear calm and collected, but we may be experiencing great turmoil within, which no one knows about. The Bible says that though our flesh and heart may fail, the Lord is our strength and our portion forever. Pastor David reminded the participants that God's peace, which transcends all knowledge and understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

At the altar, six individuals acknowledged Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour whilst 21 others re-dedicated their lives.

The Lord's favour was evident as we were blessed with excellent weather and a smooth trip to Port Dickson. Peals of laughter were heard as the participants played the telematches at the beach. Later, we were treated to a scrumptious buffet lunch.

Thereafter, the organiser highlighted some of the values exhibited whilst playing the telematches. Teamwork, co-operation, unity and solidarity are important values needed in any team. The participants were reminded that as Christians, we are to cultivate these values for God's glory.

The outing ended with a prize-giving ceremony. Prizes were awarded to group winners for the telematches as well as for groups and individuals who displayed outstanding Christ-like values

throughout the trip.

Through the outing, the participants developed a greater sense of gratitude towards their employers and the Church. The outing was a refreshing time for the helpers to unwind and make new friendships. All in all, these participants went home having a greater determination to reciprocate such kindness with diligent work and a deeper sense of responsibility to their employers and their families.

"Puji Tuhan! Purihan ka O Dios!" 

During the morning devotion at Calvary Church



At Bayu Beach Resort in Port Dickson



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