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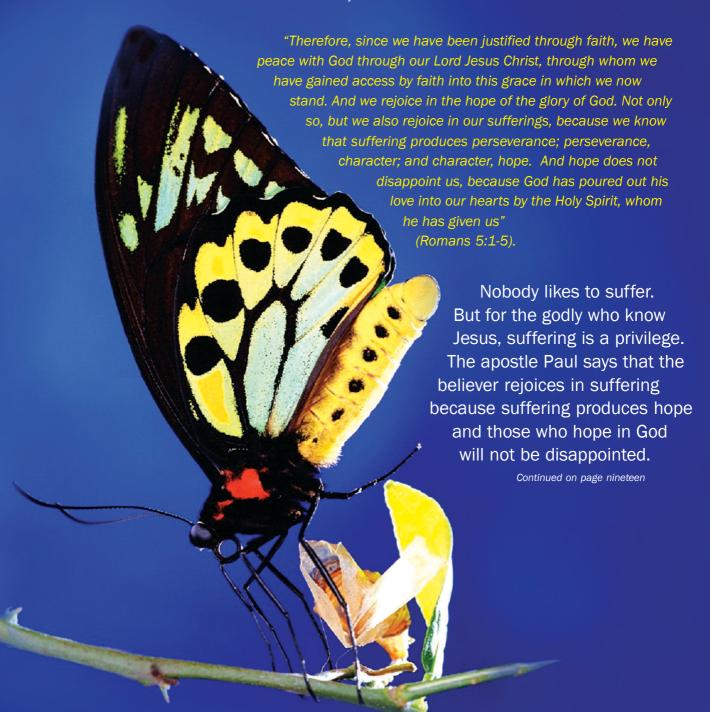
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The Privilege of Suffering

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



Father's Day at Calvary Church By Audrey Kum

Fathers are precious and important to Calvary Church. On Father's Day, 17 June 2007, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam said that a great father will treat others with compassion, act with courage to defend their family and recognise wisdom and pass it on to their children. Such a father will help to raise up future leaders for the glory of God.

Senior Pastor's message challenged us to recognise God in the situations we face in our lives. God has made us victors and conquerors but we often run off and do not stay long enough for Him to reveal His plan to us!

He pointed out that we cannot hear from God and receive His strategy for victory if in the first place, we do not even recognise Him when we meet Him. If we do not see correctly, Senior Pastor said, we will naturally speak wrongly and end up with wrong conclusions, like Joshua when he encountered a "man" who stood opposite him with his sword drawn in

his hand (Joshua 5:13-15). When the "man" declared who he was, Joshua recognised Him to be the Lord Himself and fell down to the ground and worshipped Him! It was after Joshua recognised the Lord that he was given God's strategy for victory in Jericho (Joshua 6:1-5).

The Youth Choir singing, "Love Goes On"









Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam praying for the fathers

Benedict Tay, husband of Deaconess Bernadette, was among 659 fathers who received gifts

from the Church

The Carpenter's Workshop (CW) kids presenting a light-hearted skit, "No Substitute for Dad'





at all the Services

A lively rendition of "Love Goes On" by the Youth Choir The CW Kids presenting the same skit, "No Substitute for Dad"

Many times we see the familiar and do not recognise God when He is doing something new. Senior Pastor gave us several other examples to illustrate this tendency. Elijah expected to see God in the strong wind, the earthquake and fire when instead He was in a still small voice (1 Kings

19:11-13); Jesus' disciples thought they saw a ghost and could not recognise Him when He walked on the sea towards them (Matthew 14:22-27) and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognise the risen Jesus until they had a meal with Him (Luke 24:13-16; 28:31).

Those who needed to see and recognise God in their difficult situations and receive His strategy for victory responded to the message by seeking the Lord and receiving His Word in their hearts to guide them.

Cheras

The CW kids presenting the skit, "No Substitute for Dad" at both Cheras and Ampang



The Youth Choir singing, "Love Goes On" at Cheras as well as Ampang









Blessed Father's Day

... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles ... Isaiah 40:31

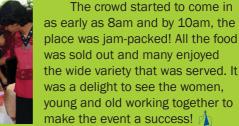


Love and appreciation to all Fathers. Calvary Church

Father's Day Breakfast

By Assistant Pastor Karen Seah

On 17 June 2007, the Women's Ministries of the Church put their hands together to organise a special Father's Day Breakfast at the Calvary Refreshment Centre.







some Calvarites

Jesus saves when we pray

his mother, Chua Moy Loy

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household" (Acts 16:31, NIV). This promise is true and amen for those who are earnestly praying for the salvation of loved ones. Be encouraged by two testimonies of Life Group (LG) members about the salvation of their loved ones.

66 I came to know Christ in 2005 through the faithful witness and prayer of my wife. Since then my LG members and I have been praying for my loved ones, especially for my parents and parents-in-law. In my heart, I knew the most difficult person to share Christ with, is my dad.

During Easter this year, relying on God's courage, I invited dad to the Good Friday Service and to my surprise he agreed. The seed had been sown and after the Service, the Lord further strengthened my boldness to pray for my dad in front of my family.

A month later, I had a conversation with dad and I shared God's goodness in my life with him. When I asked him whether he wanted to accept Jesus as his Lord and

Saviour, he agreed! Truly, God did more than answer my prayer when He gave me the privilege to lead dad to Christ.

In June, dad was hospitalised and our LG leader and members came to the hospital and prayed for him. My mum and aunty who were present, saw the love of Jesus in our LG members and they were touched! The following Sunday, I prayed to the Lord to heal my dad and God answered my prayer-dad was discharged two days later.

Unknown to me, the Lord had just begun the work of salvation in my family as more exciting things were about to happen.

On 30 June 2007, Associate Pastor Timothy Ong, Assistant Pastor David Seah, Uncle and Aunty Cheong and my LG members came to my dad's house to pray for him.

My mum, my parents-inlaw and my aunt were also present. After praying for dad, the pastors and the church leaders shared the Gospel to each of my loved ones. Right before my eyes, I witnessed my mother, my father-in-law, my mother-in-law and my aunt, accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour!

What was supposed to be a simple visit to pray for my dad turned out to be an evening of miraculous salvation for my family.

Subsequently, my loved ones have been following my wife and I to Calvary Church. The salvation of my whole family was sealed on Saturday, 14 July 2007, when the Pastors and leaders went to my dad's house to remove all the idols! Praise the Lord! **99**

Ken Kuan, oug Lg

66 When my mother-in-law was saved days before she went on to be with the Lord in January 2006, I realised how "impermanent life is" and the importance of God in our lives. Even though I was grateful to God that my mother-in-law was saved on time, it was sad that she never knew God longer while she was still alive.

I desperately wanted my parents to be saved but I also knew that it was difficult as they were in bondage, being from a Taoist and Buddhist background. So I prayed and also requested my Life Group to pray that they would come to know Christ and have a fruitful and meaningful Christian life.

The miracle of salvation happened on 3 June 2007. God melted their hearts and for the first time, they listened whilst

my sister and I shared with them about Christ. We got them Bibles and they came to Church with us the following Sunday. They accepted Christ during the School of Christian Growth class conducted by Associate Pastor Steven Kum. I thank God for answering my prayer so swiftly. Praise be to God that their names are now written in the Book of Life.

A week later, Associate
Pastor Timothy Ong, Assistant
Pastor David Seah and Julie
Wong, along with the USJ Life
Group members, went to their
home to pray for them and
have the idols removed upon
the request of my parents. I
can see they are growing
steadily in faith, seeking God's
Word and excited about Him.
They are planning to get water
baptised together with my
nephew and niece.

Recently, my mother testified over the phone to her

testified over the phone to her sister, "I have never felt more peace, fulfilment and blessed assurance in my entire life until now!" I am grateful to the Lord for my parents' salvation. I will continue to pray for the rest of our family who needs to be saved and I know that they will come to know Him. His promise holds true, "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1: 37).

Judy Yeoh, Subang Jaya LG

At the LG, we always set aside time to pray for the salvation of loved ones.

If you desire to have a group to pray together with you, come and join us.

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

We will be more than happy to help you!



Ken Kuan and wife Esther (back row) with (front, from left) Ken's aunty,

Kwang Kot Ching, his father, Kuan Choon Leong, his son, Arthur, and



Judy Yeoh (back, far right) with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yeoh Joo Teong (front), and (back, from left) her nephew, Siew Tian Min, her sister, Vi, and her niece, Siew Li Llien



Looking forward to a scrumptious buffet lunch

From "the king" to the King of kings By Lai Tuck Wai

The luncheon organised by the Calvary Men in Bangsar Seafood Garden Restaurant on 16 June 2007 fulfilled the objectives of sharing God's greatness and salvation through music and personal testimonies and fellowship over good food. The 118 men comprising 77 Calvarites and their 41 friends who came, felt it was an afternoon well spent.

After a song of praise, we heard the personal testimonies of three men. Dann Lee shared how he came to know and surrender his life to Jesus. Following his salvation, he testified how God transformed his life and helped him out of his addiction to liquor.

Peter Khor then shared about God's healing power on his wife. She was healed from cancer. Finally, Lee Twen Goh testified about God's goodness and how his business was richly blessed financially when he learned to honour God with his finances. Praise the Lord!

A scrumptious buffet lunch was served before the main event. By then, everyone was feeling relaxed and contented, but the anticipation to hear the golden voice of the former "Elvis of Malaysia" was increasing by the minute.

HT Long certainly did not disappoint. By the time he sang the first song, "Don't Be Cruel", a song made popular by Elvis Presley, the men were tapping their feet to the music. He had a tremendously deep voice and as he sang, it became apparent why he was formerly known as the "Elvis of Malaysia."

Once a self-proclaimed atheist, Long said it was the death of Elvis that caused him to turn to God. In 1989, the Lord Jesus Christ touched him and he was never the same again. A few years later, he gave up his video and restaurant businesses to obey the Lord's call into full-time ministry to serve the King of kings. He used his God-given talent and versatile singing voice to evangelise. He has since ministered in evangelistic rallies, charity concerts and in hundreds of

churches in Malaysia and various parts of the world.

HT Long also shared about the power of God in healing his relationship with his brother whom he despised for many years for his Christian faith. Years of hatred and anger towards his brother were transformed into love and appreciation, because the brother, who is now an Assemblies of God pastor, had been praying for his salvation. His testimony greatly encouraged the crowd to believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour, the Healer and the Provider.

At the conclusion of Long's ministry, Associate Pastor Richard Yun gave an altar call. Praise the Lord, 12 men responded to invite Jesus into their lives as their personal Saviour and Lord. All Glory to God!

Long sang an encore, "He Touched Me", before we finally concluded the afternoon's event. 🖍



Tiada orang yang suka menderita. Tetapi untuk mereka yang saleh dan mengenali Yesus, menderita ialah satu hak keistimewaan. Rasul Paulus mengatakan bahawa pengikut bersukacita dalam penderitaan kerana ia menghasilkan harapan dan mereka yang mempunyai harapan dalam Tuhan tidak akan dikecewakan.

Penderitaan tidak harus merupakan sesuatu yang ganjil kepada pengikut Yesus. Sekiranya Yesus, Anak Tuhan yang tunggal terpaksa melalui jalan penderitaan atas sebab kebenaran dan kesalehan, maka pengikutNya juga harus melalui jalan yang sama. Dengan itu, adalah penting untuk mengetahui bagaimana menghadapi penderitaan apabila ia datang. Kamu perlu tahu kenapa Tuhan membenarkan penderitaan dalam hidup seorang pengikut yang benar, yang berdoa dan yang melakukan kehendak Tuhan.

Tuhan mendisiplinkan anakanakNya melalui penderitaan. Apabila kamu bertekad dalam kesabaran, kamu akan bertumbesar menjadi seorang Kristian yang lebih baik dan lebih matang. Beluncas perlu melalui satu tempoh yang gelap dalam kepompong sebelum ia boleh menjadi rama-rama yang cantik. Dengan cara yang sama, Tuhan membenarkan penderitaan bukan untuk menghancurkan kamu tetapi membuat dan membentuk kamu menjadi seorang yang indah untuk kemuliaanNya.

Disiplin sememangnya pedih.
Kamu membencikannya dan hendak
melarikan diri tetapi jika kamu
bertekad dalam kesabaran, ia akan
menghasilkan tuaian kebenaran dan
kedamaian. Alkitab berkata, "Jika
kamu harus menanggung ganjaran;
Allah memperlakukan kamu seperti
anak. Di manakah terdapat anak yang
tidak dihajar oleh ayahnya? Tetapi,
jikalau kamu bebas dari ganjaran,
yang harus diderita setiap orang,

maka kamu bukanlah anak, tetapi anak-anak gampang. Selanjutnya: dari ayah kita yang sebenarnya kita beroleh ganjaran, dan mereka kita hormati; kalau demikian bukankah kita harus lebih taat kepada Bapa segala roh, supaya kita boleh hidup? Sebab mereka mendidik kita dalam waktu yang pendek sesuai dengan apa yang mereka anggap baik, tetapi Dia menghajar kita untuk kebaikan kita, supaya kita beroleh bagian dalam kekudusan-Nya. Memang tiap-tiap ganjaran pada waktu ia diberikan tidak mendatangkan sukacita, tetapi dukacita. Tetapi kemudian ia menghasilkan buah kebenaran yang memberikan damai kepada mereka yang dilatih olehnya" (Ibrani 12:7-12).

Kesabaran yang penuh tekad juga akan menghasilkan kematangan dan

perwatakan yang Tuhan kehendaki dalam umatNya. Yakobus berkata, "Saudara-saudaraku, anggaplah sebagai suatu kebahagiaan, apabila kamu jatuh ke dalam berbagai-bagai pencobaan, sebab kamu tahu, bahwa ujian terhadap imanmu itu menghasilkan ketekunan. Dan biarkanlah ketekunan itu memperoleh buah yang matang, supaya kamu menjadi sempurna dan utuh dan tak kekurangan suatu apapun" (Yakobus 1:2-4).

Untuk kamu faham hak keistimewaan penderitaan, kamu perlu tahu siapa diri kamu dalam Kristus. Pertama, kamu telah dijadikan benar. Dalam Yesus Kristus, kamu bukan sahaja diampuni, tetapi juga dijadikan benar. Paulus berkata, "Dia (Yesus) yang tidak mengenal dosa telah dibuat-Nya menjadi dosa karena kita, supaya dalam Dia (Yesus) kita dibenarkan oleh Allah" (2 Korintus 5:21). Bila benar, kamu boleh bersukacita dan berdiri di hadapan Tuhan dan mengetahui bahawa kamu menderita bukan kerana kamu telah berdosa.

Kedua, kamu mempunyai damai dengan Tuhan. Suatu ketika dahulu, kamu terasing dan jauh sekali dari Tuhan, berjalan dalam jalan sendiri. Paulus berkata, "Tetapi sekarang di dalam Kristus Yesus kamu, yang dahulu "jauh", sudah menjadi "dekat" oleh darah Kristus. Karena Dialah damai sejahtera kita, yang telah mempersatukan kedua pihak dan yang telah merubuhkan tembok pemisah, yaitu perseteruan, sebab dengan mati-Nya sebagai manusia la telah membatalkan hukum Taurat dengan segala perintah dan ketentuannya, untuk menciptakan keduanya satu manusia baru di dalam diri-Nya, dan dengan itu mengadakan damai sejahtera, dan untuk memperdamaikan keduanya, di dalam satu tubuh, dengan Allah oleh salib, dengan melenyapkan perseteruan pada salib itu. Ia datang dan memberitakan damai sejahtera kepada kamu yang "jauh" dan damai sejahtera kepada mereka yang "dekat", karena oleh Dia kita kedua pihak dalam satu Roh beroleh jalan masuk kepada Bapa" (Efesus 2:13-18). Apabila kamu tahu kamu mempunyai satu perhubungan dengan Kristus dan kamu berdamai denganNya, kamu akan bersukacita dalam penderitaan kamu.

Ketiga, kamu memperolehi rahmatNya. Tuhan telah memberikan rahmatNya kepada kamu.

Al-Kitab berkata, "Sebab itu marilah kita dengan penuh keberanian menghampiri takhta kasih karunia, supaya kita menerima rahmat dan menemukan kasih karunia untuk mendapat pertolongan kita pada waktunya" (Ibrani 4:16). Kamu boleh mempunyai kevakinan ini untuk memperolehi rahmatNya apabila kamu telah dijadikan benar dan mempunyai kedamaian denganNya. Oleh itu, apabila kamu menderita, kamu boleh berdiri di hadiratNya dan bersukacita dalam Tuhan kerana tiada halangan dosa yang memisahkan kamu daripadaNya.

Mereka yang berada dalam Kristus, apabila mereka menderita, mereka dilengkapi dengan harapan kemuliaan Tuhan. Harapan ini bukan seperti harapan seorang yang tidak percaya yang berkata, "Sememangnya saya bercakap benar". Apabila kamu sedang melalui pencobaan atau menghadapi kesukaran dan kesusahan, berharaplah pada Tuhan kerana mereka yang berbuat demikian tidak akan malu atau hampa. Paulus berkata, "Dan pengharapan tidak mengecewakan, karena kasih Tuhan telah dicurahkan di dalam hati kita oleh Roh Kudus yang telah dikaruniakan kepada kita" (Roma

Mereka yang berada di dalam Kristus juga mempunyai kasih Tuhan di dalam hati mereka. Apabila kamu sedang menderita, Iblis akan cuba membuat kamu percaya bahawa Tuhan tidak mengasihi kamu. Sekiranya la mengasihi kamu, kenapa kamu berada dalam situasi ini? Sudahkah Tuhan melupai kamu? Sama sekali tidak! Penderitaan yang kamu alami bukan kerana Tuhan tidak mengasihi kamu. Ia sememangnya mengasihi kamu! Bila saya masih kecil, setiap kali saya dihukum oleh bapa saya, saya berfikir bahawa bapa saya tidak mengasihi saya. Kalau dia mengasihi saya, kenapa dia menghukum saya? Jawapannya ialah hukuman saya akan menjadikan saya seorang yang baik dan matang. Saya lebih memahaminya apabila saya sendiri mempunyai seorang anak dan terpaksa mendisiplinkannya. Dia juga terpaksa belajar kebenaran ini.

Terdapat ramai umat Kristian yang hidup dalam rasa mengasihani diri

sendiri. Mereka berkata, "Tiada siapa yang menghiraukan atau menyayangi saya!" Sekiranya kamu seorang umat Kristian, Tuhan mengasihi kamu. Al-Kitab berkata, "Siapakah yang akan memisahkan kita dari kasih Kristus? Penindasan atau kesesakan atau penganiayaan, atau kelaparan atau ketelanjangan, atau bahaya, atau pedang?" (Roma 8:35). Ingatlah yang kamu telah dijadikan benar, sudah berdamai dengan Tuhan, memperolehi rahmatNya dan mempunyai satu harapan yang berdasarkan pada Firman Tuhan. Jaminan terbaik kasih Tuhan ialah FirmanNya. Dengan FirmanNya, la menciptakan dunia. Dan la telah memberikan kamu janjijanjiNya dengan FirmanNya yang berkuasa dan benar. Tanggungjawab kamu ialah untuk menerima FirmanNya dan mentaatiNya dengan harapan kerana iman dalam FirmanNya akan menjadikan Firman itu menjadi benar. Kamu akan keluar daripada kepompong dan terbang seperti rama-rama. Raja Daud yang mengalami banyak pencobaan, mengisytiharkan, "Kemalangan orang benar banyak, tetapi Tuhan melepaskan dia dari semuanya itu" (Mazmur 34:19). Dia berkata, "Sesungguhnya, mata Tuhan tertuju kepada mereka yang takut akan Dia, kepada mereka yang berharapkan kasih setiaNya" (Mazmur 33:18) dan "Sebab Tuhan itu baik, kasih setiaNya untuk selama-lamanya, dan kesetiaanNya tetap turun-temurun" (Mazmur 100:5).

Adakah kamu menghadapi sesuatu pencobaan, penderitaan, situasi yang sedang mendisiplinkan kamu? Ketahuilah siapa diri kamu dalam Kristus. Kamu telah dijadikan benar, sudah berdamai denganNya dan memperolehi rahmatNya. Bertekadlah dalam kesabaran dan percaya bahawa penderitaan akan menghasilkan karakter seumpama Kristus dalam diri kamu. Milikilah iman dalam Tuhan, pengharapan akan kemuliaan!

Untuk maklumat lanjut tentang Pelayanan Bahasa Malaysia, sila hubungi 03-7728 2694 sambungan 307.

"Share the Vision, Sponsor a Brick" By Gan Kim Khoon

There was an air of anticipation on Sunday, 24 June 2007 as the congregations at Church locations (Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana, Cheras and Ampang) waited eagerly for the launch of the "Share the Vision, Sponsor a Brick" campaign. Unlike the "Leap in Faith" project that was launched earlier in May, this campaign is about sharing with non-Calvarites the vision of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) and getting them involved through giving towards the CCC Building Fund.

The underlying concept is simple: if every Calvarite could win the hearts and minds of at least four non-Calvarites (who can be your colleagues in the work place, relatives or business associates), the Church would be able to increase the support base for the CCC to at least five times! Talk about the power of scale!

The strategy to achieve this objective is equally simple: get every Calvarite to become a Sponsor a Brick (SAB) Partner. As a Partner, one is required to purchase any one of four types of SAB Action Packs, which come in values of RM 50, RM 100, RM 250, RM 500 and RM 1,000. Inside each Action Pack are coupons or "bricks" in denominations of RM 10, RM 50 and RM 100.

The SAB Partner is then encouraged to share the vision and secure a minimum of four SAB Sponsors, who will then "sponsor" the "bricks" in the Action Packs. A SAB Sponsor can sponsor one brick for RM 10 or 10 bricks for RM 100 or even 100 bricks for RM 1,000. In fact, there is

Jeannie Friis launching the "Share the Vision, Sponsor a Brick' campaign.



no limit to the number of bricks one can sponsor.

Calvarites were shown a video of Jeannie Friis, Chairperson of the CCC Fund Raising Committee, standing at the construction site. With images of cranes and excavators moving in the background. Jeannie showed how we could all help build the CCC "brick by brick".

This was then followed by a video presentation by Daniel Teng, a member of the CCC Fund Raising Committee, explaining the process of sponsorship and outlining the steps needed to achieve the objectives of SAB.

After listening to the messages and watching the video at the various Church locations, the congregations were visibly inspired to take on the challenge of sharing the vision of building the CCC with their friends, colleagues, relatives and business associates.

It is time to act, not just through giving (which we have always done), but through sharing as well. The SAB project is our opportunity to do just this! This will be our effort to share outside, ask outside and reach outside. 🧥

At Damansara Heights Calvarites trying to identify who to approach to share the vision!











At Satellite Churches







SAB partners paying for the Action Packs at (from top) Cheras, Ampang and Damansara Perdana

A need for a

PROJECT MANAGER

Qualification

Degree in Architecture or Civil Engineering from a recognised institution and preferably registered with the respective Boards.

Experience

At least 5 years experience in building construction or civil engineering projects. Involvement in major projects will be added advantage.

Job responsibilities will include but not limited to the following:

In general

The Project Manager will be responsible for all technical aspects relating to the design, tender, construction, operation and maintenance of the CCC Project.

In particular

The Project Manager will be responsible for:

- Liaison with Architect and Consultant Team on all technical matters as required
- Liaison with DBKL and various related agencies related to submission and approval of plans, etc
- Coordination of all technical meetings and recording of minutes
- Monitoring progress of the various activities and to prepare periodic reports as required

Interested candidates are requested to submit their full *curriculum vitae* and expected salary to the **Calvary Convention Centre Secretariat**, 2 Jalan Damansara Endah, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.

CCC Building Plans approved!

Praise the Lord that the building plans of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) were approved on 4 July 2007! While we are raising funds to build the CCC, remember to pray for those who are at the site doing the actual building and construction!

Authority approvals I 20 July 2006 Development Order | 24 January 2007 Earthwork Plans | 15 March 2007 Early Commencement of Substructure Works | 4 July 2007 Building Plans









Blessed to be a Blessing

By Bernice Narayanan

"We are blessed to be a blessing." These were the words declared by both Pastor Stephen Tah from First Assembly of God, Gemas and Pastor Roy Selvaratnam from Kanazawa Christ Church, Yokohama, Japan, in a video testimony shown on 6 July 2007 at Damansara Heights. Both were saved and raised through the ministries of Calvary Church and later trained in the Bible College of Malaysia.

This thought was also echoed by the Missions Emphasis speaker, Rev. Mark Anderson, President of the Global Pastors' Network, a worldwide evangelism initiative.

Rev. Anderson said we needed to understand more of the prophetic move we are in which is the most important and final movement in human history before the return of the Lord. Today, approximately one out of six people knows the Lord Jesus and

we are in the position right now to see it go to one out of three in the next 15 to 25 years. We must understand and be prepared to participate for the Lord is going to shake the earth like He would a fruit tree and all the fruits will come down. Our prime responsibility is to be aware of the time we are in, allow ourselves to listen and follow the spirit of Elijah that is in the age now, understanding the prophetic utterance that Elijah must come before the Lord

comes again. "Prepare the way of the Lord" is the message on all levels. Our responsibilities vary but we need to prepare the nets all over the world to catch the fruits that come from the shaking. There will be a harvest that will be unprecedented, orchestrated by the sovereignty of our Lord.

In Genesis 12:2, our Scripture text for this Missions Emphasis, God called Abraham and said He will bless him and make him into a great nation.



Rev. Mark Anderson praying for the Lord to bless and use the combined strength of the matured and zeal of the youth to fulfil God's plan for Calvary Church

Rev. Anderson said that God has the same kind of plans for Calvary Church and Malaysia that will astound us. God is going to do something great and extraordinary. He then spoke of Joshua being told by God to cross over the Jordan to take possession of the land He was giving them (Joshua 1:1-9). We too must be ready to "cross over" the moment the Lord says to or we will miss it all together.

Rev. Anderson said that our Senior Pastor is going to lead us and we need to be courageous and bold for God has called us to do something larger than our human planning. We need to be in a relationship with the Lord so as not to miss the cross-over. In Christianity, we have daily disciplines for our growth but there are periodic moments in time when we have visitations when we will be instructed that today is the day we

have to cross over. If we miss this time, then another 40-year cycle will have to pass. We must be disciplined and be ready for this moment. We must be strong and courageous, know what the Word of the Lord is and boldly declare and call people out to a whole new level of consecration.

God, said Rev Anderson, wants the strength of Senior Pastor, Pastors, staff and mature Calvarites to combine with the zeal of the youth as He is going take this generational bond and do something great for Him before the coming of the Lord (Malachi 4:1-2; 5-6).

For all this to happen, we must get serious in prayer. We have been blessed to be a blessing. We must obey the Lord in reckless abandonment by faith so that we will not miss the moment when He tells us to "cross over" our Jordan.

The children (aged five to six and seven to 13) had their own programmes where they were taught through lessons and various fun activities to understand the same truth-that God blesses them each in a special way so that they can be a blessing to others.

Anderson



Worshipping the Lord

Responding to the Lord after the lesson

The children learning through a fun game that they all have diiferent roles to play to fulfil God's Great Commission

Youth Missions

Activate your dreams! By Adrian Lee

About 200 young people and some adults attended our Youth Missions Service on 7 July 2007. The theme for the day was "Activate Your Dreams" to make an impact in your generation".

Rev. Mark Anderson

The young people putting their lives into the Lord's hands to fulfil His cause







The afternoon began with a time of lively worship led by Joel Wong. A video testimony of how God used two African young people in ministry from Yei, Sudan, was shown, followed by two "live" testimonies from Johnathan Yee and Tabitha Ong who related their experience during their AIM (Asian Institute of Ministries) Missions Trip in Sungai Pelek. The youth were both challenged and blessed by the testimonies.

Rev. Mark Anderson then shared some powerful testimonies of how God was using "Extreme Sports" Tours to touch many young people's lives. Literally thousands of young people were being saved through that ministry worldwide. Using David when he challenged Goliath as the example, he mentioned that we need not wait until we were older to be used by God to make a difference. He stressed that the time to serve God is now. He told us that many of those serving in the tours were young people themselves. He reminded us that the key to making a strong impact begins with a strong relationship with God.

Almost three-quarters of those

present, came forward making a declaration that they will serve God in a greater measure. They also filled up commitment slips stating that they were serious about getting involved in evangelism, prayer, short term missions and for some even full-time ministry. The day ended with a time where we all stood and sang the chorus from one of the Hillsong albums... "I'm living for this cause, lay down my life into Your hands...."

Praise God for a powerful missions emphasis.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for the Faith Promise partners at Damansara Heights

Followers of Christ, fishers of men By Bernice Narayanan

Why do we think God will supply our Faith Promise? This was the question from our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam on this exciting Faith Promise Sunday, 8 July 2007.

God will supply the Faith Promise because Missions is not a church programme but a command from the Word of God. God is not slow in keeping His promise. We are working hand-in-hand with God because He is not willing for any to perish (2 Peter 3:9). And as we link our hands with Him to fulfil the command He has given us, He will supply our needs. Jesus commands us to go into all the world and preach His Gospel (Mark 16:15) and it is our Faith Promise that enables us to do what He wants to do.

Rev. Mark Anderson

The speaker, Rev. Mark Anderson, who spoke at all Church locations except Calvary Ampang, confirmed this when he said that God has bigger purposes and it is a lot more than money. We must have the grace of

giving as we are stewards of the Gospel to the world. We are to participate in a significant way as we are on the edge of the greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God does not just want to prosper us but He is looking for someone whom He can reveal Himself through. We are conduits, the pipeline for what God wants to do on the earth.

What does it mean to be a Christian? This is fundamental to the Missions question. The answer is found in Matthew 4:18, when Jesus said, "Come follow Me". He promises to make us fishers of men but we must first give ourselves to the Lord. In 2 Corinthians 8, the Macedonian Church was commended for the grace of giving; they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to His servants out of

their poverty. If we do not understand this, we cannot be fishers of men and witnessing will always be a duty or a chore, prayer will be a struggle and giving will be a duty and an obligation.

We must understand what it means to be a Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ. He came to seek and save those who are lost. He is still on that journey and He has given us that responsibility. There is a tremendous cost to anyone who would follow Jesus. They must deny themselves, take up their cross daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23-25). Self-denial is the key to power and victory in everything we have in Christ Jesus. We must die to ourselves daily. Following Jesus is dying with Him, associating with His crucifixion and participating in His

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Carpenter's Workshop

Kids learn to be channels of blessing





Damansara Heights

- < The seven to nine year old kids watching the CMNN (Calvary Missions News Network) video report
- ∨ The ten to 13 year old kids making their Faith Promise



< The five to six year old kids learn about being channels of God's blessings through an object lesson



Rev. Dr Yukio Funatsu



Associate Pastor Peter Ong leading in prayer for the Faith Promise partners at Damansara Perdana

resurrection. Very often, we just want to add Jesus to our lives. This is not what Jesus wants from us. We have to exchange our lives for His. Christianity is not an "add-on" or a self-improvement programme. An exchanged life is the essence of Christianity.

Rev. Anderson said that missions' calling is a natural continuation because when Jesus is Lord, every aspect of our life is His. Some may go as missionaries and some may stay to be whatever He calls us to be. It is biblical for others to support those whom God has called into the mission field. That Sunday, Senior Pastor gave us, the followers of Christ, the privilege of making a Faith Promise and being a partner with God to be fishers of men.

Give and it shall be given to you

By Shieh Yee Sin

At Calvary Church Ampang, Rev. Dr Yukio Funatsu, Senior Pastor of Kanazawa Christ Church, Yokohama, Japan, was our speaker on Faith Promise Sunday, 8 July 2007.

He encouraged us at to walk together in faith to achieve the plans that God has in store for our Church. He said that it is when we obey and walk by faith that He will be able to channel blessings into our lives and make us into a great nation. For that to happen, we need to believe that God will make a way for each and everyone of us to be part of His exciting plans which includes church missions and His vision for the church.

How can we be part of God's great plan? Rev. Dr Funatsu

challenged everyone to choose to be a giver and not just a receiver. It is when we give joyfully, boldly and generously to God that we will also be blessed in return. "Give and it shall be given unto you." Such giving can be done through Church programmes like Faith Promise and mission collections.

Rev. Dr Funatsu concluded by praying for those who also want to be blessed by blessing others through their Faith Promise giving.

Ampang

√ The five to six year old kids with their Missions Kidz booklet





< The ten to 13 year old kids making their Faith Promise

Damansara Perdana



of God's blessing





The seven to 13 year old kids with their Faith Promise cards

Experiencing God's transforming presence

By Leslie Ngai-Parker

"What a refreshing time in God's presence!"

"An interesting way of looking at prayer! I learnt a new way of communicating with God." "The contemplative prayer forms add a deeper dimension to my prayer life."

The above summarised the feedback from most of the participants who attended the Prayer Seminar conducted by Sandra Broadus, an instructor on Spiritual Formation in Tyndale Seminary, Ontario, on 14 July 2007 at Damansara Perdana. The 147 who came were taught to first recognise that deep longing lodged within our hearts for God. We also learned four contemplative prayer forms viz. stillness, Lectio Divina, Imaginative Prayer and Prayer of Examen.

"All my longings lie open before You, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from You" (Psalm 38:9). David prayed this as a deep expression of his desire for God. David was a man who knew

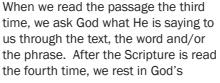
his deep longing for God and he learned to "get in touch with that unsatisfied desire" for God. He expressed his desire as "deep calls to deep" (Psalm 42:7). Yet our longing for God is not onesided. God longs for us too. He desires to be gracious to us. He knows our names, we are so precious to Him that He would even trade others for our lives (Isaiah 30:18, 43:1-7).

Contemplative Prayer is a prayer of quiet. "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). There

is something about being still that allows our distracted hearts and spirits to hear God. STOP what you are doing. Quiet your spirit, your heart, close your eyes to block out the "noise" within and without and breathe deeply two or three times. We hear the still small voice of God only when our internal landscape is quiet, when we are attentive and listen in humility. Whilst God desires to listen to us, we too must wait on Him to hear

Lectio Divina can be practised by reading Scripture aloud while listening to the text, paying attention to any word or phrase that strikes us. The passage is read the second time reflectively and meditatively, pondering upon the word or phrase that struck us from the first reading.

When we read the passage the third





Sandra Broadus

The participants

presence, silently listening to His still

Imaginative Prayer is a prayer form that engages our internal and external movements. Using the gift of imagination that God has given, we 'enter' into a passage from the Gospels, trusting Him to guide our imagination through the process. As we read the passage several times, we ask God questions like "Where am I in the passage? Who am I in the passage?" As we imagine ourselves in the shoes of a specific Bible character or a bystander in the passage, we allow God to reveal our 'hidden' feelings and speak to us through the experience.

The last prayer form was the Prayer of Examen. This prayer is usually done at the end of the day, week, month, at a retreat, seminar or even

after a prolonged time of prayer. The central goal is to discover where, when and how we have experienced God during a particular time in our lives. We review the day (or whatever time) with God, thanking Him for the moments we were most grateful for. For moments we were least grateful for, we ask ourselves, "What made those moments difficult?" We openly express ourselves to God and ask Him to show us where He was at that particular time.

It was an incredible experience as Sandra led us through each of the prayer forms with appropriate exercises. The Scripture verses chosen were very apt and surely not "coincidental".

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Twelve baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 12 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 24 June 2007!

By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and Master.



Front Row (From left): Joshua Lau Ee Rong, Joshua D'Oliveiro, Leanne Tan Wye Yan, Justin Tan Wye Ye, Deborah Lau Ee Yi

Back Row: Robert Lian Kam Lin, Christine Yap Lai Sze, June Poon Wei Yi, Amanda Lim Swee Luan, Wong Choy Yin, Go Wee Shing @ Cheah Mee Hua Not in Picture: Lim Chui Theen



Prayer is a privilege God has bestowed upon us to enjoy His presence. But with that privilege comes a responsibility because prayer is also a means that God has given us to accomplish His purposes. That was the concluding challenge for the day. Participants were encouraged to be involved in different aspects of the prayer ministry of the Church.

For more information on prayer or how you can be involved in the Calvary Prayer Tower Ministry, please call 03-2092 1778 or 03-2093 3946.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

By Ken Horn

There was something dynamic about the first-century Church, so much so that it was said they "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6, NKJV). The reason for this is clear: It was normal for believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This experience in the Book of Acts was also called being "baptized with the Holy Spirit" (1:5), receiving "the gift of the Holy Spirit" (2:38), and the Holy Spirit falling upon believers (10:44). Jesus and the Father promised another Comforter (or Helper) would come when Jesus left the Earth. This Helper would endue the Church with power (Luke 24:49; John 14:16).

All believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9), but the baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience that is different from and subsequent to salvation. (See Acts 8:12-17; 10:4446; 11:14-16; 19:1-6.) Believers should expect this filling and earnestly seek it. There are many evidences of the Baptism. The initial physical evidence, as demonstrated in the Book of Acts, is speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4; 10:45,46). These can be earthly or heavenly languages.

But people frequently get hung up on this first evidence. There are others. A Spirit-filled believer will experience overflowing joy and a new power to witness (Acts 1:8). Spirit-filled believers are not better than those who have not had this wonderful experience. The infilling makes the believer who is filled stronger than he or she was previously.

Any Christian grows in grace when filled. "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18) is a joyful imperative for the believer. It literally means, "Keep on being filled with the Spirit." It's a continuous process.

Seeking the fullness of the Holy Spirit is not about trying to speak in tongues. It is about seeking more of Jesus and receiving all He desires us to have.

Based on two of 16 foundational truths and one of four cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God.

Today's Pentecostal Evangel, March 19 2006

Sunday Services				
	Damansara Heights (DH) 8am •10.30am	Ampang/DH 10.30am/5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
2	Communion Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Communion Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Communion Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Communion Associate Pastor Peter Ong
9	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Assistant Pastor David Seah	Assistant Pastor David Seah
16	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Assistant Pastor David Seah	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
23	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum/ Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
30	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
S	SEPTEMBER	Steven Kum		
	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
7	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam Water Baptism	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum

Assistant Pastor David Seah

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OCTOBER

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September

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday

2.30pm

Theme: The Disciple Experiment I

Introduction 1

The Adventure Begins 8

15 Nothing to Fear?

Tempted

Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry

Saturday

2.30pm

Theme: Radical Discipleship (Luke 9:23 and 1 & 2 Timothy)

Radical Redirection-God chaser

8 Radical Surrender-Self denial

15 Radical Lifestyle-Cross bearer

Radical Witness-Boldly, proudly

29 **Youth Celebration**

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday

12.30pm

Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah 30

Venue: Bethel Hall

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

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Water Baptism Service

Sunday | 14 October 2007 | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | 2 September 2007

October

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday

28 Speaker: Lim Chune Sin

Venue: Bethel Hall

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

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday

2.30pm

5pm

Theme: The Disciple Experiment II

6 It's All About Me

13 What Does It Mean?

20 The Adventure Never Ends

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2.30pm

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Radical Intervention-Intercessory prayer

13 Radical Empowerment I-Supernaturally gifted

20 Radical Empowerment II-Supernaturally gifted

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a part-time lecturer in the Bible College of Malaysia.

From front page

Suffering should not be foreign to the believer. If Jesus, God's only begotten Son had to walk the road of suffering to pay the price for the cause of righteousness and godliness, then His followers will also suffer. Therefore, it is important to know how to handle suffering when it comes your way. You need to understand why God allows suffering in the life of a righteous believer who prays and does the will of God.

God disciplines His children through suffering. When you persevere and come through it, you become a better, richer and more mature Christian. A caterpillar has to go through a dark period in a cocoon before it can emerge as a beautiful butterfly. Similarly, God allows suffering not to destroy you but to make and build you into someone beautiful for His glory.

Discipline is never pleasant because it hurts. You resent it and want to run away but if you persevere, it will produce a harvest of righteousness and peace. The Bible says, "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:7-12).

Perseverance also produces maturity and character which God desires in His people. James says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:2-4).

In order for you to understand the privilege of suffering, you need to know who you are in Christ: First, you are justified. In Christ Jesus, you are not only forgiven, but are made righteous. Paul says, "For He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness

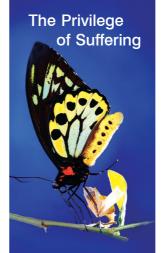
of God in Him (Jesus)" (2 Corinthians 5:21, NKJV). Being righteous, you can rejoice and stand before God knowing you are suffering not because you have sinned.

Second, you have peace with God. You were once a foreigner and an alien, far away from God, walking in your own ways. Paul

says, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit" (Ephesians 2:13-18). When you know you have a relationship with Christ and that you are at peace with Him, you can rejoice in your suffering.

Third, you have access into His grace. God has made His grace available and accessible to you. The Bible says, "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). You can have this confidence to access His grace when you have been justified and have peace with Him. Therefore when you are suffering, you can stand in His presence and rejoice in the Lord because there is no barrier of sin that separates you from Him.

Those who are in Christ, when they suffer, are equipped with the hope of the glory of God. This hope is not like the hope of an unbeliever who says, "Cross my heart and hope to die." When you are going through a trial or facing difficulty and hardship, put your hope in God because those who do so will not be ashamed or disappointed. Paul says, "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5).



Those who are in Christ also have the love of God in their hearts. When you are suffering, Satan will try to make you believe that God does not love you. If He did, why would you be in this situation? Has God forgotten you? You can be assured that He has not. The suffering you experience is not because He does not love you, He does! When I was a boy, every time I was

punished by my father, I thought my father did not love me. If he did, why did he punish me? His answer was that my punishment would make me a better and a matured person. I understood it better when I had a son and had to discipline him. He also had to learn this truth.

There are many believers who live in self-pity. They say, "Nobody cares or loves me!" If you are a believer, God loves you. The Bible says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?" (Romans 8:35). Remember that you are justified, at peace with God, have access to His grace and have a hope that is based on the Word of God. The best assurance of God's love is His Word. By His Word, He created the world. And He has given you His promises by His Word which is powerful and will never return to Him void. Your responsibility is to accept His Word, and obey with hope because faith in His Word will bring it to pass. You will come out of the "cocoon" and fly like the butterfly. King David, who went through many trials, declares, "A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all" (Psalm 34:19). He says, "But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love" (Psalm 33:18) and "For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100:5).

Are you facing a trial, a pain, a disciplining situation? Know who you are in Christ. You are justified, at peace with Him and you have access into His grace. Persevere and believe that the suffering will produce a Christ-like character in you. Have faith in God, the hope of glory!

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