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Biblical Success Attitude

"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful" (Joshua 1:8).

God wants you to succeed and be prosperous. He wants you to be a winner. The Bible speaks of success in many ways—being one who overcomes, a conqueror, a victor and lacking in nothing. God is always a success. He can never fail. And it is His intention that you succeed and prosper.

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Senior Pastor
Prince
Guneratnam

Living at the Edge of Time

By Audrey Kum

All around the world, the newspaper headlines are calling attention to the physical catastrophes hitting the earth, to the heartless crimes and great changes in the global climates. It was no wonder that an average of 800 people attended each session of the School of Christian Growth Open Sessions at Damansara Heights over three Fridays, from 3 to 17 August 2007 to hear Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam address current world events in the light of Scripture.

Senior Pastor entitled the series of lessons, "Living at the Edge of Time" because we are living in times when Jesus' coming is near. Knowing the human tendency to want to know exactly when something great is about to happen, he emphasised from the start that our Heavenly Father has a time-table and only He knows exactly when Jesus is coming again (Matthew 24:36). His advice to us was to watch for the signs given in the Bible (Matthew 24:3-14) and not be overly concerned about the actual date.

As Senior Pastor went through the signs found in Matthew 24, it was evident that we are indeed living in such times. We are all too familiar with deception, false Christs, wars, rumours of wars, nations rising against nations, famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places. Jesus says that all these are the beginning of sorrows. Christians will be persecuted and hated for Christ's sake; many will be offended, betray and hate one another. There will be false prophets and lawlessness will abound and love will decrease. There will also be an increase in missions work and evangelism.

But the people of God, Senior Pastor encouraged, are not to sorrow

as people without hope. Whether we are raptured (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) in the air or alive when Jesus physically comes again to the earth (Acts 1:9-11; Revelation 1:7), Senior Pastor stressed that the important thing is that we ensure that we are living in Christ and doing His will when He comes. Jesus will come like a thief in the night. We are to be alert, to watch and live as sons of light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 24:40-44).

Over the three sessions, Senior Pastor helped us to understand the significance of the prophecies in several Scripture passages, among them, Revelation 6:1-8. In the light of the signs of the end of the age given by Jesus in Matthew 24, Senior Pastor said the rider and the white horse symbolises international power and politics through military conquest. The rider is the Antichrist, the deceiver who will be readily accepted as one who will offer solutions in a world full of violence, devastation and natural disasters. The red horse and its rider symbolises civil war and strife that leads to bloodshed. The black horse with its rider who had a pair of scales in his hand symbolises famine and economic disruptions. And the pale

horse with its rider, death, symbolises death, sicknesses and diseases. All this was not difficult for us to imagine as it described what is already happening today! God has given prophecy in the Bible so that we know and understand His purpose (Amos 3:7) and also to warn and encourage us (Hebrews 11:7). We will do well to heed God's prophecies (2 Peter 1:19-21). In our study of prophecies, Senior Pastor told us not to be caught up by the symbols but just get the message.

Senior Pastor concluded the lessons by reminding us that God has a time-line. Regardless of what view we hold about His coming—pre-tribulation, post-tribulation or mid-tribulation, Jesus will come again. He does not want anyone to perish, including His chosen people, the Jews.

The last days' events are happening right now. By the end of the three sessions, we felt challenged to live as committed and dedicated believers, witnessing and sharing the Gospel. Realising that we are "living at the edge of time", many were determined to make investments in the kingdom of God and serve Him with our time, our possessions and our lives.





Back (from left): Julia Teh and Tan Yuh Chyong
Front: Kiang Teck Chin and Monica Chang

He who wins souls is wise

In Proverbs 11:30, the Bible encourages us to win souls. Being wise, sensitive and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit, the following Calvarites had the joy of leading a friend and a family member into the Kingdom of God. Here are their testimonies of how they recognised and seized God's divine appointment for salvation. They acted on their faith to invite, share and lead the potential believers in the salvation prayer.

Fruitful witnessing while on holiday in Ipoh

By Monica Chang

"In July, three of my fellow Life Group (LG) members and I went to Ipoh for a short holiday. Before we started the journey, I felt impressed to get in touch with Ling Siew, my ex-classmate who is residing in Ipoh. I shared with my friends that we should share the Gospel with her. We prayed that God will give us the opportunity.

The first night we met up with her, she happily bought us dinner. Ling Siew was eager to update us on her life story and as she did all the talking, we had no chance to share with her that first night. We asked her to join us for breakfast the next morning. Being a proud and loyal Ipoh native, she volunteered to take us round to eat all the famous Ipoh food.


Throughout this time, we continued to pray for an opportunity to share with her. Praise God that Ling Siew felt comfortable with us although it was the first time she met my friends. The Lord gave our group the opportunity to share the Gospel with her. Each of us chipped in and just before we checked out of the hotel, we asked if she was ready to accept Jesus into her life and she was! We were overwhelmed with joy to be able to lead Ling Siew in the salvation prayer before we left for Kuala Lumpur that day. Praise God! A church near Ling Siew's place of work is following up on her."

A timely invitation

By Lilian Gerard

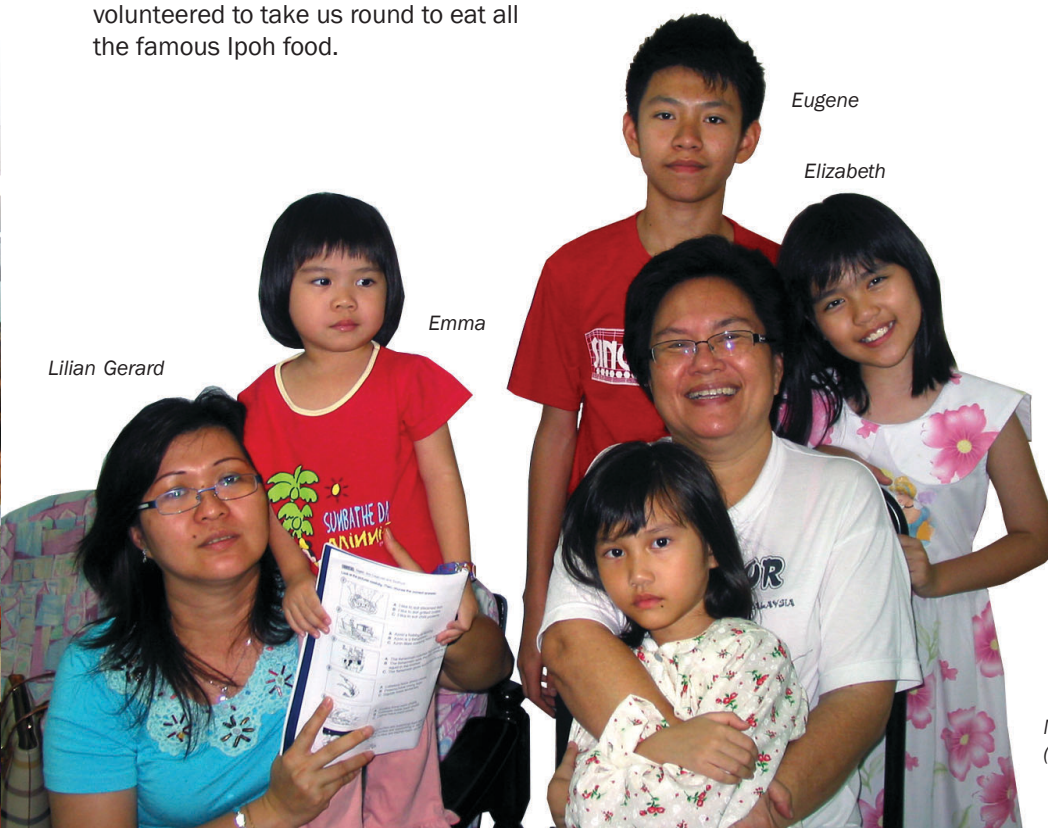
"Our family had been praying daily for the salvation of my mother-in-law, Mary Lau, since last year. There had been many challenges and hurdles that prevented her from coming to Church with us. Praise the Lord that He answered our prayers in July 2007. It was during my husband, Joseph's installation as Assistant Life Group Leader, that we invited her to come and witness the event and she agreed. She came to the Church at Damansara Heights. She accepted the Lord at one of the Church Services and since then, she has been coming regularly to worship with us at Damansara Perdana.

This is a great blessing and it has enriched our family ties as the children look forward to having their grandmother with them weekly at Church. She drives herself to Church at Damansara Perdana from Setapak. We look to the Lord for His continual blessings as we are also praying for other loved ones to be saved. All thanks and glory be to our Lord for His love and grace."

If you desire to be wise and win souls, let the Pastoral Care Department help you, whether it is equipping you to do one to one witnessing, for example, how to use the Gulf Bridge Tract, visiting your unsaved loved ones with you or praying with you. 

**Call 03-7728 6000 ext 307
and 03-2096 1036 ext 108.
Now is the opportune time!**

Mary Lau with Emeleen
(seated)



In deep concentration



And the best dressed is...

Combined Bahasa Malaysia (BM) and Filipino Life Groups Outing to FRIM

By Pearly Williams

On 8 September 2007, 83 individuals were treated to another refreshing outing for the fifth consecutive year and this year's outing was held at FRIM (Forest Research Institute of Malaysia). This event is made possible because of the Church's care for her congregation and the employers' desire to bless their employees.

The outing began with a devotion shared by Assistant Pastor David Seah on God being our Creator and how He had created nature for our enjoyment and benefit. God gave man the ability to exercise his free will and man chose to disobey God by eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But thank God that Jesus Christ redeemed us by dying on the cross for us. As a result of the message, three individuals received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour whilst 19 others rededicated their lives to Him.


God blessed us with excellent weather. At FRIM, the participants had

a whale of a time with the icebreaker game and several fun-filled team building activities. Each activity was planned to instill and reinforce positive values in the lives of the participants. One of the activities was 'dressing with newspapers'. Those who were 'dressed', paraded their attire. It was a sight to behold as these domestic helpers suddenly turned catwalk models. This activity, besides getting everyone in stitches, achieved its objective to encourage team work and creativity. They were also reminded to see value in simple things that can bring much laughter and joy.

Later, everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch and mingled well with one another. Elizabeth Philip, one of our organisers, who is also a Senior Research Officer in FRIM, shared on the lessons that can be learnt from each activity as well as some tips on recycling our household materials.

Assistant Pastor David Seah then reminded us that since we have this new life in Christ, Jesus is now our vine and we are His branches. Thus, we are called to bear fruit in our personal life, friendships and at our work place. Pastor David gave an invitation again, and praise God, two more individuals accepted the Lord and eight more rededicated their lives to Him!

The outing ended with prizes awarded to the three group winners for the activities as well as for individuals who displayed outstanding Christian values throughout the outing.

All in all, through simple activities in an environment of trees, plants and flowers, the participants drew nearer to God and have built stronger friendships with one another. 





Associate Pastor Peter Ong presenting a bouquet of flowers to the trainer, Sharon Soon



Ready to give First Aid!

Trained to give First Aid By Pastor Yow Kit Yen

First aid can mean a difference between life and death, rapid recovery and long hospitalisation, temporary injury and permanent disability.

Thirty-six individuals received their First Aid certificate on 26 August 2007 from our Missions Director, Associate Pastor Peter Ong, after going through an intensive 19-hour course which stretched over seven Sundays (24 June to 5 August 2007).

They had a very stimulating time learning how to do CPR using the manikins that the educator specially imported from New Zealand. Management of bleeding, fractures, burns, bites, sprains, strains, heart attacks, brain attacks (stroke) etc were

also taught. The practical sessions brought on many giggles as the participants bandaged each other.


This course was conducted by the Caring Ministry. We thank God for giving us a very qualified trainer, Sharon Soon (RN; RM; RMN; Nurse Consultant in Aged Care & Psycho geriatric Care (New Zealand); Accredited Educator in Palliative Care Nursing The Flinders University of South Australia), who patiently trained us and shared with us her personal experiences.



Miss Quah Cheow Wan (right) examining the handiwork of one of the trainees

Water Baptism


Eleven baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 11 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 12 August 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): Hon Yee Neng, Zen Wong Li Ling, Fong Siew Li, Kelly Lai Ming Ying, James Looi Hong Yeng, Hon Sir Neng **Back Row:** Ong Yenson, Yeo Wee Ching, Sarah Tham Yuen San, Grace Fong Siew Ern, Sheela Shammala

We were also privileged to have as our examiner, Miss Quah Cheow Wan, a retired principle nurse educator of the Basic and Post Graduate Nursing School of the Ministry of Health of Malaysia. She sat on the examination board, set the questions and evaluated the nurses!

It is our desire to see Christians being trained to be a blessing to others especially when our acquired knowledge can assist in promoting health and saving lives. We are planning for more courses in the future to equip our people to be a blessing to people in need. Watch out for our Basic Nursing Course and courses on palliative care and care for the older adults etc. 



Sikap Alkitabiah untuk Kejayaan

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

“Janganlah engkau lupa memperkatakan kitab Taurat ini, tetapi renungkanlah itu siang dan malam, supaya engkau bertindak hati-hati sesuai dengan segala yang tertulis di dalamnya, sebab dengan demikian perjalananmu akan berhasil dan engkau akan beruntung” (Yosua 1:8).

Tuhan inginkan kamu berjaya dan berhasil. Dia inginkan kamu menjadi pemenang. Alkitab menerangkan kejayaan dalam pelbagai cara—menjadi seorang yang mengatasi, seorang penakluk, seorang juara dan tiada sebarang kekurangan. Tuhan sentiasa berjaya.

Dia tidak boleh gagal.
Dan adalah rencanaNya
kamu juga berjaya dan berhasil.

Tahukah kamu bahawa Tuhan bekerja? Yesus berkata, **“Bapa-Ku bekerja sampai sekarang, maka Akupun bekerja juga” (Yohanes 5:17).** Tuhan dipercayai usaha. Usaha adalah sebahagian kehidupan. Tuhan membuat Adam bekerja. Alkitab berkata, **“Tuhan Allah mengambil manusia itu dan menempatkannya dalam Taman Eden untuk mengusahakan dan memelihara taman itu” (Kejadian 2:15).** Kalaupun kita berusaha, kita mesti berjaya dalam usaha kita. Berjaya dalam pekerjaan bermakna berjaya dalam hidup.

Cara kejayaan dunia tidaklah sama dengan Alkitab. Orang-orang duniawi tidak menghiraukan Tuhan, kehendakNya ataupun hidup abadi. Mereka sanggup berbuat apa sahaja untuk berjaya, walaupun cara itu salah dan berdosa. Kejayaan dunia adalah sementara. Yesus menceritakan ini dalam ibarat Orang Kaya dan Lazarus

(Lukas 16:19-31).

Kejayaan orang kaya itu adalah duniawi. Dia berpakaian linen halus yang berwarna ungu dan hidup dalam kemewahan sementara tubuh Lazarus penuh dengan kudis dan berharap dia dapat makan sisa-sisa daripada meja orang kaya itu. Dari pandangan dunia, orang kaya itu dianggap berjaya dan Lazarus pula dianggap sebagai seorang yang gagal. Tetapi Alkitab terus memberitahu kita bahawa kedua-dua orang kaya dan Lazarus meninggal dunia. Orang kaya yang berjaya itu dibuangkan ke neraka, satu tempat keseksaan sementara Lazarus pula, yang dianggap sebagai satu kegagalan, sedang duduk rapat dengan Abraham! Ibarat ini mengajar bahawa sememangnya tidak mencukupi

sekadar memiliki kejayaan duniawi kerana ia bukanlah kejayaan yang benar dan betul.

Kejayaan alkitabiah boleh dialami dalam hidup ini apabila kamu bertemu dengan Pencipta kamu. Abraham adalah satu contoh yang baik. Abraham adalah seorang yang sangat kaya dan dia digelar sebagai seorang sahabat Tuhan. Mereka yang berjaya dalam Tuhan tidak perlu menjadi pengemis, walaupun kadang-kala kejayaan dalam Tuhan mempunyai harga yang harus dibayar. Rasul Paulus adalah satu lagi contoh. Dia mengalami kejayaan tetapi juga telah mengatasi banyak rintangan (2 Korintus 4:7-10). Paulus berkata dunia akan menggelak kamu bodoh sebab kamu tidak berbuat dan hidup seperti mereka, iaitu tanpa Tuhan (1 Korintus 4:9-13).

Alkitab boleh mengajar kita menjadi berjaya dan berhasil. Daud memberi amaran kepada kita supaya tidak mencemburukan mereka yang mempunyai kejayaan duniawi kerana ia adalah sementara sahaja. Dia berkata, **“Jangan marah karena orang yang berbuat jahat, jangan iri hati kepada orang yang berbuat curang; sebab mereka segera lisut seperti rumput dan layu seperti tumbuh-tumbuhan hijau” (Mazmur 37:1-2).**

Kamu perlu mempunyai sikap kejayaan alkitabiah untuk menikmati kejayaan yang sebenarnya di dalam hidup ini mahupun di dalam akhirat. Apakah ertinya sikap? Kamus mentakrifkan ia sebagai perangai kukuh, seperti menunjukkan satu pendapat minda, cara pemikiran yang tenang dan kedudukan mental mengenai suatu fakta. Ada orang yang mempunyai masalah sikap. Mereka bersikap negatif, mencari salah silap, menyindir, sombong, jahat dan tidak fleksibel. Mereka berbahagi, mereka menyebabkan perselisihan dan boleh menjadi sukar untuk bergaul. Mereka menuduh semua orang kecuali diri mereka sendiri dan sukar tinggal bersama.

Hidup kamu bergantung kepada sikap kamu terhadap Tuhan dan gerejaNya. Alkitab berkata, **“Sebab seperti orang yang membuat perhitungan dalam dirinya sendiri demikianlah ia” (Amsal 23:7).** Kalau kamu mempunyai sikap yang betul, kamu akan mencapai kejayaan. Sikap kamu adalah keadaan minda dan suatu hal pemilihan. Kamu boleh bangun pada waktu pagi dan berkata, “Selamat pagi Tuhan!” atau “Oh Tuhan, sudah pagilah!” Kamu boleh memilih untuk bersukacita. Daud berkata, **“Inilah hari yang dijadikan TUHAN, marilah kita bersorak-sorak dan bersukacita karenanya!” (Mazmur 118:24).** Dua orang lelaki menghadapi hubungan terjejas. Seorang memilih untuk terjun daripada sebatang jambatan dan bunuh diri dan seorang lagi pula memilih untuk menulis sebuah lagu ‘country and western’ yang membawanya satu kontrak rakaman yang menguntungkan! Kamu boleh memilih perasaan kamu yang akan menguasai perangai kamu dan prinsip-prinsip yang akan memerintah hidup kamu.

Kesihatan dan harta kewangan kamu mempunyai perjalanan dengan keberhasilan jiwa kamu. Yohanes berkata, **“Saudaraku yang kekasih,**


aku berdoa, semoga engkau baik-baik dan sehat-sehat saja dalam segala sesuatu, sama seperti jiwamu baik-baik saja” (3 Yohanes 2). Apabila kamu mempunyai sikap yang betul terhadap Tuhan, jiwa kamu berhasil. Apabila kamu berada di dalam perjalanan yang betul dengan Tuhan, kamu boleh berjaya. Keadaan rohani kamu mengawal kekayaan dan kesihatan kamu dalam bentuk fizikal dan materi. Daud berkata, **“Orang berdosa dikejar oleh malapetaka, tetapi Ia membalas orang benar dengan kebahagiaan” (Amsal 13:21).**

Apakah sikap kamu terhadap gereja kamu? Ia memainkan peranan penting dalam pertumbuhan rohani kamu. Menyertai gereja bukanlah suatu pilihan tetapi kewajiban kerana kamu meluankan begitu banyak masa di dalam dunia. Kamu memerlukan pengaruh umat Tuhan di gereja dan Firman Tuhan yang membinakan kamu dan meneguhkan kamu menjadi lelaki dan wanita yang harus kamu jadi.

Bagaimanakah kamu mempunyai sikap yang baik? Pertama, ambil tanggungjawab. Kedua, berhenti menyalahkan orang. Ketiga, fikir dengan betul. Sikap adalah satu keadaan minda. Alkitab memberitahu kamu menjadi apa yang kamu fikirkan. **“Jadi akhirnya, saudara-saudara, semua yang benar, semua yang mulia, semua yang adil, semua yang suci, semua yang manis, semua yang sedap didengar, semua yang disebut kebajikan dan patut dipuji, pikirkanlah semuanya itu. Dan apa yang telah kamu pelajari dan apa yang telah kamu terima, dan apa yang telah kamu dengar dan apa yang telah kamu lihat padaku, lakukanlah itu. Maka Allah sumber damai sejahtera akan menyertai kamu” (Filipi 4:8-9).**

Yosua berkata, **“Janganlah engkau lupa memperkatakan kitab Taurat ini, tetapi renungkanlah itu siang dan malam, supaya engkau bertindak hati-hati sesuai dengan segala yang tertulis di dalamnya, sebab dengan demikian perjalananmu akan berhasil dan engkau akan beruntung” (Yosua 1:8).** Jika fikiran kamu betul, mulut kamu akan berkata yang betul. Apa yang keluar dari mulut kamu datang dari hati kamu. Oleh itu, ketahuilah dan hafallah Firman Tuhan dan fikiran kamu akan berpusat kepada apa yang disenangi Tuhan. Dan apabila kamu mentaati FirmanNya, kamu menjadi berhasil, berjaya dan galakan dan kesenangan kepada yang lain.

Alkitab berkata seorang yang berjaya dan diberkati adalah **“Ia seperti pohon, yang ditanam di tepi aliran air, yang menghasilkan buahnya pada musimnya, dan yang tidak layu daunnya; apa saja yang diperbuatnya berhasil” (Mazmur 1:3).** Kenapakah demikian? Ini adalah kerana dia yang mempunyai sikap kejayaan alkitabiah - dia **“Berbahagialah orang yang tidak berjalan menurut nasihat orang fasik, yang tidak berdiri di jalan orang berdosa, dan yang tidak duduk dalam kumpulan pencemooh tetapi yang kesukaannya ialah Taurat TUHAN, dan yang merenungkan Taurat itu siang dan malam” (Mazmur 1:1-2).**

Adakah kamu mengalami kejayaan dan keberhasilan alkitabiah? Kejayaan murni bukan sekadar wang sahaja. Wang boleh membeli kamu makanan tetapi adalah Tuhan yang memberikan kamu selera untuk menikmatinya. Wang mungkin dapat membeli kamu perkhidmatan doktor terbaik tetapi Tuhanlah yang memberi hidup dan kesihatan. Wang mungkin boleh membeli kamu rumah besar tetapi Tuhanlah yang memberkati rumah dengan kasih dan harmoni. Kejayaan murni adalah mengetahui rencana Tuhan dan melakukannya. 

**Untuk maklumat lanjut tentang
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sila hubungi
03-7728 2694 sambungan 307.**



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Royal Rangers Chaplain, Associate Pastor Steven Kum (third, fifth and seventh from the left) celebrating with the Commanders as the 25th Anniversary cake was cut

Celebrating 25 years of God's faithfulness in reaching, teaching and keeping young people for Christ.

By Samuel Ngeow

Filled with great excitement and anticipation, over 420 Rangers, parents and friends attended the 25th Anniversary Dinner Celebration at the ballroom of the Tropicana Golf & Country Resort on 18 August 2007 to celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness to the Royal Rangers Ministry of Calvary Church since it was first established as "Kuala Lumpur 1" outpost in 1982.

The wonderful day of celebration and thanksgiving began at 6pm with our Royal Rangers presenting a lighthearted (and rather funny) "Welcome Cheer" and a song which was especially composed as the 25th Anniversary song, to all the guests. After that, three Commanders, Lim Sew Hok, Eddy Law and Kester Low and a parent, Loretta Lam, shared testimonies on how the Lord has

blessed them and their children through the Royal Rangers Ministry. Their testimonies truly encouraged and blessed all who were present.

The programme continued with the presentation of a special recognition to our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam who has been extremely supportive and actively involved in our Ministry and also to the Outpost Council who have been faithfully leading in the Royal

Rangers ministry since it first began in Calvary Church.

There was a special presentation of a compilation of photos that showed the life of the Royal Rangers from its humble beginnings to the present. Many who saw their faces in the old pictures were flooded with waves of emotions as they reminisced over their younger days and they were reminded of God's faithfulness which has brought

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Missionettes

Missionettes Sleepover

By Carmen Chua and Rachel Gan

About 52 girls from the Prims, Stars, Friends and Girls Only clubs (ages six to 17) participated in the Missionettes Sleepover on 19 August 2007. We put up for a night at the Bethlehem Bungalow and went for an outing to Riverstone Eco Resort near Ulu Yam the following day.

The two days were packed with various fun-filled activities. On Sunday evening, we watched a video entitled "Life without Limbs." Thereafter, we had games while the Sponsors together with Royal Rangers Commanders Jim



Getting ready to go to sleep!

Trying out the "flying fox" >



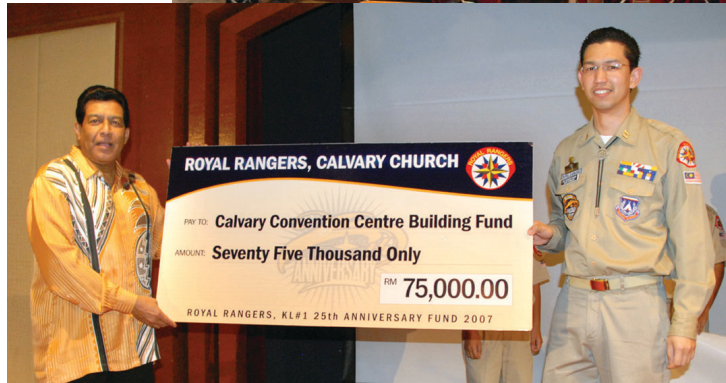
Crossing a suspension bridge >



Our Royal Rangers presenting a lighthearted "Welcome Cheer"



Councilman Lim Sew Hok receiving a Silver Hawk from Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam in recognition of his 25 years with the Royal Rangers



Senior Commander Jim Guneratnam presenting a cheque of RM 75,000 to Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam from the Royal Rangers towards the Calvary Convention Centre Fund

them to where they are today.


A major highlight that night was the presentation of a cheque of RM 75,000 towards the building of the Calvary Convention Centre, from Senior Commander Jim Guneratnam to Senior Pastor. This is the contribution of the Royal Rangers Ministry as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary and a declaration that the Royal Rangers share the vision of transforming lives and impacting nations.

Special guests that were invited and attended the dinner included the National Royal Rangers Director, former National Director, former National

Commander and representative of other Outposts in Selangor.

Other highlights included a video message from Rev. Douglas Marsh, National Commander of Royal Rangers in the U.S.A. and Director of Royal Rangers International that encouraged the leaders of Calvary Church's Royal Rangers to continue to faithfully serve God in this ministry, the cutting of the 25th Anniversary cake and of course the scrumptious eight course dinner that the Lord has graciously provided for us

Senior Pastor prayed a prayer of blessing upon the Royal Rangers

Ministry to continue to be a blessing to many. Everyone returned home, not only with a very contented stomach, but also with the knowledge and blessed assurance that God will continue to bless and expand the Royal Rangers Ministry as it continues to answer the call of our Master Ranger, the Lord Jesus Christ, to build up young boys and girls spiritually, mentally, physically and socially, that they may grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52) as Jesus did, to become men and women of God, for the next 25, 50, or even 100 years to come... 

Playing in the river at the Riverstone Eco Resort




Guneratnam and Paul Lourdes helped to prepare the barbeque. At 7 pm, exhausted and hungry, we lined up to enjoy pieces of succulent barbequed chicken, spaghetti, sausages and other food. Staying overnight together was quite an experience for many of us, especially the younger ones.

The next day, waking up all energised, we departed for Riverstone Eco Resort. After a short devotion by Sponsor Choi Yin, we went jungle trekking. The track was tough and our physical fitness was put to the test. Nevertheless, we remained determined and every one of us completed the track!

The highlight of the day was the "flying fox". It was scary standing so high up the platform but once we slid down (screaming all the way of course), we felt really free. Many of the girls gave it a try, even the younger Prim's girls. After 'conquering' the "flying fox", we, the older girls made our way back by crossing the river using the suspension

bridge, made of ropes and metal wires only. Yes, no planks or netting at the bottom and very shaky too. It was tough. We took one step at a time and thank God, we made it. After that, we had fun playing in the river. Before we knew it, the day had come to an end.

The Sleepover was indeed a wonderful experience. It taught us teamwork and perseverance in overcoming challenges besides providing an opportunity to build friendships. 

For parents who are interested to know more about the Missionettes programme, please contact 03-2092 1778 or 03-2095 9659.



The participants at the Mines Resort & Golf Club

Raising Funds at the CCC Tee-Off 2007 By Philemon Soon

It was a cool, cloudy morning—fine weather for the 62 golfers participating at the CCC Tee-Off 2007, a fund-raising event organised by the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Fund Raising Committee.

Held at the Mines Resort & Golf Club, the participants had a great time—teeing off, driving, chipping, blasting out of the bunkers and putting to achieve birdies or maintain par in the 18-hole tournament played on a Modified System 36 format.

This one-day golf event was organised with the twin objective of raising funds for the CCC and building relationships amongst members and friends of Calvary Church.

The presence of Stewart Ginn, a former two-time winner of the Malaysian Open and current Senior PGA Tour Professional, lent glamour to the event as he played alongside the participants. Stewart Ginn later conducted an exclusive golf coaching clinic for the participants.

The CCC Tee-Off 2007 raised a total of RM120,000 for the CCC Building Fund. An auction of a Honma Golf Set and a driver owned by Padraig Harrington, current British Open Golf champion and donated by Stewart Ginn, raised another RM18,000.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Guest of Honour Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew, owner of the Mines Resort & Golf Club, presented the prizes. 🏆



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam presenting Stewart Ginn with a memento

Stewart Ginn (left) conducting a golf coaching clinic for the participants



Upcoming restriction on 'tax exempt' deductions for individuals By Edward Rajasingam

With effect from January 2008, tax deductions for 'exempt' donations, including amounts to the Calvary Convention Centre Building Fund, will be restricted to 7% of an individual's Aggregate Income in the annual tax returns. Any donation exceeding this 7% threshold cannot be deducted and will be subject to tax.

Consider this example of an individual who earns RM 3,000 monthly and has other income of RM 4,000 per year.

	2007 RM	2008 RM
Annual Salary	36,000	36,000
Other Income	4,000	4,000
Aggregate Income	40,000	40,000

Therefore, the maximum amount of tax exempt donations that can be deducted

40,000	2,800 *
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* Restricted to 7% of Aggregate Income amounting to RM 40,000

This change will not affect 'tax exempt' donations made by 31 December 2007. 🏆

What National and International Christian Leaders are saying about the Calvary Convention Centre



Datuk Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili,
Minister in the Prime Minister's Department

"The plan to build the Calvary Convention Centre is indeed commendable, for it will stand as a landmark reflecting the religious diversity and tolerance of Malaysians. In addition, this centre will also provide Malaysian Christians with a much needed venue for national conferences and seminars."



Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee,
President, UTAR

"I am awed by the magnificence and the magnitude of the CCC project and I am fully convinced that God birthed this vision and that His hand will see to its completion. CCC will be able to serve as a place for His people to gather to worship, to reach out to the needy and bless them with God's salvation."



Rev. Dr Vincent Leoh,
General Superintendent, Assemblies of God of Malaysia

"When Calvary Convention Centre is built, I believe it will be a sign to the nations—a sign to inspire, influence and impact. It will stand as a testimony and witness that 'God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply.' Many shall enjoy the multi-faceted facilities and the faithful shall rejoice. This project is worthy of our support."



Rev. Dr Eu Hong Seng,
Chairman, National Evangelical Christian Fellowship Malaysia

"The Calvary Convention Centre is a laudable project and it's always a joy to see God's people enthusiastic about His work. If we build God's House, He will build our house."



Dr James Marocco,
Board Member, Church Growth International

"The building of the Calvary Convention Centre is a wonderful opportunity that God has provided so that He can bless those who give into the project. When it is completed, the Calvary Convention Centre will be used by God to bless all of Malaysia and the world."



Rev. Dr Robert Lim,
Founding Chairman of Jireh Evangel Church Planting Philippines Inc. (JECPP)

"I had been to many church building sites including ours. That day, I stood at the Calvary Convention Centre site and saw the initial part of the construction while the piling was done. As I stood on one of the piles, I felt a strong surge of God's presence and I knew immediately that this was God's place for His people."




Rev. Dr James Davis,
Co-founder, Billion Soul Initiative; Co-chair, Global Networking

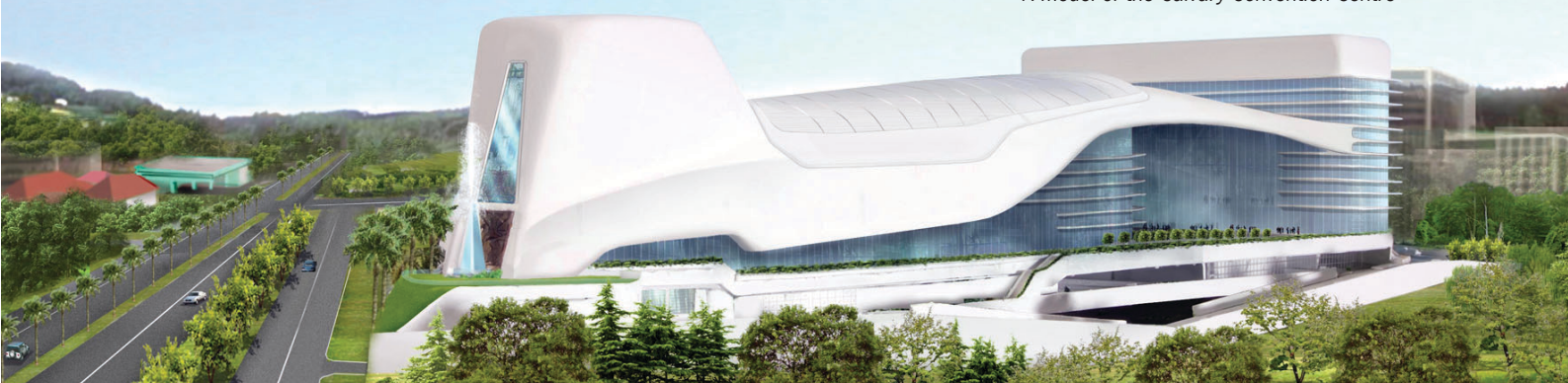
"The Calvary Convention Centre will be a lighthouse for this part of the world. It will be a beacon of light in this community. It will be a light that will shine in dark places so that men and women will come to Jesus Christ."



Dr Bernard Blessing,
Pioneer and President, Rescue Life International

"The Calvary Convention Centre will be an unchallenged statement of God's excellence, wisdom and splendor in our day. It affirms the priceless value Jesus placed on us being His dwelling place." 

A model of the Calvary Convention Centre





Dr Bernard Blessing



Responding at the altar at Damansara Heights

Abounding in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Evangelistic and Revival Services with Dr Bernard Blessing from 22 to 24 August 2007.

By Carol Weller

The Evangelistic and Revival Meetings with Bernard Blessing at Damansara Heights and at Damansara Perdana (live transmission) from 22 to 24 August 2007 and at Ampang on 23 and 24 August were very well attended. The theme was “Abounding in the Power of the Holy Spirit”.

Wednesday, 22 August 2007

Dr Bernard Blessing told us that the Holy Spirit has been sent to help us understand how big God is. Like God who is the Trinity, we are also three in one. We are spirit, soul and body. God has come to give us the fullness of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit makes His home in us we will have ‘zoe’, “the God kind of life.

Referring to the text, Psalm 75:4-7: “...Do not lift up your horn...But God is the Judge. He puts down one, And exalts another,” Dr Bernard said that God is a God of promotion. To be promoted by God means that we will be raised and increased in character, dignity, rank and position. Dr Bernard cited the examples of Abraham who was promoted to be the father of nations, Daniel who was promoted to be an advisor to kings, Esther who was strategically positioned as queen to save the Jews and Peter who was an angry fisherman who became an apostle of God.

Dr. Bernard stressed that there were however, conditions to be fulfilled to attain promotion. “Do not lift up the horn” (verse 5) means that we should stop fighting and surrender our struggles to the Lord, as the battle belongs to Him. We were exhorted not rely on our own ability but on the Holy Spirit, to achieve greatness. We were encouraged to have a deep conviction that God would reward us much more than our worldly employers would or

could. God would even send the angels to fight on our behalf if we so deserved. It also means that we need not “blow our own horns” which means to announce ourselves. At the end of the day, it is the principle of fruitfulness that would prove the true worth of a child of God. As there is a season for everything, there will also be a time for rewards.

God wants to do greater things through us but Dr Bernard says that “we dance around a loaf of bread when God wants to give us the bakery!” God wants to elevate us but we must totally surrender to the Holy Spirit.

Thursday, 23 August 2007

Continuing from the text he used on Wednesday, Dr Bernard stated that God wanted to put His people in strategic places to reflect His love. He will judge our motives, actions and words. When our motives are pure and selfless and our actions reflect Christ, He will promote us.

Dr Bernard said, “Anything that gets to my heart manufactures a product.” What we see, read and hear will shape our thoughts and this is the gateway to our heart. If we can control what gets to our mind, then we can control our tongue.

The Father’s thoughts about us are good and He is constantly speaking good things about us. He sends us what Dr Bernard terms as “grace packages”. We need to learn to listen

to what the Father is saying and by comparison, what others say about us is irrelevant. Jesus’ part is to do what the Father is saying and the Holy Spirit has the role of revealing or manifesting that truth. As a response to this understanding, we should also keep speaking the Word to our situations in order to release God’s power.

Dr. Bernard illustrated that there are three levels to appropriating the power of God’s anointing in our lives. We begin by entering into fellowship with God through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. This then leads to a revelation and experience of the Father’s love. If we persist in prayer we will experience the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. At this third level, our whole being is focused on Him and our burdens are lifted. Here, we can also receive supernatural direction, miracles and healing. At this point, Dr. Bernard explained that there will be a struggle between our flesh and our spirit. He urged us to feed our spirit through prayer and then obey the Word of God.

Finally, we were exhorted to love people. We are to value them and not put them into “categories and boxes”. What we receive from God is not just to bless us but the people around us.

Friday, 24 August 2007

Before Jesus’ death He was the only One who had the Holy Spirit “tabernacled” in him. But Jesus said that He would give us a Helper, the

At the overflow at Damansara Heights



At Damansara Perdana



At Ampang

Spirit of truth, to those who love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15-18).

Referring to Acts 1:8, Dr Bernard said that there are three dimensions to receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. In the first, the Holy Spirit is with us, telling us to give in to God. Then, the Spirit is in us giving us the God kind of life and in the third, the Spirit is upon us and we under His authority. Many Christians remain in the first two dimensions and do not experience the third dimension, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, when we are under His rule and are given His power.

When we surrender to the Spirit daily, He will impart an unseen ability to "bite and breathe at the same time, like a bulldog" an illustration Dr Bernard gave that means that we will

be a powerful tool in God's hands producing uncommon results. Dr Bernard urged us to be runners with a "galloping spirit" desiring to see the manifestation of God's power through His Holy Spirit. These are people who see things that others do not see. Zacchaeus ran to see Jesus. He was a short man and Dr Bernard used this to teach us that we should not worry about what we do not have. Instead, we should give the Holy Spirit what we do have because that is all He needs to raise us up for His glory!

The power of the Holy Spirit is a tool for the Master's task and not a trophy to be won or displayed. When we brace ourselves for the task of the Master, He will not deny us the tools of the Holy Spirit. Dr Bernard said that it is the "faithfulness factor" that determines the manifestation of the power of God in our lives. A faithful servant receives a responsibility and executes it. He is then promoted. For the Christian, it is the task to make

disciples of all nations and to be soul winners.

The unfaithful knows the command but mismanages his time in a spirit of waste and self-indulgence. We are encouraged to fast and pray and not abuse the people God put in our lives. The Lord who promotes us also demotes us. There is a threefold test found in Luke 16:10-13 that we must pass to receive divine elevation. We must be faithful in little things. Next, we are to be faithful in temporary things such as money. Finally, we are to be faithful with another man's goods. Dr Bernard concluded by encouraging us that the Holy Spirit who tests us is also the one who enables us to pass the tests!

Praise the Lord for the 41 who received Christ and the 53 who rededicated their lives to the Lord over the three nights. Many were blessed and are looking forward to live a life abounding in the power of the Holy Spirit! 🙌

Associate Pastor
Christopher Lee and
two teachers praying
for the kids to be
baptised in the Holy
Spirit



Praise the Lord that the kids also learnt that the power of the Holy Spirit is available to them. A total of 35 kids from the various locations were baptised in the Holy Spirit over the three nights of meetings!



At Damansara Heights



At Damansara Perdana



At Ampang

Leaders' Seminar

Assistant Pastor David Seah (left) helping Dr Bernard Blessing to illustrate a point



The leaders and youth yielding to the Holy Spirit

How to move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit

By Chow Sang Hoe and Audrey Kum

On Saturday, 25 August 2007, at Damansara Heights, the leaders of the Church together with the youth who signed up for the IGNITE Conference '07, received greater understanding on how to move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit from Dr Bernard Blessing.

He introduced and elaborated on areas in our life that the Holy Spirit should illuminate, strengthen, lead and guide as they encompassed the totality of our life. Among them are God, our spouse or life partner; our destiny, our work, our relationships, investments, parents, mentors, activities and leisure. We are to set goals in all these areas and seek the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

Dr Bernard highlighted that there are three kinds of gifts: gifts given by God the Father to all—believers and non-believers; gifts apportioned by the Lord Jesus Christ when we accept Him as Lord and Saviour and gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given upon the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

God the Father gives talents to Christians and non-Christians alike (1 Corinthians 12:6, Exodus 36:1). The Holy Spirit can enhance our talents so

that we can serve Him and others in love. If we use our talents appropriately, just think what we can do for the glory of God! The Lord Jesus Christ gives some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry and for the edifying of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-13). The Holy Spirit gives different gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) and the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all (v 7).

Dr Bernard reminded us that the Holy Spirit's gifts are already in us because the Holy Spirit lives in us when we give our lives to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is a gift to us. In the Holy Spirit, there are many gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-11) and since the Holy Spirit is in us, potentially, we have all these gifts. However, to see the

manifestation of these gifts, we must be baptised in the Holy Spirit. We must be totally yielded to Him. Also, for the gifts to be manifested, there must first be a need for these gifts. We are to be sensitive to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and be flexible to respond to what He is imparting. We must walk daily in love for others and be expectant as expectancy is the breeding ground for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's gifts.

The gifts of the Spirit are given to us so that we can serve God and others. Dr Bernard emphasised that the key is for us to love people (1 Corinthians 13). At the conclusion of the sessions, we were left with a clear challenge to win souls for Christ. And we must love and build relationships with the people we lead. There must be no barriers between us, the leaders and other sheep. 🙏

Prayer Emphasis Week



Praying at a Morning Watch



Praying for each other at Life Groups

“Exalt the Lord”

We received encouraging feedback on the prayer journey experience that was conducted in the Life Groups in conjunction with the Prayer Emphasis Week from 12 to 18 August 2007.

Besides the prayer meeting in Life Groups, Morning Watches were held in the Church on Wednesday and

By Assistant Pastor Karen Seah

Thursday. The week of prayer culminated in the extended prayer meeting on Friday. In line with Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's teaching in the School of Christian Growth Open Sessions on “Living at the Edge of Time”, the Church sought the Lord in prayer for believers to continually pursue a kingdom life-style, diligently serving Him and actively reaching out

to the 90% of the nation's population that has yet to be reached.

“Exalt the Lord”—the theme for the Prayer Emphasis Week, posed a challenge to us to worship God in our prayers always. When we do so, we give God the liberty and prerogative to do as He...and we will undoubtedly receive His best! 🙏



Clockwise: The organisers praying for the Conference; Associate Pastor Steven Kum speaking to the participants; At a workshop with Associate Pastor Raymond Yong; Sessions at Taman Tasik Perdana; Responding at the altar at Damansara Heights

Youth get IGNITE-d at conference

By Tabitha Ong

The IGNITE Revival Conference '07 was organised to "ignite" the Calvary Youth to continue being a generation that is committed, prayerful, passionate, worshipful, undivided, building and advancing. These are the seven main points of our credo.


The conference, held over two weekends, from 24 to 25 August 2007 and on 1 September 2007, was attended by 170 young people who came with a sense of expectancy that God would show up and meet us in a special way. And God did not disappoint. As we worshipped Him on that Friday morning, He filled our hearts with love and joy and the assurance that He would work in our lives.

We had a total of four workshops. "Am I Where I'm Supposed To Be?" helped us discover spiritual gifts. "Loose Your Shackles" reminded us that we can break free from the failures and mistakes that prevent us from

living the abundant life God has called us to live. "Tick Tock, Tick Tock" reminded us that we are living at the edge of time and we need to share the Good News with those around us. "Pursuing the I AM" helped us rediscover the passion of actively seeking and pursuing God.

Through all of these workshops, including the sessions with Dr. Bernard Blessing on 26 August 2007 with the leaders of the Church, God moved and touched many lives. We rejoiced with four young people who gave their lives to Christ. Many new friendships were forged between our young people

through the times of fellowship and games.

We returned on 1 September 2007 for the closing rally with great expectations. Associate Pastor Steven Kum shared using the acronym of IGNITE: Intimacy with God, Gratefulness to God, New beginnings in our lives, Inviting others to Life, Tenacity towards the things of God and Expectancy that God can and will do great things. We also praise God that through this conference, we have seen the lives of our young people change, ready to be the generation that our world needs. 

Congratulations Rev. Karen 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.

At the Ordination Service held on 2 September 2007 at Glad Tidings Assembly, Petaling Jaya, Assistant Pastor Karen Seah was ordained. We congratulate Rev. Karen Seah and pray that our Lord will continue to bless her and use her for His glory!

Assistant Pastor Karen Seah receiving the Certificate of Ordination from Rev. Dr. Vincent Leoh, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia, with husband, Assistant Pastor David Seah looking on

"Jesus, My 4'ever Friend"

By Jeannie Low

Jesus, "My 4'ever Friend" was the theme for the Children's Day celebration this year on 23 September 2007. Our Church chooses a specific day each year, to celebrate "Children's Day". This is a day set aside for the purpose of letting the children know that they are valued and precious and to give the parents an opportunity to know that the Church supports them in nurturing their children in the ways of God.

Our focus was taken from the theme Scripture verse, Proverbs 18:24 – "Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family" (The Message). Through the various parts of the Children's Day programme, two main messages were clearly imparted to the children: That Jesus is their Saviour and closest Friend and that friendliness is a powerful witness for Christ.

Among the programme highlights were the special prayer of blessing by

Pastors at each Church location, interactive and fun games, the Bible story on the friendship between David and Jonathan and the attractive decorations. The children also enjoyed a time of fellowship over food brought by generous parents.

A week before Children's Day, our regular Carpenter's Workshop (CW) children were encouraged to invite their non-Christian friends to join us for the Children's Day celebration. Praise God that a total of 749 children

were blessed in this event. There were 45 children who came for the first time and they were blessed with the gospel message that Jesus has come to be their personal Saviour and Friend! Many of these new comers also indicated they would want to come back again and join the CW. All glory to God! 🙏



At Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana, Cheras and Ampang...

...prayer of blessing by the Pastors

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the kids at Cheras



Associate Pastor Peter Ong praying for the kids at Damansara Perdana



Associate Pastor Richard Yun praying for the kids at Ampang



Associate Pastor Christopher Lee praying for the kids at Damansara Heights

...fellowship over food...



Continued on facing page

...worship, Bible story,
interactive games



Baby Dedication

Precious jewels dedicated to the Lord

On 30 September 2007, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated seven babies to the Lord at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights. He then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and the ways of the Lord. 🙏

Left to right: Moses & Christie Lai with baby Mikayla Lai Sue Shen; Daniel & Venetia Loke with baby Aaron Loke Jun Keit; Yap Tze Khong & Hui Ping with baby Yap Wei Jia, Leona; William & Stephanie Hor with baby Naomi Theophilus Hor; Benny & Brenda Lee with baby Samuel Lee Zhi Hong; Louie & Stefenie Lee with baby Lee On Agong and Mark & Lisa Thomas with baby Jeremy Emmanuel Thomas



Jeremy Emmanuel
Thomas

Lee On Agong

Samuel Lee Zhi Hong


Naomi Theophilus Hor

Yap Wei Jia, Leona

Aaron Loke Jun Keit

Mikayla Lai Sue Shen

Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/DH 10.30am/5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
	4	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Assistant Pastor David Seah	<i>Communion</i> Assistant Pastor David Seah
	11	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
	18	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
	25	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
NOVEMBER				

2	<i>Communion</i> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
9	Assistant Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
16	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	<i>Water Baptism</i> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
23	Combined Christmas Worship Service at Putra Stadium at 10am Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam			
30	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Assistant Pastor David Seah	Assistant Pastor David Seah
DECEMBER				

Putra Stadium,
Bukit Jalil

Sat., 22 Dec '07
Sun., 23 Dec '07
Mon., 24 Dec '07

8pm nightly

A **Combined Christmas Worship Service** will be held on Sunday, 23 December 2007 at 10am

The **JOY** *of*
CHRISTMAS
A spectacular musical

A **NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE** will be held on **31 December 2007** (Monday) at **8.30pm** at **Damansara Heights**

November

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 25** Speaker: Rev. Florence Tong
Venue: Bethel Hall
- * *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Chua Ken Tee at 03-7727 3948 ext. 320 for more information.*

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Video Parables

- 3** The Good Samaritan
10 The Unmerciful Servant
17 The Talents
24 Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Walk the Talk (Peter's Principles)

- 3** The Battle for Holiness (1 Peter 1:13-25)
10 An Appetite for Goodness (1 Peter 2:1-12)
17 Saying No to Revenge (1 Peter 2:19-25)
24 Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

BM Thanksgiving Fellowship

- Speaker ■ Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam
- Time ■ 12.30pm-2.30pm
- Date ■ 25 November 2007
- Venue ■ Bethel Bungalow

December

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: The Greatest Story Ever Told

- 1** The Birth
8 The Visit
15 The Escape and Return
22 Combined with Christmas Evangelistic Meetings
29 Year End Rally

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Walk the Talk (Peter's Principles) II

- 1** Living at Peace (1 Peter 3:8-17)
8 Get Ready for a Rough Ride (1 Peter 4:1-19)
15 In Good Hands (1 Peter 5:5-11)
22 Combined with Christmas Evangelistic Meetings
29 Year End Rally

18 -24 November 2007

Prayer Emphasis Week

Delight...in Receiving His Blessings John 14:14

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **15 December 2007** | 1.45pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **16 December 2007** | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | **11 November 2007**



For ages
4 & above



Why do we celebrate Christmas?

Let's find out! We're gonna start at the manger scene and **REWIND** all the way back to the Garden of Eden, to understand why we needed Jesus in the first place.

Join us at **3pm** on **Saturday, 1 December 2007** at the Sanctuary at **Calvary Church Damansara Heights**.

Invite your friends to our **Kids E-Meet** to come see the **KidsCAT** perform this delightful presentation of dance, drama and a variety of songs.

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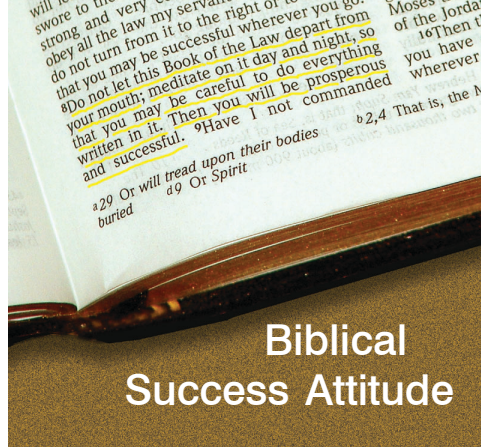
Do you know that God works? Jesus said, **"My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working"** (John 5:17). God believes in work. Work is part of living. God put Adam to work. The Bible says, **"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it"** (Genesis 2:15). If we are to work, then we must succeed in our work. Succeeding at work is being successful in life.

The world's method of success is not the same as the Bible's. Worldly people disregard God, His will and eternal life. They are willing to do whatever it takes in order to succeed, even though the method is wrong and sinful. Worldly success is temporal. Jesus tells us this in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich man's success was only earthly. He dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury while Lazarus was covered with sores and longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. The world considers the rich man successful and Lazarus a failure. But the Bible goes on to tell us that both the rich man and Lazarus died. The successful rich man was thrown into hell, a place of torment while Lazarus, the one considered a failure, was sitting in Abraham's bosom! This parable teaches that it is not enough to have worldly success in this life because it is not true and real success.

Biblical success can be experienced in this life as well as when you meet your Creator. Abraham is a good example. Abraham was a very prosperous man (Genesis 13:2) and he was called a friend of God. Those who are successful in God do not need to be beggars though sometimes success in God may come at a cost. The Apostle Paul is another example. He was successful but he also overcame many hardships (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). Paul says the world may call you a fool because you do not do and live like them, without God (1 Corinthians 4:9-13).

The Bible can teach us to be successful and prosperous. David warns us not to be envious of those who have worldly success because it is temporal. He says, **"Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away"** (Psalm 37:1-2).

You need to have biblical success attitudes to enjoy success that really



Biblical Success Attitude

counts now and in eternity. What is an attitude? The dictionary defines it as settled behaviour, as indicating an opinion of mind, a settled mode of thinking and a mental position with regard to a fact. Some people have an attitude problem. They are negative in their outlook, critical, sarcastic, arrogant, mean and not flexible. They are divisive; they cause strife and can be a monster to live with. They blame everyone else but themselves and are difficult to live with.

Your life depends on your attitude towards God and His church. The Bible says, **"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he"** (Proverbs 23:7, NKJV). If you have the right kind of attitude, you will have success. Your attitude is a state of mind and a matter of choice. You can wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning Lord!" or "Good Lord, it's morning!" You can choose to rejoice. David said, **"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"** (Psalm 118:24). Two men faced a broken relationship. One chose to jump off a bridge and committed suicide and the other chose to write a country and western song that brought him a lucrative recording contract! You can choose the emotions that will rule your behaviour and the principles that will govern your life.

Your wealth and health are linked to the prosperity of your soul. John says, **"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers"** (3 John 2, NKJV). When you have a right attitude towards God, your soul prospers. When you are in a right relationship with God, you can succeed. Your spirituality controls your wealth and health in the material and physical realm. David says, **"Misfortune pursues the sinner, but prosperity is the reward of the righteous"** (Proverbs 13:21).

What is your attitude towards your church? It plays a vital role towards your spiritual development. Attending church is not an option but a necessity

as you spend a great portion of your life in the world. You need the influence of the children of God at church and the Word that will build you up and strengthen you to be the kind of man and woman that you ought to be.

How do you have a good attitude?

First, take responsibility. Second, stop blaming others. Third, think correctly. Attitude is a state of mind. The Bible tells you what you should think about.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9).

Joshua says, **"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful"** (Joshua 1:8). If your thoughts are right, your mouth will say the right things. What comes out of your mouth comes out of your heart. Therefore know and memorise the Word of God and your thoughts will centre on what God approves. And when you obey His Word, you will be prosperous, successful and an encouragement and delight to others.

The Bible says that a blessed and successful man is **"...like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers"** (Psalm 1:3). Why is this so? It is because he has the biblical success attitude—he **"...does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night"** (Psalm 1:1, 2).

Are you experiencing biblical success and prosperity? True success is not only money. Money may buy you food but it is God who gives you the appetite to enjoy it. Money may buy you the services of the best doctors and surgeons but it is God who gives life and health. Money may buy you a mansion but it is God who blesses a home with love and harmony. True success is knowing the will of God and doing it. 🙏

All Bible quotations are from the New International Version unless indicated otherwise.



Rev. Simon Chow

“True Joy” By Lim Chune Sin

More than 480 people attended the three nights of the Chinese Evangelistic Meetings, “True Joy” held at Pusat Aktiviti Calvary, Damansara Perdana, from 21 to 23 September 2007.

Rev. Simon Chow shared with us how we can receive “True Joy” i.e. Jesus Christ, into our lives. On the first night, he preached from Proverbs 17:22. Everyone wants to be happy but life is difficult and full of challenges that can rob us of our joy. Many people have wrong ideas of what constitutes true joy. Our happiness often depends on outside circumstances or things we possess. However, true joy must come from within. It comes from having a relationship with our creator God and His Son Jesus Christ.

When we surrender our life to the Lord, all our burdens will be lifted away. True joy brings about a sense of satisfaction and security that comes from the presence of God in our life. True joy is like good medicine. It can bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to our body. Rev. Simon Chow testified how God had healed him of a


strange skin problem after he had learnt to forgive his father.

On the second night, he took us further in this same truth; that it is God’s will that we must always remain in His Joy (John 15:11). He shared from Proverbs 15:30 that true joy is the source of our smile and it comes from knowing God who can give us new direction in life and purpose for living. God’s Word will also nourish our soul and His wisdom will bring enlightenment into our lives.

On the final night, Rev. Chow touched on how to face uncertainties in life especially death and he explained why Jesus Christ is the key to love, peace and joy. With Jesus in our lives, we can enjoy a successful life.

Through his powerful testimony of God’s transformation in his life, his sister and mother have come to know Jesus.

Special presentations and testimonies were shared each night. God has touched and transformed our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Instead of despair, aimlessness and meaningless idol worship, Jesus brought hope, deliverance and healing after they accepted Him as their Saviour and Lord. A skit entitled, “The Distinction between Happiness and Joy” by two members of our Church’s Creative Arts Ministry shed light on the need to know God as the source of our true joy.

Praise the Lord that out of the 58 visitors, 19 of them made decisions for Christ for the first time. Many received prayer for healing and various needs were met by the presence of Jesus in our midst. 

Hong Yuen Chun presenting a dance to “God Is the Strength of My Heart”



Madam Loo Choy Mooi (left) sharing her testimony



Responding at the altar



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