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Why Pray?

God desires you and your fellowship more than your gifts and service. He created you for fellowship. But man sinned against God and sin has separated man from God.

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The Fruits of Celebration of Hope Malaysia (COHM)

In December 2007, a total of 140 hosts organised home gatherings in conjunction with The Celebration of Hope Malaysia (COHM), to reach their unsaved loved ones and friends. A total of 397 potential believers were reached. We thank God that 42 of them accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour! Three hosts enthusiastically reported:



Jeremy (left) and his uncle Alex

ALEX LIEW

When I was introduced to the COHM programme, I immediately signed up because I have been praying to reach my nephew and nieces. Out of five whom I invited, two came and one of them brought his girlfriend. With my wife's wonderful contribution of homemade lasagna, spaghetti and pizzas, our three guests enjoyed the evening, watching the evangelistic movie in the comfort of our home.

When the movie ended, I shared my testimony of God's love. However, there was no response to the invitation to salvation. But I believed that the seed had been planted and greater things are yet to come.

Subsequently, one of my nephews, Jeremy, agreed to attend "The Joy of Christmas" musical at Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil. He came for the presentation and brought along a friend. Both of them were touched. When the altar call was given, to my great delight, they responded and prayed to accept the Lord! Jeremy attended Calvary Church for the first time on 13 January 2008.

NG ENG LEONG

In my COHM gathering, we had five guests, three of whom were potential believers. When the invitation to accept Christ was given, two of them raised their hands and followed me in the salvation prayer. The remaining potential believer was not ready.

Two weeks later, we intentionally invited her to our LG and she came. One of our LG members took the opportunity to share the Gospel with her. The lady, this time, understood better the glorious Good News and willingly accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour! In His time, God makes all things beautiful!

We are now using the J12 discipleship materials fortnightly to disciple these individuals.



Eng Leong (middle) and two of his disciples



Evelyn (left) and Charis

CHARIS CHUA

I got to know Evelyn in the course of work last September and came to know that she had a desire to attend church, as she had been exposed to church life when she was a teenager.


I invited Evelyn to the COHM gathering at my home and she came. After watching the movie, Evelyn shared about the challenges she was going through. Together with another believer, we shared our personal testimony of God's goodness.

I prayed for Evelyn and her family and then asked whether she would like to invite Jesus in her life. After much encouragement and addressing her apprehensions, God, through His grace, touched Evelyn's heart. She invited Jesus as her Lord and Saviour and came to Church with me the following Sunday.

John 4:35 says "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

Today is the day of salvation. If you are praying to reach your unsaved loved ones and friends but do not know where to begin, the LG is the best place to help you.

They will support you in prayer and be able to provide you with many wonderful ideas and ways to reach your loved ones with the Gospel.

Call the Pastoral Care Department today at 7728 6000 ext 307 & 308 for a LG nearest to you. 



Kenapa Berdoa?

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

Tuhan menginginkan kamu dan persekutuan kamu lebih daripada pemberian dan pelayanan kamu. Dia mencipta kamu untuk persekutuan. Tetapi manusia berdosa terhadap Tuhan dan dosa telah memisahkan manusia daripada Tuhan.

Yesaya memberi gambaran tentang pemisahan ini dengan mengatakan, **“Kita sekalian sesat seperti domba, masing-masing kita mengambil jalannya sendiri, tetapi TUHAN telah menimpakan kepadanya kejahatan kita sekalian”** (Yesaya 53:6). Dalam keadaan sesat, manusia mengalami pelbagai jenis masalah dan penyakit. Manusia tidak dapat mencari jalan kembali kepada Tuhan. Tuhan telah menjumpai satu cara untuk membantu manusia dengan menyediakan satu jalan. Yesus mengisytiharkan, **“Akulah jalan dan kebenaran dan hidup. Tidak ada seorangpun yang datang kepada Bapa, kalau tidak melalui Aku”** (Yohanes 14:6). Rasul Paulus menulis kepada Timotius, **“Karena**

TUHAN itu esa dan esa pula Dia yang menjadi pengantara antara TUHAN dan manusia, yaitu manusia Kristus Yesus” (1 Timotius 2:5).

Apabila kamu mempunyai jam tangan yang sudah rosak, adakah kamu membawanya kepada tukang kasut? Tidak. Apabila kereta kamu ada masalah, adakah kamu membawanya berjumpa doktor? Tidak, tetapi apabila kamu mempunyai masalah dalam hidup, kamu mencari penyelesaian di sana dan di sini, tetapi tidak dari Tuhan. Tiada sesiapa yang mengetahui kamu dan dapat membantu kamu lebih baik daripada Tuhan. Tuhan mengetahui setiap maklumat tentang hidup kamu termasuk bilangan rambut atas kepala kamu.

Dia membentuk kamu daripada debu bumi dan adalah sumber kehidupan kamu. Kamu boleh kembali kepadaNya bagaikan kambing yang sesat kerana Dia mempunyai kuasa untuk membuat segala sesuatu terjadi dalam hidup kamu. Oleh itu, berhubunglah dan bersekutu denganNya. Ini penting untuk kejayaan dan kebaikan kamu.

Tuhan adalah kasih dan kasih mesti ada objeknya. Alkitab berkata, **“Tuhan begitu mengasihi dunia ini”,** bermaksud Tuhan mengasihi kamu. Apabila Tuhan mencipta Adam dan Hawa, Dia berjalan dengan mereka pada petang yang nyaman. Ia berjalan dengan Henokh dan memanggil Abraham yang percaya dan mentaatiNya, sebagai kawanNya. Dia menghantar Yesus, Anak tunggalNya untuk menjadi anak sulung antara ramai anak. Alkitab berkata, **“Tetapi semua orang yang menerimaNya diberinya kuasa supaya menjadi anak-anak TUHAN, yaitu mereka yang percaya dalam namaNya”** (Yohanes 1:12).

Berdoa mesti mendahului pelayanan

Kamu mesti bersekutu dengan Tuhan kerana dalamNya kita dijadikan pemenang dan dapat menangani hidup yang berdosa. Persekutuan dengan Tuhan datang sebelum pelayanan. Kamu boleh mengorban dari segi kewangan, memberi bakat kamu dan melakukan banyak perkara untuk Tuhan tetapi jika kamu terlalu sibuk untuk berdoa, kamu tidak akan mengalami kuasaNya untuk hidup dengan berjaya. Alkitab berkata, **“Sebab punyaKulah segala binatang hutan, dan beribu-ribu hewan di gunung”** (Mazmur 50:10). Tuhan mahu persekutuan kamu dahulu, lebih daripada pemberian dan pelayanan kamu. Dia mempunyai malaikat-malaikat untuk melayaniNya.

Adalah lebih penting untuk kamu belajar untuk berkomunikasi dengan Tuhan dan menikmatiNya. Pemberian kamu kemudian akan menjadi hasil daripada kehidupan doa kamu. E.M. Bounds, dalam bukunya, *“Essentials of Prayer”*, berkata:

“Kunci kepada semua kejayaan kerja misi adalah doa. Kunci itu ada pada gereja yang menghantar mereka. Piala yang dimenangi oleh Tuhan kita dalam tanah yang kafir

akan dimenangi oleh para mubaligh yang berdoa, bukan pekerja profesional di tanah asing. Terutamanya, kejayaan inilah yang dimenangi oleh orang beriman yang berdoa di rumah gereja. Mereka berdoa berlutut, berpuasa dan berdoa, dan inilah dasar pembekalan rohani yang kuat untuk otot peperangan dan janji kemenangan dalam konflik terakhir yang dahsyat ini. Sumber kewangan bukannya otot sebenar dalam peperangan ini. Senjata peperangan dengan sendirinya tidak ada kuasa untuk membanteras dinding kafir, membuka pintu yang berkesan dan memenangi hati yang kafir untuk Kristus. Doa dengan sendirinya boleh melakukan kerja itu...Wang itu penting, tetapi wang tanpa doa tiada kuasanya dalam menangani kegelapan, penderitaan dan dosa dalam tanah yang belum mengenaliNya...Pemberian tanpa doa membawa ketandusan dan kematian.”

Tuhan akan memberkati gereja kerana visi misinya dan kesetiaannya dalam kerja-kerja misi. Jika gereja terus berdoa, Tuhan akan membekalkan wang yang diperlukan untuk kerjanya. Mereka yang berdoa akan tergerak dalam hati untuk memberi. Kamu tidak boleh berdoa tanpa memberi. Kamu tidak boleh mengasihi tanpa memberi. Gereja yang berdoa dan yang mengasihilah yang akan bangkit dalam iman dan kejayaan dan akan mengalami banyak pencapaian.

Pelayanan kamu akan menjadi efektif apabila kamu berdoa. Cara orang Israel mengalahkan Amalek di Rafidim ialah contoh yang berkuasa dalam keberkesanan berdoa.

“Lalu datanglah orang Amalek dan berperang melawan orang Israel di Rafidim. Musa berkata kepada Yosua: ‘Pilihlah orang-orang bagi kita, lalu keluarlah berperang melawan orang Amalek, besok aku akan berdiri di puncak bukit itu dengan memegang tongkat TUHAN di tanganku.’ Lalu Yosua melakukan seperti yang dikatakan Musa kepadanya dan berperang melawan orang Amalek; tetapi Musa, Harun dan Hur telah naik ke puncak bukit. Dan terjadilah, apabila Musa mengangkat tangannya, lebih kuatlah Israel, tetapi apabila ia menurunkan tangannya, lebih kuatlah Amalek. Maka penatlah tangan Musa, sebab itu mereka

mengambil sebuah batu, diletakkanlah di bawahnya, supaya ia duduk di atasnya; Harun dan Hur menopang kedua belah tangannya, seorang di sisi yang satu, seorang di sisi yang lain, sehingga tangannya tidak bergerak sampai matahari terbenam. Demikianlah Yosua mengalahkan Amalek dan rakyatnya dengan mata pedang” (Keluaran 17:8-13). Selagi Musa mengangkat tangannya, Israel menang. Tetapi apa kaitannya dengan doa? Musa mengangkat tangannya ke arah takhta Tuhan. Dan satu-satunya cara kamu boleh memasuki bilik takhta Tuhan ialah melalui doa. Mengangkat tangan menyimbolkan perhubungan dan persekutuan antara Musa dan Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, **“Lalu Musa mendirikan sebuah mezbah dan menamainya: ‘Tuhanlah panji-panjiku!’ Ia berkata: ‘Tangan di atas panji-panji TUHAN! TUHAN berperang melawan Amalek turun-temurun” (Keluaran 17:15-16).**

Semestinya ada suatu perhubungan yang kuat dan yang hidup di antara kamu dengan Yesus. Dan cara yang baik untuk memupuk perhubungan ini ialah melalui doa harian. Maka kamu akan mengalami kuasa dan kemenangan yang Tuhan ingin kamu miliki dalam hidup kamu.

Perhubungan kamu dengan Tuhan akan menguatkan pelayanan kamu.

Melalui doa, kamu akan ketahui kehendak Tuhan. Rahsia kejayaan seorang umat Kristen ialah mengetahui kehendak Tuhan dan melakukannya. Yesus mengetahui kehendak Bapa Tuhan kerana doa adalah adatnya. Bila kamu berhubung secara rohani dengan Tuhan, Dia akan menyerlahkan kehendakNya kepada kamu untuk kehidupan kamu. Kamu tidak perlu lari ke sana ke sini untuk mencari orang untuk memberi nubuat kepada kamu. Saya tidak ada kesukaran dalam mengetahui kehendak bapa saya untuk saya. Dia begitu inginkan saya tahu daripada saya mendengarnya! Dia akan berkata, “Saya mahu kamu belajar bersungguh-sungguh,” dan kemudian memberitahu kehendaknya untuk hidup saya. Apabila kamu bersekutu dengan Tuhan, Dia akan berkata dan menunjukkan kepada kamu. Mengetahui kehendak Tuhan adalah hanya lima puluh peratus daripada kejayaan kamu. Kamu juga perlu

mentaati kehendakNya. Adalah penting kamu mendisiplinkan hidup kamu untuk berdoa. Yesus berkata bahawa Dia adalah pokok anggur dan kamulah rantingnya. Adakah ranting-ranting risau bila tiba masanya untuk berbuah? Tidak, ia hanya menetap pada pokok anggurnya. Maka, buatlah yang sama. Yesus berkata, **“Akulah pokok anggur dan kamulah ranting-rantingnya. Barangsiapa tinggal di dalam Aku dan Aku di dalam dia, ia berbuah banyak, sebab di luar Aku kamu tidak dapat berbuat apa-apa” (Yohanes 15:5).**

Melalui doa, kamu akan menerima kekuatan untuk melakukan kehendak Tuhan. Kiranya Yesus tidak belajar rahsia berdoa, Dia tidak akan mempunyai kekuatan untuk melakukan kehendak Tuhan, iaitu mati di salib. Tuhan menghantar seorang malaikat untuk menguatkanNya semasa Dia berdoa di Taman Gethsemane. **“Setelah itu Ia kembali kepada murid-muridNya itu dan mendapati mereka sedang tidur. Dan Ia berkata kepada Petrus: ‘Tidakkah kamu sanggup berjaga-jaga satu jam dengan Aku? Berjaga-jagalah dan berdoa, supaya kamu jangan jatuh ke dalam pencobaan: roh memang penurut, tetapi daging lemah.’ Lalu Ia pergi untuk kedua kalinya dan berdoa, kataNya: ‘Ya BapaKu jikalau cawan ini tidak mungkin lalu, kecuali apabila Aku meminumnya, jadilah kehendakMu!’” (Matius 26:40-42).** Di dalam Injil Lukas ia berkata, **“Maka seorang malaikat dari langit menampakkan diri kepadaNya untuk memberi kekuatan kepadaNya” (Lukas 22:43).**

Tuhan menanti kamu untuk menjangkauNya supaya Dia dapat mencurahkan kasih dan kekuatanNya ke dalam kamu agar kamu dapat bangkit dan menghadapi cabaran-cabaran yang datang dalam melakukan kehendak Tuhan. Seperti Yesus, carilah suatu tempat yang sunyi dan senyap untuk berdoa dan bersekutu dengan Tuhan. Kamu juga perlu berkomunikasi dengan Tuhan dan Dia akan menguatkan pelayanan kamu dan memberkati kamu dalam pelbagai usaha! 🙏

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“Pray believing”

By Carol Weller

On Friday and Saturday, 11 and 12 January 2008, the Church held a Faith and Prayer Seminar to help us start the year right! We were taught by Rev. David Mohan the General Superintendent of All India Assemblies of God. He is no stranger to us having been our Family Camp speaker in 2004.

“Prayer is hard work” began Rev. Mohan. “It involves soul, spirit and body. Prayer is feeling the presence of God.” Rev. Mohan referred to Mark 11:11 where Jesus entered Jerusalem and first went to the temple and “He looked around”. In the New Testament the ‘temple’ is the body of Christ. God looks around to see what is happening in our life and sadly, finds no altar of incense, bread, lamp stand or sacrifice. Instead he finds us conducting “business”. This means that we exchange our offerings for His blessings like a business transaction, and when we do this, the church loses its true purpose to be a house of prayer (Mark 11:17). In His next visit to the temple, Jesus took a whip to drive out these ‘robbers’.

Rev. Mohan interspersed his message with calls to the congregation to lift up our hands and pray for transformation.

Just as the temple had an Outer Court, Holy Place and Holy of Holies, prayer has three levels i.e. asking, seeking and knocking. We are often stuck at the first level of asking for our needs to be met where we often face the temptations and distractions of the flesh. Rev. Mohan exhorted us to “stay there”, waiting on God. Moses was required to spend six days on the mountain alone before he heard from God. We are then to move to the next level where the Holy Spirit will help us to pray from the will of God, with discernment. Then we will move to the next level, the Holy of Holies where we will hear the voice of God speaking to us. By faith we receive His Word and practise it.

Responding to Rev. Mohan's challenge to pray at least an hour a day

Rev. Mohan challenged us to find out God's purpose for our lives and to pray to fulfil this purpose. It is God's purpose that we love Him and sit in His presence and be changed. Part of God's purpose for us also, is to partner with the Church in prayer till we are transformed and till our nation “bows down before God”.

When Jesus entered the temple the third time, He was able to walk in the temple courts (Mark 11:27) because it had been cleansed. When the ‘temple’ or ‘church’ has been cleansed, and when there is faith and prayer, then the sick from outside will come in and healing will take place.

Rev. David Mohan



Committing to be people of prayer



Love for God motivates us to pray.

Rev. Mohan continued on the theme of prayer the next afternoon. He began by asking, “Do we love God?” To love is the first commandment (Matthew 22:37). Love always gives and never demands. In Luke 7:44, we learn of the love of a sinner woman who wiped Jesus' feet with her tears and was praised by Jesus for her love. Conviction of sin comes when we are in the presence of God. Love comes when we are convicted of sin. God wants to cleanse the church and the individual believer of sin as sins prevent our prayers from being answered.

Rev. Mohan used a further illustration from Luke 10:41, of Martha and Mary; first to show God's disapproval of a complaining spirit and then of a need to develop a listening spirit in prayer. Our love for God will increase when we learn to listen to Him. We must not be lazy. Rev. Mohan said, “God doesn't call lazy people into the ministry.” If we love God, ministry and prayer will follow.

Using the story of the three wise men described in Matthew 2, who followed the star, Rev. Mohan said that many of us do not want to ‘travel’ or pay the price to ‘see the King’. Like the wise men, we must be willing to bow down and submit ourselves in humility and then present our gifts to Jesus.

Another example of a woman who let her devotion for Jesus lead her to a true encounter with Christ is Mary Magdalene who braved the dark dangerous Easter morning to go to Jesus' tomb. She was not contented just to see the empty tomb and grave clothes, unlike Peter and John, nor was she satisfied to speak to the angels. She longed to meet with her beloved Lord and was rewarded when He called her name. She lingered till she saw the King. Persistent prayer should lead us to a personal encounter with Christ. 🙏



Children's Prayer Revival Meeting



God answers prayer

By Koay Bee Cheng

Praise the Lord for the 67 Carpenter's Workshop children who came out on Friday, 11 January 2008 to Damansara Heights to start off 2008 with a prayer revival meeting.

Just as they are off to a new school term, these children came believing that God will bless them as they embrace the Church's theme for 2008, “Pray, Believing”. The Bible lesson from the text 1 Samuel 1: 10-17 and 20, on the life of Hannah, taught the children to trust God. They learnt that when they pray and believe, God will answer just as God answered Hannah's prayer for a son. The Bible lesson was further reinforced through games and fellowship activities that focused on dynamics that guide them to focus on God and stay connected with Him. 🙏

Clockwise: The children worshipping God; Reinforcing the Bible lesson through activities and games



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



Rev. David Mohan

Sowing and Reaping By Audrey Kum

On Faith Promise Sunday, 13 January 2008, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam reminded us of the importance of giving not grudgingly or out of necessity but cheerfully to the Lord (2 Corinthians 9:6-8) before warmly introducing the speaker, Rev. David Mohan from India.

Rev. Mohan, the Senior Pastor of a fast-growing church that is preparing to build a facility that will seat 55,000 people, wholeheartedly supported what Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam said. He shared how he had learnt early in his ministry to give cheerfully and he has been greatly blessed. He then shared with us several principles we need to exercise in our giving to God.

First, there is the principle of kingdom giving. Rev. Mohan said, if we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly but if we sow generously, we will reap generously because God is able to make all grace abound for us. God, who supplies the seed for the sower and bread for food, will supply


and multiply the seed we sow and increase the harvest of our righteousness.

We are to plant the seed of the Word of God in every nation. We are also to plant the seed of our life so that it will produce more seeds when it dies (John 12:24). Jesus gave His life for us. God has given us many talents and gifts to bless other people. Rev. Mohan then gave us something to think about when he added, "If you don't give your money, how can you give your life?"

Second, the motivation of our giving must be right. The widow of Zarephath gave first to Elijah in faith and was blessed (1 Kings 17:13-16). Giving must be birthed out of vision

and faith. In another incident, a poor widow put only two copper coins into the temple treasury (Luke 21:2-3) yet Jesus commented that she had put in more than all the others because she put in all she had to live on while they gave out of their wealth. Jesus watches us when we give and He sees our motives. He sees whether we give with a cheerful heart or grudgingly.


Finally, Rev. Mohan encouraged us to invest into the kingdom of God. He urged us to plant our money, talents and our lives in the kingdom of God because He will bless us as we bless others for His sake (Matthew 19:29).

We thank God for the many who applied the principles by signing up as Faith Promise partners. 

Carpenter's Workshop

Kids learn that the harvest is their responsibility



Clockwise: Faith Promise Sunday at Damansara Heights; Cheras; Ampang and Damansara Perdana 

Water Baptism

(From left) Front Row : Sharon Lee Meng Yee, Kelvin Sia Kai Wen, Josiah Han Soon Kiat, Joel Ashvervin Zachariah, Michael Lim Chan Zheng, Joshua Lim Jien Hao

Middle Row: Emmanuel Lim Sze Hau, Carmen Ten Kar Mun, Lim Vivian, Aaron Cheong Chee Keong, Kenneth Edward Noronha

Back Row: Cheah Li Wen, Michelle D'Cruz, Samuel Navin Zachariah, Bianca Hoh Yen Peng, Josephine Lim Jien Wen



Thirty-nine baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 39 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 16 December 2007! Sixteen Carpenter's Workshop children were baptised at the end of the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights while 23 adults and children were baptised at the 5pm Worship Service. By their obedience to be baptised in water, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and Master. 🙏



(From left) Front Row: Samantha Widjaja, Erin Marcia, Ivan Dinnesh Gunaretnam, Elaine Tan Shi En, Jeremy Tan Jia Ming, Erma C. Belocura, Estela Mayrina

Middle Row: Andy Tan Chuen Wei, Joshua Karuna Putra Widjaja Oey, Chua Suat Yean, Chew Ah Yee, Denise Woon Soo Yee, Irene Hah Oi Lian, Chin Mee Lian, Fiona Tee May May, Ginettee Rinisha

Back Row: Gee Say Kheng, Chuang Chu Chuan, Liew Li Hsien, Jonathan Woon Chang Hang, Kelvin Lee Kian Seng, Eugene Thomas Yeo Ren Jen

Not in Picture: Jonathan Cheng Heng Kuan



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam addressing the CCC Committees

A “privilege” to serve By Philemon Soon

Calvarites participating and serving in the various Church activities and Committees are a blessed lot. When God calls on them to be involved in the building of His Kingdom, He will surely bless those who respond to His call.

“As such, it is not a chore but a great privilege to be able to serve the Lord when He calls,” said Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam in his message to the members of the 2008 Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) working committees, comprising the Finance and Administration Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Prayer Committee, Events Committee, Communications and Publicity Committee, Contribution in Kind Committee and Human Resource Committee at the meeting held on 19 January 2008 at the Bethel Hall.

Senior Pastor encouraged the CCC committee members to take their responsibilities and tasks seriously. He said, “Don’t do this (serve in the CCC committee) to please man or a particular individual. Do it as unto the Lord.”

In thanking and appreciating the members for their commitment, Senior Pastor advised them to persevere in their tasks as nothing is easy and there will always be challenges and issues to overcome. Senior Pastor then shared and put into perspective three Godly insights.

First, God is in the business of building. Senior Pastor told the CCC Committees that God has always encouraged the building of places of worship. From Noah to Abraham to Prophet Elijah to King Solomon, God has been involved in building—the ark, altars, and temples. It was God

who gave precise measurements to Noah for the building of the ark. God asked Abraham to build an altar where He blessed Abraham and made his descendents as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands on the seashore.

He also told Prophet Elijah to build an altar at Mount Carmel where He revealed His power against the prophets of Baal. Again, it was God who gave King Solomon specific instructions in the building of His temple. God is indeed in the business of building His temple (or Church) as such buildings are the places where people are brought into the Kingdom of God.


Second, it is a divine call of God for Calvarites to be involved in the building of the CCC. God desires for Calvary Church to be a Fountain Head church where the waters flow far and wide to reach the world for Jesus Christ. A clear indication of God’s plan for Calvary Church came from several visiting pastors who had shared God’s vision for Calvary Church with Senior Pastor and the Calvary congregation.

Senior Pastor added that those serving in the various CCC Committees are in partnership with God. They must be very clear in their mind that this is a divine calling, not some individual asking them to do this or that. God has called this Church to build the CCC and the Church, in obedience, has given

opportunities to its members to participate. Members should thus appreciate their calling and thank God for the wonderful privilege to serve Him. Notwithstanding, the Church is thankful and highly appreciative of the work and efforts of the members.

Third, there is a definite and direct blessing in obeying God’s call in building the CCC. Senior Pastor said, “God will bless you when He asks you to respond to His call and will bless you with talent, wisdom, knowledge, skills and insight. He will equip you with the tools to do the necessary.”

“You are not a loser when you give your time, finance and energy to build the Kingdom of God. God will bless you much and in more ways than you expect,” said Senior Pastor.

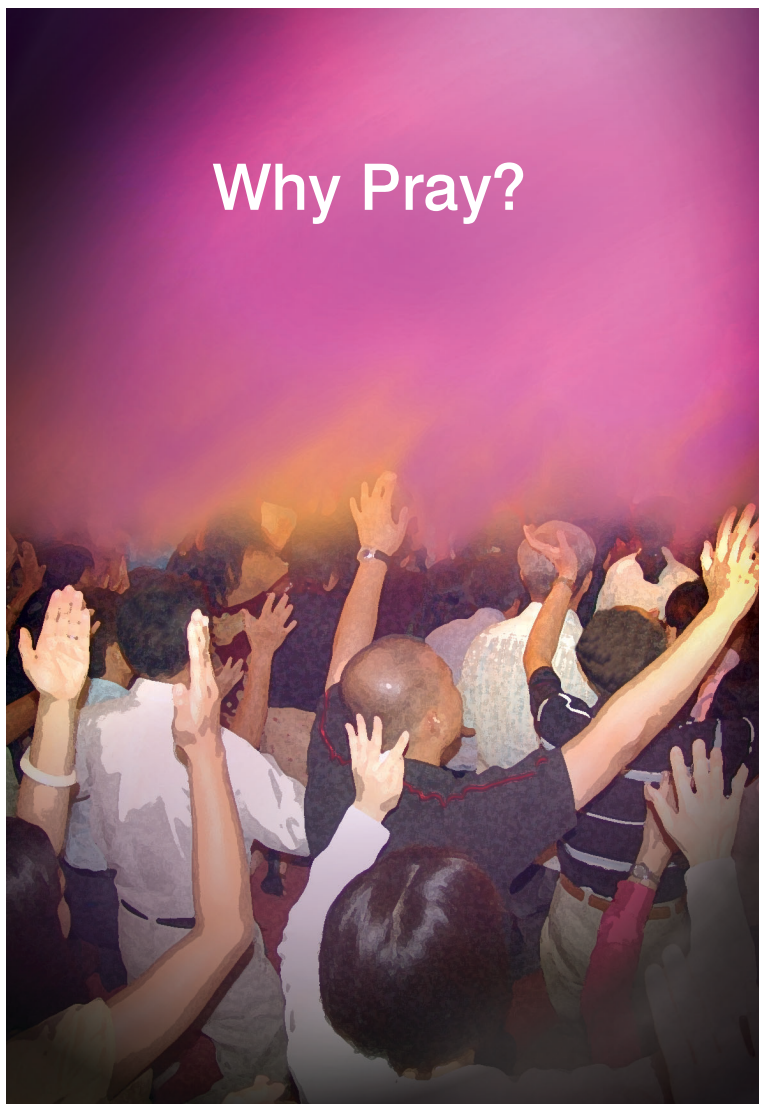
In closing, Senior Pastor shared Prophet Haggai’s reproof of the Israelites who claimed they were living in economically hard times after their return from exile and therefore could not complete the rebuilding of the Lord’s temple. The Lord, through Haggai, called the people to a fresh commitment and to the rebuilding of the temple that was still lying in ruins while their homes were well built and comfortably decorated. Haggai called the people to carefully evaluate their priorities and to put their commitments back in perspective. 

The prophet Isaiah paints a picture of this separation by saying, **"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all"** (Isaiah 53:6). In the state of being lost, man has experienced all kinds of problems and sicknesses. Man cannot find his way back to God. God has found a way to help man by providing a way. Jesus declared, **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"** (John 14:6). The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, **"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"** (1 Timothy 2:5).

When you have a problem with your watch, do you take it to a cobbler? No. When your car has a problem, do you take it to a doctor? No, yet when you have a problem in your life, you seek solutions from every other source except God. Nobody knows you and can help you better than God. God knows every detail of your life including the number of hairs on your head. He formed you out of the dust of the earth and is the source of your life. You can come back to Him like a lost sheep because He has the power to make everything possible in your life. Therefore, commune and fellowship with Him. It is vital for your success and well-being.

God is love and love must have an object. The Bible says, "God so loved the world," which means God loves you. When God

created Adam and Eve, He walked with them in the cool of the evening. He walked with Enoch and called Abraham who believed and obeyed Him, His friend. He sent Jesus, His only Son to be the first born of many sons. The Bible says, **"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"** (John 1:12).



Praying must precede serving.

You must fellowship with God because in Him we are made victors and conquerors over a sinful life. Fellowship with God comes before service. You can sacrifice your money, give your talents and do many things for God but if you are too busy to pray, you will not experience His power

to live victoriously. The Bible says, **"For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills"** (Psalm 50:10). God wants your fellowship first, more than your gift or service. He has angels to serve Him.

It is more important that you learn to communicate with God and enjoy Him. Your giving will then be an outcome of your prayer life. E. M. Bounds, in his book,

"Essentials of Prayer", says:

"The key of all missionary success is prayer. That key is in the hands of the home churches. The trophies won by our Lord in heathen lands will be won by praying missionaries, not by professional workers in foreign lands. More especially will this success be won by saintly praying in the churches at home. The home church on her knees, fasting and praying, is the great base of spiritual supplies, the sinews of war, and the pledge of victory in this dire and final conflict. Financial resources are not the real muscles of war in this fight. Machinery in itself carries no power to break down heathen

walls, open effectual doors, and win heathen hearts to Christ. Prayer alone can do the deed...Money is important, but money without prayer is powerless in the face of the darkness, the wretchedness, and the sin in unchristianized lands...Prayerless giving breeds barrenness and death."

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God will bless a church because of her missionary vision and her faithfulness to be involved in missions. If the church continues to pray, God will provide the money that is required for His work. Those who pray will be moved to give. You cannot pray and not give. You cannot love and not give. It is the praying and loving church that will rise up in faith and victory and will accomplish much.

Your service becomes effective when you have prayed. The manner in which the Israelites defeated the Amalekites at Rephidim is a very powerful example of the effectiveness of prayer. **“The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.’ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword”** (Exodus 17:8-13). As long as Moses had his hands raised, Israel prevailed. But what has that to do with prayer? Moses was raising his hands to the throne of the Lord. And the only way you can enter the throne room of the Lord is through prayer. The raising of hands symbolises a communion and fellowship between Moses and God. The Bible says, **“Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. He said, ‘For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD. The LORD will be at**

war against the Amalekites from generation to generation” (Exodus 17:15-16).

There must be a strong, living relationship between you and Jesus. And what better way to nurture this than through daily prayer. You will then experience the power and victory that God wants you to have in your life.

Your communion with God will strengthen your serve.

Through prayer, you will know the will of God. The secret of a believer’s success is knowing the will of God and doing it. Jesus knew the Father’s will because praying was His custom. When you commune with God, He will reveal His will to you for your life. You do not need to run around to look for someone else to prophesy over you. I never had difficulty knowing my father’s will for me. He was more eager for me to know than I was to hear! He would say, “I want you to study hard,” and then tell me what he wanted me to be. When you fellowship with God, He will speak and He will show you. Knowing the will of God is only fifty per cent of your success. You need to also be obedient to His will. It is important that you discipline your life to pray. Jesus says that He is the Vine and you are the branch. Does a branch worry when it is time for it to bear fruit? No, it simply abides in the vine. You do the same. Jesus said, **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing”** (John 15:5).


Through prayer, you will receive strength to do the will of God. If Jesus had not learnt the secret of praying, He would not have had the strength to do God’s will, to die on the cross. God sent an angel to strengthen Him as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. **“Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. ‘Could you men not keep**


watch with me for one hour?’ he asked Peter. ‘Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.’ He went away a second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done” (Matthew 26:40-42). In the Gospel of Luke it says, **“An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him”** (Luke 22:43).

God waits for you to seek Him so that He might pour into you His love and strength so that you can arise and face the challenges that come with doing God’s will. Like Jesus, seek a place of solitude to pray and fellowship with God. You too need to commune with God and He will strengthen your serve and prosper you in every way! 🙏

All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.

Sunday Services

Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/DH 10.30am/5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
		<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
2 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
9 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong		Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
16 Assistant Pastor David Seah		Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
23		Easter Sunrise Service at 6.30am at National Hockey Stadium, Bukit Jalil Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		
30 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
MARCH				

<i>Communion</i>		<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Communion</i>
6 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam		Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
13 Associate Pastor Steven Kum		Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
20 Associate Pastor Peter Ong		<i>Water Baptism</i> Assistant Pastor David Seah	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
 27 Peter Mortlock		Peter Mortlock	Peter Mortlock	Peter Mortlock
APRIL				

Good Friday Services

on 21 March 2008 at 8pm

Calvary Church Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana, Cheras & Ampang

Cantonese interpretation: Damansara Heights, Cheras & Ampang. *Bahasa Malaysia interpretation:* Damansara Heights & Damansara Perdana

Special Activities for Children

Special activities for children aged 4 to 13 and nursery care provided concurrently at all locations.

**Easter
sunrise
Service**

23 March 2008,
6.30am,
National Hockey Stadium,
Bukit Jalil



March

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 30** Speaker: Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam
Venue: Bethel Hall
- * *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends.
They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food.
Call Chua Ken Tee at 03-7727 3948 ext. 320
for more information.*

Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

- Theme: The Life Roller Coaster**
- 1** Community
8 We Come in Peace
15 The Fall
22 Easter Special
29 **Youth Celebration**

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

- Theme: Who am I?**
- 1** How am I defined?
8 Who does the world want me to be?
15 What I can be?
22 Easter Special
29 **Youth Celebration**

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

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

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **19 April 2008** | 1.45pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **20 April 2008** | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | **9 March 2008**

April

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 27** Speaker: Pastor Michelle Yee
Venue: Bethel Hall
- * *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends.
They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food.
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Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

- Theme: Stuck in a Rut**
- 5** Food Fight
12 Horror Hazards
19 Adjustments
26 **Youth Celebration**

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

- Theme: Impacting Future Generations**
- 5** Adam
12 Abraham
19 Jacob
26 **Youth Celebration**

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

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

2-8 March 2008

Prayer Emphasis Week

Pray Believing... Abound in HisLove

Philippians 1:9-11

Congratulations Senior Pastor!



On 31 January 2008, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam was presented a Leadership Award at SYNERGIZE! Pastors Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The award reads as follows:

"Presented to Dr. Prince Guneratnam by the Co-Chairs of the Second Billion Movement and the Global Coalition of Billion Soul churches and ministries for your exceptional International Leadership synergizing efforts across church lines to help fulfill the Great Commission."

We are proud of you Senior Pastor and pray that you will continue to be used mightily by the Lord!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam (left) with James O. Davis, COCHAIR/Global Networking

Praise the Lord!

Be encouraged by the following testimonies of some of the Calvarites who participated in the 21-Day Fast and Prayer organised by the Calvary Convention Centre Prayer Committee, from 17 November to 7 December 2007:

“ I thank God that He speaks to us when we set aside time to seek Him earnestly. I am amazed that He would even reveal to us things which we are not aware of. During the first week of the prayer and fasting, I had an unusual dream of termites chasing after me. I asked the Lord what the dream meant. Not long after that, a friend came to my house and pointed out to me that the tree in my compound appeared to be infested with termites. The pest control management confirmed the finding and immediately went into action to eliminate the termites! Thank God for His timely intervention!

I also thank God for specific answers to prayers. Three of my sisters and one of my nieces from my hometown came for the Christmas evangelistic meeting in Bukit Jalil. This was their first time attending a Christian event. I also experienced God's faithful provision. I was pleasantly surprised when I received a cheque equivalent to my contribution the very next week after I gave to our Calvary Convention Centre.” **BEATRICE**

“ For many years, I have been praying for the salvation of my loved ones. This was also one of my requests during the 21-Day Fast and Prayer. Thank God the breakthrough came during Christmas! My brother and his family came for the last night of our Christmas presentation. During the altar call, my brother tapped my shoulder and told me that he would like to respond to the altar call. Together with his son, they said the sinner's prayer. My sister-in-law had earlier responded during the Sunday Christmas Worship Service. Praise the Lord, they are now faithfully attending a church in Penang.” **WEE FANG**

“ The Church coming together to fast and pray really made the difference and contributed to the fruitfulness of the Celebration of Hope. My two Life Groups had four guests and three of them accepted the Lord! Thank God for LG members who made themselves available and contributed in their own unique way to make the guests feel welcome.

My husband fasted lunch and television (TV) for the first time. Initially, I planned to fast lunch only. But I decided to join him in fasting TV so as not to tempt him if I watch TV myself. He shared with me how God miraculously helped him in his work and he found solutions to the problems he encountered.

We also had the opportunity to bring our neighbour, a Japanese non-believing couple with two young children, to the Children's Evangelistic Meeting, “Christmas in Reverse”. They were so impressed with all the work that was put in that they wanted to know more about Carpenter's Workshop.” **LUCY**

“ I decided to fast TV throughout the period of the 21-Day Fast and Prayer. Usually, I would watch TV whenever I do my treadmill exercise. Since fasting TV, I managed to spend quality time with God and reading His Word. I deliberately put my Bible at the centre of the table and left it open so that each time I walked by, I would be reminded that I needed to spend time with God instead of watching the TV.

The 21-Day Fast and Prayer has drawn me closer to God and renewed my faith in the Lord.” **VICTORIA**

“ I found the 21-Day Fast and Prayer guide very helpful and relevant. During the second week of fasting, I was going through some very tough challenges. On 27 November, the personal prayer item was about bringing our trials and challenges to the Lord. It was the prayer I needed at that point in time. I was really comforted and encouraged to know that God is mindful of my needs, even to the extent of orchestrating the prayer items in such a way that my need would be met at the right time! After praying through, I praise God that His grace was more than sufficient to pull me through that trying week.

The Lord also spoke to me very specifically that I need to have a real passion for prayer. The thought of our CCC being a house of prayer stirred within me a great excitement. Through the power of our prayers, many people will be drawn to the Lord. Through the CCC, lives will be impacted and the needs of the people met!” **SUSAN**

“ When I heard about the 21-Day Fast and Prayer, I had mixed feelings. On one hand, I was excited about participating because it would be a great opportunity to make time to sit at the feet of Jesus as Mary did. On the other hand, I was slightly concerned about fasting at least a meal for 21 days in a row as this would be my first time fasting for this length of time. However, at the Friday Prayer Meeting when the 21-Day Fast and Prayer was launched, the Lord gave me a specific word of encouragement. It was as if He was saying that if I sought Him and spent time with Him during that time, He would be my fill and I will find satisfaction in Him. Praise God that was exactly what happened! Instead of a desire to eat I was filled with a desire to be in His presence and did not feel hungry even when I saw others eating!” **AUDREY**



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