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There are Conditions to Prayer

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Many believers pray but do not see results because they fail to know that there are conditions necessary for God's power to operate through prayer.

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Introducing the 2008 Deacons and Auditors

On Sunday, 30 March 2008, the Board of Deacons and the Church Auditors were introduced to all the congregations.




Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam said that God has blessed the Church with fine men and women of God so that the kingdom of God will grow from strength to strength. He charged the Deacons and Auditors, reading from Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and Colossians 3:15-17. They in turn responded by pledging to accept the call to serve the Church in humble dependence on God.

He also introduced several on staff who had been promoted. Assistant Pastor David Seah was promoted to be Associate Pastor heading the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry. Yong Chee Weng, Carol Lim and Chua Ken Tee

who were previously Ministerial Staff, were appointed as Assistant Pastors—Pastor Chee Weng to continue serving in the Church Missions Ministry, Pastor Carol in the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry and Pastor Ken Tee in the Chinese Ministry. Robert Ang was promoted to be the Administrator responsible for Church facilities.

Senior Pastor led the congregation in prayer asking God to bless and anoint these leaders for the work that is ahead

of them. He also prayed for the congregation to be faithful in using their giftings and talents so that they can fulfil what God has called the Church to be—a fountain head church. 



The staff who were promoted: from left, Assistant Pastor Chua Ken Tee, Assistant Pastor Yong Chee Weng, Associate Pastor David Seah, Robert Ang, Assistant Pastor Carol Lim



Senior Executive Pastor
SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Senior Associate Pastor
PASTOR PETRINA GUNERATNAM

Introducing the 2008 Ministry Heads

At a meeting of Church leaders held on 1 March 2008 at Damansara Heights, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam announced the following Ministry Heads of the Ministries of the Church.



*From left, front row: Sharon Loh, Assistant Pastor Chua Ken Tee, Pam Lee, Associate Pastor Peter Ong, Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Back row: Associate Pastor Raymond Yong, Associate Pastor Christopher Lee, Associate Pastor Steven Kum,
Associate Pastor Richard Yun, Associate Pastor David Seah*

Church Ministries

Executive Pastor
ASSOCIATE PASTOR PETER ONG

Pastoral Life Groups
ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

Chinese
ASSISTANT PASTOR CHUA KEN TEE

Youth
PAM LEE

Children
ASSOCIATE PASTOR CHRISTOPHER LEE

Church Missions
ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVEN KUM

Outreach Missions
ASSOCIATE PASTOR RICHARD YUN

Evangelism & Discipleship
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TIMOTHY ONG

Music & Creative Arts
ASSOCIATE PASTOR CHRISTOPHER LEE

Social Concern/Church Public Relations
ASSOCIATE PASTOR RAYMOND YONG

Church Hospitality
SHARON LOH

Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)



At the Tioman Room,
Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club



From left: Andy Chong (T. R. Hamzah & Yeang), Dato' Jeffrey Ng and Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh (Nam Fatt), Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Jim Guneratnam, Han Joke Kwang and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam



Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh presenting Nam Fatt's RM 200,000 contribution towards the CCC Building Fund to Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

CCC—Contract 2 awarded!

By Audrey Kum

Friday, 15 February 2008 was a historic day for Calvary Church. With the completion of the substructure works, the site was formally handed over to Nam Fatt Construction Sdn. Bhd. which was awarded Contract 2, to carry out the superstructure works of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC).

Deacon Han Joke Kwang thanked God for this great occasion and appreciated the presence of the Pastors, Deacons, the CCC Watch Committee, representatives of our architects, T. R. Hamzah & Yeang Sdn. Bhd., of Nam Fatt and the various consultants, before he invited Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam to address those present at the Tioman Room at the Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club.

Senior Pastor thanked the architects and consultants for doing all that was necessary to bring us to this point that we are able to move into the construction of the superstructure. He congratulated Nam Fatt for their successful bid.

Reminding us that the owner of the project is Calvary Church, Senior Pastor pointed out the uniqueness of

this situation. In building the CCC, he said the Church wants "to touch our society and to touch our nation." "This," he added, "is a calling that God has given to the Church to reach our community, our nation and even our world." With the rising crime rate, the wickedness and evil we read about in the newspapers, he said, "the Church feels a great need to have facilities where we can train, educate, build, strengthen and communicate good moral values to our society. That is the purpose of this building."

Addressing Nam Fatt, Senior Pastor made clear his expectations from them—the best kind of quality work, high standard, if possible below the budget, with good value-engineering, without compromising on quality. And it must be completed on time! He gave them the

assurance that as they partner with us, we will pray for them.

Before Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh, Chairman and Executive Director of Nam Fatt Corporation Berhad responded, Andy Chong, representing Datuk Dr Ken Yeang from T. R. Hamzah & Yeang, expressed that they look forward to working closely with Nam Fatt to ensure the delivery of the project with the highest possible quality of construction that shall be on time and even ahead of time.

Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh, on behalf of Nam Fatt, said they felt very honoured to be able to help us to translate our dream into a reality. He assured us of their best efforts, the same efforts they put into the Suria KLCC, Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) Satellite Building



Associate Pastor Timothy Ong (left) leading in prayer at the CCC site



The CCC site on the day of the hand-over to Nam Fatt

situated in Sepang and the Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Complex in Johore Bahru, to name a few of their projects. They are happy to work together with the architects, the consultants and the Church to build the CCC which will, according to Tan Sri Dato' Ajit, "stand as a monument to all of our hopes and aspirations for a better tomorrow."

Following this, everyone proceeded to the CCC site where Associate Pastor Timothy Ong led in prayer, first giving thanks to God for the contractors and praying for them and then all who worked with them to make the CCC into a reality. 🙏

CCC Project Manager



Mark Thomas was appointed the CCC Project Manager for Calvary Church with effect from 1 February 2008. A qualified civil and structural engineer, Mark was previously involved in project management with a prominent engineering and construction company.

Adanya Syarat-Syarat Dalam Doa

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

Ramai umat Kristian berdoa tetapi tidak melihat hasilnya kerana mereka gagal mengetahui bahawa adanya syarat-syarat yang diperlukan untuk kuasa Tuhan beroperasi melalui doa.

Untuk mengetahui syarat-syarat itu, mari kita membaca [Markus 11:20-26](#): “Pagi-pagi ketika Yesus dan murid-murid-Nya lewat, mereka melihat pohon ara tadi sudah kering sampai ke akar-akarnya. Maka teringatlah Petrus akan apa yang telah terjadi, lalu ia berkata kepada Yesus: ‘Rabi, lihatlah, pohon ara yang Kaukutuk itu sudah kering.’ Yesus menjawab mereka: ‘Percayalah kepada TUHAN! Aku berkata kepadamu: Sesungguhnya barangsiapa berkata kepada gunung ini: “Beranjaklah dan tercampaklah ke dalam laut!” asal tidak bimbang hatinya, tetapi percaya, bahwa apa yang dikatakannya itu akan terjadi, maka hal itu akan terjadi baginya. Karena itu Aku berkata kepadamu: apa saja yang kamu minta dan doakan, percayalah bahwa kamu telah menerimanya, maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadamu. Dan jika kamu berdiri untuk berdoa, ampunilah dahulu sekiranya ada barang sesuatu dalam hatimu terhadap seseorang, supaya juga Bapamu yang di sorga mengampuni kesalahan-

kesalahanmu. Tetapi jika kamu tidak mengampuni, maka Bapamu yang di sorga juga tidak akan mengampuni kesalahan-kesalahanmu.”

Yesus dan pengikut-pengikutNya sedang meninggalkan Betania dan Yesus berasa lapar. Markus berkata, “Dan dari jauh Ia melihat pohon ara yang sudah berdaun. Ia mendekatinya untuk melihat kalau-kalau Ia mendapat apa-apa pada pohon itu. Tetapi waktu Ia tiba di situ, Ia tidak mendapat apa-apa selain daun-daun saja, sebab memang bukan musim buah ara. Maka kata-Nya kepada pohon itu: ‘Jangan lagi seorangpun makan buahmu selama-lamanya!’ Dan murid-murid-Nyapun mendengarnya” ([Markus 11:13-14](#)). Yesus mengajar dua pengajaran yang bernilai: pertama, umat Kristian harus berhasil ([Markus 11:12-14](#)) dan kedua terdapat syarat-syarat yang perlu dipenuhi agar kuasa Tuhan dapat beroperasi melalui doa dan mempercayai ([Markus 11:20-26](#)).

Secara simbolik dalam Alkitab, umat Kristian ditanam sebagai pokok-pokok kebenaran Tuhan dengan tujuan

untuk berhasil ([Yeremia 17:8](#); [Mazmur 1:3](#)). Seorang umat Kristian yang berhasil adalah seorang saksi dan hidup dalam kehidupan yang didedikasikan untuk menghormati dan memuliakan Tuhan. Tuhan sangat serius tentang perlunya setiap umat Kristian untuk berhasil. Ini dapat dilihat dengan jelas dalam perumpamaan tentang Mata Wang Emas ([Lukas 19:20-27](#)) dan perumpamaan tentang Seorang Penabur ([Lukas 8:4-8](#)). Menjadi berhasil bukannya suatu pilihan. Sepertimana Dia tidak menyelamatkan pohon ara yang tidak berbuah itu, berkat tidak diberikan pada mereka yang tidak berhasil. Pohon ara itu penuh dengan dedaun, suatu tanda ia sudah cukup matang dan berpotensi berbuah walaupun masih pada awal musimnya. Ia memberi rupa dan tanggapan yang ia akan berbuah tetapi dalam realitinya ia tidak berbuah.

Alkitab memberi amaran tentang orang yang hanya melafazkan tetapi tidak memiliki. Tuhan sedang mencari orang yang hidup sebagaimana yang



mereka lafazkan-orang yang “melakukan apa yang mereka lafazkan”. Yesus menegur Guru Taurat dan orang Farisi dengan mengatakan, “Demikian jugalah kamu, di sebelah luar kamu tampaknya benar di mata orang, tetapi di sebelah dalam kamu penuh kemunafikan dan kedurjanaan” (Matius 23:28). Alkitab mengatakan, “Ketahuilah bahwa pada hari-hari terakhir akan datang masa yang sukar. Manusia akan mencintai dirinya sendiri dan menjadi hamba uang. Mereka akan membual dan menyombongkan diri, mereka akan menjadi pemfitnah, mereka akan berontak terhadap orang tua dan tidak tahu berterima kasih, tidak mempedulikan agama, tidak tahu mengasihi, tidak mau berdamai, suka menjelekkkan orang, tidak dapat mengekang diri, garang, tidak suka yang baik, suka mengkhianat, tidak berpikir panjang, berlagak tahu, lebih menuruti hawa nafsu dari pada menuruti TUHAN. Secara lahiriah mereka menjalankan ibadah mereka, tetapi pada hakekatnya mereka memungkirkan kekuatannya. Jauhilah mereka itu!” (2 Timotius 3:1-5). Kamu sepatutnya menjauhi mereka yang hanya bersifat alim dalam menjalani kehidupan umat Kristian. Kamu juga jangan berada di kalangan mereka yang tercemar. Paulus berkata, “Mereka mengaku mengenal TUHAN, tetapi dengan perbuatan mereka, mereka menyangkal Dia. Mereka keji dan durhaka dan tidak sanggup berbuat sesuatu yang baik” (Titus 1:16).

Yesus perlukan kita agar berhasil. Kita mesti berhasil dalam hidup kita-buah kekudusan, kebenaran, kerendahan hati dan perbuatan baik. Dia tidak mahu kita menjadi seperti pohon ara itu yang tidak mempunyai apa-apa melainkan dedaun sahaja. Sebuah pohon buah mesti berbuah, jika tidak ia gagal dalam tujuannya. Yesus berkata, “Akulah pokok anggur yang benar dan Bapa-Kulah pengusahanya. Setiap ranting pada-Ku yang tidak berbuah, dipotong-Nya dan setiap ranting yang berbuah, dibersihkan-Nya, supaya ia lebih banyak berbuah....Dalam hal inilah Bapa-Ku dipermuliakan, yaitu jika kamu berbuah banyak dan dengan demikian kamu adalah murid-murid-Ku.” (Yohanes 15:1-2, 8). Kamu mesti berhasil untuk kemuliaan Tuhan!

Tuhan adalah baik dan pada masa yang sama tegas. Paulus berkata dalam Roma, “Sebab itu perhatikanlah kemurahan Tuhan dan juga kekerasan-Nya, yaitu kekerasan atas orang-orang

yang telah jatuh, tetapi atas kamu kemurahan-Nya, yaitu jika kamu tetap dalam kemurahan-Nya; jika tidak, kamupun akan dipotong juga” (Roma 11:22). Tuhan tidak akan bertolak ansur. Ketiadaan hasil adalah dosa dan membawa kepada pembinasaan. Tuhan akan memberi ganjaran kepada yang baik dan hukuman pada yang jahat. Dia memberkati mereka yang mentaati dan menahan berkatNya daripada mereka yang tidak taat.

Sekarang, marilah kita lihat syarat-syarat ini agar kuasa Tuhan dapat beroperasi apabila kamu berdoa. Dia berkata bahawa kamu mesti ada iman dalam Tuhan (Markus 11:22). Ada tiga perkara yang kamu mesti ambil kira tentang iman. Pertama, Tuhan adalah objek iman kamu. Siapa yang menganjukkan gunung-gunung? Iman atau Tuhan? Iman kamu adalah di dalam Tuhan yang boleh menganjukkan gunung-gunung.

Iman tiada kuasa tersendiri. Ia adalah cara atau saluran untuk kuasa Tuhan bekerja. Iman tidak menganjukkan gunung-gunung tetapi kuasa Tuhan yang menganjukkan. Lebih mendalam pengetahuan kamu tentang Tuhan, lebih kuat iman kamu. Apabila iman dalam Tuhan dimanifestasikan, ia menyebabkan kita menyembah Tuhan. Pengikut-pengikutNya berada dalam sampan di tengah lautan dan berasa takut apabila mereka melihat Yesus berjalan ke arah mereka. Petrus berkata, “Tuhan, apabila Engkau itu, suruhlah aku datang kepada-Mu berjalan di atas air” (Matius 14:28). Petrus perlu tahu samada orang itu Yesus. Semakin mendalam kamu mengetahui Yesus, semakin kuat iman kamu. Apabila kuasa Tuhan dimanifestasikan melalui iman, Petrus berjalan atas air dan pengikut-pengikutNya menyembah Tuhan dan berkata, “**Sesungguhnya Engkau Anak TUHAN**” (Matius 14:33).

Kedua, iman selalu mesti ada tujuan. Tujuannya ialah untuk mempercayai yang tidak mungkin, sama ada dalam hal yang merupakan sesuatu halangan atau pembebasan ataupun penyembuhan. Saiz iman kamu tidak penting. Yesus berkata, “...Sesungguhnya sekiranya kamu mempunyai iman sebesar biji sesawi saja kamu dapat berkata kepada gunung ini, ‘Pindah dari tempat ini ke sana,’—maka gunung ini akan pindah, dan takkan ada yang mustahil bagimu” (Matius 17:20).

Ketiga, iman adalah juga cara atau saluran untuk pertumbuhan dan kemenangan. Yesus berkata, “Mintalah, maka akan diberikan

kepadamu; carilah, maka kamu akan mendapat; ketoklah, maka pintu akan dibukakan bagimu. Karena setiap orang yang meminta, menerima dan setiap orang yang mencari, mendapat dan setiap orang yang mengetok, baginya pintu dibukakan” (Matius 7:7-8). Apabila kamu berdoa mempercayai, kamu akan melihat kemuliaan Tuhan dan kamu akan berhasil dalam panggilan kamu.

Alkitab berkata, “Iman adalah dasar dari segala sesuatu yang kita harapkan dan bukti dari segala sesuatu yang tidak kita lihat” (Ibrani 11:1). Jangkakan jawapan kepada doa kamu. Apabila kamu telah meminta, mencari dan mengetok, bertindaklah dalam iman. Orang Yahudi yang berjalan mengelilingi tembok Yerikho bertindak seperti bandar itu kepunyaan mereka dan Tuhan memberikan mereka bandar Yerikho.

Akhir sekali, Yesus berkata kamu mesti mengampuni apabila kamu berdoa: “Dan jika kamu berdiri untuk berdoa, ampunilah dahulu sekiranya ada barang sesuatu dalam hatimu terhadap seseorang, supaya juga Bapamu yang di sorga mengampuni kesalahan-kesalahanmu. Tetapi jika kamu tidak mengampuni, maka Bapamu yang di sorga juga tidak akan mengampuni kesalahan-kesalahanmu” (Markus 11:25-26). Adakah kamu menyimpan perasaan dendam dalam hati? Doa kamu tidak ada gunanya jika kamu tidak mengampuni. Mengampuni bukan hanya untuk mereka yang layak menerimanya tetapi juga kepada mereka semua yang berbuat salah terhadap kamu. Tambahan pula, jika kamu tidak mengampuni, Tuhan tidak akan mengampuni kamu dan doa kamu tidak akan dijawab.

Kamu mesti menjadi Kristian yang berhasil. Jika kamu hendak doa kamu dijawab, kamu mesti ada iman dalam Tuhan, mengampuni dan menjangkakan apa yang kamu percaya dari Tuhan! 🙏

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Pray Believing...Abound in His love By Assistant Pastor Karen Seah

In line with the theme “Pray Believing...Abound in His Love”, the first Prayer Emphasis Week of the year was held in the Life Groups (LG) from 2-8 March 2008. The prayer experience in the LGs was based on Rembrandt’s renowned painting “The Return of the Prodigal Son” and the underlying parable in the gospel of Luke (15:11-32).

Through meditation on the Scriptures and contemplation on the painting, LG members were led to reflect on each of the six characters in the painting. Which of the figures in the painting did each one identify with in the context of his relationship with God as well as his family? The observers, the prodigal son, the elder son or the compassionate Father? The challenge of the day was for each one to emulate and become like the Father in His boundless love.

Many LG members found the prayer experience enriching. It brought out fresh dimensions to otherwise familiar truths in the gospel account of the prodigal son.

On Wednesday, about 70 Calvarites came out for the Sunrise Prayer at 6.30am. The special week of prayer culminated with the Church coming together for an extended time of prayer on Friday.

Calvarite Deborah Chien, Pastor of Westside Pentecostal Church in Vancouver, shared

At the Sunrise Prayer meeting

an inspiring testimony of what God was doing through her ministry. It brought across a powerful truth i.e. “we can never out give God.” She commended Calvary Church for her endeavours to build the Calvary Convention Centre and encouraged Calvarites to give their best in working towards the fulfilment of the vision.

Following her testimony, a powerful video clip on the revival

Enjoying the prayer experience in Life Groups

that took place in Argentina’s largest prison was shown. If God can transform the ‘stony’ hearts of hard-core criminals, what is He not capable of doing? An apt, timely reminder that all things are possible with God...if we pray believing! 🙏



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam (left), Assistant Pastor Karen Seah (behind) and Senior Pastor Prince Gunertanam (right), praying for Pastor Deborah Chien

Pastor Petrina concluding in prayer at the Friday Prayer Meeting



Perseverance in prayer pays

One of the joys of belonging to a Life Group (LG) is the easy access to prayer support. Life Group Leaders always pray for the needs of the LG members during the LG meeting. Prayer goes on even after LG meetings, via SMS, e-mails, phone calls or visitations. Indeed, many wonderful breakthroughs have been experienced by LG members as they unite their hearts, “calling on the name of the Lord”. He is a prayer answering God.

The results of persevering in prayer

BY PATRICK CHIN, A MEN'S LG LEADER

God knows our every need and is faithful. About a year ago, just when a deal was about to be concluded on the sale of a piece of property, an issue over the land title from the Land Office meant that the sale transaction had to be delayed. The buyer threatened to abort the whole transaction if their deadline was not met. This deal was crucial to me as I needed the income generated therewith to honour my Leap of Faith pledge and provide for my son's education fees.

I shared my concern with my Men's LG members. They kept me in their prayers. It was a long wait and waiting was not easy. I must say, it is the love and care of God shown through the LG members that had made me persevere and able to trust Him for this provision.

Prayers strengthened our faith in Him. Just a few days before the deadline was up, I received a call from the lawyer informing me that the Land Office has approved the transfer and as such the Sales and Purchase agreement was ready for execution. God is a prayer answering God. He is faithful. I thank God for the constant effective prayers of my LG members!



Patrick Chin (second from right), with his Men's LG members

Salvation birthed through prayer

BY MICHELLE LEW, MEMBER OF A WOMEN'S LG

When I invited Jaicy Chung, a friend and potential believer, to my LG, she declined several times. She was an idol worshipper and had been visiting temples to seek help to overcome adverse situations in her office and personal life.

It was through the persevering prayers of the LG that she eventually came. During the first LG meeting, we shared our personal testimonies with her. My LG leader led her in the salvation prayer. She said that she will not worship idols any more. I thank God for Jaicy's salvation. Truly, as we persevere in prayer, salvation will come to our friends and loved ones.

It also took much prayer before she eventually came to Church. Since September last year, Jaicy has been faithfully attending Church. She will come to my house and we will go to Church together. I am also discipling her using the Life Group J-12 Discipleship materials.



Michelle Lew



Jaicy Chung

Please do not hesitate to call the Pastoral Life Groups Ministry if you would like to join a LG. Call us at 03 -77286000 ext 308 or 322.

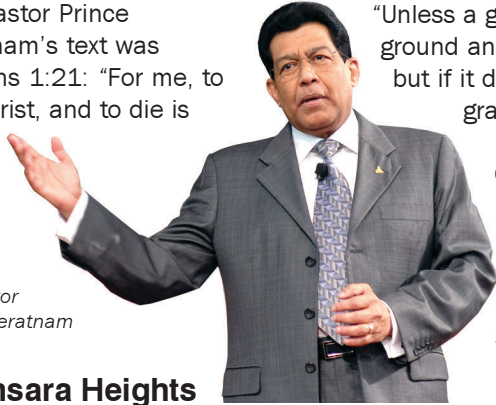


To die is gain

By Audrey Kum

Good Friday Services were held at all our Church locations on 21 March 2008 at 8pm.

All the messages preached by the various Pastors were centred on the paradoxical theme, "To Die is Gain". At Damansara Heights, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's text was Philippians 1:21: "For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Through nature, God has made it possible for us to get some understanding of what it means to gain by dying. Jesus Himself said, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain" (John 12:24).

God, through Jesus Christ, has conquered death. Senior Pastor reminded us that there is no resurrection without death. In 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, Paul speaks of

the gains that can only come by death. The natural body that is sown in corruption is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour but is raised in glory and honour. It is sown in weakness but is raised in power. Finally, it is sown in a natural body but it is raised a spiritual body!

"Living the Christian life," said Senior Pastor, "is a process of dying daily for Christ." When we believe in Christ, we are passed from death to life. The life of Christ in us will raise us up and He is our hope. We need

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Damansara Heights



A skit, "And Now He is Gone"




The Easter Choir and Youth Ensemble 2 singing, "Rose of Bethlehem"

Senior Pastor praying for those who responded at the altar.



Children at the various Church locations learn that Jesus is alive!

The children, ages five to six and seven to thirteen, learnt that Jesus died and rose again through a variety of activities, including creative story telling sessions. They were encouraged to share God's love with others. 



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not wait for Sunday to experience “resurrection” and victory. The message of hope, reconciliation, salvation, new life and

new relationship with Christ, preached at the various Church locations, brought much encouragement to the congregations.

Many lives were renewed as they chose to “die to a life of sin in order to gain a life of victory”. 🙏

Damansara Perdana



The Easter Choir and Youth Ensemble 3 singing, “Rose of Bethlehem”



A skit, “And Now He is Gone”



Associate Pastor Timothy Ong praying for those who responded to his message

Cheras



Associate Pastor Peter Ong preaching the message



A skit, “And Now He is Gone”



The Worship Team Ensemble singing, “Rose of Bethlehem”

Ampang



Responding at the altar



Left: Associate Pastor Richard Yun preaching the message



The Youth Ensemble 1 sang “Rose of Bethlehem”



A skit, “And Now He is Gone”



Damansara Perdana



Cheras



Ampang

Easter Sunrise Service



The Chinese Language Choir singing 'Amazing Love'



The huge crowd that was served breakfast after the Service!



The Youth Choir, Ensemble and Creative Arts Team (CAT) Dancers presenting 'Crown You with Praise'



KidsCAT presenting 'Good Day, Bad Day'



Do not be faithless!

By Audrey Kum Photographs by Peh Choon Wee, Lee Chun Chung, Jonathan Kam and Audrey Kum

As early as 5am on Easter Sunday, Calvarites were already at the National Hockey Stadium at Bukit Jalil, for sound checks and a host of other things needed to be ready by the time the rest of the Calvary family from the various Church locations and their friends, arrived for the Easter Sunrise Service at 6.30am.

The Stadium literally reverberated with the joyful sounds of praise as the people celebrated the fact that Jesus is alive!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, in his Easter message entitled, "Do Not be Faithless", urged us not to be like "Doubting Thomas" who doubted Christ's resurrection despite being told by his fellow disciples.

There were more than 500 people who saw Jesus after His resurrection besides many other evidences. Like Thomas, there are some who still say

that unless we see, we will not believe. But Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). This is faith!

Two things make us faithless—when we turn away from God's Word and when we withdraw from other followers of Christ. Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came to them. Senior Pastor said that fellowship with other believers will encourage us to keep the faith. The church is a great place to fellowship with believers and to hear the Word of God (Hebrews 10:25).

Jesus offers hope to the faithless. Without faith we cannot please God. Senior Pastor concluded by praying for all who were believing God for their needs. All over the stadium, hands were lifted to God in faith.



The Calvary family—from the very young to the elderly, enjoying fellowship over breakfast



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



A mime showing the destructive effects of sin and the saving power of Jesus Christ

Turning Point By Jan Wong

On 22 March 2008, Calvary Youth put together an Easter evangelistic production entitled “Turning Point”. About 214 excited youths, young adults and some parents turned up, anticipating a wonderful time together.

This year’s production placed an emphasis on the unconditional love and acceptance of Jesus during his time of ministry on earth. This was presented seamlessly through a sequence of events which included singing, drama and dance. Many were seen responding to the Lord during the presentation by standing up and

lifting up their hands in worship voluntarily.

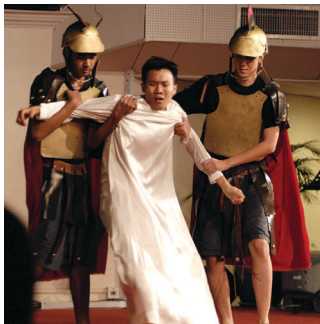
Using the story of the woman with the issue of blood found in Luke 8, Adrian Lee shared the message of God’s power to turn a life around regardless of their present condition or background. Associate Pastor Steven Kum then proceeded to give

the altar call. Many responded at the altar for rededication and some also came out for healing. Seven gave their hearts to Jesus for the first time.

First-time visitors were given invitation cards to a newcomer’s gathering the following week and a specially made “Turning Point” keychain to acknowledge their presence with us. All in all, God’s

Spirit was truly with us and we give Him all the glory for what He did in the lives of all those who came on that day. 🙏

Jesus captured to be crucified



Jesus died and rose again!



Adrian Lee



Youths making decisions marking turning points in their lives



Celebrating life with the Lord Jesus

Baby Dedication

Eight babies dedicated

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated eight babies to the Lord on 16 March 2008 at the 5pm Worship Service at Damansara Heights. He then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. 🙏

Zachary Ryan Mak Zhi Ren



Joel Harshvarthan



Ryan Tan Yik Shen



Vianne Lai Wern Hui



Yong Mei-En



Joseph Nathaniel Cheng
Tai Wah



Clare Wong Yu-En



Alicia Chin Ying Yi

Left to Right: Bryan Mak & Shu Ling with baby Zachary Ryan Mak Zhi Ren, Suresh Raman & Sheela with baby Joel Harshvarthan, Tan Yong Hui & Ruth with baby Ryan Tan Yik Shen, Vernon Lai & June with baby Vianne Lai Wern Hui, Assistant Pastor Yong Chee Weng & Lee Siu with baby Yong Mei-En, Jonathan Cheng & Joanna with baby Joseph Nathaniel Cheng Tai Wah, Wong Wee Seng & Yet Ying with baby Clare Wong Yu-En, Alan Chin & Yee Sin with baby Alicia Chin Ying Yi



Water Baptism



Eleven baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 11 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 17 February 2008 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: Alexandria Alphonsus, Cheryl Leong Xue-Er, Wong Fo Lan, Ruby Wong Jia Min, Ng Shing Ying, Maggie Lee Yee Leng, Bessy Gill a/p Mehinder Singh
Back row: Gabriel Long Kwok Weng, Liew Na Na, Lim Bu Tee, Susie Lim
Not in Picture: Ng Xue Ann

Gunung Tahan Expedition

By Lisa Toh

On the 31 January 2008, 11 of us set out to climb Gunung Tahan. Senior Commander Jim Guneratnam, Low Mai Keok, Michael Soong, Commanders Lam Kah Meng, Lam Kah Leong and Timothy Lee, Expedition Rangers Hansel Wong, Samuel Ngeow, Choy Ji Ian, Josephine Tiew and Lisa Toh gathered at Church for a briefing and our Chaplain, Associate Pastor Steven Kum prayed for us before we headed for Taman Negara.



The team on the way to begin the climb

The following day, we crossed four rivers, passed Kuala Luis, Lata Luis and just before reaching our campsite, chanced upon a green viper. Kem Kor, though barren, was a sight for sore eyes. Being the first group to climb Tahan in 2008 was pleasant.

On the second day, we hiked to Bukit Botak (1,943 metres). We passed Permatang, Kubang, Belumut and Bonsai. The trail higher up became rocky, which was better than sinking into deep, cold mud and on the third day, we started for Gunung Tahan's peak (2,187 metres) on a crisp Sunday morning. After devotion and prayer by Senior Commander Jim, we decided to forgo the waterfall. We hiked to Padang and passed a plane

wreck on our way to Gunung Gedung (2,085 metres). We had a long day on 4 February. The first mountain, Gunung Reskit was demanding. Contrary to its name, there are only nine ladders on the second mountain, Gunung Tangga 15. The third, Gunung Pangkin, was tiring. We passed Wray's Camp and hiked to Kuala Teku, our campsite. We crossed the Tahan river eight times on the fifth day! We gladly refilled our bottles with clear water at Kuala Puteh. En-route to our final campsite, Kem Tengah, we climbed Gunung Rajah. It was a pleasant night. Everyone felt spirited knowing civilisation was just a day away.

After slogging through miles of mud on 6 February, we reached Kuala Tahan, ecstatic. We peeled off leeches and had iced tea, a welcome change to days of "Chinese tea-

Crossing a river



Posing with the plane wreck



Crossing yet another river

coloured" water. We took a photograph of our ragged selves at the park and later enjoyed a good dinner.

On Chinese New Year's day at 6am, Commanders Chin Yoke Yee, Eddy Law and David Peter arrived with breakfast. We then departed for Kuala Lumpur with fond memories of our expedition. 🏔️

God's marvellous creation



Totally drenched!

Heading for civilisation

Congratulations!



Our new Senior Commander, Eddy Law received his insignia and appointment from Outpost Council Chairman, Jim Guneratnam. Adventure Ranger Donald Selvam and Expedition Ranger Gloria Lee were awarded the Bronze Medal of Achievement presented by Associate Pastor Peter Ong on 6 April at the Royal Rangers Graduation 2008. 🏆

At the peak of Gunung Tahan



There are Conditions to Prayer

To know the conditions, let us look at [Mark 11:20-26](#): “Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, ‘Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.’ So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, “Be removed and be cast into the

sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Jesus and His disciples were going out from Bethany and Jesus was hungry. Mark says, “And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Jesus said to it, ‘Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.’ And His disciples heard it” ([Mark 11:13-14](#)). Jesus teaches two valuable lessons: first, believers are to be fruitful ([Mark 11:12-14](#)) and



second, there are conditions to be met for God’s power to operate through prayer and believing ([Mark 11:20-26](#)).

Symbolically in Scripture, believers are planted as God’s trees of righteousness with the purpose of being fruitful ([Jeremiah 17:8](#); [Psalm 1:3](#)). A fruitful believer is one who is a witness and lives a life dedicated to the honour and glory of God. God is very serious about every believer being fruitful. This is clearly seen in the parables of The Talents ([Luke 19:20-27](#)) and of The Sower ([Luke 8:4-8](#)). Being fruitful is not an option. Just as He did not spare the barren fig tree, there is no blessing for those who are not fruitful. The fig tree was full of foliage, a sign that it was matured enough and had the potential to bear fruits despite being early in its season. It gave the appearance and the impression that it was fruitful but in reality it was barren.

The Bible warns against profession without possession. God is looking for people who are

living their profession—people “who walk the talk”. Jesus rebuked the scribes and Pharisees, saying, “Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” ([Matthew 23:28](#)). The Bible says, “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For

men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” ([2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)). You are to turn away from those who merely go through the rituals of being a Christian. You must also not be among the defiled. Paul says, “They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work” ([Titus 1:16](#)).

Jesus has a need for fruits. We are to bear fruits in our life—fruits of holiness, righteousness, humility and good works. He does not want you to be like the fig tree that had nothing but leaves. A fruit tree is to bear fruit, otherwise it has failed in its purpose. Jesus

said, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit....By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples" (John 15:1-2, 8). You must bear fruit to the glory of God!

God is both good and severe. Paul says in Romans, "Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off" (Romans 11:22). God will not compromise. Unfruitfulness is sinful and leads to destruction. God rewards the good and punishes the bad. He blesses those who obey and withholds His blessings from those who disobey.

Now, let us look at the conditions for God's power to operate when you pray. He says

"If you want your prayers to be answered, you must have faith in God, forgive and expect what you believe God for!"

you must have faith in God (Mark 11:22). There are three things that you must note about faith. First, God is the object of your faith. Who moves mountains? Faith or God? Your faith is to be in God who can move mountains.

Faith has no power in itself. It is the means or channel for God's power to work. Faith does not move mountains but God's power does. The better you know God, the stronger your faith will be. When faith in God is manifested, it causes us to worship God. The disciples were in a boat in the middle of the sea and were afraid

when they saw Jesus walking towards them. Peter said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). Peter needed to know if it was Jesus. The better you know Jesus, the stronger the faith. When God's power was manifested through faith, Peter walked on water and the disciples worshipped God saying, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33).

Second, faith must always have a purpose. Its purpose is to believe the impossible, be it an obstacle or deliverance or healing. The size of your faith does not matter. Jesus says, "...if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).

Third, faith is also the means or channel for growth and victory. Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8). When you pray believing, you will see

the glory of God and you will be fruitful in your calling. God is glorified by your righteous living and fruit bearing.

The Bible says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Expect an answer to your prayer. When you have asked, sought and knocked, then act in faith. The children of Israel who walked around the walls of Jericho were acting as if the city belonged to them and God gave them the city of Jericho.


Finally, Jesus says that you must forgive when you pray: "And



whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses [sins]. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses [sins]" (Mark 11:25-26). Do you hold unforgiveness in your heart? Your prayer will do you no good if you do not forgive. Forgive not only those who deserve it but all who have done you wrong. Furthermore, if you do not forgive, God will not forgive you and your prayers will not be answered.

You must be a fruitful Christian. If you want your prayers to be answered, you must have faith in God, forgive and expect what you believe God for! 🙏

All Bible quotations are from the New King James 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>	<i>Communion</i>
4 Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
 18 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
25 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
MAY			

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8 Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
 15 <i>Father's Day</i> Rev. James Davis	Rev. James Davis	Rev. James Davis	Rev. James Davis
22 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Water Baptism</i> Associate Pastor David Seah/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
 29 Rev. Howard Cummings	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Rev. Howard Cummings	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
JUNE			

Look out for an exciting event coming your way!

"Calvary Carnival '08"

- **6 September 2008**
- **Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club**
- **9am to 5pm**

Lots of fun activities, exciting game stalls, sumptuous food, great bargains at bazaar and jumble sales stalls and lots of prizes to be given away. Keep this date free!

Look out for the announcements for your participation in food and beverage, bazaar stalls, jumble sales, games, golf and many more!



May

Chinese Fellowship Sunday 5pm

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

Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Prayer Rocks I

- 3 Introduction
10 Vantage Point
17 Why must I pray??
24 Hanging out with God
31 Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Velocities of Life

- 3 Eternal Velocity
10 Spiritual Velocity
17 Missional Velocity
24 Relational Velocity
31 Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

- 25 Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah
Venue: Bethel Hall

June

Chinese Fellowship Sunday 5pm

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

Christ's Ambassadors Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Prayer Rocks II

- 7 The Operation Manual
14 Prayer Problems
21 Does anything change??
28 Youth Celebration

College Students' Ministry Saturday 2.30pm

Theme: Understanding Prayer

- 7 The View from Above
14 Why Pray?
21 Keeping Company with God
28 Youth Celebration

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship Sunday 12.30pm

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WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | 21 June 2008 | 1.45pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | 22 June 2008 | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | 4 May 2008

DATES
21 & 28 June 2008

Saturday

TIME
9am – 4pm

VENUE
Unit 20-2, Jln PJU 8/5G,
Damansara Perdana,
47820 Petaling Jaya

COST
RM 50 per couple



SMARTSTART Pre-Marriage Course

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Becoming a Woman of Significance By Carol Weller

On 4 March 2008, the Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service held a special Evangelistic Emphasis attended by 169 ladies. Helen Read, the founder of the "Ms Read" boutiques and "Delicious" cafes, shared her inspiring story in the Service.



From left: Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam introducing the speaker, Helen Read; Mabel Wong presenting "In Christ Alone"; Phoebe Lim singing "Trust His Heart"



"Pivotal decisions for significance" she said, "daily affect our destiny." In her life, such a pivotal decision was made 16 years ago when she accepted Christ for the first time upon visiting Calvary Church. Within the next two weeks, she had begun attending a Life Group and the "My Faith" class. In a "My Faith" class on the Holy Spirit, she then made another decision to let go of unforgiveness, and was immediately baptised in the Holy Spirit. A decision to attend Family Camp turned out to be pivotal as she received a prophecy that God was going to use her.

Years ago, when she was not yet a believer, she was a full-time, contented homemaker with no interest in running a garment manufacturing business. She loaned a friend some money to help her in her garment business and eventually bought that friend's share when events took a drastic turn. She became a single mother whose goal was simple—survival. She later met and married Edmund Read.

In 1997, she made another pivotal decision and that was to market her clothes under her brand name in a well-known

supermarket retail outlet and made the bold move to make plus-sized clothes. That decision was God's financial plan to save her family and company from the onslaught of a severe economic crisis. Quoting a favourite verse, Deuteronomy 8:18, she said, "It is God who gives power to create wealth."

Helen said, "We need to hear what God is saying". We can only know God through a "direct link". It is her personal link to the Lord that has brought her success. After her tenth Ms Read outlet, she started "Delicious" and she declared, "That's God at work."

Believing that the ability to care for others is a privilege, Helen



Making pivotal decisions for the Lord at the altar

founded "Privilege to Care" which supports numerous NGOs and welfare organisations.

"To live a significant life is to have an extraordinary relationship with God and to wait on Him for every decision," said Helen. As for wealth, she concluded, "He is the reason for having it."

Many ladies were moved by her testimony. In response to the altar call given by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, they went forward to the altar to make 'pivotal decisions' for the Lord that day—three accepted Him into their lives for the first time and others, to submit to His leading and direction in their lives. 🙏

From left: Jasmine Lim,
Joshua Balachandran and
Cheryl Tan sharing their testimonies

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
praying for the children with
Associate Pastor Christopher Lee
in the foreground



The children presenting their graduation song, "Forever Yours", complete with their own choreographed dance

CW children join the adult Worship Services


By Koay Bee Cheng

On 17 February 2008, at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights, 60 children aged 14 years, from the Carpenter's Workshop (CW) at the various Church locations, pledged their commitment to join their respective adult Worship Services and to participate in worship, prayer, communion, giving and evangelism.

It was a proud moment for Associate Pastor Christopher Lee, the Children's Ministry Pastor and the faithful teachers who recommended them to be recognised as adult worshippers of Calvary Church.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam welcomed them on behalf of the Church and prayed for them.

Jasmine Lim, Joshua Balachandran and Cheryl Tan, representing the CW graduates, shared their testimonies on how the

CW has blessed them in their relationship with God. The children presented their graduation song, "Forever Yours", complete with their own choreographed dance and musicians. 



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