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# Pray in the Holy Spirit By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit" (Jude 20). Jude says that the apostles of Jesus Christ foretold that in the last days,

"there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires. These are the men who divide you. who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit" (Jude 18-19).

> He therefore urged believers to build themselves up in their most holy faith and to pray in the Holy Spirit.

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# "Build Your House on Wisdom"

By Carol Weller

Calvary Church honoured mothers on Mothers' Day, 11 May 2008. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam warmly welcomed the mothers. Each one was given a special gift after he prayed to God to strengthen and prosper them so that with joy and good health, they can continue to please and honour Him.

Through an inspiring story which he read to us, Senior Pastor helped us to realise the importance of expressing our love to our mothers while they are still alive and with us.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, in her Mother's Day message, said that we are to build our lives and establish our homes upon Wisdom (Proverbs 9:1). "Wisdom," she said, "is the ability to apply knowledge to every practical area of life, be it family, finance, health, relationships or personal calling."

Wisdom is also the ability to use what is adverse, to advance us. Pastor Petrina told the story of a donkey that was thrown into a well to be buried alive. The donkey just shook off the dirt that was shovelled upon it until eventually, it climbed out to freedom!

From 1 Kings 3 and 4, Pastor Petrina highlighted seven pillars of wisdom seen in King Solomon's life. The first pillar is the "heart" of wisdom where King Solomon asks for an understanding heart that he may discern between good and evil (1 Kings 3:7-9). The first place that wisdom enters is the heart, and it is a





Clockwise: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the mothers; 1,048 mothers received gifts at the various Services; Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam sharing the message

pure, childlike heart that is willing to learn, obey and depend on God.

The second pillar is the "word" of wisdom and Pastor Petrina used the story of the two women who sought Solomon to decide whose baby was still alive, to illustrate this principle (1 Kings 3:16–28). The word of wisdom from God may sound foolish to man but "the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom" (1 Corinthians 1:25).

The third pillar is that of influence—the "team" of wisdom. Solomon had a team of officials and governors (1 Kings 4:1-19), wise companions who influenced him for good. The "blessing" of wisdom is the fourth pillar. God prospered Solomon and he maximised his resources (1 Kings 4:20-23).

An outflow of wisdom is peace. The fifth pillar, the "peace of wisdom", flows out to others and produces a sense of safety and security (1 Kings 4:25). The sixth pillar is the "creativity" of wisdom (1 Kings 4:30-33). Creativity includes possessing vision and dreams and doing things never done before.

The seventh pillar is the "promotion" of wisdom (1 Kings 4:34). Men came from afar to hear Solomon. Today, people will also perceive our wisdom and want to know our God.

Many responded at the altar to Pastor Petrina's exhortation for us to ask God for wisdom and to abide in Christ in whom "are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3).

Clockwise: The CW Children's Choirs from Ampang, Cheras, Damansara Perdana and Damansara Heights singing "You Can Count On Me" to the mothers









### **Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service**





From left: Assistant Pastor Karen Seah; The ladies worshipping the Lord

# Living with the end in mind By Audrey Kum

Mother's Day was celebrated at the Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service on 13 May 2008. The 155 ladies who attended, irrespective of whether they were mothers or not, were blessed by the skit, special number, testimonies and message that centred on the theme of motherhood.

From left: Carol Weller presenting the skit, "The Professional Mother"; June Lee; Helen Gan; Madam Choo Siew Lein; Helen Cheah; Kiang Teck Chin

















From left: The Tuesday Ladies' Worship Choir presenting, "It is Good"; Enjoying a sumptuous lunch after the Service

June Lee, mother of three girls thanked God for the opportunity of staying at home to look after her newborn baby. She gave thanks that God is the best teacher as He helps her to teach her children.

Helen Gan, mother of two sons, was grateful to the Lord for making a way for her to leave her corporate job in 1987 so that she could not only be more available for her children, one of whom was a special child with cerebral palsy, but also to serve the Lord. Despite many challenges, her new occupation allowed her to be involved in the Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service since its inception.

Madam Choo Siew Lein, a grandmother, was touched by the Lord when several Pastors and Church members prayed for one of her sons who had a brain tumour many years ago. She accepted the Lord and is now faithfully attending Sunday Services, Tuesday Ladies' Worship Services and Life Group.

Helen Cheah, mother of two sons and a daughter, shared her testimony in Cantonese. She was grateful that God protected two of her children residing in the United Kingdom who were supposed to have been in the vicinity of the London bombings that occurred not too long ago. Recently, while praying for her children, the Lord ministered to her and inspired her to write a song in Cantonese.

Kiang Teck Chin who is single, shared on the aspect of "mothering" the elderly. In 2003, she resigned from her job to look after her elderly father who went to be with the Lord just ten months later. She thanked God for the opportunity to continue to look after and minister to the elderly at Calvaryland.

These encouraging testimonies from the heart served as a great platform for Assistant Pastor Karen Seah's message entitled, "Living with the End in Mind." Not wanting to be morbid, she nevertheless stressed the importance of living our lives with this question in our minds: "What would you like to be carved on your tombstone?" How we want to be remembered in the hearts of our loved ones will help shape the way we live.

Referring to Malachi 2:14-15, Pastor Karen said that the purpose of marriage is to produce godly offspring. This is even more important than producing happy and successful children.

The mothers were reminded that they must never underestimate the importance of their role. They can shape the destiny of their children by bringing them to Jesus through prayer. They must live with the end in mind

### Calvarite receives the "Anugerah Ibu Malaysia"!



We congratulate Helen Gan who was one of the recipients of the "Anugerah Ibu Malaysia", presented by Her Royal Highness, Seri Paduka Baginda Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Nur Zahirah on 10 June 2008 at the Putra World Trade Centre. Helen was recognised as a mother, who, in spite of great family challenges,

nurtured her children well and concurrently excelled in her career and community services. She was one of those who were nominated by Calvary Church and we rejoice with her and her family over this national recognition!

### **Missionettes**











Clockwise: Assistant Pastor Karen Seah opening the event in prayer; Assistant Pastor Yong Chee Weng sharing the devotion; Dance entitled "I Believe" by the Friends and Girls Only Clubs; Proud parents; Combined Clubs presentation

### Missionettes receive awards By Lam Yee Leng

A total of 182 Missionettes girls, parents and pastors attended the 27th Awards Celebration at Calvary Church, Damansara Heights on 19 April 2008. There was a sense of excitement and anticipation as the celebration began with a time of worship led by Carmen Ten, Siera Joy and Cheryl Tan.

After the worship, Assistant Pastor Yong Chee Weng shared a devotional thought in line with the theme, "Arise, Pray!" He encouraged us to pray for opportunities for God to work through us rather than

praying for Him to perform miracles for us.

Right after the devotion was the presentation of the badge awards to the six Clubs by the respective Sponsors. The presentation of the

badge awards was interspersed with a dance presentation by the Friends and Girls Only Clubs, entitled "I Believe", choreographed by Cheryl Ang. It was the girls' first attempt at

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# Missionettes celebrate Mother's Day with Hi-Tea

The Girls Only and Friends Club girls organised a Hi-Tea at the Calvary Refreshment Centre on 18 May 2008 to appreciate the mothers of Missionettes girls.

A total of 113 mothers, girls and a few brave fathers came for the occasion. It was a meaningful and fun-filled time complete with worship, the Word, presentation of a special number and games!

The mothers and children had a wonderful time especially during the interactive games. In the first game, the mothers and their children teamed up to build the highest tower with straws. This was followed by "Back to School" where the girls reversed roles with their mothers and they had the task of getting their 'children' ready for school. To end the day, there was time of fellowship over food prepared by both the girls and their fathers.



Sponsor Mei Leong checking if the tower would stand the test



Clockwise: Presentation of some of the badge awards to the various Clubs by the respective Sponsors; The girls from the Stars and Friends Club with their Honour awards; Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam crowning Rachel Gan; Han Su Yin receiving the Bible pin and bracelet from her parents

hip-hop and their efforts were commendable. All the Clubs also combined to present a special musical skit. Parents were delighted to see their children in action and many of the girls, especially the younger ones had a great time on stage!

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Honours Awards. A total of 14 girls received Honour Awards. Abigail Gomez, Hong Ai Neng and Mak Kai Quan fulfilled the requirements to be Honour Daisies. Nine girls from the Stars Club (Han Su Yin, Hon Yee Neng, Charis Vanessa Tai, Michelle Kuok, Lydia Gan, Lauren Lai, Hum Wei Wen, Sarah Leong and Joey Tan) and two from the Friends Club (Rachel Gan and Lam Yee Leng) were crowned respectively by Senior Associate

Pastor Petrina Guneratnam. The girls were overjoyed. It was evident from the broad smile on each face.

We thank God that it was a memorable occasion, made possible by the tireless efforts of Assistant Pastor Lee Peng, the Sponsors and all the girls. The emcees for the evening, Maryann Lee Mathews and Josephine Lim, also did a great job.

By Yap Sze Foong



When mums became the kids in "Back to School"



Tucking into food prepared by the dads and the girls



"Akan tetapi kamu, saudara-saudaraku yang kekasih, bangunlah dirimu sendiri di atas dasar imanmu yang paling suci dan berdoalah dalam Roh Kudus" (Yudas 20).

Yudas berkata bahawa rasul-rasul Yesus Kristus meramal bahawa menjelang akhir zaman, "pengejek-pengejek yang akan hidup menuruti hawa nafsu kefasikan mereka. Mereka adalah pemecah belah yang dikuasai hanya oleh keinginan-keinginan dunia ini dan yang hidup tanpa Roh Kudus" (Yudas 18-19). Oleh itu, dia mendesak umat Kristian untuk membangunkan diri mereka di dalam iman yang paling suci dan berdoa di dalam Roh Kudus.

Kita adalah orang-orang rohani dan oleh itu Yudas berkata, "Bangunlah dirimu sendiri di atas dasar imanmu yang paling suci dan berdoalah dalam Roh Kudus. Peliharalah dirimu demikian dalam Kasih TUHAN sambil menantikan rahmat Tuhan kita, Yesus Kristus, untuk hidup yang kekal. Tunjukkanlah belas kasihan kepada mereka yang ragu-ragu, selamatkanlah mereka dengan jalan merampas mereka dari api. Tetapi tunjukkanlah belas kasihan yang disertai ketakutan orang-orang lain juga,dan bencilah pakaian mereka yang dicemarkan oleh keinginan-keinginan dosa" (Yudas 20-23).

Sifat kita manusia yang berdosa mencari kebebasan daripada Tuhan. Apabila kamu tidak memerlukan Tuhan, kamu tidak akan melihat keperluan untuk berdoa. Mofatt berkata bahawa "Doa ialah cinta dalam keperluan merayu kepada kasih dalam kuasa." Doa adalah suatu pengakuan yang kamu bergantung kepada Tuhan Maha Penyayang yang mempunyai kuasa

untuk mengubah hidup dan situasisituasi kamu.

Kita harus berdoa di dalam Roh Kudus. Kenapa? Sebab asasnya ialah bahawa kita manusia mementingkan diri dan buta. Kita memerlukan Roh Kudus untuk membantu kita berdoa dengan berkesan. Apabila kamu menerima Kristus sebagai Tuhan dan Juruselamat jiwa kamu, dan telah dibaptiskan di dalam Roh Kudus, hidup kamu akan berubah. Kamu akan menginginkan benda-benda rohani dan mencari Tuhan sebagai Abba, Bapa kamu. Roh Kudus akan mengajar, membimbing dan menunjukkan kamu segala kebenaran (Yohanes 16:13-15). Oleh itu, Paulus mendesak kita supaya dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus (Efesus 5:18) dan berdoa (Efesus 6:18).

Alkitab berkata, Roh Kudus boleh berdoa melalui kamu: "Demikian juga Roh membantu kita dalam kelemahan kita; sebab kita tidak tahu, bagaimana sebenarnya harus berdoa; tetapi Roh sendiri berdoa untuk kita kepada TUHAN dengan keluhan-keluhan yang tidak terucapkan. Dan TUHAN yang menyelidiki hati nurani, mengetahui maksud Roh itu, yaitu bahwa la, sesuai dengan kehendak TUHAN, berdoa untuk orang-orang kudus."(Roma 8:26-27). Roh Kudus yang menetap di dalam kamu, ketahui apa yang kamu perlukan. Ia adalah Roh Kebenaran. "Tetapi apabila la datang, yaitu Roh Kebenaran, la akan memimpin kamu ke dalam seluruh kebenaran; sebab la tidak akan berkata-kata dari diri-Nya sendiri, tetapi segala sesuatu yang didengar-Nya itulah yang akan dikatakan-Nya dan la akan memberitakan kepadamu hal-hal yang akan datang" (Yohanes 16:13). Tuhan, Bapa kita di syurga , boleh rasa tersentuh oleh perasaan kita. Alkitab berkata. "Sebab Imam Besar yang kita punya, bukanlah imam besar yang tidak dapat turut merasakan kelemahan-kelemahan kita, sebaliknya sama dengan kita, la telah dicobai, hanya tidak berbuat dosa" (Ibrani 4:15).

Salah satu daripada sembilan karunia Roh Kudus ialah "bertutur dalam pelbagai bahasa yang berbeza." Paulus berkata, "Tetapi kepada tiaptiap orang dikaruniakan penyataan Roh untuk kepentingan bersama... kepada yang seorang Roh memberikan kuasa untuk mengadakan mujizat, dan kepada yang lain la memberikan karunia untuk bernubuat, dan kepada yang lain lagi la memberikan karunia untuk membedakan bermacam-macam roh. Kepada yang seorang la memberikan karunia untuk berkata-kata dengan bahasa roh, dan kepada yang lain la memberikan karunia untuk menafsirkan bahasa roh itu" (1 Korintus 12:7, 10). Kamu mungkin tidak faham karunia berkata-kata dalam bahasa roh yang diberikan kepada kamu untuk bercakap, tetapi terdapat tiga faedah-faedah bila kamu berdoa dalam bahasa roh. Pertama, kamu sedang bercakap kepada Tuhan. Paulus berkata, "Siapa yang berkatakata dengan bahasa roh, tidak berkata-kata kepada manusia, tetapi kepada TUHAN. Sebab tidak ada seorangpun yang mengerti bahasanya; oleh Roh ia mengucapkan hal-hal yang rahsia" (1 Korintus 14:2). Adalah suatu hak keistimewaan yang besar untuk bercakap dengan Tuhan. Saya kenali seseorang yang berpeluang berjabat tangan dengan Ratu England. Ratu England hanya mengucapkan "Hello" kepadanya dan dia tidak mahu membasuh tangannya kemudian! Jika bercakap dengan golongan bangsawan

adalah begitu bernilai, apatah lagi apabila Roh Kudus memberi kamu satu bahasa untuk bercakap dengan Tuhan.

Kedua, kamu membangunkan diri kamu sendiri. Paulus berkata, "Siapa yang berkata-kata dengan bahasa roh, ia membangun dirinya sendiri, tetapi siapa yang bernubuat, ia membangun jemaat" (1 Korintus 14:4). Bila kamu bertutur dalam bahasa roh, sesuatu yang rohani berlaku. Kamu sedang membangunkan diri kamu sendiri. Apabila kamu berasa lemah semangat, kamu boleh mencari seseorang untuk berbicara dengannya tetapi mungkin kamu menyesal kemudian! Yang lebih baik untuk dilakukan ialah berdoa di dalam Roh Kudus. Kamu mungkin tidak tahu apa yang kamu sedang katakan tetapi Tuhan tahu. Walaupun minda kamu tidak berbuah, roh kamu akan dibangkit dan dibangunkan. Semasa kamu berdoa dalam bahasa roh yang diberikan Tuhan, pemikiran kamu akan diperbaharui dan kamu akan tahu betapa hebatnya Tuhan.

Ketiga, roh kamu yang berdoa. Paulus berkata, "Sebab jika aku berdoa dengan bahasa roh, maka rohkulah yang berdoa, tetapi akal budiku tidak turut berdoa. Jadi, apakah yang harus kubuat? Aku akan berdoa dengan rohku, tetapi aku akan berdoa juga dengan akal budiku; aku akan menyanyi dan memuji dengan rohku, tetapi aku akan menyanyi dan memuji juga dengan akal budiku" (1 Korintus 14:14-15). Kamu adalah jasad, jiwa dan roh. Bila roh kamu berdoa, roh kamu sedar akan perkaraperkara di dalam dunia roh, yang mana tubuh kamu tidak sedar. Ia dapat merasai atmosfera rohani dan mencari perlindungan Tuhan terhadap sebarang serangan rohani atau rencana-rencana iblis yang mahu membinasakan kamu.

Berdoalah setiap hari dalam Roh Kudus dan kamu boleh berkata seperti Paulus, "Tetapi dalam semuanya itu kita lebih dari pada orang-orang yang menang, oleh Dia yang telah mengasihi kita" (Roma 8:37).

Karunia pertuturan dalam bahasa roh ada tujuan dan tempatnya. Berdoa dalam bahasa roh harus dilakukan secara sendirian dan bukannya untuk doa jemaat. Apabila kamu berdoa di kalangan orang ramai, kamu perlu difahami oleh orang lain agar mereka dapat bersetuju dengan kamu dalam doa. Berdoa di kalangan orang ramai bukannya masa untuk berdoa di dalam bahasa roh. Kamu mesti berdoa di dalam bahasa yang difahami oleh setiap orang. Paulus berdoa dalam bahasa roh lebih daripada sesiapa yang dia ketahui (1 Korintus 14:18) namun dia mengatakan "dalam pertemuan jemaat aku lebih suka mengucapkan lima kata yang dapat dimengerti untuk mengajar orang lain juga, dari pada beribu-ribu kata dengan bahasa roh" (1 Korintus 14:19).

Masa yang paling sesuai untuk bertutur dalan bahasa roh ialah dalam masa peribadi untuk pembangunan sendiri. Walaubagaimanapun semasa di gereja, apabila pemimpin lagu memberitahu jemaat untuk menvembah Tuhan dengan secara bebas, ada yang akan berbuat demikian dalam bahasa mereka sendiri dan ada yang bertutur dalam bahasa roh. Di sini, semua sedang menyembah secara berkumpulan sebagai individuindividu. Ini diterima sebab setiap individu sedang mencapai Tuhan dalam penyembahan. Kamu bukannya menyembah Tuhan agar orang lain boleh mendengar kamu. Apabila jemaat sedang berdoa dalam kumpulan, kamu boleh berdoa sambil dipimpin oleh Roh

Kudus, dalam apa bahasa yang kamu tahu atau dengan kurnia pertuturan bahasa roh yang diberikan oleh Roh Kudus.

Apabila jemaat berdoa di dalam bahasa roh, ia mesti teratur. Paulus mengajar, "Tetapi segala sesuatu harus berlangsung dengan sopan dan teratur" (1 Korintus 14:40). Patuhi arahan oleh pemimpin lagu atau pemimpin kebaktian. Tuhan adalah Tuhan teratur dan bukannya kacau-bilau. Kamu boleh berdoa dalam bahasa roh di dalam masa peribadi kamu untuk membangunkan diri kamu dan kamu boleh juga berdoa dalam bahasa roh bersama dengan jemaat untuk menyembah Tuhan. Apabila kamu berdoa di dalam Roh Kudus, kamu sedang berdoa dengan bijak sambil dipimpin oleh Roh Kudus. Marilah bergantung kepada Tuhan yang akan membantu kita berdoa dengan bijak melalui kuasa Roh Kudus. Berdoa di dalam Roh Kudus adalah suatu alat yang berkuasa yang Tuhan telah berikan kepada kamu. Patuhilah gesaan Yudas untuk membangunkan diri sendiri dalam iman yang paling suci dan berdoa dalam Roh Kudus.

Jikalau kamu belum lagi menerima karunia bahasa roh, minta untuk dibaptiskan dalam Roh Kudus. Alkitab berkata karunia ini adalah untuk kamu: "Sebab bagi kamulah janji itu dan bagi anak-anakmu dan bagi orang yang masih jauh, yaitu sebanyak yang akan dipanggil oleh TUHAN kita" (Kisah Para Rasul 2:39).

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# Congratulations!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF) at the 5th World Assemblies of God Congress in Lisbon, Portugal, in May 2008. We thank God that Senior Pastor is used by the Lord not just in Malaysia but worldwide.

At the 47th Annual General Council of the Assemblies of God Malaysia in May 2008, Associate Pastor Peter Ong was re-elected to serve as a Central District Committee Member and Field Representative to Malaysia Tamil Bible Institute. Associate Pastor Steven Kum was re-elected to serve as Field Representative to Bible College of Malaysia. We congratulate all our Pastors!

### Women's Rally







From left: Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam welcoming the ladies; Enjoying the Lord in worship; Darren Yong and Emilia Toh presenting "Power of Your Love"

# Dare to soar! By Audrey Kum

"Her church in New Zealand was built by the church members themselves!" With a sense of excitement, a total of 200 women came to Calvary Church Damansara Heights for the Women's Rally held on Saturday morning, 26 April 2008, to hear from this vibrant and exuberant grandmother who pastors City Impact Church in Auckland with her husband, Rev. Peter Mortlock.

Pastor Bev Mortlock said that "in order to soar, you have got to change your own limitation and get into the spiritual realm." She strongly felt that God is doing something in this generation in this place and that we are to make a way for the future generations that follow behind us. Women can set the atmosphere, shift behaviour with just a look! "Women," she also said, "are an integral part of shifts in the spirit world."

Pastor Bev said that when we build the church of God, we are not just building buildings, creating Christian programmes, training people in the Word of God but we are shifting things in the spirit realm that will make a difference in the world we live in.

We are not saved just to go to heaven. Jesus is returning for His church and we must be going about our Father's business. Women are not exempt from this. In fact, they play a special and pivotal role, for example, Mary, the mother of Jesus. What would have happened if she had not done what she was sent to do?

Pastor Bev used Hannah as another example of a woman who made a difference in the kingdom of God. Hannah, struggling, with her personal need to have a child, saw that her need was nothing compared to the need of the house of God and

of her nation. She interceded and a shift took place in the spiritual realm. Hannah gave birth to Samuel whom she dedicated to God. Eli and his sons, who were not listening to the voice of God, eventually died and Samuel became the prophet whom God used to anoint Saul and David as kings.

We were challenged to seek the Holy Spirit to empower us to shift the things within our personal lives so that we can then shift things in the spiritual realm thereby making a change in the world and establishing the kingdom of God for future generations. Many mothers present that day responded to Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam's call to surrender their children to the Lord.

Responding to the Lord at the altar





The men engaging in lively interaction before adjourning to the sanctuary for the session with Rev. Peter Mortlock

# Impacted for life By Kevin Chew

Smiles, curry puffs, doughnuts and coffee greeted the 110 men who attended the Men's Evangelistic Fellowship at Calvary Church, Damansara Perdana at 2pm on Saturday, 26 April 2008.

The men were soon engaged in lively interaction with many enthusiastically exchanging testimonies on how they came to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Newcomers felt the warm hospitality shown by the men from the Men's Life Groups during this pre-service interaction and fellowship.

The Men's Evangelistic
Fellowship began with Associate
Pastor Raymond Yong leading in
worship. This was followed by two
inspiring testimonies by Roger Kok
and Peter Koh on how the Lord Jesus

Christ delivered them from financial difficulties and gambling respectively. Both men ended their testimonies sharing how the Lord restored their finances and blessed their lives so that they can impact others and be a witness for Christ.

The message for the men on the day was shared by our guest speaker, Rev. Peter Mortlock, the Senior Pastor of City Impact Church, Auckland, New Zealand.

Pastor Mortlock inspired the men to greater heights in our walk with the Lord Jesus Christ with his message on how God desires His children to have a growing relationship with Him as their Heavenly Father and be an impact to the Church, their family and the community.

At the end of the message, Pastor Mortlock prayed with many who answered the altar call to recommit their lives to Christ. Six men accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Praise the Lord!



### **Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)**











Clockwise: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for the Leap in Faith 2 partners; The Damansara Heights, Cheras, Damansara Perdana and Ampang congregations praying and believing the Lord to help them fulfil their commitments





# Challenged to raise the bar of possibilities By Philemon Soon

As construction of the Calvary Convention Centre building progressed to Contract 2, which is the superstructure works stage, Calvarites were once again challenged to take a giant leap in faith in giving to towards the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) on 27 April 2008.

Deacon Han Joke Kwang, while launching the "Leap in Faith 2" fundraising programme, said that Calvarites responded tremendously to the "Leap in Faith" last year. He said that we now face a new challenge to raise the bar of possibilities which calls for a greater leap in faith.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam commended the Calvarites for their generous giving. There have been wonderful testimonies of God's blessing, providence and promotions from those

who have been giving in faith. He said that God is looking for greater faith and the time has come for Calvarites to "take a giant leap in faith" and believe God to do the impossible in building the Calvary Convention Centre.

The speaker, Rev. Peter Mortlock who is Senior Pastor of City Impact Church, Auckland, New Zealand, urged the Calvary congregation to trust God for His provisions. He related his own experience in building their new facility from scratch. When an elder of his

church suggested that they build it themselves, he initially did not think they could until he prayed about it.

God is great and is able to do the extraordinary. The whole church rallied and members gave up their time to participate actively in the construction. Despite discouragement by the concrete truck drivers, they were pouring concrete every Saturday and Wednesday for 20 months without cancelling one pour while other concrete gangs elsewhere had to stop because of rain!



Rev. Peter Mortlock



Deacon Han Joke Kwang launching the Leap in Faith 2



Clockwise: The children taking a leap in faith-Damansara Heights, Cheras, Ampang and Damansara Perdana

Referring to Luke 5:1-11, where Jesus was calling the first disciples to be fishers of men, Rev. Mortlock highlighted that people matter to God and therefore they must matter to us. Jesus wants to feed people spiritually and teach them and He chooses to do

so with partners and has made us colabourers with Him. What an honour and privilege it is to partner with Jesus to change the world! When Peter gave his "business" to Jesus, He turned the "slump" he experienced around.

Rev. Mortlock challenged the

congregations to "raise the bar" in faith and to launch into the deep like Peter.

He said that God will bless those who will put their trust in Him.

Praise God, at all the Church locations, Calvarites, young and old, took giant leaps in faith that day.





6 September 2008 (Sat.) | Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Club | 9am-5pm Interested in being part of this fun-filled event?

Sponsorship • Bazaar/Jumble Sale • Donation • Food & Beverage • Coupon Sales

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**SEE YOU AT CALVARY CARNIVAL '08!** 

# Upcoming events in 2008

Be on the look out for more information as the event approaches!

### August

Share the Vision, Sponsor a Brick Launch 2008

### 6 September

Calvary Carnival '08, Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort

**13 September - 3 October** 21-Day Fast and Prayer

### 22 October

40th Anniversary Dinner, Grand Pyramid, Sunway Resort & Spa

### 25 October

Fund Raising Dinner

### November

40-Days of Feasting

### 13-14 December

Christmas Evangelistic Presentation, Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil

Prayer gathering at CCC site By Lyndon D'Oliveiro







The Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Prayer Committee organised a prayer gathering at the CCC site at Bukit Jalil on Saturday, 17 May 2008 from 7.30 to 8.45am.

For the 137 who participated, it was exciting to see for themselves how their prayers and giving were bearing fruit as they viewed up close the on-going construction at the site. The theme for the prayer gathering was "A Legacy for Future Generations." The participation of 35 young people in the event was a wonderful opportunity to reinforce the theme. What a meaningful time of prayer it was as both generations, the adults and youth, prayed together believing God to bring the vision of the CCC to fruition.

If you are interested in receiving prayer requests regarding the CCC, please e-mail cccprayer@calvary.org.my.



From left: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam encouraging the leaders to praise the Lord; Seeking the Lord at the 7am Prayer Meeting; Lively discussions after a video session

# Church leaders refreshed By Audrey Kum

This year, the Church leaders headed to Paradise Sandy Beach Resort in Penang for the Church Summit 2008 from 2 to 4 June. We were challenged to be prayerful and to go expecting spiritual breakthroughs, to be strengthened and inspired in our leadership commitments and to build strong bonds with fellow leaders.

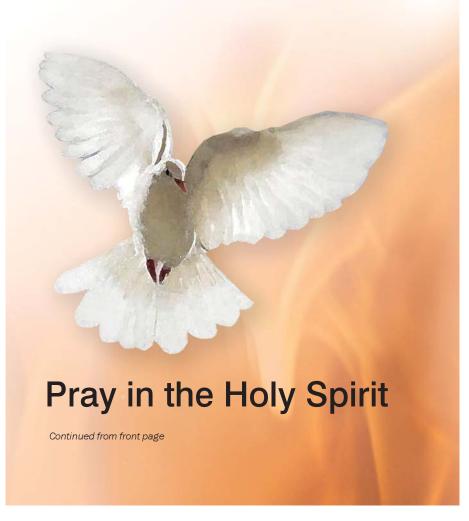
The sessions were thoughtfully planned to help us to achieve these goals. Senior Pastor, in his keynote address, reminded us that Jesus will build His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). The Church must advance against the gates of hell, to rescue the perishing! In order to achieve this, we must get to know Jesus. We must grow in our relationship with Him and continually abide in Him. We are to be a praying Church, seeking the Holy

Spirit to empower us with ministry gifts to serve others.

Through the "video teachers", Bill Hybels, Joel Osteen and Bishop Dag Heward-Mills, we gained insights on motivation and inspiration in ministry, how not to let critical voices steal the dreams the Lord gives us and on loyalty, respectively. The time provided for reflection and discussion in small groups gave us the opportunity to evaluate ourselves as well as to identify practical steps and

ways to put into action the lessons learnt, in our respective Ministries.

The bonds of fellowship were indeed strenghtened at these sessions as the leaders shared from their hearts. These bonds were further strengthened as the leaders and their families who accompanied them to the Summit, scouted around together to look for and enjoy the many culinary delights found in Penang!



We are spiritual people and therefore Jude says, "Build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh" (Jude 20-23).

Our sinful human nature seeks to be independent of God. When you do not need God, you will not see the need to pray. Mofatt says that "Prayer is love in need appealing to love in power." Prayer is an acknowledgement of your dependence upon a loving God who has the power to change your life and your circumstances.

We are to pray in the Holy Spirit. Why? The fundamental reason is that we humans are selfish and blind. We need the Holy Spirit to help us to pray effectively. When you receive Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and are baptised in the Holy Spirit, your life will be transformed. You will desire spiritual things and seek God as your Abba, Father. The

Holy Spirit will teach, guide and show you all things (John 16:13-15). Therefore, Paul urges us to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and to pray (Ephesians 6:18).

The Bible says, the Holy Spirit can pray through you: "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will" (Romans 8:26-27). The Holy Spirit, who dwells in you, knows what you need. He is the Spirit of truth. "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come" (John 16:13). God, our heavenly Father, can be touched by our feelings. The Bible says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

One of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit is the "speaking in different kinds of tongues." Paul says, "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues" (1 Corinthians 12:7, 10). You may not understand the gift of tongue or language given to you to speak, but there are three benefits when you pray in tongues. First, you are speaking to God. Paul says, "For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit" (1 Corinthians 14:2). It is a great privilege to be able to talk to God. I know someone who had the opportunity to shake hands with the Queen of England. All she said to him was, "Hello" and he did not want to wash his hands afterwards! If talking to human dignitaries is so precious, how much more precious it is when the Holy Spirit gives you a language to speak to God.

Second, you edify yourself. Paul says, "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church" (1 Corinthians 14:4). When you speak in tongues, something spiritual happens. You are edifying yourself. When you are feeling discouraged, you may seek someone to talk to but may end up feeling sorry that you did! The better thing to do would be to pray in the Spirit. You may not know what you are saying but God knows. Although your mind is not fruitful, your spirit is built up and edified. As you pray in that God-given tongue, your mind will be renewed and you will know how great God is.

Third, your spirit prays. Paul says, "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind" (1 Corinthians 14:14-15). You are body, soul and spirit. When your spirit prays, your spirit is aware of the things in the spirit world which your

body does not relate to. It senses the spiritual atmosphere and seeks God's protection against any spiritual attack or demonic plans that seek to harm you. Pray daily in the Spirit and you can say like Paul, "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

This gift of tongues has its purpose and place. Praying in tongues is done in private and is not for congregational prayer. When you pray in public, you need to be understood for people to agree with you in prayer. Praying in public is not the time to pray in tongues. You have to pray in a language that is understood by everybody. Paul prays in tongues more than anyone he knows (1 Corinthians 14:18) yet he maintains that, "...in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue" (1 Corinthians 14:19).

The best time to speak in tongues is in private for your own edification. However, while at

church, when the worship leader tells the congregation to worship the Lord freely, some may do so in their language and others with the gift of tongues. Here, all are worshipping collectively as individuals. This is acceptable because each individual is reaching out to God in worship. You

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are not worshipping God for somebody else to listen. When the congregation is praying collectively, you can pray as the Holy Spirit leads you, in any language you know or by the gift of tongues the Holy Spirit gives you.

When the congregation is praying in tongues, there should

always be order. Paul teaches, "But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (1 Corinthians 14:40). Heed the instructions of the worship or service leader. God is a God of order and not confusion. You can pray in tongues in private to edify yourself and you can also pray in tongues

corporately with the congregation to worship God. When you pray in the Spirit, you are praying intelligently as the Spirit leads you. Let us depend on God who will help us to pray intelligently through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praying in the Holy Spirit is a powerful tool that God has given you. Heed Jude's exhortation to build yourself up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

If you have not received the gift of tongues, seek to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. The Bible says this gift is for you: "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39).

All Bible quotations are from the New International Version.



(From left) Front Row: Jasmine Ai Leng Marika Lim, Josiah Jia Jiunn Yutaro Lim, Andrew John Corban, Claire Anisha Corban, Sonia Ferrer L'RLaza, Evelyn Chai Sau Yeng, Elisa Balachandran, Aaron Balachandran Middle Row: Gladys Lungile G. Dlamini, Evencia Conception T. Sidayen, Peggy W. Mamba, Jamie Loh Yee Leng, Virma Condeza, Mary George a/p P. George Philip Back Row: Thiagarajan a/l N.S. Maniccam, Regina James, Ku Ray King, Lai Weng Yew, Lai En Ci (Carried by her dad, Mr Lai), Balachandran s/o Navaratnam, Joshua Navin Balachandran Not in Picture: Paschal Chidi Okereke, Doris Anayo Okereke, Pamela Chisom Okereke, Stephanie Ogechi Okereke

# Twenty-five baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 25 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 20 April 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.

Sunday Services

	Damansara Heights (DH) 8am •10.30am	Ampang/DH 10.30am/5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
6	Communion Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Communion  Associate Pastor Peter Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Communion Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Communion Associate Pastor Richard Yun
13	Rev. Michael Dissanayeke	Rev. Michael Dissanayeke	Rev. Michael Dissanayeke	Rev. Michael Dissanayeke
20	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
<b>27</b>	Associate Pastor David Seah	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
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3	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
10	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah
17	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Water Baptism Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
24	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
31	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

AUGUST

# **Missions Emphasis** 11-13 July 2008

11 July 2008

# Rev. Michael Dissanayeke

### **Beyond Ourselves...Crossing Borders** Friday, 7.30pm @ Damansara Heights

Children's Missions Emphasis runs concurrently.

Rev. Michael Dissanayeke is the Senior Pastor of Life Centre Assemblies of God, a growing and thriving church in Colombo, Sri Lanka. A down-to-earth and humorous speaker, God has blessed him with the ability to communicate His truth with simplicity and clarity. As the Director for the Southern Asia Missions of Assemblies of God, he has a passion to reach 1.5 billion people in the region, and has travelled extensively to mobilise churches in missionary vision. He is also the General Superintendent of the Sri Lanka Assemblies of God.

Be challenged as you listen to Rev. Michael Dissanayeke who has been and continues to be on the front lines of missions!

### **Chinese Fellowship**

Sunday

5<sub>pm</sub>

July

Speaker: Lim Chune Sin Venue: Bethel Hall

August

Speaker: Pastor Sophia Voon

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.

### Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday

12.30pm

July

Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah

Venue: Bethel Hall

August

Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah

Venue: Bethel Hall

### WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

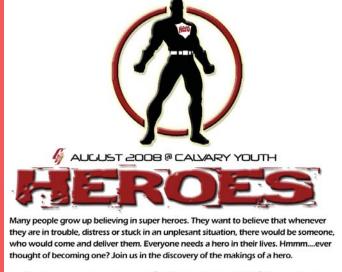
Water Baptism/Membership Class Saturday | 16 August 2008 | 1.45pm

> **Water Baptism Service** Sunday | 17 August 2008 | 5pm

**Closing Date for submission of forms:** 

Sunday | 6 July 2008





Catch this series every Saturday @ 3.00pm in August 2008 @ Calvary Youth

### Prayer Emphasis Week | 17-23 August 2008

Pray Believing...Pursue Righteousness 1 Peter 3:12

12 July 2008

### **Beyond Ourselves...Crossing Borders**

Saturday, 3pm @ Damansara Heights Speaker: Rev. Michael Dissanayeke

Combined adults and youth missions challenge

The Klang Valley has become culturally and socially diverse with Indonesians, Bangladeshis, Nepalis, Koreans, Nigerians and many other nationalities. We also encounter people from all walks and ages of life, from the elderly to the youth and the children. Many adopt different lifestyles from what we are used to. How do we reach these?

We must go beyond our social pocket and cross barriers in order to share Christ with ALL.

13 July 2008

### **Faith Promise Sunday**

Regular Service times @ all locations Speaker: Rev. Michael Dissanayeke







The Workshop participants listening intently to Dr. Wanda Malcolm (right)

# When justice meets mercy By Carol Weller

On 1 May 2008, at Damansara Perdana, 102 participants attended a Workshop organised by Calvary Life Ministries (CLM) entitled "Forgiveness and Reconciliation" conducted by Dr. Wanda Malcolm, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Psychology at Wycliffe Seminary who conducts extensive research on this topic.

Dr. Wanda began by using the illustration of Joseph and his brothers. From a psychological perspective, Jacob's family can easily be classified as a dysfunctional family with a propensity for domestic violence. Having been sold into slavery by his brothers, Joseph faced the challenge of having to forgive and reconcile-a process, which covered a span of 20 years. Dr. Wanda emphasised forgiveness takes time and reconciliation can involve testing the safety of re-entering a relationship as Joseph did with his brothers before revealing himself to them

She cautioned that moving too quickly to forgiveness can be unhealthy if issues of safety and trust are overlooked. When violence or abuse has occurred it is wise that the patterns of abusive behaviour be confronted and dealt with before reconciliation takes place.

Forgiveness is not denying or excusing a wrong. It is not choosing to overlook consequences or even granting amnesty or pardon, which are legal acts. Forgiveness was defined as "when justice meets mercy." Micah 6:8 says, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." Justice recognises that a wrong has been committed and mercy moves us beyond the wrong

action. Humility allows for reconciliation to take place.

She talked about the benefits we receive when we have a disposition to be forgiving. Forgiving once is not the point but when we choose to make forgiving a lifestyle choice, that is when we reap the emotional, relational, and physical benefits of forgiveness.

It is normal after a hurtful event to experience 'acute unforgiveness' which may mean feelings of shock, anger, grief, a desire for the other to suffer. But if allowed to go on too long, unforgiveness develops into chronic, unhealthy, crippling emotions like bitterness, resentment, destructive anger which robs us of a feeling of well being and contentment. And then our perception becomes distorted and we overvalue ourselves as being "all good" and the other person is "all bad".

Dr. Wanda proceeded to offer ways in which healthy forgiveness could be exercised. Participants received journalling and reflection exercises to help them to identify what they continue to hold against the other. She gave us tools on how to process feelings of pain, sadness, shame and hurt and how to accept what had happened and the unfairness of it. Finally we were guided on how to cultivate a grace

and empathic concern that allows us to reach for a place that no longer wishes the person to suffer but truly wanting what is best for them and working to re-create a relationship where the hurt does not happen again.

When seeking forgiveness from someone, Dr. Wanda mentioned five important elements: Confession, which is owning up to the truth that you have been hurtful; Being nondefensive, which is hearing the other person's words of anger, pain and sadness without offering excuses or explanations; Remorse, which is expressing sincere regret for your actions and the harm it has caused; Acceptance, which is taking responsibility for the harm done and accepting the consequences of your actions and finally, Repentance, which is the willingness to live a changed life so that the hurtfulness does not happen again.

Participants were left with the thought that the issue of forgiveness and reconciliation is a complex one, requiring sensitivity and patience in both sides of a relationship.



For counselling services, please call 03-7710 3360

# A channel of God's blessing

The Youth Life Groups (LGs) kicked off in July 2007 with the installation of four LGs with seven LG leaders. These leaders have been much blessed as they served during the last year. They have witnessed God at work in their own lives and their LG members. God is faithful. They have been blessed to be blessings themselves. Hear are the testimonies from two of them:



Joshua Cheah (far left, back row) with his LG members



Crystal Ng (far left, back row) with her LG members

### **Blessed through Youth Life Group**

By Joshua Cheah

The Youth LG has been one of the channels God used to prosper and bless me. Since I assumed Youth LG Leadership, God has opened up a whole new experience in my walk with Him.

My LG members are mostly students. I learnt to care for them as they go through the ups and downs of life, especially when they faced difficulties and disappointments. This has led me to depend on Him, day by day. I have learnt to be patient and wait on Him more and more. I also learned that all things work out for our good when we put our trust in Him.

Besides strengthening me spiritually, God has helped me to be effective as a LG leader. I have grown in confidence and am becoming more of an extrovert. I am inspired to lead my members to greater spiritual heights. One of my goals is to work towards creating greater unity amongst us as a LG. I am looking forward to see how God will cause my LG to be more united in spirit, morale and action, to be a blessing to many others.

I am a student pursuing my bachelor's degree in business administration. The Lord taught me to be more disciplined in my studies. Praise God, my results have improved since I made myself available to serve in the LG ministry. God is faithful and I trust that He will continue to bless me so that I can bless others!

### Little things matter to God

By Crystal Ng

Leading a bunch of energetic young people is not exactly my first choice of ministry. I am an auditor by profession and have tight deadlines to meet every other day. However, God created this opportunity for me to be a Youth LG Leader and I took up the challenge.

During the last year, I have experienced God's enablement as a LG leader. I began to see that God uses little things to be magnified for His purpose. For instance, just by my simple act of giving a lift to one LG member to Church on Sundays, she is now coming to Church regularly and growing spiritually. Another LG member, who was contemplating whether to stay with our LG, decided to stay when I took some time to encourage her. I am amazed to see how "small acts of kindness" can bring about much change. I realise that the ministry is not just a "duty". I have begun to develop a passion for people through the LG Ministry. Many of my LG members are now my friends too!

If you are a young person and new to our Church, we welcome you to join any of our Youth LGs.
Please call us at 03-7728 6000 ext. 308 or 322.



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