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Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam sharing the exhortation

GOD'S MIGHTY WORKS WERE DECLARED!

By Keane Ritikos



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam giving thanks to God

Declaring our God is great!



Thanksgiving prayer by Deacon Patrick Wong

Assistant pastor Yong Chee Weng sharing his testimony

“ONE GENERATION SHALL PRAISE
YOUR WORKS TO ANOTHER, AND SHALL
DECLARE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.”
PSALM 145:4

Our early Pastors, Rev David and Elizabeth Baker, Rev. Fred and Rita Abeysekera and Rev. Allan Leong cutting the cake with Senior Pastor Prince and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

On 22 October 2008, Calvarites celebrated four decades of God's amazing works at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre. God's presence was already strongly felt in the pre-dinner fellowship. Calvarites had the opportunity to share among themselves about God's wonders and grace they experienced all these years in Calvary Church.

The evening's celebration began with a multi-media montage of photographs that showed God's blessings on the many different ministries that had brought spiritual and numerical growth among the children, youths, families and the elderly of the church. It was encouraging to know the great works accomplished through our missions and evangelistic endeavours where the needy were helped, communities provided for and our city was being reached with the Gospel. On a lighter side, we also caught glimpses of some of our pastors then, having more hair and a slimmer figure.

Pastors and missionaries who were unable to attend the event sent congratulatory messages and testimonies via letters and video. In particular, our Honorary Pastor Delmer Guynes, and his wife, Sister Eleanor, sent their video greetings. Among their many encouraging remarks, they said that they were looking forward to be present in the opening ceremony of our Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) in 2010.

While we were enjoying the sumptuous food, we saw Calvarites giving a powerful presentation of 40 testimonies of how they were transformed and blessed through their involvement in Calvary Church. It was a non-verbal presentation on placards of their lives before and after God's divine touch. It was a joy to witness the sick healed, the lost found, tempers tamed, generations saved and through Christ, the impossible become possible!



Missionettes and Rangers with candles



The Music and Creative Arts Ministry presenting "God of this City" and "How Great is Our God"



Rev. Ong Sek Leang, General Superintendent of Assemblies of God Malaysia, praying for us



KidsCAT kids enthusiastically singing "My Generation"



Representatives from the Assemblies of God, Malaysia

The cake cutting ceremony was meaningful as Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, the Board of Deacons and the pioneering Pastors cut the cake together. This group was surrounded by former and current Deacons, the Associate and Assistant Pastors and 40 Royal Rangers and Missionettes, who held a candle each, forming two converging lines on both sides of the platform. It was an awesome sight, to witness the leadership of Calvary Church—the past, the present and the future on the platform, with the younger generation carrying the light of the Gospel into the future.



Enjoying the testimonies

The Church then took the opportunity to appreciate three of the pioneering Pastors who were present that night, namely, Rev. David Baker, Rev. Fred Abeysekera and Rev. Allan Leong, with a love offering. At the same time, pioneering Calvarites who moved from Jalan Saylor to Damansara Heights were appreciated with a commemorative plaque each.

The evening's event was made complete by the exhortation from God's Word through Senior Pastor. He shared from John 15 where he reminded us of the importance of abiding in Christ, as a branch would abide in the vine. When we abide in Christ and do His will, we can be assured that our prayers will be answered. Senior Pastor suggested three things Calvarites should pray for: That Calvarites will be more effective salt and light of the world; that we will receive a greater anointing to fulfil the Great Commission and we will see the completion of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) as a means to fulfil the first two requests.



The rest of the evening's programme, as planned, was saturated with the participation of our younger generation. The KidsCAT (Kids Creative Arts Team) gave thanks through an energetic song entitled "My Generation" that tells about a generation that desires to live for God so that others may know about His love. God's direction for the Church was brought forth even more powerfully through the subsequent presentation. The Youth Choir joined the children in singing passionately that through the Church, greater things will be



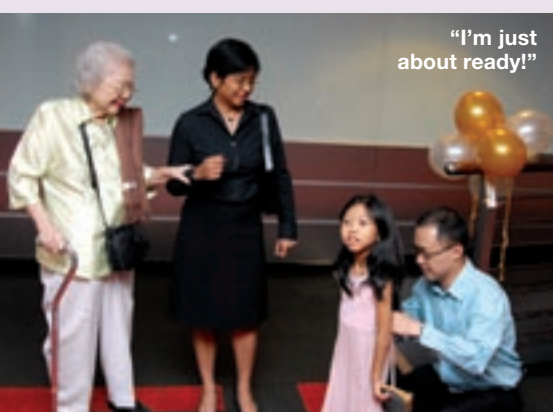
Rev. Fred Abeysekera praying the closing prayer

accomplished in the city of Kuala Lumpur and beyond to the glory of God.

There was a great sense excitement and direction for Calvary Church. The walkthrough of the Church's history impacted many, the young in particular, because a great future stands before them. The sacrifice of the 70 Calvarites gave birth to the building in Damansara Heights, and today, we stand amazed at what God has done. The Church now stands at another threshold, in wanting to complete the building of the CCC, which will be entrusted to the present younger generation.

Those who came that evening went home with a commemorative 40th Anniversary booklet and a memento each and can testify to the fact that, as a church, we have celebrated the past, with a future in mind. It is a bright future indeed, for God's greater works will continue to be declared through the generations of Calvary Church! +

Testimonies through placards



"I'm just about ready!"



KidsCAT kids with their teachers



Enoch Fernando at the keyboard



"We don't want to miss this!"





YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE

By Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught His disciples to pray, **"Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven"** (Matthew 6:10). If there is a kingdom, then there must be a king.

There is a kingdom and God the Father has made Jesus the King. He placed Jesus **"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"** (Ephesians 1:21-23). The apostle Paul says, **"that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"** (Philippians 2:10-11).

"Those under the earth" refers to Satan's kingdom and they too recognise the lordship of Jesus Christ.

God desires that we **"may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places"** (Ephesians 1:17-20).

Jesus is Lord of all (Acts 10:36). The Bible in Revelation 11:15-16 says: **"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever! And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God"** (Revelation 11:15-16).

God has appointed a time for His

kingdom to come and no one can cancel that appointment!

When we pray "Your kingdom come" and want our prayers to be effective, we must acknowledge the lordship and reign of the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts and in our lives.

We know there is a kingdom but what is the kingdom of God? Paul says, **"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"** (Romans 14:17). God's kingdom cannot come to earth in any other way except through us who acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives. The characteristics of His kingdom—righteousness, peace and joy—must be evident in our lives.

Let us live right by yielding our members to righteousness. God's kingdom is where righteousness prevails. Paul says, **"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not**

present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God" (Romans 6:12-13). Peter says, **"but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy'"** (1 Peter 1:15-16). To be holy is to be righteous. To be holy is to live a life that is right in the eyes of God and not in our own eyes.

Let us live in peace with God by pleasing Him and not men and we will have the peace of God. Paul says, **"So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God"** (Romans 8:8). If we walk in disobedience, there is no peace because where there is sin, there is no peace. But by God's grace, we are forgiven of our sins. Being free from sin, we no longer live to please the flesh but walk after the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ in us. The world today is sitting around tables seeking for peace. Jesus says peace comes when we have peace with Him. He is the **"Prince of Peace"** (Isaiah 9:6). The only way we can find peace is to have a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Let us rejoice in the Lord. The kingdom of God is joy. Joy does not depend on happenings. It seems unnatural to praise God when our house is burnt down or when we have been robbed but we can rejoice in the Lord when something bad happens to us. Why is this so? Our joy comes from a relationship with Jesus. It is through our rejoicing in Him that we find strength. The Bible says the joy of the Lord is our strength. Jesus is greater than the bad thing that happens to us. When we rejoice, we are declaring that God is the source of our strength and our hope and no adverse circumstances can defeat us.

When we rejoice in the Lord, we are refusing to submit to what Satan wants to do to destroy our faith in God. It is almost as if we are "clubbing Satan on the head" because he expects us to moan and sulk or feel sorry for ourselves. In spite of our adverse circumstances, we sing and praise God joyfully. This frustrates Satan as he will not know how

to defeat such people! That is exactly what Paul and Silas did. They exhibited the characteristics of the kingdom, that of righteousness, peace and joy. Luke says, **"And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks"** (Acts 16:23-24). But at midnight, while their backs were hurting, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them. They praised God and acknowledged the lordship of Jesus Christ and a miracle happened. The prison doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed!

The Bible says, **"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"** (Philippians 4:4). Always be **"rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer"** (Romans 12:12). Jesus said, **"Behold I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven"** (Luke 10:20).

God's kingdom can come on earth

**"If there is a kingdom,
then there must be a king."**

right now when we acknowledge Him as Lord and we allow the characteristics of His kingdom, righteousness, peace and joy, to be seen in our lives.

Jesus also taught His disciples to pray **"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."** God has a will for us. He has a plan and a purpose for each of us just as He had a plan for Moses to go back to Egypt to deliver His people, for Peter to feed His sheep and many others. We must want His will. We must pray for His will to be done just like

Jesus. At the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, **"saying, 'Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done'"** (Luke 22:42).

God will not force His will upon us. We must desire His will. Paul the Apostle prayed for God to remove "the thorn in his flesh". God did not remove it but He said to Paul, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness"** (2 Corinthians 12:9). By seeking God's will, we let Him decide what is best for us.

We must pray for God's will in our lives everyday. The Holy Spirit will guide us. The Bible says, **"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come"** (John 16:13). James says, **"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him"** (James 1:5).

Pray for God's kingdom to come and for His will to be done in our lives, our church and our nation. There is so much to pray for. No wonder Paul says, **"Pray without ceasing"** (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and Jesus says, **"men always ought to pray"** (Luke 18:1). +



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CALVARY MINI BAZAAR

By Audrey Kum

On 22 November 2008, a Post Carnival Sale was held at Damansara Heights to sell off the items that remained unsold from the Calvary Carnival '08 in September. Every item sold meant more funds for the Calvary Convention Centre Building Fund. Praise God, by about 3pm, many items were tagged at bargain prices found new homes! Calvarites who missed the sale on Saturday were pleasantly surprised to be able to take advantage of some of the bargains that were still available, in between and after the Worship Services on Sunday morning. +



Calvarites, people from the neighbourhood and even guests of a wedding held that morning, came to check out the things for sale!





Ruth Sahayana



AN EVENING WITH RUTH SAHANAYA

By Annabel Lily



Jeannie Friis
welcoming
the guests



Lim Meng
Hong from
Christies
conducting
the auction



Associate Pastor David Seah
(with corsage) introducing
the CCC to guests

Ruth Sahayana, a widely celebrated personality in her native Indonesia and also here in Malaysia, performed at a dinner at the Prince Hotel and Residence in Kuala Lumpur on 25 October 2008, in conjunction with the fund raising efforts for the building of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). It was truly a musical extravaganza for those who were present.

Jeannie Friis, the chairperson of the event said, "Many discerning music lovers with a heart for benevolence that night were captivated by a refined brand of soulful songs; both in Malay and English, such as 'You Lift Me Up' and 'Amazing Grace'. As

Mac Chew and
team providing live
music that evening



expected, she mesmerised the crowd with her most popular song, 'Kaulah Segalanya', which helped earned her a triple platinum record in the 90's."

Enoch Fernando, an international recording artiste from the USA who also performed that night, brought the grand piano to life with his unique style of inspirational instrumentals.

We thank God that Calvarites took the opportunity to invite their friends and contacts in the business and corporate world to support the building of the CCC through sponsorship of tables, advertisements in the souvenir programme, participation in the auction and purchasing of the art pieces, etc that were on display that evening. +



Enoch
Fernando

school of christian growth (scg) open sessions

HEARING GOD'S VOICE, DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

By Carol Weller



Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

Recognising the importance of doing God's will in our lives, the School of Christian Growth organised two teaching sessions on this topic, on two consecutive Fridays, 10 and 17 October 2008.

Associate Pastor Steven Kum taught that God is a communicating God and desires to speak to His people. His voice is heard by those who are living right before Him, those who revere and worship Him and those who understand that what has been spoken by God must be obeyed.

Right from Creation, God has revealed His will to His chosen. He spoke through the prophets (Hebrews 1:1). After the incarnation, He spoke through the Son (Hebrews 1:2) who is the "expressed image of the invisible God". After Pentecost, He spoke



through the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:2).

God communicates primarily through His Word and secondarily through means like our conscience, creation, our thoughts, wise others, gifts of the Spirit, dreams and visions. Discernment however can be clouded by our sin or by distraction. Our desire for God and to hear Him can be greatly supported by the practice of spiritual disciplines like prayer, study, solitude, fasting, etc.

At the second session, Pastor Steven focused on the importance of differentiating between the voice of God, Satan and the flesh. Satan's ploy is to sow doubt and unbelief into our minds with the ultimate goal of destroying God's plan for us.

The 'flesh' constantly competes with God's voice. The 'flesh' or the 'carnal world' can be identified by its desire

A HOLY INVITATION

By Carol Weller

On Friday, 21 November 2008, at another SCG Open Session, Calvarites were blessed, by a unique prayer experience led by renowned Spiritual Director, retreat leader and author of the book "Holy Invitations", Dr Jeannette Bakke. She has also worked as a Professor of Christian Education at Bethel Seminary in the United States.

Dr Bakke began by inviting us to "give our first ear" to the Holy Spirit, then to our own hearts and thirdly to her gentle leading. She said that prayer begins with a realisation that we are not perfect. We examine our relationship with God and how we picture and address Him. It may often lead to confession, a part of Christian tradition that is wide and deep. It was refreshing to hear her say that we are always learning to pray and that it often helps to pray in new ways and at different places. Real prayer involves authenticity—when the "real me" opens up to the "real God". She invited us to recall the last time we really had a deep assurance that God loves us.

We were instructed to form groups of three persons and then to pray "sentence prayers" as a form of group intercession, first for world concerns and needs, then on to prayers for our family and friends and finally for our own spiritual growth. These three prayer segments were interspersed with the singing of songs familiar and new.

We were enriched by her teaching, guidance and refreshed by the whole prayer experience. +



Dr Jeannette
Bakke



Communing
with God



for pleasure and self gratification, often taking the form of “vain imaginations” and “pretensions” mentioned in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. The Bible teaches us how we can judge the emotions we feel, the thoughts and intentions of our minds and the words of advice we receive. Intimacy with God is the basis for discerning His will.

It was important to hear that discernment only comes into play when there is a need to choose between things which do not violate God’s already revealed will. If it is known and clear, it is only a question of choosing to obey.

Aptly, Pastor Steven concluded with Philippians 1:9-11 which states that “true discernment” begins in love and leads to fruits of righteousness. Put simply, it must lead us always to become more like Christ. +

CONGRATULATIONS!



Associate Pastor Raymond Yong graduated with the Diploma in Theology from the Bible College of Malaysia on 2 December 2008. Congratulations on your success!

SCG THROUGH THE LIFE GROUPS

The School of Christian Growth offered a series of lessons on Contemporary Issues through the Life Groups (LG) in the last trimester of 2008. Issues discussed included “Wealth and Poverty”, addressing stewardship issues, “Which God is God”, exploring the uniqueness of the Christian faith, “Hope for the Homosexual” and the Christian perspective towards suicide. The objective of each lesson was to give a biblical perspective of the issue and then to teach a Christian response to those facing these issues and challenges. Each session encompassed a biblical overview followed by guided discussions. It is evident from the feedback of many, that the lessons were well received and beneficial. Here are some of the positive feedbacks:



Han Joke Kwang said, “The lessons have given the LG members a new perspective towards the contemporary issues – looking at them now from fresh eyes, so to speak. The lessons also caused some to undo their misunderstanding of the issues, like homosexuality for example.”

Agnes Chew commented, “The lessons were interesting and led to active participations from the LG members – no sign of yawning from members! The information provided was very comprehensive and the powerpoint slides made available to us, helped guide the lessons. Not only was new knowledge gained but the lessons also made us realise the need to cultivate new values and behavioural change. The lesson on “Wealth and Poverty” was an eye opener and we realised that we are so blessed compared to those who are really in poverty. It inspired us to achieve wealth by following His righteous ways and taught us the importance of simplicity, contentment and generosity.”



Chow Sang Hoe remarked, “Many were able to apply the lessons learnt into daily lives where we interact with others. We can now state our stand as Christians more comfortably and more importantly, be more sensitive and responsive to those affected by such issues.”

Lyndon D’Oliveiro said, “One could see the LG come alive as individuals were encouraged to share. With the rich material given, it was easier for more members to facilitate. They felt they could contribute. The topics were relevant though there was an initial discomfort in some who found the content different from the usual devotional topics”.



Finally, **Anita Yee** reported, “We were so blessed. These lessons have given us not only the biblical viewpoint but also empathy for those who are hurting and needing help. From the guidelines given, we are now better equipped to recognise the warning signs and to offer hope, sympathy and compassion. These lessons were an eye opener for us.”

Are you in a LG? Make sure you join today! Beginning January to April 2009, the SCG will offer a series on “Kingdom Priorities” through the LGs and this promises to be another exciting and relevant series of studies. They will prepare us for success God’s way! For more information on LGs, please contact the Pastoral LGs at 7728 6000 ext 322 & 310. +



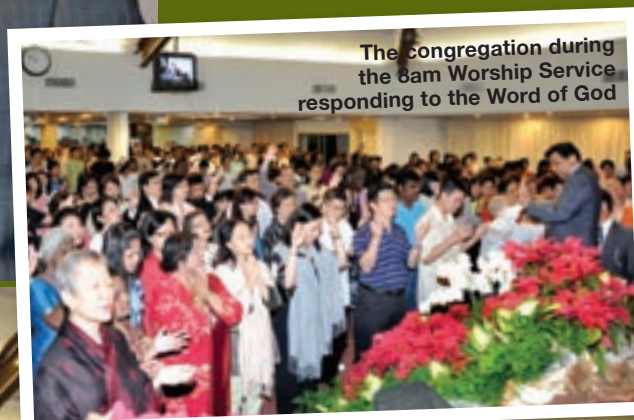
A call to worship by the Christmas Choir and Youth Ensemble



Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

THE JOY AND HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

By Audrey Kum



The congregation during the 6am Worship Service responding to the Word of God



The congregation during the 10.30am Service responding to the Word of God

Christmas Services were held on Christmas Day, 25 December 2008 at Damansara Heights, Damansara Perdana and at Ampang. The congregation at Cheras attended the Damansara Heights and Ampang Services.

Christmas is always a very special time of the year. There is even a song that says it is the most wonderful time of the year. However, in Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's message, he highlighted that for many people, Christmas is a season to survive! The joy of Christmas is missing because of many pressures and stress that they face.

Senior Pastor said that we can find the joy of Christmas in forgiveness. We rejoice because our sins are forgiven and we have been reconciled to God. And because we have been forgiven, we can forgive others.

“A Way/Away in a Manger” by the KidsCAT kids



The Youth Ensemble singing “The Best Gift of All”



The International Choir singing “O Come Let Us Adore Him”



The congregation responding to the Word of God

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Christmas Choir and Adult Ensemble singing “The Best Gift of All”

Secondly, the joy and hope of Christmas can be found in fellowship. We rejoice because Jesus is the mediator between God and man and we have fellowship with God and also with others too.

Finally, Senior Pastor said that the joy and hope of Christmas is found in generosity. Our Father in heaven is the most generous of all—He gave His only begotten Son to be our Saviour. When we have experienced God’s generosity, we too can rejoice and be generous in giving of ourselves to God and others.

With these encouraging truths, Christmas can certainly be the most wonderful time of the year for all of us! +



A call to worship by the Christmas Choir and Worship Team Ensemble

DAMANSARA PERDANA

Part of the congregation



“A Way/Away in a Manger” by the KidsCAT kids

"JC'S BIRTHDAY PARTY" AT ALL OUR CHURCH LOCATIONS

The Carpenter's Workshop and Calvary Nursery Care children celebrated Jesus' birthday with a party at all the Church locations on Sunday, 21 December 2008. In the midst of fun, laughter, food, worship and the Christmas lessons, the 594 children who attended the various parties were reminded that Christmas is all about Jesus and not parties, food and presents as a lot of people think. "Happy Birthday Jesus!" +



AMPANG



DAMANSARA HEIGHTS



CHERAS



DAMANSARA PERDANA





The stable boy lost his bonus but found his treasure in Jesus!



Hotel guests and staff with baby Jesus

WELCOME TO HOTEL BETHLEHEM!

By Koay Bee Cheng

“Welcome to Hotel Bethlehem...the finest hotel in the land!” This greeting rang out loud and clear to all who attended the Children’s Evangelistic Meeting on Saturday, 6 December 2008, at Damansara Heights!

KidsCAT musical 2008 unfolded the Christmas story told from the perspective of the overbooked luxury Hotel Bethlehem, its staff and guests but with a modern twist. Ancient situations were brought into a contemporary focus.

As the staff prepared for the arrival of guests following the decree by Caesar Augustus that all people must be counted, Joseph and Mary arrived late only to find that there was no more room! The story took an interesting turn when the tender hearted stable boy broke the rules to allow Joseph and Mary, who was “with child”, to use the facilities of his stable and jeopardised his position with the customer service obsessed hotel manager who later revoked his bonus.

A wonderful revelation followed when the stable boy confessed that in losing his bonus, he found his greatest treasure—Jesus Christ! The message was reinforced by an object lesson brought by the Children’s Pastor, Associate Pastor Christopher Lee.

It was another wonderful presentation from the cast of 74 KidsCAT kids who practised hard for months. A total of 724 children, parents and family members attended the musical and there were also 112 kids who were first-time visitors to our Church. Praise the Lord for the 12 children who responded for the first time to accept Jesus Christ as well the 96 others who rededicated their lives to the Lord! +



The Hotel Manager welcoming the guests!



Joseph looking for a room for him and Mary who is with child



Associate Pastor Christopher Lee praying for the kids who responded to the altar call



The finale



DATANGLAH KERAJAAN-MU, JADILAH KEHENDAK-MU

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

Dalam Doa Tuhan, Yesus mengajar pengikutNya berdoa, **“datanglah Kerajaan-Mu, jadilah kehendak-Mu di bumi seperti di sorga”** (Matius 6:10). Sekiranya adanya satu kerajaan, maka semestinya ada satu raja.

Ada satu kerajaan dan Tuhan Bapa telah menjadikan Yesus sebagai Raja. Dia meletakkan Yesus **“jauh lebih tinggi dari segala pemerintah dan penguasa dan kekuasaan dan kerajaan dan tiap-tiap nama yang dapat disebut, bukan hanya di dunia ini saja, melainkan juga di dunia yang akan datang. Dan segala sesuatu telah diletakkan-Nya di bawah kaki Kristus dan Dia telah diberikan-Nya kepada jemaat sebagai Kepala dari segala yang ada. Jemaat yang adalah tubuh-Nya, yaitu kepenuhan Dia, yang memenuhi semua dan segala sesuatu”** (Efesus 1:21-23). Rasul Paulus berkata, **“supaya dalam nama Yesus bertekuk lutut segala yang ada di langit dan yang ada di atas bumi dan yang ada di bawah bumi, dan segala lidah mengaku: ‘Yesus Kristus adalah Tuhan,’ bagi kemuliaan Allah, Bapa”** (Filipi 2:10-11). “Yang ada di

bawah bumi” merujuk kepada kerajaan Iblis dan mereka juga mengenali ketuanan Yesus Kristus.

Tuhan menginginkan kita **“mengerti pengharapan apakah yang terkandung dalam panggilan-Nya: betapa kayanya kemuliaan bagian yang ditentukan-Nya bagi orang-orang kudus, dan betapa hebat kuasa-Nya bagi kita yang percaya, sesuai dengan kekuatan kuasa-Nya, yang dikerjakan-Nya di dalam Kristus dengan membangkitkan Dia dari antara orang mati dan mendudukkan Dia di sebelah kanan-Nya di sorga”** (Efesus 1:17-20).

Yesus ialah Tuhan kepada semua (Kisah Para Rasul 10:36). Alkitab dalam Wahyu 11:15-16 berkata: **“Pemerintahan atas dunia dipegang oleh Tuhan kita dan Dia yang diurapi-Nya, dan Ia akan memerintah sebagai raja sampai selama-lamanya.’ Dan kedua puluh empat tua-tua, yang duduk di hadapan Allah di atas takhta mereka, tersungkur dan menyembah Allah”** (Wahyu 11:15-16).

Tuhan telah menentukan suatu masa

untuk kerajaannya datang dan tiada sesiapa yang boleh membatalkan janji temu itu!

Apabila kita berdoa “Datanglah Kerajaan-Mu” dan ingin agar doa kita berkesan, maka kita mesti mengakui ketuanan dan pemerintahan Yesus dalam hati kita dan hidup kita.

Kita tahu ada kerajaan tetapi apakah kerajaan Tuhan? Paulus berkata, **“Sebab Kerajaan Allah bukanlah soal makanan dan minuman, tetapi soal kebenaran, damai sejahtera dan sukacita oleh Roh Kudus”** (Roma 14:17). Kerajaan Tuhan tidak boleh datang ke bumi dalam cara lain melainkan melalui kita yang mengakui Yesus sebagai Tuan dalam hidup kita. Sifat-sifat kerajaannya — kebenaran, damai dan sukacita — mesti terbukti dalam hidup kita.

Mari kita hidup dengan benar dengan menyerahkan anggota-anggota kita kepada kebenaran. Kerajaan Tuhan ialah di mana kebenaran menang. Paulus berkata, **“Sebab itu hendaklah dosa jangan berkuasa lagi di dalam tubuhmu yang fana, supaya kamu jangan lagi menuruti keinginannya. Dan janganlah kamu menyerahkan anggota-anggota tubuhmu kepada dosa untuk dipakai sebagai senjata kelaliman, tetapi serahkanlah dirimu kepada Allah sebagai orang-orang, yang dahulu mati, tetapi yang sekarang hidup. Dan serahkanlah anggota-anggota tubuhmu kepada Allah untuk menjadi senjata-senjata kebenaran”** (Roma 6:12-13). Petrus berkata, **“tetapi hendaklah kamu menjadi kudus di dalam seluruh hidupmu sama seperti Dia yang kudus, yang telah memanggil kamu, sebab ada tertulis: Kuduslah kamu, sebab Aku kudus”** (1 Petrus 1:15-16). Untuk menjadi kudus ialah menjalani kehidupan yang benar di mata Tuhan dan bukan di mata kita sendiri.

Mari kita hidup dalam damai dengan Tuhan dengan cara yang berkenan kepadanya dan bukan pada manusia dan kita akan memiliki damai Tuhan. Paulus berkata, **“Mereka yang hidup dalam daging, tidak mungkin berkenan kepada Allah”** (Roma 8:8). Jika kita berjalan dalam ketidaktaatan, di situ tidak ada damai kerana dimana ada dosa, di situ tidak ada damai. Tetapi oleh kerana kasih karunia

Tuhan, dosa kita diampuni. Bila bebas daripada dosa, kita tidak lagi hidup untuk memuaskan kedagingan, tetapi berjalan dengan pimpinan oleh Roh Tuhan Yesus Kristus dalam diri kita. Dunia hari ini sedang berbincang tentang bagaimana mencari damai. Yesus berkata damai datang apabila kita berdamai denganNya. Dia ialah **“Raja Damai”** (Yesaya 9:6). Satu-satunya cara kita boleh mencari damai ialah dengan mempunyai persekutuan yang benar dengan Tuhan melalui Yesus Kristus.

Mari kita bersukacita dalam Tuhan. Kerajaan Tuhan ialah sukacita. Sukacita tidak bergantung kepada perkara-perkara yang berlaku. Sememangnya nampak tidak normal untuk memuji Tuhan apabila rumah kita dibakar atau kita dirompak tetapi kita boleh bersukacita dalam Tuhan apabila perkara buruk berlaku kepada kita. Kenapakah sebegini? Sukacita kita datang daripada hubungan kita dengan Yesus. Dalam sukacita inilah kita mendapat kekuatan. Alkitab berkata sukacita Tuhan adalah kekuatan kita. Yesus adalah lebih berkuasa daripada perkara buruk yang berlaku kepada kita. Apabila kita bersukacita, kita mengisytiharkan bahawa Tuhan ialah sumber kekuatan kita dan harapan kita dan tiada keadaan yang buruk boleh mengalahkan kita.

Apabila kita bersukacita di dalam Tuhan, kita enggan tunduk kepada apa yang Iblis mahu lakukan untuk memusnahkan iman kita dalam Tuhan. Ini seakan-akan kita ‘memukul kepala Iblis’ kerana Iblis mengharapkan kita mengeluh dan merungut atau mengasihani diri sendiri. Walaupun keadaan kita malang kita tetap menyanyi dan memuji Tuhan dengan sukacita. Ini mengecewakan iblis kerana dia tidak tahu bagaimana mahu menewaskan orang-orang seperti ini! Itulah sebenarnya apa yang Paulus dan Silas telah lakukan. Mereka mempamerkan sifat-sifat kerajaan Tuhan, iaitu kebenaran, damai dan sukacita. Lukas berkata, **“Setelah mereka berkali-kali didera, mereka dilemparkan ke dalam penjara. Kepala penjara diperintahkan untuk menjaga mereka dengan bersungguh-sungguh. Sesuai dengan perintah itu, kepala penjara memasukkan mereka ke ruang penjara yang paling tengah dan membelenggu kaki mereka dalam pasung yang kuat”**

(Kisah Para Rasul 16:23-24). Tetapi pada waktu tengah malam, apabila mereka masih mengalami kesakitan, Paulus dan Silas berdoa dan menyanyikan lagu pujian kepada Tuhan dan semua banduan lain mendengar nyanyian mereka. Mereka memuji Tuhan dan mengakui ketuanan Yesus Kristus dan suatu mukjizat telah berlaku. Pintu-pintu penjara telah terbuka dan setiap rantai yang membelenggui banduan-banduan telah terputus!

Alkitab berkata, **“Bersukacitalah senantiasa dalam Tuhan! Sekali lagi kukatakan: Bersukacitalah!”** (Filipi 4:4). Sentiasa **“bersukacitalah dalam pengharapan, sabarlah dalam kesesakan, dan bertekunlah dalam doa”** (Roma 12:12). Yesus berkata, **“Sesungguhnya Aku telah memberikan kuasa kepada kamu untuk menginjak ular dan kalajengking dan kuasa untuk menahan kekuatan musuh, sehingga tidak ada yang akan membahayakan kamu. Namun demikian janganlah bersukacita karena roh-roh itu takluk kepadamu, tetapi bersukacitalah karena namamu ada terdaftar di sorga”** (Lukas 10:19-20).

Kerajaan Tuhan boleh datang ke bumi sekarang juga apabila kita mengakuiNya sebagai Tuhan dan kita membenarkan sifat-sifat kerajaanNya, iaitu kebenaran, damai dan sukacita, dilihat di dalam hidup kita.

Yesus juga mengajar pengikut-pengikutNya untuk berdoa, **“Jadilah kehendak-Mu di bumi seperti di sorga.”**

“Sekiranya adanya satu kerajaan, maka semestinya ada satu raja.”

Tuhan mempunyai satu kehendak untuk kita semua. Dia ada suatu rencana dan tujuan untuk setiap orang sama seperti Dia ada rencana untuk Musa supaya pulang ke Mesir untuk membebaskan umatNya, untuk Petrus pula, memberikan makanan kepada domba-dombaNya dan ramai yang lain lagi. Kita haruslah inginkan kehendakNya. Kita mesti berdoa supaya kehendakNya dilakukan sama seperti Yesus. Di Taman Getsemani, Yesus berdoa, **“Ya Bapa-Ku, jikalau Engkau mau, ambillah cawan ini daripada-Ku; tetapi bukanlah kehendak-**

Ku, melainkan kehendak-Mulah yang terjadi” (Lukas 22:42).

Tuhan tidak akan memaksa kehendakNya kepada kita. Kita mesti menginginkan kehendakNya. Rasul Paulus berdoa agar Tuhan mengeluarkan “duri daripada dagingnya”. Tuhan tidak berbuat demikian malah Dia berkata kepada Paulus, **“Cukuplah kasih karunia-Ku bagimu, sebab justru dalam kelemahanlah kuasa-Ku menjadi sempurna”** (2 Korintus 12:9). Apabila kita mencari kehendak Tuhan, kita membenarkanNya membuat keputusan yang terbaik untuk kita.

Kita mesti berdoa untuk kehendak Tuhan di dalam hidup kita setiap hari. Roh Kudus akan membimbing kita. Alkitab berkata, **“Tetapi apabila Ia datang, yaitu Roh Kebenaran, Ia akan memimpin kamu ke dalam seluruh kebenaran; sebab Ia tidak akan berkata-kata dari diri-Nya sendiri, tetapi segala sesuatu yang didengar-Nya itulah yang akan dikatakan-Nya dan Ia akan memberitakannya kepadaMu hal-hal yang akan datang”** (Yohanes 16:13). Yakobus berkata, **“Tetapi apabila di antara kamu ada yang kekurangan hikmat, hendaklah ia memintakannya kepada Tuhan, yang memberikan kepada semua orang dengan murah hati dan dengan tidak membangkit-bangkit, maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadanya”** (Yakobus 1: 5).

Berdoalah untuk kedatangan kerajaan Tuhan dan untuk kehendakNya dilakukan di dalam hidup kita, gereja kita dan negara

kita. Begitu banyak yang perlu didoakan. Tidak hairanlah apabila Paulus berkata, **“Tetaplah berdoa”** (1 Tesalonika 5:17) dan Yesus berkata, **“mereka harus selalu berdoa dengan tidak jemu-jemu”** (Lukas 18:1). +



愿你的国降临,愿你的旨意行在地上,如同行在天上。

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在主祷文,耶稣教导他的门徒祷告,「愿你的国降临,愿你的旨意行在地上,如同行在天上」(太6:10)。如果有一个国,那么必须有一位王。

有一个国,父上帝立耶稣为君王。他升耶稣「远超过一切执政的,掌权的,有能的,主治的,和一切有名的。不但是今世的,连来世的也都超过了。又将万有服在他的脚下,使他为教会作万有之首。教会是他的身体,是那充满万有者所充满的」(弗1:21-23)。使徒保罗说,「叫一切在天上的,地上的,和地底下的,因耶稣的名,无不屈膝,无不口称耶稣基督为主,使荣耀归与父神」(腓2:10-11)。「地底下的」指的是撒旦的国,它们也承认耶稣基督是主。

神渴望我们「知道他的恩召有何等指望。他在圣徒中得的基业,有何等丰盛的荣耀。并知道他向我们这信的人所显的能力,是何等浩大,就是照他在基督身上,所运行的大能大力,使他从死里复活,叫他在天上坐在自己的右边」(弗1:17-20)。

耶稣是万有的主(徒10:36)。圣经在启示录11:15-16说:「世上的国,成了我主和主基督的国。他要作王,直到永永远远。在神面前,坐在自己位上的二十四位长老,就面伏于地敬拜神」。

神为他的国降临定了时间,没有任何人能取消这约定!

当我们祷告「愿你的国降临」并要我们的祷告有效,我们必须承认主耶稣基督在我们的心中并在我们的生活里掌权。

我们知道有一个国但是神的国是在那里呢?保罗说,「因为神的国,不在乎吃

喝,只在乎公义,和平,并圣灵中的喜乐」(罗14:17)。除了通过那承认耶稣为我们生命的主的人之外,神的国不能够以任何另一方式临到地上。他国度的特征——公义、和平和喜乐——必须显明在我们的生命里。

让我们过正确的为人生活,让我们的肢体遵行神的公义。神的国是公义盛行之处。保罗说,「所以不要容罪在你们必死的身上作王,使你们顺从身子的私欲。也不要将你们的肢体献给罪作不义的器具。倒要像从死里复活的人,将自己献给神。并将肢体作义的器具献给神」(罗6:12-13)。彼得说,「那召你们的既是圣洁,你们在一切所行的事上也要圣洁。因为经上记着说,你们要圣洁,因为我是圣洁的」(彼前1:15-16)。要圣洁就是要为人公义。要圣洁就是要过一个在神的眼中看为正确的为人的生活,而不是在我们自己眼中。

让我们过与神和好的生活,讨神的喜悦而不是讨人的喜悦,那么我们就能有神的平安。保罗说,「而且属肉体的人,不能得神的喜欢」(罗8:8)。如果我们行事悖逆,那么就没有平安,因为有罪的存在,就没有平安。但是因神的恩典,我们的罪已被赦免。从罪中得到释放,我们不再过取悦于肉体的生活,而是随从在我们里面主耶稣基督的灵。今天世界正在开圆桌会议寻找平安。耶稣说,当我们与他 and 好的时候就有平安。他是「平安之君」(赛9:6)。我们能够寻找平安的唯一方法就是藉著耶稣基督与神有和好的关系。

让我们靠主喜乐。神的国是喜乐。喜乐不是靠发生的事情。当我们的屋子被

烧毁或当我们被抢劫时要赞美神似乎是不自然;但是,当一些不幸的事发生在我们身上时,我们能够靠主喜乐。到底是什么原因?我们的喜乐是来自我们与耶稣的关系。我们因靠主喜乐而得到力量。圣经上说,耶和华的喜乐是我们的力量。耶稣是超越我们所遭遇的不幸。当我们喜乐的时候,我们是在宣告神是我们的力量和盼望的源头,没有不利境况能够挫败我们。

当我们靠主喜乐的时候,我们拒绝顺服撒旦要做的工,既它想破坏我们对神的信心。这近乎好像我们在「击打撒旦的头」因为它期望我们抱怨和愤怒或感到自怜。尽管我们面对不利的境况,我们以喜乐的心歌唱和赞美神。这使撒旦受挫因它不知如何打败这样的人!这正是保罗和西拉所做的工作。他们显出了神国的特征,既公义,和平,和喜乐。路加说,「打了许多棍,便将他们下在监里,嘱咐禁卒严紧看守。禁卒领了这样的命,就把他们下在监里,两脚上了木狗」(徒16:23-24)。但在半夜,虽然他们的背部受伤疼痛;保罗和西拉却祷告唱诗赞美神,众囚犯也侧耳而听。他们赞美神和承认耶稣基督的主权,而神迹奇事就发生了。监门立刻全开,众囚犯的锁链也都松开了!

圣经上说,「你们要靠主常常喜乐。我再说,你们要喜乐!」(腓4:4)

常常「在指望中要喜乐。在患难中要忍耐。祷告要恒切」(罗12:12)。耶稣说,「我已经给你们权柄,可以践踏蛇和蝎子,又胜过仇敌一切的能力,断没有什么能害你们。然而不要因鬼服了你们就欢喜,要因你们的名记在天上欢喜」(路10:20)。

当我们承认他是主,并让神国的特征,公义,和平和喜乐在我们的身上显示出来时,神的国现在就能够临到地上。

耶稣也教导他的门徒祷告「愿你的旨意行在地上,如同行在天上」。神有一个旨意给我们。他为我们每一个人都有一个计划和目的,就像他为摩西有一个计划要他回到埃及去释放他的子民,他为彼得的计划是要他去喂养他的羊群,并且还有许多其他的人亦是一样。我们必须渴望他的旨意。我们必须好像耶稣一样祈求愿他的旨意行在地上。在客西马尼园,耶稣祷告,「说,父阿,你若愿意,就把这杯撤去。然而不要成就我的意思,只要成就你的意思」(路22:42)。

神不会强加他的旨意在我们身上。我们必须渴望他的旨意。使徒保罗祷告求神把「他肉体上的刺」除去。神没有把它除掉,但是他对保罗说,「我的恩典够你

用的。因为我的能力,是在人的软弱上显得完全」(林后12:9)。在寻求神的旨意中,我们让他决定什么是最对我们有好处。

我们必须每天祷告神在我们生活中的旨意。圣灵会引导我们。圣经上说,「只等真理的圣灵来了,他要引导你们明白一切的真理。因为他不是凭自己说的,乃是把他所听见的都说出来。并要把将来的事告诉你们」(约16:13)。雅各说,「你们中间若有缺少智慧的,应当求那厚赐与众人,也不斥责人的神,主就必赐给他」(雅1:5)。

祈求神的国降临和他的旨意行在我们的生命,我们的教会和我们的国家之中。要祷告的事项是那么多。难怪保罗说,要「不住的祷告」(帖前5:17)和耶稣说,「要人常常祷告」(路18:1)。+

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一月份

中文聚会

(与二月份中文聚会联合)

奋兴会 (9-1-09 — 11-1-09)

主题: 神的国, 我们的优先

日期: 9-1-09

时间: 下午七点半

讲员: Rev. Rick Seaward

地点: 总堂

信心奉献主日

日期: 11-1-09

讲员: Rev. Rick Seaward

二月份

中文聚会

(欢庆农历新年)

日期: 15-2-09

讲员: 古纳南主任牧师

时间: 下午五点半

申请浸礼及会籍

课程

日期: 14-2-09(星期六)

时间: 下午一点四十五分

浸礼聚会

日期: 15-2-09(星期日)

时间: 下午五点半

地点: 总堂

报名截止日期: 4-1-09



Ministry at the altar



Rev. Daniel Choo

CALL, GOD ANSWERS

By Lim Chune Sin

More than 340 people attended the three nights of the Chinese Evangelistic Meetings, "Call, God Answers" held at Pusat Aktiviti Calvary, Damansara Perdana, from 10 to 12 October 2008.

Rev. Daniel Choo shared with us how we can receive answers to our prayers because our God is a prayer-answering God. On the first night, he preached from 1 Chronicles 4:10. God is able to bring hope to those who call upon Him in despair and turn their lives around. On the second night, he took us further in this same truth; that God is able to rescue us when we face storms of life. He shared from Matthew 14:22-33 that Jesus can give peace and be our help in time of trouble. On the final night, Rev Choo touched on how God can set people free from the bondages of sin from Mark 5:1-20. Through his powerful testimony of God's transformation in his life and life of those he helped, many were encouraged and responded by going to the altar for prayer.

Special presentations and testimonies were shared each night. Praise the Lord that out of 44 visitors, ten of them made decisions for Christ for the first time. Many received prayer for healing and various needs were met by the presence of God in our midst. +



Shirley Koh and Susan Goh doing a dance

A choir from Rev. Daniel's church, Peace Charis AOG, Seri Kembangan, singing "The Call of Love"



	DAMANSARA HEIGHTS (DH) 8am + 10.30am	AMPANG/ DH 10.30am/5pm	CHERAS 9am	DAMANSARA PERDANA 10.30am
january *4	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam 	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
11	Rev. Rick Seaward	Rev. Rick Seaward 	Rev. Rick Seaward	Rev. Rick Seaward
18	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Assistant Pastor Yong Chee Weng/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
25	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Combined with 8am & 10am	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
february *1	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
8	Associate Pastor David Seah	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
15	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun WATER BAPTISM	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
22	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor David Seah	Associate Pastor David Seah

* communion

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 12.30pm

11 JANUARY 2009
(2ND SUNDAY)

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR
DAVID SEAH
venue BETHEL HALL

22 FEBRUARY 2009

speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR
DAVID SEAH
venue BETHEL HALL

Water Baptism & Membership

WATER BAPTISM MEMBERSHIP CLASS

date 14 FEBRUARY 2009, SATURDAY **time** 1.45PM

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

date 15 FEBRUARY 2009, SUNDAY **time** 5PM

Closing date for submission of forms: **4 January 2009, Sunday**

Revival Meeting

date 9 JANUARY 2009,
FRIDAY
time 7.30PM
venue DAMANSARA
HEIGHTS

God's Kingdom
OUR PRIORITY



Guest speaker REV. RICK SEAWARD

- Founding pastor and senior overseer of Victory Family Centre, Singapore, that has established 500 churches in over 60 nations
- Has a vision for world evangelisation through the local church

Youth Missions

date 10 JANUARY 2009, SATURDAY **time** 3PM
venue DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

guest speaker PASTOR CALEB WEHRLI

- Teen missions director and young adults pastor of Victory Christian Centre, USA
- Ministered in over 30 countries in rallies, outreaches, and short-term missions



CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday | 5pm

JANUARY 2009

Combined with the Fellowship in February

15 FEBRUARY 2009

Chinese New Year Celebration

speaker SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

YOUTH: january



Man was made to discover. This is an intrinsic nature put in by God's design. Christopher Columbus discovered America, Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity, Isaac Newton discovered gravity...and the list goes on. All these discoveries and much more have helped the human race progress. As we begin the New Year, let us begin to desire and seek after spiritual progress in our lives. This series will bring you on an adventure of discovery of the wonderful purpose, plans and promises He has for your life ahead. Catch this series in January 2009 @ Calvary Youth, 3pm every Saturday.

Faith Promise Sunday

date 11 JANUARY 2009, SUNDAY
REGULAR TIMES @ REGULAR LOCATIONS

Rev. Rick Seaward will be challenging us to a deeper level of faith. The CMNN video will inform you how your Faith Promise participation has blessed many and what our missions' direction is for the next six months.

Children's Revival Meeting & Faith Promise Sunday

date 9 & 11 JANUARY 2009
Concurrent with adult services

CHOOSING GOD'S STUFF FIRST

- Helping kids set godly priorities
- Fun interactive learning and games
- Become a missions agent together with Wooly the Sheep



YOUTH: february

Of late there has been a great interest over a new entertainment called "reality TV". From the popular series Survivor to The Amazing Race, the ratings of these shows have proven that people are very keen to see life "as it is" and not something that is put on. It has been said that worship is a lifestyle. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if your life was on TV? Would people see an authentic worshipful life or something else? Consider. Catch this series in February 2009 @ Calvary Youth, 3pm every Saturday.



prayer emphasis week

PRAY BELIEVING... EXPERIENCE HIS ABUNDANCE

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

Praying in a
Life Group



At the Morning
Watch on
Wednesday



Praying at the
extended Prayer
Meeting on Friday



The psalmist says in Psalm 34:10 that "... those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."

"Praise God for the Prayer Emphasis Week when we were reminded to come

before God in prayer everyday to seek for the infilling of the Holy Spirit in our lives throughout the day so that we are aware of His presence in everything we do," said one of the Life Group leaders of

the Prayer Emphasis Week that was held from 23 to 29 November 2008.

Another, who attended the Friday Prayer Meeting said that she enjoyed the extended prayer meeting, and

the wonderful presence of the Lord.

Let us keep praying as "PRAYING is the best school to learn to pray!" We need to PRAY, BELIEVING at all times because we will then experience God's abundance in our lives. Do take advantage of every opportunity that the Church provides for us to come together to pray. +

BLESSED BY ENOCH'S MUSIC

By Audrey Kum

Enoch Fernando
at the keyboard



Enoch's wife, Rebecca,
singing a song she wrote,
"Mary's Still Amazed"



Senior Pastor Prince
Guneratnam giving
the altar call

Calvarites, their families and friends whom they invited to join them, were given a treat on Sunday evening, 26 October 2008, when Enoch Fernando, an international recording artiste from the USA, held a concert at Damansara Heights.

Through the Christian ministry of "Christ for India", he uses his music to help the cause of poor needy children of India. That evening, he played piece after piece in a seemingly effortless manner and shared with us his personal testimony. Enoch challenged us to use the gift that God has given us and not let it be buried unused. Given to God, He can use it for His glory.

In a fitting end to the concert, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam gave us the opportunity to allow God to "tune" our lives so that we in turn can touch the lives of others for the Lord. +

9 BAPTISED IN WATER!

Nine individuals were baptised in water on 19 October 2009 at Damansara Heights. We thank God for each one of them who, by this act of obedience, publicly declared their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following is a testimony by Isaac Hee, one of the nine who were baptised that evening.

"I came from a Christian home and was a Christian since the age of six. Life had been kind to me in many respects. I had enough to eat and clothes to wear. I did not want for anything. Yet I was far from happy. My life outside my home had been little more than a series of endless mistakes, and over time, I became jaded and cynical. I hated the church. I hated other 'Christians' and the hypocrisy I saw in their lives. I was so full of cold anger and fury and I hated the world and everyone around me. But most of all, I became afraid of God and of Jesus. I realise I felt this way because I knew, somewhere deep inside me that I would only let God down or fail Him had He asked anything at all of me.

When I turned 16, I went into depression, for everything I once knew or believed in had crumbled to dust around me. Never before had I felt so desperate and alone, even in all the years of my jaded, cynical frame of mind. I contemplated suicide many times but the only thing that kept me from taking my life was the fear of hell. It was ironic, in a sense. Christianity kept me from suicide but mine was a Christianity that was based on the raw fear and terror of God.

But then I remember that Sunday on that same year, where I sat in for a Service. Associate Pastor Steven Kum was preaching and he was talking about how all things worked out for the good of those who loved God. And as he led the altar call, I remember stubbornly staying in my seat asking God this: "You promised everything would work out for the 'good' of those who loved You! God, what about me?! What good has even come out of my life since the day I was born? What was I even born for?! TELL ME, GOD, TELL ME!!"

And to my surprise, for the very first time in my life, God answered in person. It is hard to describe the entire experience but I can remember what He said:

"Isaac, child, do you really think so little of Me?"

I could not answer.

"Isaac, listen well. I have a great destiny for you. There is something I have planned that only you can do. Believe



Me Isaac, when I say I will use you to change the world around you in ways you can never even dream of."

He continued.

"There is a long road ahead of you, and there is much work that must be done. Today, I free you of your chains! You are a free child once more. Now get up Isaac! Get up and go! Your true journey begins today. Have faith in me Isaac. Choose to trust in Me, just as I choose to trust in you."

That night, I spent time reflecting on the past 15 years of my life. I remembered all the mistakes I had made and all the wrongs that I had done. And that night, I set them all loose and thanked God for giving me a second chance. The next day, I rededicated my life back to the Lord and I began to work to change.

It has not been easy since that day. There was much about me that need to be broken and reshaped in order for change to take place, and there is much more still. But God has been gracious to me and has changed me for the better so much over the past few years. People who once knew me in the past barely recognise me now. They say I have changed so much in so short a time. And for that, I give praise and thanks to God.

I do not profess to know what this 'great destiny' God called me to really is and perhaps that is for the best, to ensure that I do not become conceited and to ensure that I continue trusting God to show me His Way. I am still learning as I go along, as do all of us, and I know that there is still much more work to be done on my part before I can become even half the man that God wishes me to be.

I take comfort in this fact that I am not alone at all times, no matter how rough the going may get. I find myself reminded of this old hymn a lot, nowadays:

*'Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand,
But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.'*

Thank You Jesus!" +



Left to right, front row: Dara Dipeolu, Tobi Dipeolu, Stephanie Anne Subramaniam, Sharonie Anne Subramaniam **Back row:** Isaac Hee, Ngai Yeng, Peter Rajeevan, Benjamin Chew Chia Ming, Amelia Pang I-Mei, Bavani Appadurai

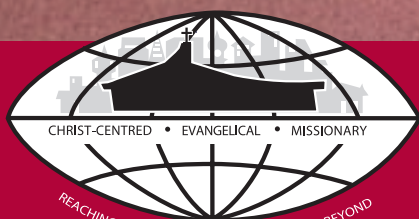
Praise the Lord for the nine individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 19 October 2008 at the 5pm Worship Service.

SENIOR PASTORS PRINCE AND PETRINA GUNERATNAM
AND OUR CHURCH STAFF WISH YOU

A Blessed 2009!



From left, front row: Assoc. Pastor Steven Kum, Assoc. Pastor Peter Ong, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Senior Assoc. Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, Assoc. Pastor Timothy Ong, Assoc. Pastor Richard Yun 2nd row: Pam Lee, Assoc. Pastor Christopher Lee, Jim Guneratnam, Assoc. Pastor David Seah, Asst. Pastor Karen Seah, Assoc. Pastor Raymond Yong, Yong Pui Ling 3rd row: Asst. Pastor Chua Ken Tee, Asst. Pastor Carol Lim, Asst. Pastor Yong Chee Weng, Asst. Pastor Jerry Chow, Asst. Pastor Shereen Wong, Pastor Yow Kit Yen 4th row: Audrey Kum, Carol Weller, Robert Ang, Yee Yuet Hoh, Jeannie Low, Sharon Loh 5th row: Yip Wai Leng, Josephine Tay, Eng Foong Ling, Alice Lee, Angela Aw, Ho Swee Mei 6th row: Ngeow Mei Fong, Evelyn Chan, Tan Choon King, Chin Yoke Yee, Elaine Cheong 7th row: Jonathan, Maniarasan Rajanyam, Mark Thomas, Phang Wai Marudu, Paul Lourdes, Eleazar Tan Not in picture: Hazel Yeo, Rita Ho, Catherine Lim



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