

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

IF GOD SHOULD COME TO YOU IN A DREAM, AND ASK, "WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?" WHAT WOULD YOU ASK? IT IS GOOD TO TAKE TIME AND THINK ABOUT IT. Some may say this kind of dream will never happen! I have good news for you. You don't need a dream from God nor wait for one. As a believer in Christ, God has promised to bless you. The Word of God says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). Again it says, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of "We ask God

need" (Hebrews 4:16). "You receive not because you ask not..." (James 4:2).

We have an account in the Bible that says, "At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask! What shall I give you?' And Solomon said: 'You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. ... Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?' The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. Then God said to him: 'Because you have

asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honour, so

> that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.' Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood

before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants" (1 Kings 3:5-6, 9-15).

because He

is able"

Solomon only asked for wisdom to discern between good and evil, but God gave Him more. He gave Solomon riches, honour among the rulers and long life to enjoy the blessings. The wonderful thing about asking God, is that He loves to give more than what we ask. He wants to bless you abundantly. The Bible says, "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you"

(Luke 6:38). No matter how you give, you cannot out give God. He is a generous God. It was also clear that God wanted to help Solomon. This is our God. The Bible says, "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive" (Matthew 21:22).

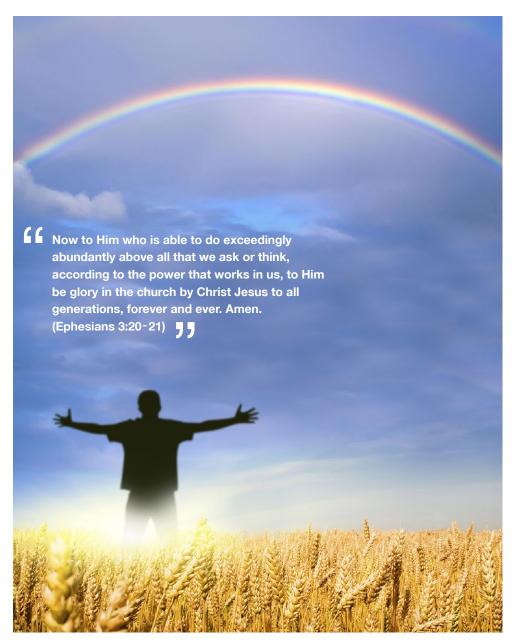
We ask God because He is able. The Bible says, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be all glory" (Ephesians 3:20). God is able to do immeasurably. You can't measure God's ability. It far surpasses all measuring devices.

OUR ASKING IS BASED ON WHAT WE SEE

Paul says "ask or imagine". Our asking is based on what we see. What we see, is what we get. What we can't see we don't ask. Many people don't know what they want until they see it on display. Merchants understand this principle very well. They spend millions on advertising through television, newspapers, magazines and use models to get your attention. If you will see, you will want and suddenly you cannot live without it. This is the power of seeing.

THERE IS POWER IN SEEING. IT CAN LEAD YOU TO SIN AND **DESTRUCTION.**

There are many in the Bible who by looking suffered the consequences of destruction. Looking can be a gateway to sin and disobedience. For instance, Adam and Eve saw the forbidden fruit and they disobeyed God, believing satan's lie. Achan saw the



Babylonian wealth, coveted it and sinned. Lot's wife looked back, when God said not to, and she turned into a pillar of salt. David saw Bathsheba bathing and committed adultery (2 Samuel 11:2).

SEEING CAN ALSO LEAD US TO VICTORY AND BLESSINGS

Looking can also be a gateway to victory, joy, peace and blessings. For instance, when the Israelites were bitten by serpents, God asked Moses to put the brazen serpent on a pole for the people to look. They will be healed and live (Numbers 21:8). This is a beautiful typology of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins to give us life. When Moses saw the burning bush and turned to look, He heard God's call and became a deliverer. Isaiah looked and saw God. He cried, "I am a sinner and found forgiveness" and he became a prophet of God. The Bible

says, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Imagination is a God-given faculty for you to see what God has for you. Ask God to touch your mind so you can envision and believe God to give it to you in the year ahead. Paul prayed for the Ephesian Christians for that to happen. May we experience Paul's prayer, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19).

Another good prayer to follow is Jabez's prayer (1 Chronicles 4: 9-10). "Jabez" means pain and he was called that because his birth was painful. Jabez prayed for God's blessings. The scripture says that God considered him more honourable because he asked God to bless him. Pray like Jabez who asked because of what he saw.

- 1. Jabez saw room for growth. And asked God, "Enlarge my territory".

 Make this your prayer. Ask God to bless you, and let you grow, expand, stretch and be stronger in every way.
- 2. He saw the importance of God's anointing and asked God, "Let your hand be with me". God's hand speak of His infinite power, the God who created heavens and the earth and a God of miracles.
- **3.** He saw God greater and stronger than his enemies. He cried, "Keep me from harm and pain".

Finally, Paul talks about the "power that works in us". This power is the Holy Spirit that works in us. To do the will of God, we need the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us to be filled with

"May 2013, be the year you live abundantly in God's ability"

the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) so we can do all things through Christ. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will teach, guide and show us all things. "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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you" (John 16:13-15).

May 2013, be the year you will live abundantly in God's ability! **+**

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.













Clockwise From Top Left: Dancers and singers in the introductory act | Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary | Mary and Joseph | Senior Pastor sharing on the golden text—John 3:16 | Singing beautiful song with the children's choir (inset) | The children's choir sings, "What Can I Give Him?" |
The grand finale | Sections of choir |



CALVARY CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS
PRESENTATION THIS YEAR WAS
AN ENERGETIC PERFORMANCE
OF DANCE AND SONG
INTERWEAVING A SIMPLE
SCRIPT WHICH PORTRAYED
CHRISTMAS AS MORE THAN JUST
EXCHANGING PRESENTS AND
SHOPPING! The true message of
Christmas is always the celebration of
the miracle birth of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, who came as a man
to die for us.

In this musical, "The Gift At Christmas," three main characters, namely three typical urban women, send home the message that God gave the precious gift of His Son to the world at Christmas. Our proper response is to gratefully give Him the gift of our hearts. •

Clockwise from Left: Dancers and singers proclaiming the birth of Jesus Christ | The three women discuss what Christmas means to them | Angels on high















Top: Senior Pastor ministers during the altar call | Bottom: Worship with worship team and Christmas choir

ONCE AGAIN, THE CALVARY
FAMILY GATHERED TOGETHER
TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS
CHRIST ON SUNDAY MORNING,
23 DECEMBER, AT DEWAN SAN
CHOON, MCA. The service opened
with two uplifting dances by the "The
Gift At Christmas" musical production
cast. Momentum gathered as Calvarites
worshipped the Lord wholeheartedly,
remembering that amid the songs and
dances, we were there because of Him
alone, the reason for our celebration.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's Christmas message was on the role of the Holy Spirit in the very first Christmas. He used the lives of John the Baptist and Mary, the mother of Jesus, Simeon and Anna the prophetess to illustrate his point that like these saints of old, we too are to rely on the Holy Spirit to live victoriously for Christ. Senior Pastor prayed for those who wanted to invite Christ into their hearts as Saviour and Lord, and also for those who wished to



be baptised in the Spirit.

Senior Pastor also shared a testimony of the salvation of a husband and father-in-law of a faithful Calvarite through the previous night's Christmas presentation. Praise God for the wonderful works He is doing. In total, over the two nights of presentation (22–23 December), 291 responded for prayers. There were 40 salvations and 37 rededications.

Concurrent with the adult service, the kids had their Christmas Celebration. The highlight of the kids programme was the

storytelling by the angels, shepherds and wise men. This was followed with a lesson on "Faith & Obedience Bring Results" by Pastor Susan Tan. Many children responded for prayers. At the conclusion, the kids exchanged gifts with their friends.

The combined Christmas service gives us a picture of what regular Sunday worship would be like at the Calvary Convention Centre. How exciting to have the whole Calvary family worshipping together in one place at one time. To God be the glory!









Clockwise From Top Left: Dance with banner | An energetic dance | An upbeat dance | Congregation from all service locations | Bottom, From Left: Kids as shepherd boys | Three kids portray the wise men | Pastor Susan Tan teaching the Bible lesson







TUHAN MAMPU

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

"Bagi Dialah, yang dapat melakukan jauh lebih banyak dari pada yang kita doakan atau pikirkan, seperti yang ternyata dari kuasa yang bekerja di dalam kita, bagi Dialah kemuliaan di dalam jemaat dan di dalam Kristus Yesus turun-temurun sampai selama-lamanya. Amin" (Efesus 3:20-21).

JIKA TUHAN MENJELMA DALAM MIMPI KAMU, DAN BERTANYA, "APAKAH YANG HENDAK KAMU MILIKI? APAKAH YANG AKAN KAMU MINTA? ADALAH BAIK UNTUK MENGAMBIL MASA DAN BERFIKIR TENTANG INI. Ada yang berkata mimpi sebegini tidak akan berlaku! Saya ada berita baik untuk kamu. Kamu tidak perlu mimpi daripada Tuhan atau menanti kedatangan mimpi. Sebagai seorang pengikut Kristus, Tuhan telah berjanji untuk memberkati kamu. Firman Tuhan berkata, "Mintalah, maka akan diberikan kepadamu: carilah, maka kamu akan mendapat; ketoklah, maka pintu akan dibukakan bagimu" (Matius 7:7). Sekali lagi ia berkata, "Sebab itu marilah kita dengan penuh keberanian menghampiri takhta kasih karunia, supaya kita menerima rahmat dan menemukan kasih karunia untuk mendapat pertolongan kita pada waktunya" (Ibrani 4:16). Kamu mengingini sesuatu, tetapi kamu tidak memperolehnya (Yakobus 4:2).

Kita ada satu peristiwa dalam Alkitab yang berkata, "Di Gibeon itu TUHAN menampakkan diri kepada Salomo dalam mimpi pada waktu malam. Berfirmanlah Tuhan: "Mintalah apa yang hendak Kuberikan kepadamu." Lalu Salomo berkata: "Engkaulah yang telah menunjukkan kasih setia-Mu yang besar kepada hamba-Mu Daud, ayahku, sebab ia hidup di hadapan-Mu dengan setia, benar dan jujur terhadap Engkau; dan Engkau telah menjamin kepadanya kasih setia yang besar itu dengan memberikan kepadanya seorang anak yang duduk di takhtanya seperti pada hari ini... Maka berikanlah kepada hamba-Mu ini hati yang faham menimbang perkara untuk menghakimi umat-Mu dengan dapat membedakan antara yang baik dan yang jahat, sebab siapakah yang sanggup menghakimi umat-Mu yang sangat besar ini? Lalu adalah baik di mata Tuhan bahwa Salomo meminta hal yang demikian. Jadi berfirmanlah

"Kita

meminta

daripada

kerana Dia

mampu"

Tuhan

Tuhan kepadanya: "Oleh karena engkau telah meminta hal yang demikian dan tidak meminta umur panjang atau kekayaan atau nyawa musuhmu, melainkan pengertian untuk memutuskan hukum, maka sesungguhnya Aku

melakukan sesuai dengan permintaanmu itu, sesungguhnya Aku memberikan kepadamu hati yang penuh hikmat dan pengertian, sehingga sebelum engkau tidak ada seorangpun seperti engkau, dan sesudah engkau takkan bangkit seorangpun seperti engkau. Dan juga apa yang tidak kau minta Aku berikan kepadamu, baik kekayaan maupun kemuliaan, sehingga sepanjang umurmu takkan ada seorangpun seperti engkau di antara raja-raja. Dan jika engkau hidup menurut jalan yang Kutunjukkan dan tetap mengikuti segala ketetapan dan perintah-Ku, sama seperti ayahmu Daud, maka Aku akan memperpanjang umurmu." Lalu terjagalah Salomo; ternyata ia bermimpi. Sekembalinya ke Yerusalem, berdirilah ia di hadapan tabut perjanjian Tuhan, dipersembahkannya korban-korban bakaran dan korbankorban keselamatan, kemudian ia mengadakan perjamuan bagi semua pegawainya" (1 Raja-Raja 3:5-6, 9-15).

Salomo hanya minta kebijaksanaan untuk membezakan antara yang baik dan jahat, tetapi Tuhan memberikan dia lebih daripada itu. Dia memberikan Salomo kekayaan, kehormatan di kalangan pemerintah dan hidup panjang umur untuk menikmati berkat yang diberikan. Perkara yang menarik tentang permintaan terhadap Tuhan, ialah Dia suka memberikan lebih daripada apa yang kita minta. Dia hendak memberkati kamu dengan berkelimpahan.

> Alkitab berkata, "Berilah dan kamu akan diberi: suatu takaran yang baik, yang dipadatkan, yang digoncang dan yang tumpah ke luar akan dicurahkan ke dalam ribaanmu. Sebab ukuran yang kamu pakai untuk mengukur, akan diukurkan kepadamu" (Lukas 6:38). Tidak kira

bagaimana kamu memberi, kamu tidak akan memberi melampaui Tuhan. Dia adalah Tuhan yang murah hati. Adalah jelas bahawa Tuhan ingin menolong Salomo. Ini adalah Tuhan kita. Alkitab berkata, "Dan apa saja yang kamu minta dalam doa dengan penuh kepercayaan, kamu akan menerimanya" (Matius 21:22).

Kita meminta daripada Tuhan kerana Dia mampu. Alkitab berkata, "Bagi Dialah, yang dapat melakukan jauh lebih banyak dari pada yang kita doakan atau pikirkan, seperti yang ternyata dari kuasa yang bekerja di dalam kita," (Efesus 3:

20). Tuhan mampu melakukan yang tak terukurkan. Kamu tidak dapat mengukur kebolehan Tuhan. Ia jauh melampaui semua alat ukuran.

KAN APA YANG KITA LIHAT Paulus mengatakan "meminta atau bayangkan". Kita meminta adalah berdasarkan apa yang kita lihat. Apa yang

PERMINTAAN KITA BERDASAR-

kita lihat, itu yang kita dapat. Apa yang tidak kita lihat, kita tidak minta. Ramai orang tidak tahu apa yang mereka mahu sehingga mereka melihatnya pada paparan. Peniaga memahami prinsip ini sangat baik. Mereka membelanjakan berjuta-juta untuk pengiklanan melalui televisyen, akhbar, majalah dan menggunakan model untuk mendapatkan perhatian kamu. Jika kamu melihat, kamu akan tiba-tiba mahukannya dan tidak boleh hidup tanpanya. Ini adalah kuasa melihat.

ADA KUASA DALAM MELIHAT. IA BOLEH MEMBAWA KAMU KEPADA DOSA DAN KEMUSNAHAN

Terdapat banyak dalam Alkitab yang dengan melihat telah menderita yang mengakibatkan kemusnahan. Melihat boleh menjadi pintu masuk kepada dosa dan ketidaktaatan. Sebagai contoh, Adam dan Hawa melihat buah terlarang dan tidak taat kepada Tuhan, mempercayai dusta syaitan. Akhan melihat kekayaan Babilon, menginginkannya dan berdosa. Isteri Lot menoleh ke belakang, apabila Tuhan berkata tidak, dan dia bertukar menjadi tiang garam. Daud melihat Batsyeba mandi dan melakukan zinah (2 Samuel 11: 2).

MELIHAT JUGA BOLEH MEMBAWA KITA UNTUK KEMENANGAN DAN BERKAT

Melihat juga boleh menjadi pintu masuk kepada kemenangan, kegembiraan, keamanan, dan rahmat. Sebagai contoh, apabila Israel telah digigit oleh ular, Tuhan meminta Musa untuk menempatkan ular tembaga atas tiang untuk mereka lihat. Mereka akan sembuh dan hidup (Bilangan 21:8). Ini adalah satu tipologi indah Yesus mati di atas salib untuk dosa-dosa kita untuk memberikan kita kehidupan. Apabila Musa melihat semak terbakar dan berpaling untuk melihat, Dia mendengar panggilan Tuhan dan menjadi penyelamat. Yesaya melihat dan melihat Tuhan. Dia menangis, "Saya seorang yang berdosa dan pengampunan ditemui" dan dia menjadi seorang nabi Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, "Marilah kita melakukannya dengan mata yang tertuju kepada Yesus, yang memimpin kita dalam iman, dan yang membawa iman kita itu kepada kesempurnaan, yang dengan mengabaikan kehinaan tekun memikul salib ganti sukacita yang disediakan bagi



Dia, yang sekarang duduk di sebelah kanan takhta Tuhan" (Ibrani 12:2).

Imaginasi yang diberikan Tuhan untuk kamu lihat apa yang Tuhan ada untuk kamu. Minta Tuhan untuk menjamah pikiran kamu supaya dapat membayangkan dan percaya Tuhan memberikannya kepada kamu pada tahun hadapan. Paulus berdoa untuk orang Kristian di Efesus untuk ianya berlaku. Semoga kita akan mengalami doa Paulus "Sehingga oleh imanmu Kristus diam di dalam hatimu dan kamu berakar serta berdasar di dalam kasih. Aku berdoa, supaya kamu bersama-sama dengan segala orang kudus dapat memahami, betapa lebarnya dan panjangnya dan tingginya dan dalamnya kasih Kristus, dan dapat mengenal kasih itu, sekalipun ia melampaui segala pengetahuan. Aku berdoa, supaya kamu dipenuhi di dalam seluruh kepenuhan Tuhan" (Efesus 3:17-19).

Satu lagi doa yang baik untuk diikuti adalah doa Yabes (1 Tawarikh 4:9-10). "Yabes" ertinya kesakitan dan dia telah dipanggil kerana kelahirannya adalah menyakitkan . Yabes berdoa untuk berkat Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan bahawa Tuhan menganggap dia lebih mulia kerana dia meminta Tuhan untuk memberkati dia. Berdoalah seperti Yabes yang meminta kerana apa yang dilihatnya.

- 1. Yabes menyaksikan ruang untuk pertumbuhan. Dan meminta Tuhan, "Luaskan wilayah saya". Jadikanlah ini doa kamu. Mintalah Tuhan untuk memberkati kamu, dan membolehkan kamu membesar, berkembang, meregangkan dan menjadi lebih kuat dalam setiap cara.
- 2. Dia melihat kepentingan pengurapan

Tuhan dan bertanya kepada Tuhan, "Biarkan tanganMu atasku". Tangan Tuhan berbicara tentang kuasaNya yang tidak terbatas, Tuhan yang menciptakan langit dan bumi dan Tuhan ajaib.

3. Dia melihat Tuhan yang lebih besar dan lebih kuat daripada musuh-musuhnya. Dia menangis, "Bebaskan saya daripada bahaya dan kesakitan."

Akhirnya, Paulus bercakap tentang "kuasa yang bekerja di dalam kita". Kuasa ini adalah Roh Kudus yang bekerja di dalam kita. Untuk melakukan kehendak Tuhan, kita perlu Roh Kudus. Paulus memberitahu kita akan dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus (Efesus 5:18) jadi kita dapat melakukan semua perkara melalui Kristus. Yesus berkata Roh Kudus akan mengajar, membimbing dan menunjukkan kepada kita semua perkara. "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. Ia akan memuliakan Aku, sebab la akan memberitakan kepadamu apa yang diterimanya dari pada-Ku. Segala sesuatu yang Bapa punya, adalah Aku punya; sebab itu Aku berkata: la akan memberitakan kepadamu apa yang diterimanya dari pada-Ku"(Yohanes 16:13-15).

Semoga 2013, merupakan tahun dimana kamu akan hidup dengan berkelimpahan dalam kekuatan Tuhan!

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Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Terjemahan Baru.

PASSIONATE ABOUT JESUS AND HIS CHURCH?

Be blessed by the testimonies of two of our Church staff. They share how God led them to join full-time ministry and how they have been blessed by obeying God's call.

GLORIFY GOD THROUGH SERVING

BY HO SWEE MEI

I FIRST SENSED GOD'S CALL TO FULL TIME MINISTRY WHEN I WAS DOING MY FINAL YEAR IN UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA. HOWEVER, AT THAT TIME I WAS MORE EAGER TO PURSUE THE THINGS OF THE WORLD. I opted for a secular job after graduation. Our God is a gentle God. Just like the father of the prodigal son (Luke 15: 11 - 31), he did not compel his son to obey his will. He did not force his love on him. He let go of him in freedom to find his own life.

Indeed pursuing the wrong god brought emptiness and tiredness. After four years at a secular job, I finally came to my senses just like the prodigal son. I took the step of obedience to serve God full time in Calvary Church.

In these 25 years, God has allowed me to experience the sufficiency of Christ. Working in church is just like any other life experiences. There are ups and downs, seasons of joy and frustration. However, our commitment to serve is first a commitment of our love for Christ. It is important to understand that love is not so much of a sentiment but deeply involves the

will. In challenging times, when we respond with trust and faith in the Lord, we

have the victory and know God in a deeper way than ever before.

King David lived a purpose-driven life by serving God's purpose in his generation (Acts 13: 36). Jesus, close to the end of

"Pursuing the wrong god brought emptiness and tiredness."

His life on earth said, "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do" (John 17:4).

I pray that each of us will dedicate our life to serve God's purpose in our generation. Praise God and glory to God! +



CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate the following whose faithfulness in service unto the Lord was recognised at the Year End Thanksgiving Service on 30 December 2012

CHURCH **STAFF**



30 YEARS **Pastor Timothy Ong Yow Foo** Associate Pastor & Prayer Tower Ministry



30 YEARS Lee Foong Ling

Ministerial Staff-Pastoral Life **Groups Ministry**



30 YEARS Robert Ang **Cheak Kee**

Facilities Administrator



25 YEARS Ho Swee Mei

Confidential Secretary, Calvary Missions



20 YEARS Maniarasan a/l Rajanyam

Driver cum Despatch

SERVING IN GOD'S ABILITY

BY ROBERT ANG



DURING ONE OF THE EVANGELISTIC

MEETINGS HELD AT CALVARY

CHURCH WHEN MY SISTER JENNY

INVITED ME. After accepting Christ there
was a sense within me wanting to serve
God for what Christ had done for me on the
cross. From that day I would avail myself to
serve God in the Sunday School at every
opportunity. Soon, I was appointed as a
Quarter Master, and was responsible for
handling the Sunday School physical set
up weekly.

I knew that God had called me to full

time ministry but I did not know how to go about it . What I did was to pray for confirmation. The hymn, "Jesus Use Me"

"After accepting

Christ, I would

avail myself

to serve God

in the Sunday

opportunity."

School at every

had been a constant reminder to me. I did not disclose to anyone, what God had done, but I always asked God to speak to me during the Mission Emphasis and youth camps. I even asked God for a confirmation through one of the Church's Pastors.

Since I was still in my secondary schooling, the best thing for me was to finish my studies first. After my SPM, I was recommended to work at Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TARC) by my late brother-in-law, Aaron Tan. Work in the TARC college library was good, and somehow, I put aside the call of God, until one of the Pastors approached me to consider whether I wanted to work in the Church!

I was shocked as I had not told anybody of my intention to go into full time ministry. I realised that God had been orchestrating behind the scenes in training me through the responsibility of a Quarter Master.

Working in church was not easy for me in the beginning as most of my work was physical and I had no training in technical things. I was blessed to have Daniel Wee (a full time church worker who has since migrated overseas) teaching me how to adapt to working in

church. I also thank God for the late D. Rajoo who taught me all the technical know-how in sound system. He was a "sifu" to me for more than 20 years.

Working in church has its own set of challenges like in any other organisation. I thank God for His manifold blessings

upon my life since I joined full-time ministry 30 years ago.

I would like to highlight three.

- I can recall that during all these years, I seldom take medical leave.
- Thank God for blessing me with a very supportive and understanding wife and family.
- Thank God for the many God-taught skills that I have acquired through the works that I have done in church.

To God be the glory! **★**

LAY LEADERS



10 YEARS Wong Horr Wai





10 YEARS
Cheah Siew Ying





10 YEARS Helen Lam Boon Lun

Pastoral Life Groups Leader



10 YEARS
Grace Leong
Swee Foong

Children Ministry Teacher



10 YEARS Sulojana a/p N.V.S. Kili

Children Ministry Teacher











Clockwise from Top Left: Posing at the beautiful zoo greenery | Exuberant VBS kids | 215 excited kids at VBS | Preparing for the climb | A parrot being fed by the trio

2012 VACATION BIBLE SUPER-ADVENTURE

BY SOON YUEN LING



Pastor Susan ministering to the kids

PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR THE
WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES THAT
215 CHILDREN HAD WITH HIM
IN THE VACATION BIBLE SUPERADVENTURE (VBS), HELD FROM
5 TO 9 DECEMBER. The theme was
"Serengeti Trek Where Kids are Wild
about God".

Blessed with a 90-strong team, the VBS kicked off with a Bible Expedition narrative about knowing the greatness of God.

Each day, the programme would begin with a vibrant worship session, followed by a lesson. The children were taught on "Know God", "Love God", "Talk to God", "Tell About God", and "Work for God". Time was given for the kids to discuss and share how they can apply the biblical principles learnt.

The kids learnt more about God and

greatly enjoyed themselves during both indoor and outdoor sessions. The Expedition excursions to the Bird Park, National Zoo, Sky Trek, Taman Botani Negara and Forest Research Institute, created much excitement and reinforced the lessons learnt in the VBS-Serengeti Trek. Through the making of handicrafts, every kid had something to remind them of their VBS experiences.

At the closing of the VBS, awards were given to the "Best Trekkers", "Best Team" and all the kids received a certificate of attendance.

Praise God for the wonderful work He has done. 37 children responded for salvation and 77 rededicated their lives to the Lord. 3 were baptised in the Holy Spirit and many received healing. Undoubtedly, all were blessed by the presence and power of God and His love. •

LIVING HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER, THE KIDSCAT WAY!

BY ESTHER WONG

EVERYONE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE FAIRY-TALE ENDING OF "HAPPILY EVER AFTER". BUT THIS YEAR, KIDSCAT GAVE US A PRESENTATION THAT PROMISED SOMETHING EVEN BETTER — "HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER"! This musical was the platform for the children's evangelistic meeting held by Calvary Church on 1 December 2012. The 380-strong crowd of children and adults were enthralled by the beautiful presentation from beginning to end.

"Happily Forever After" follows a girl named Brooke who is transported to a magical land through a beautiful dress she tried on while on vacation with her family.

There, Brooke Meets Page One and Page Two, Princess Pride, Lady Windabag, Madame Luxuree, Sir Brags-A-Lot, Sir Burlyman, Sir Court Lee and last and most important, The Carpenter. The entertaining characters think they have it all until the Carpenter informs them that their castle will not be able to withstand a brewing storm because it is built on sand.

The Carpenter promises them that if they trust and follow him to the Shining Kingdom, he would never leave them. They encounter trials and temptations along the way but the Carpenter was always helpful and kind. Brooke also taught them the ways of the Lord from her experience

in her homeland of Petaling Jaya, which strengthened their faith and transformed their lives. In true KidsCAT fashion, song and dance numbers were interlaced with the drama to enhance the overall experience.

Associate Pastor Richard Yun dressed up in a King's costume gave a short message to the audience in a simple and easy-to-understand manner. 74 children gave their lives to Jesus that evening and 24 rededicated their lives to Jesus.

Praise God for a successful musical performance by the 55 KidsCAT children, 18 trainers and teachers, and 12 stage managers. +











Clockwise from Top Left: Pastors Richard and Susan ministering to the kids at the altar | A jazzy dance number | Portraying the message through song and dance | Commendable choir with many first-timers | Overcoming the challenge presented by the formidable bridge guard (dressed in green) |

"SIMPLY GLORIOUS"

2012 DIMENSIONS THANKSGIVING

BY CAROL WELLER











Clockwise from Top Left: The Dimensions Choir opening the thanksgiving | Dimensions women performing a mime on the Beatitudes (inset) Grace Yap reading the text of the Beatitudes | Pastor Chan Lee Peng (in saree) and Pastor Shereen (in nun habit) with some of colourfully dressed women at the thanksgiving | The Jalan Imbi Women's Life Group sharing testimonies through a skit | Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam sharing the devotion entitled "Simply Glorious"

THE SANCTUARY WAS ABUZZ WITH ACTIVITY ON THE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING OF 24 NOVEMBER, AS WOMEN GOT TOGETHER TO REHEARSE, APPLY THEIR MAKE-UP AND SET OUT THE DISHES FOR THE LUNCH FELLOWSHIP THAT WOULD FOLLOW. Presentations of the morning were a collaboration between the Women's Life Groups (LG) and Dimension Tuesday Worship Services. There was such a spirit of support and celebration as the various items were presented.

The Desa Park City LG took on the role of ushering for that morning wearing matching white and pink outfits. Some other LG members shared wonderful testimonies of salvation of family members and friends. The Jalan Imbi lunch hour Women's LG presented their testimonies of salvation in the form of a skit on gardening

entitled 'Sowing the Seed'. Faith Abulu from the Jalan Ampang LG sang and told the ladies of how God gave her a child and Han Meei Chyn testified about the comfort and provison of God during her time of bereavement. The Menara Pinang LG presented a song in Bahasa Malaysia entitled "Kau Yang Layak' and members of the Taman Abadi Indah LG exercised their gifts in hospitality by setting up and serving the refreshments.

The Dimensions choir opened the thanksgiving with their special number and a colourfully dressed team led the congregation in a worship dance and they presented a delightful mime on the 'Beatitudes'. The Chinese speaking section presented a lively Chinese dance number also entitled 'Beatitudes'. and ended with a piano recital by Irene Lian entitled 'Love is Blue'.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina
Guneratnam rounded up the colourful
event with a devotion entitled "Simply
Glorious". She commented on the
interesting fancy dress and traditional
outfits that the ladies wore to grace
the occasion. She said that God is the
magnificent designer who loves colour,
shapes and designs. However, true beauty
and attractiveness comes from putting on
eight virtues like compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, longsuffering,
forebearance, forgiveness and love
(Colossians 3:12-14).

At the finale, there was laughter all around as the ladies lined up to show off their colourful and for some, outrageous outfits. They adjourned for a delicious lunch and warm fellowship at the Calvary Refreshment Centre.

MOVE TO CCC **KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

IN NOVEMBER'S ISSUE OF CALVARY NEWS. WE REPORTED ON THE PLAN FOR COMBINING ALL OUR SUNDAY SERVICES AT DH, DP & CHERAS AT THE CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE. Feedback was also being solicited from the church family concerning the move to make the transition as smooth as possible. Thank you for all your feedback.

We are pleased to announce our new service schedule once we move to the CCC. Please refer below for details.

Continue to pray for the completion of CCC and authorities approvals. We are expecting to move in April 2013 pending Certificate of Fitness (CF) to occupy the building.

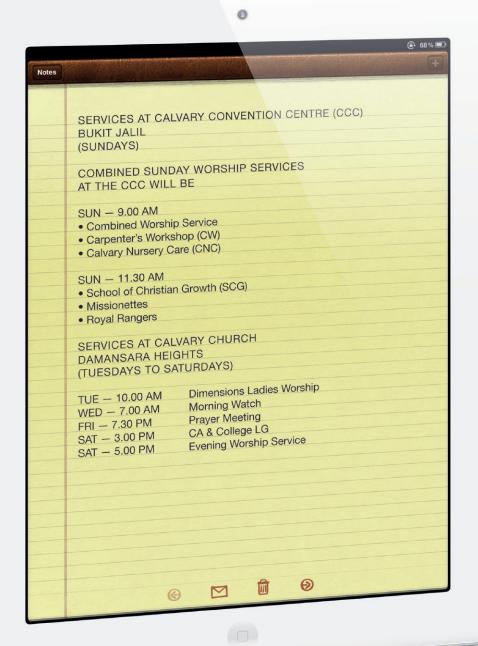
" ... He who has begun a good work in you will complete it ..." (Philippians 1:6).







From Top: A night view from road—CCC fully lighted up | View of stage and prayer tower at the back | Installation of auditorium seats almost nearing completion



THIRTY SIX BAPTISED IN WATER

PRAISE THE LORD, 36 INDIVIDUALS WERE BAPTISED IN WATER AT THE 10.30AM AND 5PM **WORSHIP SERVICES ON** 9 DECEMEBR 2012 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. +



FRONT ROW Left to right

- · Elizabeth Gan Huinee
- · Michel a/p Jonathan
- · Shawna Lim Jieyi
- · Lisha Gan Yennee
- · Ian P. Kovoor
- · Jacob Gan Yew Wen
- · Jeffrey Ngan Junn Fai

SECOND ROW Left to right

- Carmen Ngan Puey Mann
- · Chang Pak Moi
- · Audrey Tang Yee Leng
- · Nicklaus Chiew Hsien Loong
- · Linda Teng May Yee
- · Katrina Yeoh Su Yen

BACK ROW Left to right

- · Simon Ngan Fook Cheong
- · Jordan Lim Zhao Wen
- · Russell Lim
- Zhao Rong
- · Stephen Raj A/L Subramaniam
- · Maggie Saw Bee Lean
- (Membership)
- · Jason Ngan Junn Kit

FRONT ROW Left to right

- · Esther Kuok May Yan
- · Rachel Lim Hui Qi
- · Mitchel Lim Rong Jie
- · Chong Yet Len
- · Chin Kok Onn
- · Quah Boon Ewe
- · Choo Yeong Kam
- · Dorothy Leom Pei Xian

BACK ROW Left to right

- · June Chin Kim Fa
- · Michelle Kuok
- May Yee
- · Happy Chen Jiang Hua
- · Sonya Ann David Andrew
- · Kirstine Ann David Andrew
- · Fong Siew Hui
- · Endang Marini Sirail
- · Gwenlyn Goh
- · Justine Kang Peck Hui



上帝是大有能力 文: 古纳南主任牧师

「上帝能照着运行在我们心里的大能充充足足地成就一切,超过我们所求所想的。 愿他在教会中,并在基督耶稣里,得着荣耀,直到世世代代,永永远远。阿们!」 (弗3:20-21)

如果上帝在梦中向你显现,并问:「你想要什么?」,你会求什么呢?用一点时间仔细想一想,这是好的。有些人可能会说,这样的梦将永远不会发生!我有一个好消息要告诉你。你不需要从上帝而来的梦,也不用等待。作为一位在基督里的信徒,上帝已应许要赐福予你。上帝的话语说:「你们祈求,就给你们;寻找,就找到;叩门,就给你们开门。」(太7:7)。它又说:「所以,我们只管坦然无惧地来到施恩的宝座前,为要得怜悯,蒙恩惠,作及时的帮助」(来4:16)。你们得不着,是因为你们不求(雅4:2)。

我们在圣经中有一个记载说:「在基遍, 耶和华夜间在梦中向所罗门显现;上帝说: "你愿我赐你什么,你可以求。" 所罗门 说: "你曾向你仆人我父亲大卫大施慈爱, 因为他用忠信、公义、正直的心行在你面前。 你又为他存留大慈爱, 赐他一个儿子坐在他 的王位上,正如今日一样。 …所以求你赐仆 人善于了解的心, 可以判断你的百姓, 辨别 是非。不然, 谁能判断你这么多的百姓呢? " 所罗门因为求这事,就蒙主喜悦。上帝对他 说: "你既然求这事,不为自己求寿、求富, 也不求灭绝你仇敌的性命, 只求能明辨, 可以 听讼,看哪,我会照你的话去做,看哪,我会 赐你智慧和明辨的心, 在你以前没有像你的, 在你以后也没有兴起像你的。你没有求的,我 也赐给你,就是富足、尊荣,使你在世一切的 日子,列王中没有一个能比你的。你若遵行我 的道, 谨守我的律例、诫命, 正如你父亲大卫 所行的, 我必使你长寿。"所罗门醒了, 看 哪,是个梦。他就来到耶路撒冷,站在耶和华 的约柜前, 献燔祭和平安祭, 又为众臣仆摆设 宴席。」(王上3:5-6,9-15)。

所罗门只要求分辨善恶的智慧,但上帝给了他更多。祂给了所罗门财富,在列王中得尊荣,和长寿享受上帝的祝福。向上帝祈求是奇妙的事,因祂喜爱赐给我们超过我们所求的。祂要丰丰富富地赐福予你。圣经上说:「你们要给人,就必有给你们的,并且用十足的升

斗,连摇带按,上尖下流地倒在你们怀里;因为你们用什么量器量给人,也必用什么量器量给价门」(路6:38)。无论你怎么给,你不能给超过上帝所赐的。祂是一位慷慨的上帝。而且很明显,上帝要帮助所罗门。这是我们的上帝。圣经上说:「你们祷告,无论求什么,只要信,就必得着」(太21:22)。

我们向上帝祈求,因为祂是大有能力。 圣经上说: 「上帝能照着运行在我们心里的大能充充足足地成就一切,超过我们所求所想的」(弗3:20)。上帝能够充充足足地成就一切。你无法衡量上帝的能力。它远远超过了所有的测量设备。

我们的祈求是基于我们所看见的

保罗说:「所求或所想的」。我们所求的是基于我们所看见的。我们所看见的,就是我们所得到的。我们不能看见的,我们不祈求。很多人不知道自己想要什么,直到他们看见它被显示出来。商人非常明白这个道理。他们花费数百万元的广告通过电视,报纸,杂志和使用模特儿,以吸引你的注意力。如果你能看见,你就会想要,突然间,你的生活不能没有它。这是看见的力量。

看见是有力量。它可以导致你犯罪和毁灭。

在圣经中有许多人因看见而遭受毁灭的后果。看见可以是通往犯罪和不顺服之路。例如,亚当和夏娃看见禁果,他们违背了上帝,相信撒旦的谎言。亚干看见巴比伦的财富,有贪婪之心,而犯了罪。当罗得的妻子不听从上帝回头观看,她就变成了一根盐柱。大卫看到了拔示巴沐浴而犯了奸淫(撒下11:2)。

看见也可以导致我们的胜利和祝福

看见也可以是一条通往胜利,喜乐,平安和祝福之路。例如,当以色列人被蛇咬伤时,上帝吩咐摩西造一条铜蛇,挂在杆子上给人望。他们将得到医治和存活(民21:8)。这是一个美丽的预表耶稣为我们的罪死在十字架上,赐给我们生命。当摩西看见燃烧的荆棘并过去看时,他听到上帝的呼召,而成为一位拯救者。以赛亚望去,看见上帝。他呼求说:「我是一个罪人,寻找到赦免」,而他成为上帝的先知。圣经上说:「仰望我们信心的创始成终者耶稣,他因那摆在前面的

喜乐,轻看羞辱,忍受了十字架的苦难,如 今已坐在上帝宝座的右边」(来12:2)。

想象力是上帝所赐给你的官能,让你看见上帝为你所预备的。祈求上帝来触摸你的心思意念,让你可以想象,并相信上帝在新的一年里将它赐给你。保罗为以弗所的信徒祈祷它的实现。愿我们能经历保罗的祷告,「使基督因着你们的信住在你们心里,使你们既在爱中生根立基,能够和众圣徒一同明白基督的爱是何等的长、阔、高、深,并知道这爱是超过人的知识所能测度的,为要使你们充满上帝一切的丰盛」(弗3:17-19)。

另外一个很好遵循的祈祷是雅比斯的祈祷 (代上4:9-10)。「雅比斯」是指痛苦,他被 称为如此是因为他的出生时甚是痛苦。雅比斯 求告上帝的祝福。圣经说,上帝认为他更为尊 贵,因为他祈求上帝赐福予他。要像雅比斯一 样地因著他所看到的祷告。

- 1. 雅比斯看到成长的空间。他就求告上帝「扩张我的疆界」。让这成为你的祷告。 祈求上帝赐福予你,让你成长,扩大, 伸展,并在各方面都强大起来。
- 2. 他看到上帝的恩膏的重要性,并求告上帝: 「让你的手常与我同在」。上帝的手是指他的无限能力,上帝是创造天地和行神迹奇事的上帝。
- **3.** 他看到上帝比他的敌人更强大。他呼求「保佑我不遭患难,不受艰苦」。

最后,保罗论述"在我们心里的大能"。 这大能是圣灵运行在我们里面。要遵行上帝 的旨意,我们需要圣灵。保罗告诉我们要被 充满圣灵(弗5:18),所以靠着基督我们凡 事都能做。耶稣说圣灵将会教导,引导,并 指示我们一切的事情。「但真理的灵来的时 候,他要引导你们进入一切真理。因为他不 是凭着自己说的,而是把他所听见的都说出 来,并且要把将要来的事向你们传达。他 要荣耀我,因为他要把从我领受的向你们传 达。凡父所有的都是我的,所以我说,他要 把从我领受的向你们传达」(约16:13-15)。

愿2013年是你在上帝的能力里将会活得丰盛的一年! ◆

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本修订版。

一月份

中文团契

主题: "让我们在合一中成长"

讲员: 王福海牧师 日期: 27-1-13 (日) 时间: 下午五点 地点: 伯特利楼 (备有茶点招待)

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Damansara Heights

8.00 AM/ 10.30 AM

Damansara Heights

SUNDAY 5.00 PM

Cheras

SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Damansara Perdana

SUNDAY 10.30 AM

Holy Communion



Senior **Pastor** Prince Guneratnam

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Bahasa Malaysia **Fellowship**

27 JAN, SUNDAY, 12.30PM

Theme:

"Authenticity" ("Keaslian")

Speaker:

Associate Pastor David Seah

Venue:

Bethel Bungalow

Chinese Fellowship

27 JAN, SUNDAY, 5PM

Theme:

Let Us Grow In Unity

Speaker:

Associate Pastor Peter Ong

Venue:

Bethel Bungalow

MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEKEND 22-24 FEB, 2013

FRI, 22 FEB

MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS

7.30pm, Damansara Heights
Theme: Empowered to
Pray, Give, Go

SAT, 23 FEB

YOUTH MISSIONS

3pm, Damansara Heights

SUN, 24 FEB

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

Usual Times @ All Locations

Children's programme to run concurrently

EMPOWERED TO PRAY, GIVE, GO

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth".

(Acts 1:8)



MISSIONS SPEAKER

MARIO VEGA Senior Pastor, Misión Cristiana Elim, El Salvador



- Leader of one of the world's largest churches with 73,000 attendees, campuses throughout El Salvador, more than 7,000 cell groups and a staff of 92 pastors
- Misión Cristiana Elim achieved exponential growth in the midst of civil war through the successful implementation of cell group strategies.
- Known for his humility, his passion for justice and for the rights of children
- Contributing columnist for El Pais, El Diario de Hoy and Church Growth International Magazine

Publications is pleased to announce Senior Prince Guneratnam's new book "Love Wins".



DR. YONGGI CHO
Chairman of the Board
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"I would like to highly
recommend Dr. Sr.

Pastor Prince Guneratnam's new book entitled, 'Love Wins'. What a great and true title! Love is the greatest fruit of The Holy Spirit, and as we, Christians grow in The Lord Jesus Christ; we also grow in love, because God is love. Since love is the greatest power; it is also what is most under attack in these last days. Dr. Prince Guneratnam exemplifies the fruit of love in his own life, and he has written many wonderful articles concerning love for our 'Church Growth' magazine'.

The book is based on selected sermons preached by Senior Pastor at Sunday services at Calvary Church touching on God's love.

It has received endorsements from well known Christian leaders.



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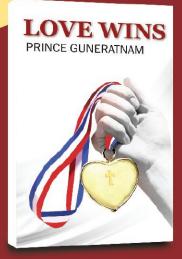
written a 'wake-up call' reminding us that love is at the heart of the Christian life because love is at the core of God's heart".



DR. BILLY WILSON
Executive Director of
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Spiritual Renewal
"This book will strengthen
your heart and deepen your

understanding of the power of love. 'Love Wins' clearly shows that nothing can take the place of love"!

Will be available from Calvary Book Corner soon.





PETER KUZMIC
Eva B. and Paul E. Toms
Distinguished Professor
of World Missions
and European Studies
at Gordon-Conwell
Theological Seminary

"Prince Guneratnam is right in this highly readable (and preachable!) book—such as LOVE WINS. Read, enjoy, live"!



Front Row, seated left to right: Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng, Associate Pastor David Seah, Associate Pastor Christopher Lee, Associate Pastor Peter Ong, Jim Guneratnam, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, Senior Pastor Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Associate Pastor Richard Yun, Associate Pastor Steven Kum, Associate Pastor Raymond Yong, Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

Middle row, left to right: Pastor Carol Lim, Cheah Siew Ying, Josephine Tay, Leong Dee Peng, Chin Yoke Yee, Pastor Shereen Wong, Katherine Lee, Simon Yap, Mark Thomas, Phang Wai, Pastor Susan Tan, Lee Foong Ling, Carol Weller, Cheong Pui Ling, Donna Yee, Ho Swee Mei, Pastor Sally Leong

Last row, left to right: Yip Wai Leng, Ng Koon Lin, Evelyn Chan, Pauline Hoh, Tan Choon King, Wong Suh Shian, Eleazar Tan, Jason Sia, Maniarasan, Robert Ang, Jerry Loon, Alice Lee, Wendy Foo, Rita Ho, Nancy Low, Yee Yuet Hoh, Angela Aw | Not in picture: Catherine Lim



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