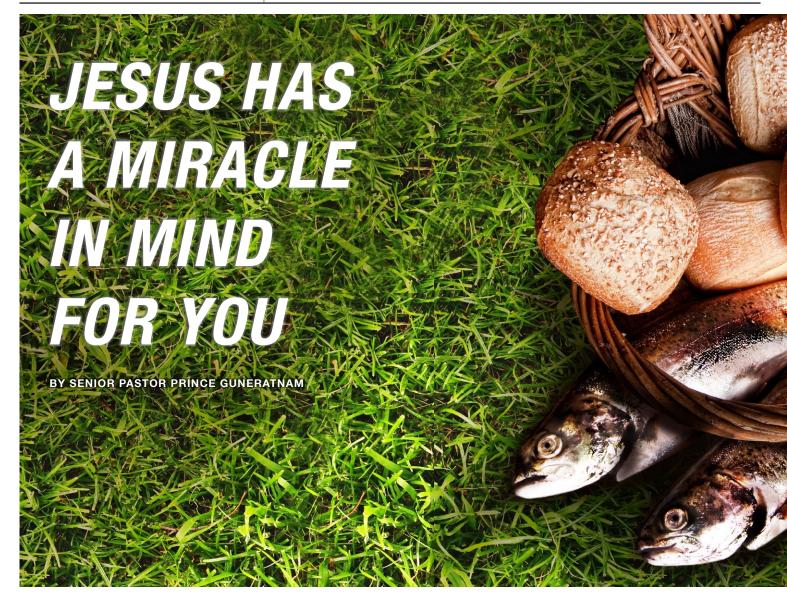


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"Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?' But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do" (John 6:5-6).

# WHEN GOD CALLS US TO DO WHAT IS BEYOND OUR ABILITY, IT IS NOT TO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT FOR US.

Do not be fearful or discouraged by difficult circumstances and challenges. If you are called to do what is beyond your ability, He has a miracle in mind for you. The feeding of the 5,000 in the Gospels, is a good illustration. Jesus asked Philip, "Where shall we buy bread that these shall eat" (John 6:5). Jesus was very well acquainted with that area and He knew there were no bakeries in that place. The Bible says, "He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do" (John 6:6). This clearly shows that Jesus had in mind a miracle for the people for that particular situation.

Now look at Philip's response. He

immediately began to think of his ability to purchase food for the crowd. He said, "Two hundred dinaris worth of bread was not sufficient for them that every one of them may have a little" (John 6:7). One dinari is said to be equivalent to a day's wage in those days. Often, when we have to undertake a gigantic task and see how little we have, we say it is impossible! Five loaves of bread and two fish to feed a crowd? It can never happen! But, if God puts you in that situation and says to you, "Feed them", He has a miracle in mind for you!

#### FOR MIRACLES TO TAKE PLACE, YOU HAVE TO BE PUT IN A CHALLENGING PLACE

Jesus and the disciples were in a deserted place. Matthew 14:15 gives a clear description of the actual situation and their solution to the problem. "His disciples came to Him saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away...". It was a

negative solution, "Send the multitudes away" because both the place and time were not conducive. But such is an environment for miracles. Rise up, God has a miracle for you. There are all kinds of miracles. Miracles we need in our family, in relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, where there is sickness and hardship. God has a miracle in mind for you whatever your need may be. The situation may be negative and the timing may be bad. It is natural to find a human way out by abandoning the situation, give up or run away when confronted with impossible situations. "But Jesus said to them, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat" (Matthew 14:16). Jesus had a miracle in mind and this is what He did.

The Bible says, "Then Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves,



"When we exercise faith with works, miracles begin to happen."

and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So

when they were filled, He said to His disciples, 'Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.' Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world'" (John 6:10-14). Jesus didn't do the distribution. Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples and the disciples distributed them to the multitude. As the disciples

began to distribute the bread and fish to the people, it began to multiply. And it was more than enough to feed the crowd, for there were leftovers. Our God is a God who can provide and meet all our needs. He is a miracle working God!

# ONE OF THE NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS, IS THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

"The working of miracles" is mentioned along with the spiritual gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. The other gifts are the gift of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues. All these gifts are given by the Holy Spirit. But for miracles, it is "the working of miracles" (1 Corinthians 12:10). It is not a gift. For miracles to happen, there are two essentials. First, is faith in God and second, is obedience to God's Word. There is a part that you have to play for miracles to take place. Your part is to trust God and do what you can. And to trust God for Him to do what you cannot. When we exercise faith with works, miracles begin to happen.

You see this in the multiplication of the five loaves and two fish. A little boy was willing to come by faith and say "God I am willing to let my lunch go." And there was Andrew who had faith and was willing to tell Jesus, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish ... " (John 6:8). There was a willingness to bring what they had to Jesus and finally, the disciples were willing to take them from Jesus, after He had blessed them for distribution to the people.

## ARE YOU A PHILIP OR AN ANDREW?

Philip was pessimistic. Pessimists always see the negative and impossible. They rationalise why things cannot be done. Andrew is the opposite. He was optimistic. He had faith to see God provide. He brought the boy to Jesus. Be like Andrew and exercise faith with obedience.

- Have faith in God's power and not human reasoning.
- Have faith to see God bigger than your problem.
- Have faith in God's compassion to save,

- bless and reward those who believe and diligently obey Him.
- Faith and obedience glorifies God. The greater your faith, the greater is the glory of God. The Bible says, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14).

# HERE ARE SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF SITUATIONS THAT GOD HAD A MIRACLE IN MIND.

- 1. When God sent Moses to Pharoah to deliver the nation of Israel. Moses acted in faith with obedience and Israel was delivered by a series of miracles.
- 2. When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son on the mountain, after promising him that he shall be "the father of many nations." God performed a miracle by providing a ram for his sacrifice instead of his son Isaac.
- 3. When He asked Joshua and the children of Israel to march around the walls of Jericho. It seemed ridiculous! They obeyed in faith and it was a miracle that the walls fell down.

There are many more examples, like Daniel in the lions' den; Elijah and the widow in Zarapheth; and Jesus at the wedding in Cana, where He turned the water into wine. Mary the mother of Jesus said to the servants, "Listen, whatever He says to you, "just do it." Mary came up with the phrase "Just do it" and not NIKE! We are not to argue, debate or reason. Our part is to simply obey. God will do a miracle, all it takes is faith and obedience. These are the two ingredients for the working of miracles. Miracles are profound. If you can explain it, it is no longer a miracle. The Bible says, with man it is impossible. But with God, all things are possible. Let us live abundantly in God's ability.

When people see God working miracles in your life and the church, we become witnesses for His glory. The church becomes a witness to the nation that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. •

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

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DEDICATION OF CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE. A MOMENTOUS OCCASION NOT TO BE MISSED!

THE DEDICATION SERVICE OF THE CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE (CCC) WILL BE HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2013 AT 7.00PM. This is an occasion the Calvary family is looking forward to and we expect it to be a wonderful time of rejoicing, giving thanks and honouring our mighty God who has made it all possible. "GOD has done wondrously", the theme for the CCC Dedication Celebration sums up well the reason for the rejoicing. And having Dr David Yonggi Cho, the Senior Pastor-Emeritus of Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul. Korea to officiate the occasion, is a great honour.

The timing of the Dedication Service is



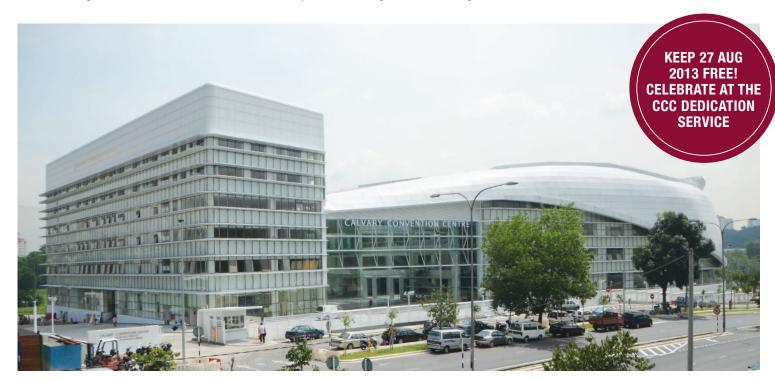
Dr David Yonggi Cho is officiating the CCC Dedication Service

strategic. It will be held the night before the opening of the 23rd Pentecostal World

Conference (PWC). The PWC is held every three years and CCC is the venue for this year's conference on 28 - 30 August. Delegates from all over the world are expected for the PWC and have been invited to attend our CCC Dedication Celebration Service. What a joy, privilege and spiritual blessing to celebrate together

with people from every tribe and tongue on this anticipated occasion.

Notwithstanding the significance of the dedication service, we are on target to hold the Easter Evangelistic Presentations at the CCC this year. Continue to pray for the approval of the Certificate of Fitness, finances and the Calvary congregation to be prepared for the big move to the CCC. As Senior Pastor exhorted us at the first Sunday message of 2013, "This is the year where Calvary Church will move from Damansara Heights to CCC. We need to trust God to enlarge us and our vision to touch our city, nation and nations beyond." +





"Ketika Yesus memandang sekeliling-Nya dan melihat, bahawa orang banyak berbondong-bondong datang kepada-Nya, berkatalah la kepada Filipus: "Di manakah kita akan membeli roti, supaya mereka ini dapat makan?" Hal itu dikatakan-Nya untuk mencuba dia, sebab la sendiri tahu, apa yang hendak dilakukan-Nya" (Yohanes 6:5-6).

# KETIKA TUHAN MEMANGGIL KITA UNTUK MELAKUKAN APA YANG BERADA DI LUAR KEMAMPUAN KITA, ITU BUKANLAH UNTUK MEMBUAT HIDUP KITA SULIT.

Jangan takut dan kecewa oleh kesulitan dan tentangan. Jika kamu dipanggil untuk melakukan apa yang di luar kemampuanmu, ia memiliki suatu mujizat dalam fikiran untuk kamu. "Di manakah kita akan membeli roti, supaya mereka ini dapat makan" (Yohanes 6:5). Memberi makan 5,000 seperti dalam Injil, adalah ilustrasi yang bagus. Yesus bertanya kepada Filipus, "mana akan kita membeli roti ini?" (Yohanes 6:5). Yesus sangat kenal baik dengan kawasan

itu dan dia tahu adanya kedai roti di tempat itu. Alkitab mengatakan, "Hal itu dikatakan-Nya untuk mencuba dia, sebab la sendiri tahu, apa yang hendak dilakukan-Nya" (Yohanes 6:6). Ini jelas menunjukkan bahwa Yesus memiliki mukjizat di fikiran bagi orang-orang untuk situasi tertentu.

Sekarang lihat respon Filipus. Ia segera mulai memikirkan kemampuannya untuk membeli makanan bagi orang ramai itu. "Jawab Filipus kepada-Nya: "Roti seharga dua ratus dinari tidak akan cukup untuk mereka ini, sekalipun masing-masing mendapat sepotong kecil saja" (Yohanes 6:7). Satu dinari dikatakan setara dengan upah sehari di masa itu. Sering kali, ketika kita melakukan tugas raksasa dan melihat betapa sedikit kita miliki, kita mengatakan mustahil! Lima roti dan dua ikan untuk memberi makan orang banyak? Itu tidak pernah terjadi! Tapi, jika Tuhan menempatkan kamu dalam situasi dan mengatakan kepada kamu, "Berilah mereka makan", ia memiliki suatu mujizat dalam fikiran untuk kamu!

#### UNTUK MUKJIZAT TERJADI, KAMU PERLU BERADA DI DALAM KEADAAN YANG MENCABAR

Yesus dan pengikut- pengikut-Nya berada di tempat terpencil. Matius 14:15 memberikan penerangan yang jelas mengenai keadaan sebenar dan penyelesaian-nya untuk masalah ini. "Murid-murid-Nya datang kepada-Nya dan berkata: "Tempat ini sunyi dan hari sudah mulai malam. Suruhlah orang banyak itu pergi...." "Suruhlah orang banyak itu pergi" adalah penyelesaian yang negatif kerana tempat dan masa-nya adalah perkara yang tidak kondusif. Tetapi itu adalah persekitaran untuk mukjizat. Bangunlah, Tuhan ada mukjizat untuk kamu. Terdapat pelbagai jenis mukjizat. Kita perlukan mukjizat dalam keluarga kita, dalam hubungan antara suami dan isteri, ibu bapa dan kanak-kanak, di mana terdapat penyakit dan kesusahan. Tuhan mengingati mukjizat untuk kamu, apa pun keperluan kamu. Kedudukan mungkin negatif dan masa-nya mungkin buruk. Adalah biasa sekiranya kita mencari jalan keluar dengan meninggalkan situasi

itu, berputus asa atau berlari apabila menghadapi situasi yang mustahil. "Tetapi Yesus berkata kepada mereka: 'Tidak perlu mereka pergi, kamu harus memberi mereka makan" (Matius 14:16). Yesus telah mengingati mukjizat dan la melakukan-Nya.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Kata Yesus:
Suruhlah orang-orang itu duduk."
Adapun di tempat itu banyak rumput.
Maka duduklah orang-orang itu, kira-kira lima ribu laki-laki banyaknya. Lalu Yesus mengambil roti itu, mengucap syukur dan membagi-bagikannya kepada mereka yang duduk di situ, demikian juga dibuat-Nya dengan ikan-ikan itu, sebanyak yang mereka kehendaki. Dan setelah mereka kenyang la berkata kepada

"Bila kita menunjukkan iman dengan perbuatan, mukjizat mula berlaku." murid-murid-Nya:
"Kumpulkanlah
potonganpotongan yang
lebih supaya
tidak ada yang
terbuang." Maka
merekapun
mengumpulkannya,
dan mengisi dua
belas bakul penuh
dengan potonganpotongan dari

kelima roti jelai yang lebih setelah orang makan. Ketika orang-orang itu melihat mukjizat yang telah diadakan-Nya, mereka berkata: "Dia ini adalah benarbenar nabi yang akan datang ke dalam dunia" (Yohanes 6:10-14). Yesus tidak melakukan pengagihan. Yesus mengambil roti, memberkati dan mematahkannya, memberikannya kepada murid-murid dan murid-murid mengedarkannya kepada orang ramai. Semasa murid-murid mengedarkan roti dan ikan kepada orang ramai, ia mula bertambah dan menjadikan lebih daripada mencukupi untuk orang ramai tersebut, ada terdapat tambahan juga. Tuhan kita adalah Tuhan yang boleh membekalkan dan memenuhi kesemua keperluan kita.

#### SATU DARIPADA SEMBILAN KARUNIA ROHANI IALAH KEJADIAN MUKJIZAT

Kejadian mukjizat adalah disebutkan bersama-sama dengan karunia rohani yang diberikan kepada kita oleh Roh Kudus. Karunia lain ialah kebijaksanaan, perkataan ilmu, iman, penyembuhan, nubuatan, kebolehan membedakan roh-roh, berjenis-jenis bahasa dan tafsiran bahasa. Kesemua karunia ini adalah diberikan oleh Roh Kudus. Tetapi bagi mukjizat, ia adalah "kejadian mukjizat" (1 Korintus 12:10). Ia bukanlah karunia. Bagi kejadian mukjizat terdapat dua keperluan.

Pertama, adalah kepercayaan kepada Tuhan dan kedua, adalah ketaatan kepada Firman Tuhan. Kamu ada peranan supaya mukjizat dapat terjadi. Peranan kamu adalah percaya kepada Tuhan dan melakukan apa yang kamu mampu. Dan percaya kepada Tuhan untuk melakukan apa yang kamu tidak mampu. Bila kita menunjukkan iman dengan perbuatan, mukjizat mula berlaku.

Kamu boleh melihat ini dalam pertambahan lima roti dan dua ekor ikan. Seorang budak kecil bersedia datang dengan iman dan berkata "Tuhan, saya sanggup melepaskan makan tengah hari saya." Ada juga Andreas yang mempunyai iman dan bersedia memberitahu Yesus, "Di sini ada seorang anak, yang mempunyai lima roti jelai dan dua ikan kecil...." (Yohanes 6:9). Mereka bersedia membawa apa yang ada kepada Yesus, dan selepas Yesus telah memberkatinya, mereka bersedia mengambil daripada Yesus untuk diedarkan kepada orang ramai.

## ADAKAH KAMU FILIPUS ATAU ANDREAS?

Filipus adalah seorang pesimis. Orang pesimis sentiasa menampakkan aspek negatif dan mustahil. Mereka menghuraikan mengapa perkara-perkara tersebut tidak boleh dilakukan. Andreas adalah sebaliknya. Dia seorang optimis. Dia ada iman untuk melihat bekalan Tuhan. Dia membawa budak itu kepada Yesus. Jadilah seperti Andreas dan mempunyai iman bersama ketaatan

- Percaya kepada kuasa Tuhan dan bukan alasan manusia.
- Percaya bahawa Tuhan adalah lebih besar daripada masalah kamu.
- Percaya kepada belas kasihan Tuhan untuk menyelamatkan, memberkati dan membalas mereka yang percaya dan mentaatiNya dengan tekun.
- Kepercayaan dan ketaatan memuliakan Tuhan. Semakin besar iman kamu, lebih besarlah kemuliaan Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, "Dan apa juga yang kamu minta dalam nama-Ku, Aku akan melakukannya, supaya Bapa dipermuliakan di dalam Anak. Jika kamu meminta sesuatu kepada-

Ku dalam nama-Ku, Aku akan melakukannya" (Yohanes 14:13-14).

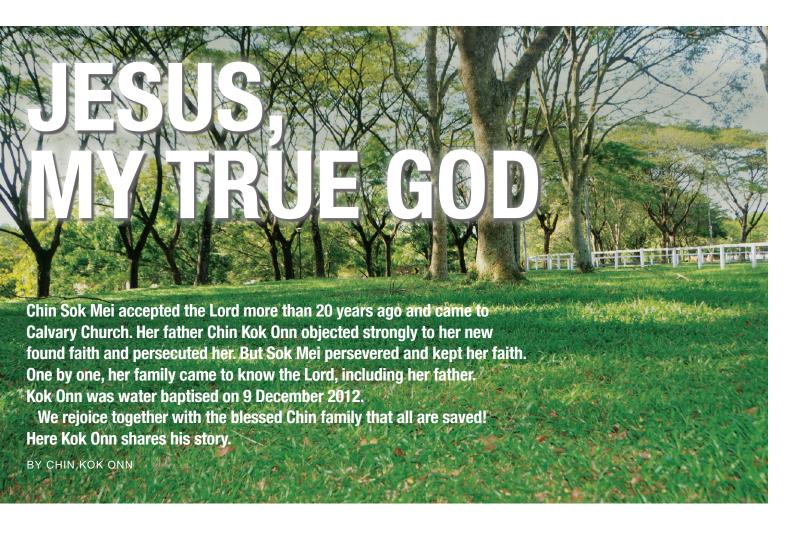
#### BERIKUT ADALAH BEBERAPA CONTOH DALAM ALKITAB BAHAWA TUHAN MENGINGATI MUKJIZAT.

- 1. Apabila Tuhan menghantar Musa kepada Firaun untuk membebaskan bangsa Israel. Musa bertindak dalam iman dengan ketaatan dan Israel telah dibebaskan dengan beberapa mukjizat.
- 2. Apabila Tuhan meminta Abraham untuk mengorbankan anaknya di atas gunung, selepas menjanjikan kepadanya bahawa dia akan menjadi "bapa kepada banyak bangsa." Tuhan melakukan mukjizat dengan menyediakan seekor kambing jantan untuk korbannya dan bukan anaknya Ishak.
- 3. Apabila Dia meminta Yosua dan anak-anak Israel berkawat di sekeliling dinding Yerikho, ia seolah-olahnya tidak masuk akal! Mereka mentaati dengan iman dan terjadilah mukjizat bahawa dindingnya jatuh.

Terdapat banyak lagi contoh, seperti Daniel dalam kediaman singa; Elia dan balu di Zarapheth; dan Yesus di majlis perkahwinan di Kana, di mana Dia menukarkan air menjadi air anggur. Maria, ibu kepada Yesus berkata kepada hambahamba, "Dengar, apa sahaja yang Dia katakan kepada kamu, hanya lakukannya." Maria menyuruh dengan perkataan "Hanya melakukannya" dan bukan slogan NIKE! Kita tidak boleh berbantah, berbahas atau berhujah. Kita hanya mentaati sahaja. Tuhan akan melakukan mukijizat, apa yang diperlukan hanya iman dan ketaatan. Ini adalah dua keperluan untuk menjadikan mukjizat. Mukjizat adalah mendalam. Jika kamu dapat menjelaskannya, ia bukan lagi mukjizat. Alkitab berkata, dengan manusia, ia adalah mustahil. Tetapi dengan Tuhan, semua perkara boleh berlaku. Marilah kita hidup dengan berlimpah-limpahnya dalam keupayaan Tuhan.

Apabila orang melihat Tuhan melakukan mukjizat dalam kehidupan kamu dan gereja, kita menjadi saksi bagi kemuliaan-Nya. Gereja menjadi saksi kepada negara bahawa Yesus Kristus adalah Anak Tuhan yang hidup.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Terjemahan Baru.



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, I PERSECUTED MY ELDEST DAUGHTER FOR BECOMING A CHRISTIAN AND LEADING THE REST OF MY CHILDREN TO BELIEVE IN JESUS. But over the years, they would invite me to church occasionally. Sometime in 2009, I attended a service in Ampang satellite. After the service, Pastor Raymond came and talked to me. He offered to pray for me. I followed him in prayer to ask Jesus into my heart. But I did not really believe in Jesus until I had a family crisis in 2010 which involved my siblings. The issue troubled me tremendously. I had no peace and no one understood the burden in my heart and mind

It was then that I remembered Jesus. I went to the field near my house and started to pray to Jesus. I asked for His forgiveness and peace for my heart and mind. I also asked Him to show me that He is a real God because I had doubts about His existence. Instantly, I felt the Lord touching me and I received peace in my heart and mind.

I started going to church more regularly and believed in Jesus more and more. I am now attending Pusat Aktiviti Calvary Cheras with my children and their families. God has never forgotten my prayer in the field back in 2009. He showed me again that He is a real God during a recent service in Cheras. The past incident about my family crisis came back to haunt me. It bothered my heart and mind, giving me no rest or peace. No one knew about how burdened I felt.

My eldest daughter, who was sitting next to me, asked me if I wanted to go out to the altar for prayer. I agreed. At the altar, everyone was praying and speaking in tongues very loudly. Someone laid hands on me and prayed for me. Instantly, I fell down under the power of God. God's peace came to my heart and mind. The burden in my heart and mind was gone. Praise the Lord!

Jesus is my true God and I believe in Him with all my heart. ◆

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# 耶稣, 我的真神

CHIN KOK ONN 弟兄

20 多年前,我因我的长女成为基督徒, 也带领我其他的孩子们跟着相信耶稣而逼迫 她。然而,在这些年里,他们偶尔会邀请我 到教会去。2009 年,我参加了安邦卫星教会 的崇拜。崇拜聚会后,Raymond牧师上前来 和我谈话。他要求为我祷告。我跟着他的祷 告,邀请了耶稣进入我的心里。可是,那时 候我并没有真正相信耶稣,直到2010 年我的 家里发生了危机,是有关我的兄弟姐妹。这 件事使我非常困扰。我一直都没有平安,也 没有人能了解我内心和精神的负担。

在那个时候,我想起了耶稣。于是,我到了我家附近的草场,开始向耶稣祷告。我求他原谅我,也让我的心得到平安。我也求他让我知道他是真神,因我还是怀疑他的存在。我即刻感受到耶稣触摸我,而我的心思意念也得到了平安。

我开始经常的参加教会的崇拜聚会, 也越

安。没有人知道我负着的重担。

那时,我的长女坐在我的旁边,她问我想不想到台前去祷告。我同意了。在台前,大家都大声地祷告和说方言。有人为我按手祷告。我即刻倒在神的大能下。神的平安临到我的心思意念。我心里的困扰和负担也消失了。 赞美主!

耶稣是我的真神, 我全心全意的相信他。◆



#### First Row, From Left (grandchildren):

Rachel Lim, Mitchel Lim, Abigail Loong, Alicia Chin, Joshua Looi, Grace Chin, Isaac Chin

#### Middle Row, From Left:

Fourth from left, Mr Chin Kok Onn with wife, Chong Yet Len flanked by sons Steven (left) and Alan and daughters-in-law, Mok Siew Cheng and Shieh Yee Sin, respectively & grandson, Aiden

#### Last Row, From Second Left:

Daughters, Tina, Sok Mei and Belinda with sons-in-law, Bernard Lim, Loong Chek Jen and Andrew Looi, respectively and grandson Benjamin











# QUEST FOR THE SEVEN CHURCHES

BY FRANCISCA TAN

ON 26 NOVEMBER LAST YEAR,
A GROUP OF 27 ENTHUSIASTIC
PARTICIPANTS EMBARKED ON A
BIBLICAL TOUR OF THE SEVEN
CHURCHES OF REVELATION
LOCATED IN ASIA MINOR (MODERN
DAY TURKEY). The 10-day trip was
a refreshing spiritual journey, a time of
learning, bonding and fellowship. The Lord
granted us journey mercies and blessed us
with fine weather throughout the trip except
on the last day where we had a foretaste of
the wintry wind and rain of Turkey.

The visit to the seven churches was indeed a meaningful and emotional experience as these churches had once stood majestically but sadly, all that remains

today is ruins. Associate Pastor Lee Peng and Pastor Shereen Wong shared devotions on the letters to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation, thus giving us an in-depth understanding and deeper appreciation of the rich biblical history and background of each church. The commendations and warnings reminded us how they apply to our lives and what we could and should do as we journey in our Christian walk.

Besides the seven churches, we also visited the Gerome Open Air Museum, a unique complex comprising more than 30 fascinating cave churches and chapels with amazing rock hewn architecture dating back to the 10th-12th century.

Many of these churches have beautiful frescoes (wall paintings) whose colors still retain all their original freshness.

The highlight of our experience was the visit to the Underground City of Cappadocia where the early Christians fled to in the 6th-9th century in order to escape persecution from the Romans and later the Arab conquests. We were moved by the faith and tenacity of these early Christians who built these cities which were well hidden complexes, a safe and self-sufficient environment (though far from conducive) that could accommodate up to 30,000 people.

The visit to the Church of Polycarp, the oldest church in Smyrna (now









known as Izmir) was another memorable experience. Polycarp, a bishop of Smyrna was martyred for his faith in Christ. History records that he was stabbed to death when the fire failed to burn him. There was a peaceful presence of God in the chapel and the beautiful interior was a sight to behold. Tears flowed freely as we sang 'Amazing Grace,' worshipped the Lord in unison and prayed fervently for a spiritual revival in the land of Turkey.

At Istanbul, we visited St. Sophia, a Byzantine church that was once the largest in Turkey. It was turned into a mosque during the Ottoman rule. The church today is a museum. Turkey, a land with many civilizations and a rich Christian heritage today has a population that is 99.8% Muslim. This grave reality drove home a pivotal truth. It was an apt, serious reminder to many of us that we could land up in the same sad spiritual state if we are not vigilant in our walk with the Lord.

Truly, we have been greatly blessed throughout the trip. Each of us encountered God in our own unique way. God's faithfulness was evident through the different testimonies that were shared by the participants. An elderly brother had a leg injury prior to the trip and had difficulty walking. The Lord healed him during the trip and he was able to enjoy himself. Another sister who had a pinched nerve experienced God's sustenance throughout the trip. A ministry leader shared how the trip re-ignited a fresh passion within her to serve in the ministries she was involved in with an even greater commitment. Many others shared that the Lord planted within them a great burden to pray for a fresh move of the Spirit in the nation of Turkey. We did just that in this trip and we believe that God in His time will bring about a fresh awakening! +

#### **Clockwise From Top Left:**

At the remains of the church at Laodicea | The antique library at Ephesus | St. Sophia Museum, once the largest church in Turkey | Worshipping at the Church of Polycarp | Ride of a life-time in a hot air balloon at Cappadocia! | A beautiful view of Istanbul on a cruise along the Bosphorus Straits | At a cave church at Gerome Open Air Museum | At the ancient church of Pergamum | Underground City at Kaymakli













#### Clockwise From Top:

Group Picture of CYYA campers |
A small group frying *roti chanai* |
Pastor David encouraging the campers to believe God to do for them at camp |
Pastor Chadwick Mohan sharing the Word | Campers reaching out to God during ministry time | A pictorial summary of a small group discussion

ON 10 DECEMBER 2012, 207
CAMPERS MADE THEIR WAY UP TO
FRASER'S HILL FOR THE CALVARY
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
(CYYA) CAMP HELD IN SHAHZAN
INN. The theme of this year's camp was
AWAKENING, based on Romans 13:11:
"This is all the more urgent, for you know
how late it is; time is running out. Wake up,
for our salvation is nearer now than when
we first believed."

The camp's tagline was 'Live Different'. Gabriel Chong, camp coordinator of AWAKENING, explained, "The aim of this camp was to awaken our church's youth to the salvation work that needs to be done in our families, schools and workplaces. The lessons were on how to be like Jesus among our families and friends by showing love to people, being accountable, being the salt and light among our peers and being pure and blameless in the eyes of man and God."

The camp speaker, Pastor Chadwick Mohan from Chennai, India greatly

impacted our campers through his sermons and powerful times of worship and prayer. In one of his sessions, he stressed the importance of staying away from sin and sexual immorality. On a lighter note, Pastor Chadwick added some Indian spice to the camp by introducing Tamil and Hindi worship songs that came with Bollywoodstyle dance moves.

A CYYA camp would not be complete without some games and activities. The youths enjoyed a two-day session of games called "Amazing Race" while the young adults went on a jungle trek in the scenic hills of Fraser's Hill. The youths and young adults also benefited from the workshops facilitated by guest facilitators Associate Pastor Steven Kum, Martin and Stella Lee and Daniel Teng. The workshops were engagingly insightful. Also present throughout the camp to give pastoral oversight was Associate Pastor David Seah. Praise God for the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit throughout the duration of the camp, especially during the worship and prayer sessions. He moved the hearts of all campers and there were a total of 8 salvations, 28 baptisms of the Holy Spirit and 22 responses to fulltime calling.

AWAKENING was a wake-up call to the youths. Many found themselves with a deeper hunger for God. Thank God for the spiritual awakening and refreshing. •

## HEAR HOW TWO OF THE CAMPERS WERE BLESSED.

#### Michael Loon, 22 (camp committee)

"At this camp, I experienced God like never before! For instance, I was slain in the Spirit for the first time. And while playing the piano during prayer times at camp, I felt God's presence strongly. It was indescribable."

#### Yeo Eu-Nise, 17

"I thank God for the many lessons learnt. God showed me the reason of some deep hurt that happened to me in the past. I began to make better sense of my present life and what God has in store for me in the future. He is a great God."

# AMAZINGLY YOU-NIQUE!

BY HAN SUYIN

#### "WHAT A GREAT SEMINAR!" EXCLAIMED GRACE, ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS, WHICH WAS ECHOED BY MANY OTHERS.

A total of 81 girls attended a 2-day seminar on 22-23 November 2012 entitled "Amazingly You-nique" organised by the Missionettes for teen girls aged between 11-16 years old. The primary objective of the seminar was to help girls understand who they are in Christ and with this knowledge, learn how to further improve their personal fashion sense and etiquette to reflect Christ-likeness and godly values.

On the first day, Associate Pastor David Seah reminded us that we are beautifully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14) and emphasized on the uniqueness and originality with which God has created us. Sister Liau Qui Lin shared on "Fashion meets Faith" and highlighted to us that inner beauty is more permanent

(2 Corinthians 4:18) and important than our outer appearance (1 Samuel 16:7). We were encouraged to present ourselves in an attractive manner through our clothing and hair in a modest way so as to glorify God.

We also received various practical grooming tips from the professionals invited. Former beauty queen, Maggie Loo demonstrated various proper sitting postures and walking techniques. Queenie Ong shared with us some really useful tips on skin care, appropriate teenage make-up and colour coordination. Mike Loh, founder of the Snips College of Creative Arts gave us some practical tips on hair care.

On the second day, we were further enlightened through a Forum on issues of Faith and Fashion. The panelists were Associate Pastor Richard Yun, Pastor Shereen Wong, Royal Rangers Outpost Chairman Jim Guneratnam, fashion

entrepreneur Helen Read and Missionettes Coordinator Katherine Lee. It was certainly an interesting session that addressed issues ranging from tattoo, plastic surgery to how we can follow the latest trends of clothing line in a trendy and yet modest way.

The grand finale of the seminar was the fashion parade by some of the participants. Different outfits suitable for various occasions e.g. sports, formal/ dinner, party, church and casual wear were paraded by the girls. The fashion parade helped us to see that the recommendations and suggestions made at the seminar were do-able.

Associate Pastor Lee Peng concluded the seminar by giving us an exhortation and challenge to live and dress for the glory of God since our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Truly, we are God's masterpiece and we are "Amazingly You-nique!" +













Top Row, From Left: Pastor David stressing a point | Qui Lin sharing a light-hearted moment | Making a commitment to glorify God | Bottom Row, From Left: Queenie teaching a facial exercise | Mike Loh giving some hair care tips | Maggie Loo teaching the correct standing posture | First time models looking pro | Parading simple and elegant dinner wear

「耶稣举目看见许多人来,就对腓力说: 「我们从哪里买饼叫这些人吃呢?」 祂说 这话是要试验腓力; 祂自己原知道要怎样 行。」"(约6:5-6)。

当神呼召我们去做超出我们能力的事时,它不是要使我们生活难过。不要因困难的情况和挑战而感到害怕或气馁。如果你是被召去做超出你的能力的事,祂是想要给你一个神迹。在福音书里,耶稣给5000人吃饱之事,是一个很好的例证。耶稣问腓力:「我们从哪里买饼叫这些人吃呢?」(约6:5)。耶稣是非常熟悉该地区,祂知道在那个地方没有面包店。圣经上说:「祂说这话是要试验腓力;祂自己原知道要怎样行」(约6:6)。这清楚地表明,耶稣想要在那特别情况下为众人行一个神迹。

现在看看腓力的回应。他立即开始想到他要购买食物给这群人的能力。他说:「就是二十两银子的饼,叫他们各人吃一点也是不够的」(约6:7)。在那时候一个银币是相当于一天的工资。通常当我们要进行一项艰巨的任务时,并看到我们有的是多么少,我们说这是不可能的!五饼二鱼要喂饱一大群人?它没有可能发生!但是,如果神使你处于这种情况,对你说:「去喂饱他们」,祂想要给你一个神迹!

### 要神迹的发生, 你必须处于一个具有挑战性的地方

耶稣和门徒在一个荒无人烟的地方。 太14: 15对实际情况给了清晰的描述和他们 解决问题的办法。「门徒进前来,说: 「这是野地, 时候已经过了, 请叫众人散 开, …」。这是一个负面的解决方案, 「请 叫众人散开」, 因为时间和地点都不能有助 于解决问题。但这是一个行神迹的环境。起 来,神有一个神迹要给你。有各种的神迹。 我们需要神迹在我们的家庭中, 在丈夫和妻 子之间, 父母和子女之间的关系, 在那有疾 病和困难的地方。神想要给你一个神迹,无 论你的需要是什么。情况可能是负面的, 时 间安排可能不好。在面对不可能的情况时, 很自然地会以人的方法寻找出路, 离弃当时 的情况,放弃或逃避。但耶稣说:「不用他 们去, 你们给他们吃吧! 」(太14:16)。耶 稣心中有一个神迹, 这就是祂所做的。

圣经上说:「耶稣说:「你们叫众人坐下。」原来那地方的草多,众人就坐下,数目约有五千。耶稣拿起饼来,祝谢了,就分给那坐着的人;分鱼也是这样,都随着他们所要的。他们吃饱了,耶稣对门徒说:「把剩下的零碎收拾起来,免得有糟蹋的。」他们便将那五个大麦饼的零碎,就是众人吃了剩下的,收拾起来,装满了十二个篮子。众人看见耶稣所行的神迹,就说:「这真是那要到世间来的先知!」」(约6:10-14)。耶稣并没有做分发的工作。耶稣拿起面包,祝福,就擘开,递给门徒,门徒就分发



给众人。当门徒开始分发面包和鱼给众人的 时候,它开始倍增起来。并足以喂饱整个人 群,因为还有剩余的。我们的神是那能够供 应和满足我们所有需要的神。

#### 九个属灵的恩赐之一是行神迹

行神迹与圣灵给我们的属灵的恩赐一起提及。其他的恩赐是智慧的言语,知识的言语,信心,医病的恩赐,作先知预言,辨别诸灵,说方言和翻方言的恩赐。所有这些恩赐都是由圣灵所赐。但论及神迹,它是「行神迹」(林前12:10)。这不是一个恩赐。神迹的出现,有两个必须的因素。首先,是对神的信心和第二,是顺服神的话语或吩咐。要有神迹的发生,你有应尽的一部分。你的那部分是信靠神,和尽你所能去做。并信靠神能做你不能做的事。当我们操练信心和去做时,神迹就开始发生了。

你可在五饼二鱼倍增的事看到。一个小男孩愿意凭信心来到,并说:「神啊,我愿意施舍我的午餐。」安得烈有信心,并愿意去告诉耶稣,「在这里有一个孩童,带着五个大麦饼、两条鱼,…」(约6:8)。他们有一个愿意的心将所有的带给耶稣,最后,门徒在耶稣祝福后愿意从祂那里领取,把它们分发给众人。

#### 你是腓力或是安得烈?

腓力是悲观的。悲观者总是看到负面的和不可能的。他们合理解释为什么事情做不到。 安得烈是相反的。他是乐观的。他有信心看 到神的供应。他领那孩童到耶稣面前。要像 安得烈和操练信心与顺服。

- 对神的能力有信心, 而不是人的推理。
- 有信心看到神比你的问题更大。
- 对神的怜悯拯救,祝福和奖赏那些相信和顺从他的人有信心
- 信心和顺服荣耀神。你的信心越大,神得荣耀越大。圣经上说: 「你们奉我的名无论求什么,我必成就,叫父因儿子得荣耀。你们若奉我的名求什么,我必成就」(约14:13-14)

#### 下面是一些圣经的例子关于神心中有一个神 迹的情况。

- 1. 当神差遣摩西去见法老王要释放以色列 人。摩西凭信心与顺服行动,以色列经过一 系列的神迹而得释放。
- 2. 当神在应许亚伯拉罕他将是「多国之父」后,神要求他在山上把他的儿子献上为祭时,神行了一个神迹,供给一只公绵羊作为他的祭物,而不是他的儿子以撒。
- 3. 当祂吩咐约书亚和以色列百姓围绕耶利哥的城墙行走。这似乎太荒谬了! 他们凭着信心顺服,而城墙倒塌是一个神迹。

还有更多的例子,像但以理在狮子坑中;以利亚和撒勒法的寡妇;耶稣在迦拿的婚礼,他把水变成了酒。耶稣的母亲马利亚对仆人说:「他告诉你们什么,你们就做什么。」马利亚想出了那句「你们就做什么」,而是NIKE!我们不要争论,辩论或推论。我们要做的就是简单地顺服。神会行一个神迹,它需要的是信心和顺服。这是行神迹的内因素。神迹是深奥的。如果你能解释它,它不再是一个神迹。圣经上说,在人是不可能的。但是,在神凡事都能。让我们丰盛的活在神的能力里。

当人在你的生活和教会看到神行出神迹, 我们就成为祂的荣耀的见证人。教会就向国 家人民作见证耶稣基督是永生神的儿子。◆

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

#### 二月份

#### (中文团契与华人新年聚会联合)

主题: "丰盛的活在神的能力里"

(弗3:20-21) 讲员:古纳南主任牧师 日期:10-3-13(日) 时间:上午十一点

<u>地点: 蕉</u>赖卫星教会(PACC)

申请浸礼及会籍 浸礼及会籍课程 日期:9-3-13(六) 时间:下午一点

#### 浸礼聚会

日期: 10-3-13(日) 时间: 上午十点半 地点: 加略山教会(大堂) 报名截止日期: 3-2-13(日) <u>М</u> 20 Ш 13

# **SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

## Damansara Heights

SUNDAY 8.00 AM/ 10.30 AM

#### Damansara Heights

SUNDAY 5.00 PM

#### **Cheras**

SUNDAY 9.00 AM

#### Damansara Perdana

SUNDAY 10.30 AM

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Holy Communion



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

Associate Pastor Steven Kum Associate Pastor Steven Kum

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Associate Pastor Richard Yun

COMBINED SERVICES AT DAMANSARA HEIGHTS 8 AM & 10.30 AM

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Associate Pastor David Seah Associate Pastor Richard Yun

Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

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Pastor Mario Vega

#### **FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY**

**Pastor Mario Vega** 

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**Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship**24 FEB, SUNDAY, 12.30PM

#### Theme:

Pengungkapan Kebenaran (Truth Telling) **Speaker:** 

Associate Pastor David Seah **Venue:** Bethel Bungalow



The Chinese New Year Service and Lunch is planned for **10 March 2013**.

#### Theme:

Living Abundantly In God's Ability **Speaker:** 

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

Time: 11am

Venue: Pusat Aktiviti Calvary Cheras

Water Baptism and Membership Class

9 March, 2013 Saturday, 1pm Water Baptism Service

10 March, 2013 Sunday, 10.30am CLOSING DATE 3 FEB 2013

# "EMPOWERED TO PRAY, GIVE, GO"

MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEKEND

22-24 FEB, 2013

#### MISSIONS SPEAKER MARIO VEGA Senior Pastor, Misión Cristiana Elim, El Salvador

Messages preached in Spanish and translated into English simultaneously



FRI 22 FEB

#### **MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS**

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

SAT 23 FEB

**YOUTH MISSIONS** 

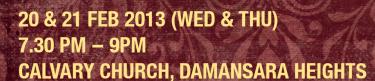
3pm, Damansara Heights

SUN 24 FEB

#### **FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY**

Usual Times @ All Location
Children's programme to run concurrently

### UNLEASHING THE POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US (EPHESIANS 3:20)



Come and be blessed by the seminar organised by the LG, with Mario Vega who will speak on:

How can we allow the Holy Spirit to have liberty in our life?

How can we break the limitations or hindrances for God's power to be manifested through us?

Kindly register at the registration counter:

on Fridays @ Damansara Heights: 18 & 25 Jan & 1 Feb

18 & 25 Jan & 1 Feb & Sundays @ all locations: 20 & 27 Jan & 3 Feb

Closing date for registration is on 3 Feb, Sunday

For more information, please call Pastoral LG at 77286000 ext 333.



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