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## EXCITING MOMENTS AT CAMP





# THE DANGER OF LIVING IN

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

**G**od did not save you to live a stagnated life. Living a stagnated life causes you to live below your privileges as a Christian. You will lose your joy of worship and faithfulness in serving the Lord. Living the Christian life ought to be exciting and adventurous. You will experience the power of God and live victoriously.

The historical records in the Bible are teaching materials for New Testament living. For instance, the Biblical account of the Israelites crossing the River Jordan (Joshua 1:1-9). When God told Joshua, **“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you”** (Joshua 1:3), it does not suggest a life of stagnation. As far as God was concerned, the place where their foot would tread was already given to them. But as far as the practical situation was concerned, it was yet to be experienced. There is a process to receiving what God promises. The process is walking in obedience with God. It requires a walk of faith and obedience. When you walk in faith and obedience, you will experience the supernatural Christian life of adventure and the excitement of

serving Him. Every situation that stands in the way of our Christian journey will be made possible. This makes us disciples and witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Consider the length and breath of the land God gave the Israelite. The Bible tells us, **“From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory”** (Joshua 1:4). This was what God promised His chosen people as their land. In today’s geographical equivalent it includes part of Syria, part of Iraq, some of Kuwait, and a greater portion of Egypt, Jordan and part of Saudi Arabia. Till today, Israel is still fighting to possess God’s promised land. Israel will only be able to win her battles, if she walks in obedience by faith, depending on God through His son, Jesus Christ.

Similarly, the Lord has given us His promises and the Christian life involves a spiritual warfare. If there are no challenges, there are no victories. This is the reason the Christian life is not stagnated living. God’s promises

are not for you to experience when you get to heaven. They are for us to experience here on earth. We are to fight, claim and stand on the promises of God to experience the supernatural Christian life of adventure and the excitement of serving Him.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE OBEY BY FAITH

Can we win? The Bible says, **“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you”** (Joshua 1:5). Winning is guaranteed as far as God is concerned. He assures us, as He was with Moses, He will be with us and not leave us. When you start walking in obedience by faith, claiming the promises of God, you may feel lonely, isolated and that nobody seems to understand. But God has promised to be with you, trust Him and **“Confess with your mouth, believe in your heart and you will see the salvation of the Lord”** (Romans 10:9).

## BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE

God continues to say, **“Be strong and**

**of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them”** (Joshua 1:6). God repeats His promise with encouragement, “to be strong and courageous”, to Joshua again in the following verse and in verse nine. To be strong, has to do with your character and to be very courageous, has to do with your attitude towards challenges. To obey God, you need to be strong and very courageous. And when you obey, you prosper. Prosper means you will have victories, and experience miracles. You will know, the Lord is with you and you will give Him the glory. Do

not be satisfied that you are on the church membership roll but claim His promises by faith and obedience. You will live an exciting overcoming life of victory at home, work and everywhere you go. You will be His disciples and witnesses. The challenge is not to live a stagnated Christian life.

God pledged that He will give the promised land as an inheritance to the children of Israel. None of us have that kind of authority to make such a pledge. But God can, because He has all the power. Similarly, it is God's promise to us and He will keep His promise. Let us rise up in faith and stand on His promises that our generations will be blessed. It is far more exciting to live for Jesus this way than living a stagnated Christian life.

and through others, who love and obey the Lord. That is why it is vital you come to church and faithfully do your personal devotion. When others tell you what God says, you must take note of two things. First, it has to be in line with Scriptures. Do not listen to what is not Biblical. Second, the word given you, should come as a confirmation of what God has already spoken to you. Then the word given gives you assurance. The Bible says, “In the mouth of two or three witnesses, it shall be established”.

Joshua was encouraged to meditate on the word, day and night. When you read the Word, meditate on it. The Word is logos, but when you meditate on it, the logos becomes rhema to you, it becomes a specific word for you. Then reading the Bible becomes a personal conversation between Him and you. Rhema is a personal word from God to you. Meditation, is not reading the Bible like an ordinary book. You must mull over what you read, pause, ponder and come to a place where God speaks to you personally. For example, the verse, “every place the sole of your foot treads upon, I have given you” becomes rhema to you, it tells you, “Take that step”! There are moments when God will instruct you and give directions for your life. When this happens, He says to you, “Be strong, be courageous, I will not leave you”. When you act in faith and obey, you will experience success and you know the success is from God. God gets the glory through your obedience.

# STAGNATION

## BE OBEDIENT

God continues to say, “... **observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success”** (Joshua 1:7-8). To experience the manifestation of God's power in our life, do what He says. God can speak to you through the preaching of the Word in church, through your personal Bible reading

## DO NOT BE AFRAID

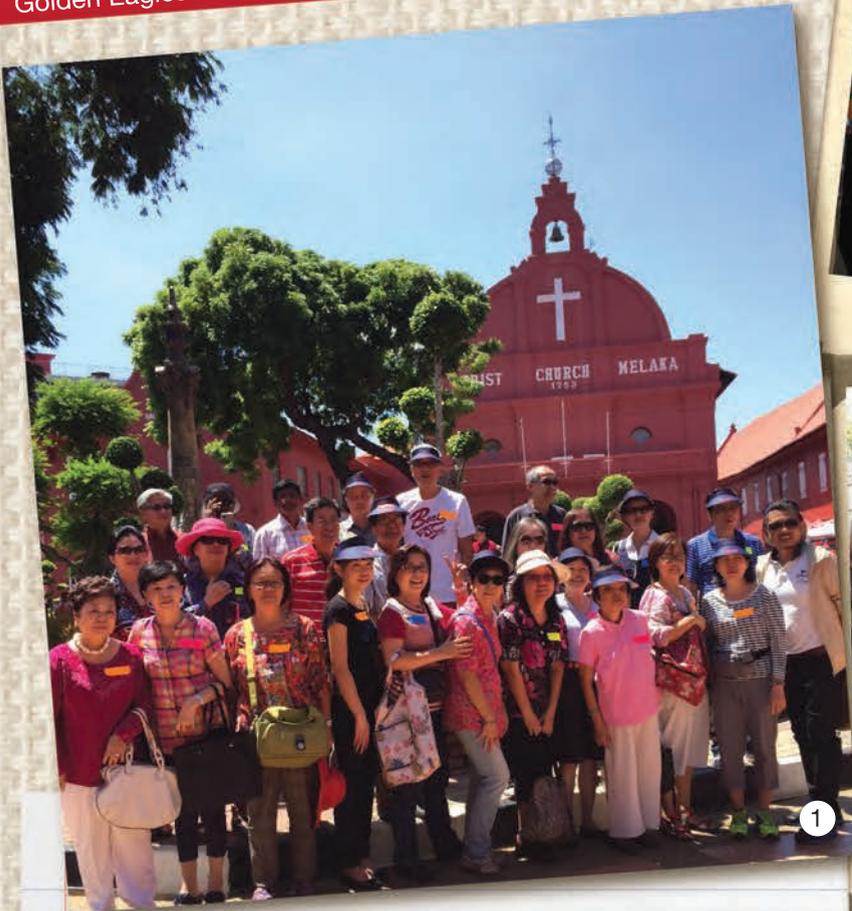
The Bible tells us, “**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”** (Joshua 1:1-9). God has not saved you to live a stagnant life. Walk in faith and obedience, and not in fear.

Live in the challenging now. Stop living in the past. Will you start living, obeying what God has called you to?

*All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version.*

# A MEMORABLE DAY TRIP

Golden Eagles had a tremendous time fellowshiping and sight-seeing in historic Malacca



1. Group photo of all participants with Pastor Richard (1st right, 1st row)
2. Local boy, Ong Keng Hock, turned 'tourist guide'
3. Fellowshiping over lunch

By Laura Lim

It was early and bright when 46 Golden Eagles (GE), 55 years and above, gathered excitedly at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) on 28 May 2015 for their day trip to Malacca.

After their breakfast fellowship, they had a time of praise and worship led by Richard Lee, who played the accordion, much to everybody's delight. Associate Pastor Richard Yun, shared a meaningful devotion based on Psalm 46:10 and encouraged the participants to rise up in faith and prayed for God's blessings for the trip.

Then we set off to Malacca in a coach. On the way, Ong Keng Hock gave us a glimpse of his life as a youth in Malacca and a brief outline of Malacca's history from its founding by *Parameswara* in the 14th Century to Malaysia's declaration of Independence on 31 August 1957. Malacca, as a spice trading port, attracted the Chinese, the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British. Inter-marriages resulted in a culture unique to Malacca.

The highlights of the trip included visits to A Famosa (the Portuguese fortress), the Stadthuys (the oldest Dutch building), the Christ Church (built in 1753) and

walking around this historic city. The young-at-heart could not resist taking snap shots of themselves in the beautifully decorated trishaws. The walk-around Jonker Street proved to be an eating and shopping adventure. What we could not eat there and then, we 'tar pau'.

Lunch at 'Seafarer's Restaurant' in *Klebang* was very delicious – with a good selection of *Peranakan* cuisine and a beautiful view of the Straits of Malacca. There was so much laughter and good fellowship over lunch. At the end of the trip a couple who came at the invitation of their son, a Calvarite, accepted Christ and came back for Sunday service at CCC.

Thank God for the Organising Committee and all who have come together in making this GE day trip memorable and fun. The GE will continue to 'soar like eagles' (Isa 40:31). Everyone had an enjoyable time and got to know one another better.

Looking forward to the next outing and activity... Stay tuned!



**GLOBAL  
OUTREACH DAY**

*It's my mission!*



# COMPELLED BY GOD'S LOVE TO WITNESS

By Raymond Ow



**930** Calvarites, compelled by God's love, partnered 15 million Christians worldwide in 200 nations, shared the good news of the saving grace of God to their loved ones, friends and strangers.

These Calvarites signed up to:

- Do One-to-One Witnessing, taking a friend out for a cuppa or a meal, inviting family and friends over for a meal;
- Do Group Witnessing, providing Car Wash to the Bandar Kinrara community, and Street Evangelism;
- Send out the 'Gulf Bridge' videos.

### WHAT CALVARITES DID ON G.O.D.

On G.O.Day, some got up as early as 6am, to reach people at the various places, and as far as Jenjarom. The salvation momentum for the day was kick-started when a Calvarite shared the gospel with 3 persons, including a security guard, and they said the Sinners' Prayer!

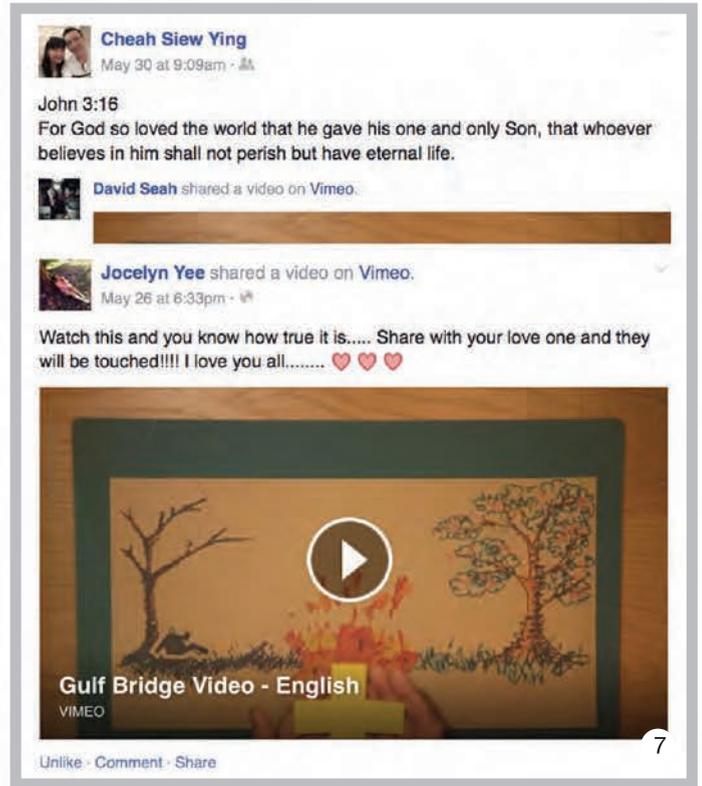
- 13 adults and 3 children left for Rawang to visit a Refugee Convalescent Home. The team prayed for the residents and 17 of them raised their hands in response to the call for salvation!
- Meanwhile, at CCC, a group left to evangelise at the nearby Recreation Park, another group left for the morning market and the coffee shops nearby.
- Some were fearful and anxious before sharing the Gospel, and yet they shared it in faith. One testified that, the first person he



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shared with ignored him. He was disheartened but God encouraged him to move on. He then met and shared with two men who did not look too friendly. Praise God, these two men accepted the Lord! Nearby, 3 vegetable sellers and 2 other non-believers also accepted our Lord!

- Other groups continued to proceed from CCC during the day, including Missionettes and Carpenters' Workshop. 35 kids from a Refugee Center were so touched by the testimony and sharing from our children that they too enthusiastically welcomed the Lord as their Saviour! A Car Wash group servicing the Kinrara community found opportunities to pray for several residents there.
- In the evening, an evangelism team went to a hospital to pray for the sick, and returned, claiming victory for our Lord with 16 people saved!

G.O.Day was God's way of blessing the Church. There is evidently a renewed fervour to reach the lost. Some have greater boldness to witness. Others felt that God has opened a door to further engage their friends.

Evangelism is incomplete without discipleship. Thus Calvarites who have led someone to Christ have been given the discipleship pack by the church, to help them nurture the newly born again babies in Christ, so that they can grow in their knowledge of God and become reproducing Christians.

In conclusion, let us not only make evangelism our lifestyle, but act with more urgency, for John 9:4 says 'Let us work while it is still day, for night is coming when no one can work'.

### HOW GOD BLESSED OUR EFFORTS

A total of 83 precious people accepted Christ as their Saviour and Lord and hundreds of others had heard the gospel.

Glory to God! We obeyed God, and we experienced miracles!

For those who would like to be equipped to be more effective in their witnessing and discipleship, please call the **Pastoral LG Ministry** at **03 8999 5532** ext 412.



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- 1-6. Photos of groups sent out Witnessing through electronic media
7. An animated Gospel presentation
8. Ministering to refugee children
9. Missionettes sponsors giving in kind
10. Love in action, praying for needs and car washing
11. Missionettes presenting a song



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## ▲ LIFE CHANGING CAMP

By Thong Oi Shang

**A**t Calvary Church Camp on 1-4 June, 46 campers enjoyed the Chinese speaking camp tremendously. We were blessed by the excellent camp facilities at the Bukit Gambang Resort City and had life changing encounters with the Lord.

Thank God for the teaching of Pastor Stephen Ong. He posed and answered three questions: Why was I born?, Is there any meaning in life? and Why did God create me? God created us to know Him and to fulfill His purpose for our lives (Col 1:16 and 1 Pet 4: 10). We need to overcome hindrances that stop us from serving God. It is important that we feed on the Word, die to self and prioritise God in our lives. Besides having a good relationship with God, we must also have good relationship with man, especially our own family. To serve the Lord, we need to receive first from the Lord.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared why you need to 'Fight For Your Destiny' and fulfill your calling for God's Kingdom. After the session, some leaders testified that they were enlightened as to why they faced much challenges just before coming to camp. For instance, a lady camper was spared from a potentially fatal head on collision on her way to camp. She recognised that satan wanted to prevent her from receiving the blessings of God at camp.

The two workshops led by Associate Pastor Timothy taught us practical ways to face temptations in the world and overcome the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and also the pride of life. We can experience the victory which Jesus won for us on the cross (Heb4:15, Rom8:9, 6:8-14).

The campers were much blessed and they eagerly testified of what God has done for them with praise and thanksgiving. There were three salvations, baptism of the Holy Spirit and deliverance and healing at camp.

This camp has shown us the power and blessing of a life sanctified by the Lord. When we are blessed, potential believers around us are blessed too.

All glory to our Lord God Almighty for His Hand upon every camper.

## 一个改变生命的营会

文：汤爱香

46位中文部的营友愉快地度过了在六月1-4日举行的加略山教会营会。他们不仅享受在武吉甘孟度假村的休闲设备，更与主有改变生命的属灵经历。

感谢上帝藉王群凤牧师明确的教导向我们说话。在营会的开始时他提出了三个问题：我为什么来到这个世上？我的生命有什么意义？为什么上帝创造了我？

上帝创造了我们为认识祂，并知道祂在我们生命中的目的（西1:16；彼前4:10）。但许多人不事奉上帝，因为受到自我中心和物质主义的阻扰。我们必须克服拦阻我们事奉上帝的障碍。有效的事奉上帝的秘诀是：得到上帝的话语的喂养，然后教导；建立关系，向自我死去和上帝在我们生命居首位。最后，我们学会了如何以喜乐来事奉：与上帝和人建立良好的关系，尤其是我们自己的家庭成员；我们也必须休息，然后事奉；我们更必须先从上领受后才能服事。

主任牧师跟我们分享‘争取你的命运’的信息。他清楚地说明一个深刻的真理。耶稣释放了被恶魔附身的人，为了他可以完成上帝赐予他的命运。后来他成为一个伟大的传道人，向他的邻居分享他的见证和耶稣的大能。

在聚会之后，一些领袖见证说他们立即明白，知道为什么他们在营会之前面临许多挑战的原因。例如，上帝奇妙的拯救一位姐妹在前往营会的旅程中免遭可能致命的车祸！他们认识到，其实撒但在力图阻止他们领受上帝的祝福。

由翁牧师带领的工作坊为我们提供了切实可行的办法去抵挡世界的试探。例如，胜过眼目的情欲，肉体的情欲，并今生的骄傲。耶稣已经为我们赢得了胜利，我们也可以站在上帝的话语之上和经历胜利（来4:15；罗8:9，6:8-14）。

营友们都得到了非常的祝福，他们都迫不及待地分享他们的见证。他们热切的分享和感谢赞美上帝所赐下的祝福。



赞美和感谢上帝在营会中共有两个人得到救恩同时也被圣灵充满，更有人得到释放和医治。

这给我们预尝到我们能做的事，当我们被上帝洁净后并彼此服事时。不仅我们自己蒙福，我们身边潜在的信徒也能得福。一切的荣耀都归给我们的主全能的上帝，因祂施展大能的手在每一位营友身上。



1. Group photo of Chinese congregation campers
2. Campers enjoying the session
3. Chinese Camp speaker, Rev. Stephen Ong
4. Senior Pastor with Chinese interpreter, Thong Oi Shang

# WOW Wild, Original, Wonderful Champions for Jesus!



By Elaine Peng

**T**he 2015 Kids' Camp on 1-4 June was definitely a wonderful journey with God! 64 kids (ages 2 to 13 years) participated in this camp.

The kids learned to serve God better and to serve one another just like Jesus, through the camp activities and lessons. The lessons were taught creatively, including the use of puppets and skits. Lesson topics included 'Abide in Christ', 'Serve one another', 'Passion and Love', 'Sacrifice' and 'Be humble'. After each session they wrote the lesson and memory verses onto their decorative log bags.

The youngest age group (2-4 years) had their own fun program learning how to serve God and one another in simple ways through Bible stories like the Good Samaritan, Joshua, Mary and Martha and Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. Each lesson was reinforced with a simple craft and colouring activity. The little ones also helped to tidy up the toys after playing and served their friends by distributing the bowls, wet wipes and snacks during snack time.

The Kids' Camp venue for the older age groups was transformed into a beautiful farm with pictures of animal graphics on the walls.

Kids were divided into seven teams based on an animal for each team. Each team was made up of both older and younger kids. This helps to incorporate a buddy system.

The activities and games were enhanced with exciting incentives where kids collected points for redeeming gifts. They worked hard to achieve their points through serving and helping one another

It was great to see the kids serving one other in their teams. Responsible young teens helped to lead the kids ages 7-13 and cared for their respective team members throughout the camp. The kids engaged in making IOU cards to serve their family members and friends, and participated in interactive activities such as planting green beans, hand-printing, shoes game and shelling peanuts to serve the adult campers. All the kids enjoyed the camp activities, and they look forward to the next Kids' Camp!

Praise God that 10 kids received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Three kids from two other churches, invited by their aunty, benefitted greatly from the camp too. Two kids and one camp coordinator received healing of stomach pain.

We rejoice and thank God for His grace and blessing in making this camp a great success! Thank God for every camp teacher, parent and helper for their commitment in serving and loving the kids. Thank you kids for obeying and serving God. You have blessed our heart.

1. Group photo of Kids Campers
2. Pastor Susan praying for the kids
3. Teaching kids to serve by example
- 4&5. Youngest age kids enjoying games and snacks





# REFRESHED, REVIVED & ENR

All campers were spiritually nourished and had great fun fellowshiping.

**C**alvary Church Camp on 1-4 June, 2015 lived up to all expectations. The journey to Gambang Resort City, Kuantan was delightful, paved with evergreen forest most of the way. Upon arrival, the warm reception from the friendly Camp hospitality team boosted our spirits.

After the buffet dinner in the spacious comfortable dining hall, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared the keynote address, 'Fight For Your Destiny'. God has a good plan and purpose for you to give you a future and hope but satan tries to hinder you. Jesus also faced hindrances. For instance, He had to calm the storm to cross over to the other

side of the sea where he delivered a demon possessed man. Satan had bound this man to prevent him from fulfilling his call. But Jesus set him free to be the evangelist he was called to be (Luke 8:22-39). Senior Pastor prayed that God will bring us to another level of victory and fulfill our God-given destiny.

Rev. David Sumrall shared on the "Journey Of Hope For The Second Generation". The book of Revelation is not for the future only, but is relevant to us now. John wrote to the seven Churches (Rev 2-3) to alert the first generation (literal) believers to understand the needs and pressures faced by their next generation. The first generation believers grew and thrived

with zeal and fervour in their proclamation of the Gospel. They built great Churches but by the time John wrote to them, they were plagued by a gamut of pitfalls, from the loss of their first love for Christ, sexual sins, intense persecution, false doctrines to deceptive influences infiltrating from within. They needed to have a fresh reality of Jesus and experience the victory Christ has won on Calvary. We, too, are to examine our spiritual condition, corporately and individually, repent of all sin and overcome our weaknesses. Much emphasis was given to praying for our youths who are the future leaders of our Church.

Campers enjoyed the interactive workshop





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# ENRICHED AT CAMP

By Lai Wing Fai

sessions. We learned to identify and cultivate the fruits of the Holy Spirit and a self-evaluation questionnaire helped us discover and develop our spiritual gifts for God's glory. The youths had their own interactive sessions where they were challenged to reach out and help others with needs, especially strangers.

The morning Praise, Prayer and Devotional meetings before breakfast were also encouraging and inspiring.

Thank God for plentiful opportunities to draw close to God at camp. And there was ample time for leisure in the afternoons. Campers made a beeline for the lunch and ticket ordering,

recognising a good value offer and had lots of fun, thrills and meaningful fellowship on the Safari tour and outing to the Water Theme Park. A nearby waterfall was a hot favourite for many.

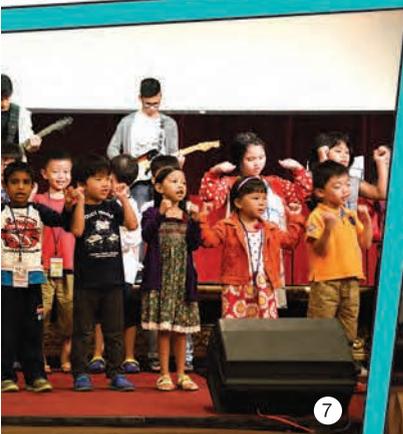
One of the most enjoyable parts of the camp was the wefie (a group selfie) photo contest. Six winners were recognised and awarded prizes. Another favourite time was supper which provided a nice touch. Many campers felt at home sipping hot drinks and enjoyed dunking biscuits while making new friends.

On the last day of camp we were blessed by a song presentation 'Go Serve Our World' by the Kids Campers.

We also witnessed the Royal Rangers (RR) recognition ceremony which was the climax for the RR campers who had a campfire the night before.

We left camp refreshed, revived and enriched in many ways. All appreciation and thanks to God for providing an excellent working committee who worked tirelessly and sacrificially, setting a fine example of the camp theme, 'Serving One Another'.

PLAN TO JOIN NEXT YEAR'S CAMP!



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1. 2015 Church Camp Group Photo
2. Senior Pastor sharing the keynote address
3. Camp Speaker, Rev. David Sumrall
4. Praying at the altar for needs
5. Royal Rangers receiving their certificates from Senior Pastor
6. Happy diners at dinner time
- 7&8. Kids Campers presentation



# Hats On

By Carol Weller

It is said that ‘mothers wear many hats’. Following that theme, on the morning of 12 May 2015, 64 women had a ‘ball’ putting on hats of various styles and colours, some even donning matching outfits for the ‘Hats On’ Mother’s Day Celebration at the Dimensions Tuesday Worship Service. They soon settled down to a time of worship and sharing of inspiring testimonies from different mothers. Each testimony brought out a fresh and different angle to the challenges of motherhood.

Lim Yen Yen shared candidly about juggling her career and Life Group leadership with caring for 3 children. It was a breakthrough for Cornelia Mak when her unbelieving spouse agreed to her three children taking the step of water baptism. Queenie Ong shared how she experienced God’s healing grace in overcoming the loss of an unborn child. Grace Yap is thankful for the opportunity of being a spiritual mother to

hundreds of children through serving in the Calvary Worship Nursery. Li Yan, a new and struggling mother had the joy of seeing her mother-in-law gave up astrology and come to Christ during her stay in France. The ladies were touched and blessed by the power and faithfulness of God working in each life.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam then shared a devotion entitled “Embracing the Seasons.” Quoting Ecclesiastes 3, Sister Petrina exhorted the women to embrace whatever season they were in, whether painful or joyful so that they are able to grow more mature and gracious with the passing years. Ecclesiastes 3:11 is a wonderful reminder that “He has made everything beautiful in its time. . .”

Following an enjoyable mini parade of hats, the ladies then adjourned for lunch at the Worship Nursery.



1. Ladies posing in colourful hats
2. Ladies enjoying the sumptuous lunch
3. Ladies sharing a light-hearted moment

# Let's Talk Property

By Melissa Samuel

"If you're here for a real estate recommendation or a hot-spot, you're at the wrong place. I'm not here to do that and you have the Holy Spirit to guide you anyway," Chris Lim joked with the young adults present at the Young Adults (YA) Connect on 23 May at CCC.

Armed with experiences from both his personal and professional life, Chris, founder and Senior VP of Property Hub, enlightened us all on buying property.

He highlighted that property is an asset that is constantly appreciating, unlike other assets which depreciate over time, for instance, cars. Hence, investing in property is a win-win situation, they are good investments and fulfil our basic need for shelter. For most people, buying their own house will be the single largest investment they will make in their lifetime. Thus, we should know more about property investment.

Knowing when one is ready to buy a property is vital. Getting ready to buy a property involves planning and discipline to save. For instance, to buy your own home, having a stable income is essential, as it affects obtaining loan facilities and making repayments.

The process of buying your property or house takes some "homework". For instance, visiting showrooms and talking over with friends will help you know what to look for in a property, confirm your likes and dislikes and learn not to be swayed by emotions.

There are three important factors to consider when buying your house:

- Is an open space concept what you are looking for?
- Does the location jive with that concept?
- Is the price befitting of the location and concept?

During the Q&A session, Chris offered good counsel to the many who raised questions.

We also learnt that God has been behind Chris' success. "I would not be here without my faith in God. He has been the guiding force of my career" confided Chris.

Jason Sia, the YA Coordinator, concluded by encouraging the YAs to seek God's wisdom and obey His leading.

Thank God for Chris' godly example and practical sharing. We now have the confidence to make good property investments, mindful that God will lead and guide.



1. Young adults at the Connect
2. Chris Lim sharing on property and investment
3. Getting to know new friends
- 4-6. During the Q&A sessions

# KEEP IT SIMPLY SHUTTERHAPPY!

A Photography Workshop To Train And Equip  
Calvary Church Photographers



1. David Wong reviewing participants' practice work
2. Henry Tai introducing panorama photography
3. David Wong teaching on the basics of photography

By Alicia Chan

Snapping photos has never been easier than before, with the rise of better smartphone cameras. However, good photography skills is essential to taking good photos. Thus Calvary Church organised a photography workshop with the purpose of training and equipping photographers with the essential knowledge of good photo taking that can be used by the Church and her ministries.

The workshop held on 9 May 2015 at the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) was attended by 15 participants from various ministries and photography enthusiasts.

Associate Pastor Peter Ong opened the workshop with a word of prayer and encouragement. He also expressed his hope and confidence of seeing a photography fellowship in the future as an avenue to reach out to photographers who are potential believers.

David Tan, Calvary Church's photographer, briefed the participants about

the purpose and need for church photography.

This was followed by a session on the basics of photography by Calvarite David Wong a well experienced professional photographer who used the theme, K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simply Shutterhappy). Participants were taught how to use what is known as the 'trinity' of photography, that is, the shutter, aperture and ISO. This was followed by lessons on depth of field, rule of thirds and short and broad lighting.

Participants who had their cameras with them had opportunities to practice what they had learnt throughout the workshop. Participants were reminded to constantly practice the basics, which may seem simple but it is practice that makes them take better photographs.

Participants also learnt about the basic courtesy of photo taking. Seeking permission can be as simple as holding up your camera and smiling with a raised eyebrow without

any verbal communication. This seemingly insignificant gesture actually shows the photographer's respect for their subjects, especially when they are strangers.

Henry Tai, another Calvarite and passionate photographer introduced the participants to the skills and art of Panorama Photography. He presented the right techniques and taught us how to avoid common mistakes when "stitching" the photos to form a panorama.

At the end of the workshop participants were given an opportunity to participate in a photography competition.

Through this workshop, participants have gained a better understanding of photography and how to use their talents and skills learnt to further God's kingdom through their photo-taking ministry.



# BAHAYA HIDUP DALAM KEADAAN

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

**T**uhan tidak menyelamatkan anda untuk menjalani kehidupan yang terbantut. Kehidupan yang terbantut menyebabkan anda hidup di bawah tahap keistimewaan anda sebagai seorang Kristian. Anda akan kehilangan sukacita penyembahan dan kesetiaan anda dalam melayani Tuhan. Kehidupan Kristian patut menjadi menarik dan mencabar. Anda akan mengalami kuasa Tuhan dan hidup dengan berkemenangan.

Catatan sejarah dalam Alkitab ialah bahan pengajaran untuk kehidupan Perjanjian Baru. Sebagai contoh, kita boleh belajar tentang hidup untuk Tuhan daripada satu peristiwa dalam Alkitab iaitu orang Israel menyeberangi Sungai Jordan (Yosua 1: 1-9). Apabila Tuhan memberitahu Yosua, **“Setiap tempat yang akan diinjak oleh telapak kakimu Kuberikan kepada kamu”** (Yosua 1:3), ia tidak mencadangkan ia adalah kehidupan yang terbantut. Bagi Tuhan, tempat di mana kaki mereka akan menginjak-injak sudah diberikan. Tetapi sejauh mana praktikalnya, ia belum lagi dialami. Terdapatnya proses untuk menerima apa yang Tuhan janjikan. Proses ini ialah berjalan dalam ketaatan dengan Tuhan. Ia memerlukan iman dan ketaatan. Apabila anda berjalan dalam keimanan dan ketaatan, anda akan mengalami kehidupan Kristian yang luarbiasa dalam pengembaraan dan keseronokan untuk melayaninya. Setiap situasi yang menghalang perjalanan Kristian kita akan diatasi. Ini menjadikan kita pengikut dan saksi kepada Tuhan kita Yesus Kristus.

Pertimbangkan panjang dan lebar tanah yang diberikan oleh Tuhan kepada Israel. Alkitab memberitahu kita, **“Dari padang gurun dan gunung Libanon yang sebelah sana itu sampai ke sungai**

**besar, yakni sungai Efrat, seluruh tanah orang Het, sampai ke Laut Besar di sebelah matahari terbenam, semuanya itu akan menjadi daerahmu.”** (Yosua 1:4). Ini adalah apa yang Tuhan janjikan kepada umat pilihanNya sebagai tanah mereka. Dalam kawasan geografi hari ini, ia termasuk sebahagian daripada Syria, sebahagian daripada Iraq, sebahagian Kuwait, dan bahagian yang lebih besar daripada Mesir, Jordan dan sebahagian daripada Arab Saudi. Sehingga hari ini, Israel masih berjuang untuk menakluk tanah yang dijanjikan Tuhan. Israel hanya akan dapat memenangi pertempuran itu, jika dia berjalan dalam ketaatan dengan iman, bergantung kepada Tuhan melalui anakNya, Yesus Kristus.

Begitu juga, Tuhan telah memberikan kita janji-janjiNya dan kehidupan Kristian yang melibatkan peperangan rohani. Jika tidak ada cabaran, tidak ada kemenangan. Ini adalah sebab kehidupan Kristian bukan kehidupan yang terbantut. Janji-janji Tuhan bukan untuk anda untuk alami apabila anda sampai ke syurga. Ianya adalah untuk kita alami semasa kita berada di bumi ini. Kita harus berjuang, menuntut dan bersandar di atas janji-janji Tuhan untuk mengalami kehidupan Kristian yang luarbiasa dalam pengembaraan dan keseronokan untuk melayaninya.

## APA BERLAKU APABILA KITA TAAT DENGAN IMAN

Bolehkah kita menang? Alkitab berkata, **“Seorangpun tidak akan dapat bertahan menghadapi engkau seumur hidupmu; seperti Aku menyertai Musa, demikianlah Aku akan menyertai engkau; Aku tidak akan membiarkan engkau dan**

**tidak akan meninggalkan engkau”** (Yosua 1:5). Kemenangan sudah dijamin oleh Tuhan. Dia meyakinkan kita, sebagaimana Dia bersama Musa, Dia akan bersama kita dan tidak akan mengabaikan kita. Apabila anda mula berjalan dalam ketaatan dengan keimanan, dengan percaya terhadap janji-janji Tuhan, anda mungkin berasa sunyi, terpencil dan seolah-olah tiada sesiapa yang memahami anda. Tetapi Tuhan telah berjanji untuk bersama dengan anda, percaya kepadaNya dan **“Sebab jika kamu mengaku dengan mulutmu, bahwa Yesus adalah Tuhan, dan percaya dalam hatimu, bahwa Allah telah membangkitkan Dia dari antara orang mati, maka kamu akan diselamatkan”** (Roma 10:9).

## KUAT DAN TABAH

Tuhan juga berkata, **“Kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu, sebab engkau ialah yang akan memimpin bangsa ini memiliki negeri yang Kujanjikan dengan bersumpah kepada nenek moyang mereka untuk diberikan kepada mereka”** (Yosua 1:6). Tuhan mengulangi janjiNya dengan galakan, "untuk menjadi kuat dan tabah", kepada Yosua lagi dalam ayat berikut dan dalam ayat kesembilan. Untuk menjadi kuat, ada kaitannya dengan karakter anda dan untuk menjadi sangat tabah, mempunyai kaitan dengan sikap anda terhadap cabaran. Untuk mentaati Tuhan, anda perlu menjadi kuat dan sangat

tabah. Dan apabila anda taat, anda akan berhasil. Berhasil bermakna anda akan mempunyai kemenangan, dan mengalami keajaiban. Anda akan mengetahui Tuhan menyertai anda dan anda akan memberikannya kemuliaan. Jangan berpuas hati bahawa anda berada dalam senarai keahlian gereja tetapi tuntutlah janji-janjiNya dengan keimanan dan ketaatan. Anda akan hidup dalam kehidupan menarik dan dapat mengatasi dengan kemenangan di rumah, tempat pekerjaan dan kemana-mana anda pergi. Anda akan menjadi pengikut dan saksiNya. Cabarannya ialah untuk tidak menjalani kehidupan Kristian yang terbantut.

Tuhan berjanji bahawa Dia akan memberikan tanah yang dijadikan sebagai warisan

**TERBANTUT**

pusaka kepada anak-anak Israel. Tiada seorang pun daripada kita mempunyai kuasa untuk membuat janji tersebut. Tetapi Tuhan boleh, kerana Dia mempunyai segala kuasa. Begitu juga, ia adalah janji Tuhan kepada kita dan Dia akan menepati janjiNya. Marilah kita bangkit dalam keimanan dan bersandar atas janji-janjiNya bahawa generasi kita akan diberkati. Ia adalah jauh lebih menarik untuk hidup Yesus dengan cara ini daripada kehidupan Kristian yang terbantut.

### BERTAAT

Tuhan berkata, " ... bertindaklah hati-hati sesuai dengan seluruh hukum yang telah diperintahkan kepadamu oleh hamba-Ku Musa; janganlah menyimpang ke kanan atau ke kiri, supaya engkau beruntung, ke manapun engkau pergi. Janganlah engkau lupa

memperkatakan kitab Taurat ini, tetapi renungkanlah itu siang dan malam, supaya engkau bertindak hati-hati sesuai dengan segala yang tertulis di

dalamnya, sebab dengan demikian perjalananmu akan berhasil dan engkau akan beruntung"

(Yosua 1:7-8).

Untuk mengalami manifestasi kuasa Tuhan dalam kehidupan kita, lakukan apa yang dikatakannya. Tuhan boleh bercakap kepada anda melalui pengkhotbahannya firman dalam gereja, melalui waktu peribadi pembacaan Alkitab dan melalui orang lain, yang mengasihi dan taat kepada Tuhan. Itulah sebabnya, adalah penting untuk anda datang ke gereja dan setia melakukan waktu renungan peribadi bersama Tuhan. Ketika orang lain memberitahu anda apa yang Tuhan katakan, anda perlu mengambil perhatian terhadap dua perkara. Pertama, ia perlu selaras dengan apa yang ditulis dalam Alkitab. Jangan mendengar apa yang bukan daripada Alkitab. Kedua, kata-kata yang diberikan kepada anda, harus datang sebagai pengesahan atas apa yang Tuhan telah berbicara kepada anda. Maka perkataan yang telah diberi, memberikan anda jaminan. Alkitab mengatakan, "Dalam mulut dua atau tiga orang saksi, maka hendaklah ditetapkan".

Yosua digalakkan untuk merenungkan Firman Tuhan siang dan malam. Apabila

anda membaca Alkitab, renungkanlah Firman Tuhan. Firman Tuhan ialah logos, tetapi apabila anda merenungkannya, logos menjadi rhema kepada anda, ia menjadi satu perkataan khusus untuk anda. Kemudian membaca Alkitab menjadi satu perubalan peribadi antara Tuhan dengan anda. Rhema adalah perkataan peribadi daripada Tuhan kepada anda. Renungan, peribadi bersama Tuhan bukan seperti membaca Alkitab seperti buku biasa. Anda perlu memikirkan apa yang anda baca, berhenti seketika, renung dan kembali ke tempat di mana Tuhan berbicara dengan anda secara peribadi. Sebagai contoh, ayat, "setiap kesan tapak kaki kamu, Aku berikan kepadamu" menjadi rhema kepada anda, ia memberitahu anda, "Ambil langkah itu!" Terdapat saat-saat ketika Tuhan akan mengarahkan anda dan memberikan arahan untuk kehidupan anda. Apabila ini berlaku, Dia berkata kepada anda, "Kuatlah, tabahkan diri, Aku tidak akan meninggalkan kamu". Apabila anda bertindak dalam keimanan dan taat, anda akan mengalami kejayaan dan anda tahu kejayaan itu datang daripada Tuhan. Tuhan mendapat kemuliaan melalui ketaatan anda.

### JANGAN TAKUT

Alkitab memberitahu kita, "Bukankah telah Kuperintahkan kepadamu: kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu? Janganlah kecut dan tawar hati, sebab TUHAN, Allahmu, menyertai engkau, ke manapun engkau pergi" (Yosua 1:1-9). Tuhan tidak menyelamatkan anda untuk hidup dalam kehidupan yang terbantut. Berjalan dalam keimanan dan kepatuhan, dan tidak dalam ketakutan.

Hidup dalam cabaran sekarang. Berhenti hidup dalam masa lampau. Adakah anda akan mula hidup semula, taat kepada apa yang Tuhan memanggil anda untuk lakukan?

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Indonesia.

#### KELAS PEMBAPTISAN AIR DAN KEAHLIAN

1.30PM 8 Ogos Sabtu  
Damansara Heights Worship Nursery

#### KEBAKTIAN PEMBAPTISAN AIR

5.00PM 8 Ogos Sabtu  
Damansara Heights Sanctuary

#### KEBAKTIAN BM

11.30AM 26 Julai Ahad  
Pengkhotbah : Felisa Foo  
Topik : Kuasa Minda Yang Siap Sedia  
Lokasi : Bilik 10, Tingkat 4, CCC

# 生活停滞不前的危险

(文: 古纳南主任牧师)

神拯救了你不是要你过一个停滞不前的生活。过着停滞不前的生活使你生活得远低于你作为基督徒的特权。你将失去你敬拜的喜乐和忠心事奉神。基督徒的生活应该是精彩和富有奇妙的历险。你将经历到神的能力和过得胜生活。

圣经里的历史记载是新约生活的教材。例如，我们可以从以色列人过约旦河的圣经记述学习关于为主而活的功课(书1:1-9)。当神告诉约书亚说:「凡你们脚掌所踏之地,我都照着我所应许赐给你们了」(书1:3),它并没有显示这是一个停滞不前的生活。就神而言,他们的脚所踏的地方已经赐给他们了。但就实际情况而言,它是尚未经历的。领受神的应许是有一个过程。这个过程是顺服神与神同行。它需要信心和顺服的行事。当你靠信心和顺服行事,你将会经历超自然的基督徒历险生活和事奉祂的兴奋。每一种阻碍我们基督徒历程的情况将变为可能。这使我们成为我们主耶稣基督的门徒和见证人。

细想神赐给以色列人的土地的长度和阔度。圣经告诉我们:「从旷野和这利巴嫩,直到伯拉大河,赫人的全地,又到大海日落之处,都要作你们的境界」(书1:4)。这是神应许祂的选民为他们的应许地。在今天的地理位置上,它包括了叙利亚的一部分,伊拉克的一部分,一些科威特,和大部分的埃及,约旦和沙地阿拉伯的一部分。直到今天,以色列还是在争战要得著神的应许之地。以色列唯有凭信心顺服行事,依靠神藉著祂儿子耶稣基督才能赢得她的争战。

同样地,神已经赐给我们祂的应许和基督徒的生活涉及一场属灵的争战。如果没有挑战,就没有胜利。这是基督徒的生活不是停滞不前的生活的原因。神的应许不是当你到了天堂才让你体验,而是要给我们在这地上体验。我们要争战,支取和站在神的应许上来体验这充满历险和事奉祂的兴奋的超自然基督徒生活。

## 当我们凭信心顺服时会发生什么事

我们能得胜吗?圣经上说道:「你平生的日子,必无一人能在你面前站立得住。我怎样与摩西同在,也必照样与你同在;我必不撇下你,也不丢弃你」(书1:5)。对神而言,胜利是保证的。祂向我们保证,就像祂与摩西同在一样,祂会与我们同在,不会离开我们。当你开始凭信心顺服行事,支取神的应许,你可能会感到孤独,被孤立,看来没人明白。但神应许要与你同在,信靠祂和「口里认耶稣为主,心里信神叫祂从死里复活,就必得救」(罗10:9)。

## 你当刚强壮胆

神继续地说道:「你当刚强壮胆!因为你必使这百姓承受那地为业,就是我向你们列祖起誓应许赐给他们的地」(书1:6)。在接下来的经节和第九节,神又对约书亚重复祂的应许,并以「当刚强壮胆」鼓励他。要刚强,是关乎你的性格和要大大壮胆,是关乎你对挑战的态度。要顺服神,你需要刚强和大大壮胆。当你顺服,你就兴盛。兴盛的意思是你将得到胜利和经历奇迹。你会知道主与你同在,你会将荣耀归给祂。不要认为你在教会的会员名册上有名就满足,而要凭信心和顺服支取祂的应许。你会过着一个得胜的生活,在家庭,工作和你所到之处。你会作祂的门徒和见证人。挑战是不要过一个停滞不前的基督徒生活。

神发誓祂要将应许地赐给以色列人为业。我们没有那种权力作出这样的承诺。但是神能,因为祂拥有所有的权力。同样地,这是神对我们的应许和祂会信守祂的应许。让我们在信心中兴起,站在祂的应许上,我们的后代必蒙福。以这种方式为耶稣而活远比过一个停滞不前的基督徒生活更令人兴奋。

## 要顺服

神继续地说道:「...谨守遵行我仆人摩西所吩咐你的一切律法,不可偏离左右,使你无论往哪里去,都可以顺利。这律法书不可离开你的口,总要昼夜思想,好使你谨守遵行这书上所写的一切话。如此,你的道路就可以亨通,凡事顺利」(书1:7-8)。要体验神在我们生活中所彰显的力量,照祂所说的去做。神可以藉教会的讲道,透过你个人的读经和通过其他爱神和顺服神的人向你说话。这就是为什么你要来教会和忠心地做你的个人灵修,这是至关重要的。当别人告诉你神向你说的话,你必须注意两件事。首先,它必须和圣经一致。不要听不符合圣经的话。第二,向你说的话,应该是确认神已经跟你说过的。那么向你说的话给你确信。圣经上说道:「凭两三个人的口作见证,才能成立」。

约书亚受鼓励要昼夜默想神的话。当你读圣经时,默想它。圣经是道,但当你默想它的时候,道就成为你应时的话,它对你成为一个特定的话。这时读圣经就成为祂与你之间的个人交谈。这应时的话是神给你的一个个人的话。默想读经不像读一本普通的书。你必须仔细思考你所读的,停下来,沉思和来到神亲自向你说话的地步。例如,经文:「凡你们脚掌所踏之地,我都赐给你们了」成为你的应时的话时,它会告诉你:「迈出这一步」!有时候神会吩咐你,给你生活的方向。在这种情况下,祂会对你说:「当刚强壮胆,我必不撇下你」。当你有信心的行为和顺服时,你将经历成功和你会知道这成功是从神而来。神通过你的顺服得到荣耀。

## 不要惧怕

圣经告诉我们:「我岂没有吩咐你吗?你当刚强壮胆!不要惧怕,也不要惊惶;因为你无论往哪里去,耶和華—你的神必与你同在」(书1:9)。神拯救了你不是要你过一个停滞不前的生活。凭信心和顺服行事,而不是在恐惧中。

生活在当前的挑战时刻。停止活在过去。你会开始生活,顺服神在你生命中的呼召吗?

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。



## 中文团契

### 七月份聚会

日期: 26-7-15

时间: 早上十一点半

讲员: 袁志光牧师

主题: 做一个鼓励者 (II)

地点: CCC影剧院1, B2

欢迎大家参加。

请携带亲友一起出席!

## 申请浸礼及会籍

### 浸礼及会籍课程

日期: 8-8-15 (六)

时间: 下午一点半

地点: 加略山教会

### 浸礼聚会

日期: 8-8-15 (六)

时间: 下午五点

地点: 加略山教会(大堂)

报名截止日期: 5-7-15 (日)

# July SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Damansara Heights**  
Saturday 5.00pm

**Calvary Convention Centre**  
Sunday 9.00am

**04** Communion  
Missionary Pam Seaward

**05** Communion  
Missionary Pam Seaward

**11** Commitment  
"Ownership and Responsibility"  
Dr Rajan Thiagarajah

**12** Commitment  
"Ownership and Responsibility"  
Dr Rajan Thiagarajah

**18** Pastor Yong Chee Weng

**19** Associate Pastor  
Steven Kum

**25** Associate Pastor  
Raymond Yong

**26** Membership Intake  
Associate Pastor  
Timothy Ong

## CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

26/7/15 (SUN)

Time : 11.30AM  
Speaker : Associate Pastor  
Richard Yun  
Topic : Be An Encourager (Part 2)  
Venue : Theatrette 1, B2, CCC

## BAHASA FELLOWSHIP

26/7/15 (SUN)

Time : 11.30am  
Speaker : Felisa Foo  
Topic : The Power of An Alert Mind  
Venue : Room 10, Level 4, CCC

## WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

8/8/2015 (SAT)

Time : 1.30PM  
Venue : Damansara Heights  
Worship Nursery

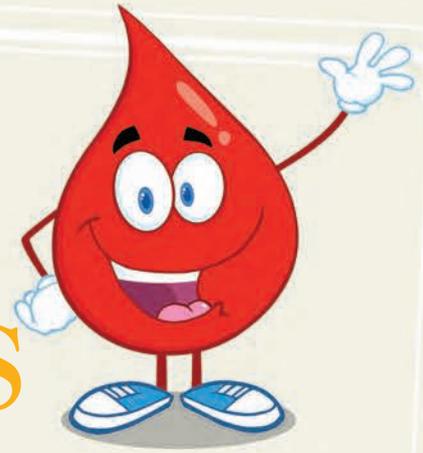
## WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

8/8/2015 (SAT)

Time : 5.00PM  
Venue : Damansara Heights  
Sanctuary

**CLOSING DATE** For submissions of forms: 5/7/2015, Sunday

# DONATE BLOOD TO SAVE LIVES



Date : 12 July 2015 (SUN)  
Time : 11.00AM - 2.00PM  
Venue : CCC Institution Block



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## *Prayer* CONFERENCE

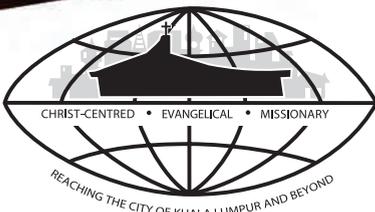
9-10 October 2015 at CCC  
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**Dr. Bob Rodgers**

Introducing the conference speaker

Dr. Bob Rodgers is the Senior Pastor of Evangel Prayer Centre in Louisville, Kentucky, USA (membership over 9,000). He is known world wide for his apostolic anointing. He is also the President of World Broadcasting Network, the founder of America Fasting for Revival and President of Church Growth International of the Americas. Pastor Bob and his wife Margaret, co-host a Christian program called World Alive.

He has ministered in 40 nations around the world and is known for his excellent seminars on prayer and fasting. He has authored several books, including "The 21 Day Fast".



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