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EDITORIAL

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In this issue, we highlight some of the recent events organised by the Sisters' Ministry. *Fruit Fest 2012* emphasised the importance of healthy eating and daily exercise, and was appropriately topped off by a healthy dose of good fruit and food after the talk by Diana Lau and message by Chong Kim Chow. *The Evangelistic Hi Tea 2012* focused on Cancer and the role of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in supplementing western medicine in post-treatment care. Calvin Koh spoke on the various forms of cancer and how one might prevent certain forms of cancer, while Theresa Koo used basic concepts in TCM to illustrate how Chinese herbs may help to boost our immune systems and counter the side-effects of western cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy. It would not be much of an evangelistic hi-tea without the evangelistic message, which was simply and effectively delivered by Calvin; and it would not be much of an evangelistic hi-tea, without the usual good food and fruit at the end of the event. These events show that the Sisters' Ministry has an important role to play in our Assembly, and that God continues to use women with gifts and talents to bless believers and non-believers alike.

In *Personal Testimony*, Hoe Lay shared how illness a few years ago brought her down, but not out;

how illness brought her nearer to the Lord, and let her see that He is in full control and not the illness. Her walk through her own valley of the shadow of death rejuvenated her faith in God and also gave her the courage to share her story.

We also begin a new segment, asking believers who have gone overseas, either on short study stints or on longer work assignments, to share their experiences with us. In *Four Months in Boston*, we have the privilege of Kerriann Chua sharing with us her short but extremely meaningful time on a student exchange programme in Boston.

Responding to the requests of our younger readers, we wrote to one of our past camp speakers, Joe Reese, who kindly gave us a short update, helping us to keep in touch with him and to pray for him more intelligently. Roy Hill, who was the Assembly Bible Camp speaker in 2011, provided a comprehensive update, also urging us to pray for him and his various ministries.

Vincent Teo in our *Quiet Moments* column reminds us of the spiritual battles we must wage while we are on our earthly sojourn. Drawing on Hebrews 10:24-25, Vincent encourages us to spur one another to good

works, to love, to fellowship, so that our journey here on earth may be a fitting preparation for our time in heaven.

Getting to know Izumi Tan lets us into the world of an only child; it is a world without sibling rivalry, a world where his Christian parents devoted their time in sharing the Word of God with him, sent him to Sunday School, YP, DVBS and Youth Camps. In the end, though, Izumi needed to make the decision himself, the one decision that his parents could not make for him, which was to accept the Lord Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour.

We have two mission-related articles. In her deeply personal reflection on the Bohol Mission trip, Jolene Sum detailed the wonderful blessings she received from just a short three-day mission trip. Melissa Fong and Valerie Kwan shared their thoughts after attending the recent Asia-Pacific Assembly Conference 2012, which was held in August in Taichung, Taiwan.

Finally, Ernie Abbott continues with the fourth instalment of his series "Apologetics", this time using the Moral Argument to make the case for God's existence, augmenting the Teleological Argument that he presented in the July/August issue of the newsletter.

Personal Testimony by *Seow Hoe Lay*



God can do nothing for me until I get to the limit of the possible.

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.*¹

2009 was a terrifying year but I told myself that I would not give up. I met 2010 charged with a fresh burst of energy and I had all my plans laid out neatly. But God had a different agenda. He stopped me abruptly and turned my face to Calvary.

In 2009, my work stress escalated beyond what my physical body could endure. My existing medical condition was flaring up and new medical problems were surfacing. I was discouraged, physically exhausted and pushed to the brink. Everything had reeled out of control and I could not cope.

*When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When strength has failed ere the day is half-done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.*

My final medical problem landed me in hospital requiring an operation. As I lay on the hospital bed, every day seemed long and sometimes unbearable. I could not continue relying on my own strength. Becoming well was uncertain; I could not anticipate what is going to come next. I knew there was nothing I could do except to turn to God. I cried to the Lord and clung to Him as my only source of comfort. I knew at the bottom of my heart that there was something that the Lord was trying to tell me. It was not just a matter of getting physically well.

Each day was a challenge as I told the Lord my needs. God was merciful and I was amazed by His love. Two of the things that I prayed for were:

- my wound to heal well, as this was my fourth operation on the same site and I had poor wound healing on my second and third operations.
- to be able to pass motion daily.

These two things were very important to my recovery. I want to take this opportunity to give praise to the Lord for faithfully answering my

prayers. All glory be given to God!

These answered prayers were special blessings from the Lord and it was the beginning of a journey of faith for me. As I was very weak and it was impossible for me to work, the Lord brought kind and sacrificial people to help me. When I gave up and told the Lord, "I have no more energy left. Please take over", He showed me that the things that I deem impossible, He can do!

I am awed and overwhelmed by the Lord's love and His wonderful work in my life.

*His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men,
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.*

There are many lessons that I have learned:

- God makes no mistakes. He orchestrates all events and He is in control. I had so many "wonderful" plans of my own, but God had other plans for me. The first thing He had to do was to quieten me.



- I was burning the candle at both ends - extremely busy working hard to cope with my responsibilities at work and also service in church. I was sleep-deprived. My Quiet Time was not quiet. I was not able to listen to the still small voice of the Lord.
- I justified the overactivity by telling myself that with my medical condition, I might not have another tomorrow, and therefore I had to do as many things for the Lord as possible. Unknowingly, my service for Him had overtaken my devotion to Him. I was blinded to the fact that I was actually serving myself, my work and the "ministry". The man who forgets the ultimate is trapped by the immediate.
- One of the most valuable lessons that I learnt was to wait on the Lord.

And Jesus answered and said unto her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." ²

- During the few months of illness, to help me stay focused, I started to memorise scriptures and also read. I must say that I was so blessed, so enriched and so encouraged by the Word, the biographies and the books. It dawned on me that we have a great, big, wonderful God who

loves and guards our every footstep! No matter how chaotic things around us are, no matter what is happening to our bodies, we have a loving God who is in control; He always provides.

- I was reminded that I am not God but only an instrument to lead others to Him. The Lord had to humble me.
- I have a responsibility to look after my own health. *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.* ³

When illness strikes, it is an opportune time to reflect on whether we have neglected our health. I am always guilty of overwork. As a perfectionist, I need to change, I need to prioritise. I need to be reminded daily: *What does the Lord require of me?*

Lord, make me to know my end And what is the extent of my days; Let me know how transient I am. Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best is a mere breath. Selah. ⁴

I am just here for a season. There may be no tomorrows. I

need to simplify my life to the bare essentials so that I may honour Christ. Like Paul, let this be my constant prayer:

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death. ⁵

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. ⁶

When I let go of my own interests and seek the mind of the Lord to fulfil His agenda for the day, truly, His yoke is easy and His burden is light. It is His story that I am telling and not mine. How liberating it is! Praise the Lord!

Footnotes:

¹ Psalm 91:1, 2

² Luke 10: 41, 42

³ 1 Corinthians 6: 19, 20

⁴ Psalm 39: 4, 5

⁵ Philippians 3: 7, 8, 10

⁶ Matthew 11: 29, 30

GETTING *to* KNOW IZUMI TAN

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From L-R: Izumi, Kian Huat, Akiko

1. Tell us about yourself and your family

I am 19 this year and have grown up in this assembly and attended Sunday School since I was born. My parents are Kian Huat and Akiko; I am an only child. Many of my peers envy my having no siblings to quarrel with, and my having my own room. While I felt lonely at times at home or in the car, I have also learnt to appreciate the perks of being an only child. I realized that I always had my parents and friends to depend on. Those “lonesome” car rides gave me an opportunity to reflect as well as meditate. Of course, it’s always a comfort to know that Jesus is my best friend – one who has never failed me before. I remember propping up a pillow opposite me one night and pretending the pillow was Jesus. We had a long chat about my day before I fell asleep.

2. How did you come to know the Lord? When were you baptized?

Since young, I have attended DVBS and gospel rallies and was enrolled in a Christian kindergarten so I am really thankful for the many opportunities I had to know the Lord and the gospel clearly. I remember raising my hand during the altar call at a gospel rally (children’s section).

However, I can’t pinpoint exactly when I received Christ because it was when I was really young, before the age of 7. My parents would read the bible and devotional books with me every night without fail. Yet even after receiving Christ, I wasn’t sure of my salvation and was always fearful of being left behind in the event of the Rapture. Sometimes when I called for my mum and she didn’t respond, I would run

around the house searching for her, fearing that I would find only her clothes because she had been caught up in the air already. In 2006, after attending the Youth Camp, I decided that I wanted to be serious in my walk with God and signed up for the Special Instruction Class to prepare for baptism. In 2007, I was baptized.

3. What areas do you serve in?

I have been involved in the music ministry by being the pianist at YP and Sunday School. To be honest, I detested learning the piano but my mum persisted in encouraging me to press on, knowing that one day I would enjoy playing it. But it was after completing Grade 8 when I began playing Christian songs that I found joy in using this medium to serve God and His people. Thank God for my mum! Outside church, I just keep finding opportunities to evangelize to my friends!

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4. Tell us about a high (or low, or both) point in your Christian walk.

Perhaps a low point for me would be in JC1 when many things wasn't going well for me. As a result of becoming too absorbed in my school life and CCA, my walk with God suffered. I felt that I could not cope with my studies and other activities; to a certain extent, I neglected my family and tried to rely on my own strength in resolving problems.

Everything just went downhill, until November when I reprioritized my goals and refreshed myself mentally, emotionally, academically and most importantly spiritually. I have a poster opposite my bed which has the verse James 4:8a: *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.* It reminds me to start becoming faithful, by doing my quiet time and starting every day with a prayer to be a testimony to others. This allowed me to rely on God's strength in JC2, in order to lead others in my CCA with Christian love, evangelize to my schoolmates and treat my parents with more respect.

5. What would you liken a Christian walk to?

Psalm 119:105 sums up what a Christian walk is like: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.* Nate Bramsen (2011 Youth Camp teacher) used this verse during a chat to illustrate how God's Word is a lamp – just enough light to show the next step, not a floodlight so that we can see the entire road. I love his analogy.



Izumi, with maternal grandma Misako Minamide, and parents, in August 2012, celebrating Misako's 81st birthday.

A Christian walk is taking one step at a time, trusting God as He leads you forward.

6. What is your favourite bible verse (or hymn, or chorus) and why?

My favourite bible verse is Philippians 4:13: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* It affirms that Christ is our dependable source of strength and tower of refuge through whom all things are possible.

7. If you could share a meal with a biblical character, who would that be? Why?

I would want to have a meal with Adam. First, I would want to feel a stomach without a belly button. Secondly, I would like to hear his description of the perfect world that God had initially created, and confirm the age of the Earth.

**Draw near
to God and
He will draw
near to you.**
James 4:8a

ASIA PACIFIC ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE 2012

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Editor's Note: Valerie and Melissa are two of our young people who attended the Christian Conference in Taichung, Taiwan, in August 2012.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like, to be singing in heaven with many thousands of saints and angels, in one voice? Well, this Taiwan conference certainly gave us a glimpse of what that might be like.

More than 600 saints from Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Japan, Korea, Australia and Philippines gathered together for the Asia-Pacific Assembly conference that was held in Taichung, Taiwan from 7-10 August 2012. As its theme was "transformational leadership", the messages and workshops centered around issues that have been striking at the heart of every elder and older saint - issues on how to bring up a generation of leaders well-equipped to keep the church fit and united for the Christian race.

The conference started on Tuesday evening with praise and worship. The powerpoint slides reflected each hymn in 4 languages- Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English. The chairman encouraged us to sing in whatever language that we were comfortable with. In my faithlessness, doubts about singing in different languages crept into my mind. How discordant it would sound! But when the hymn began, amazingly, we all sounded so harmonious. Though in different languages, it was clearly one voice!

I could sense that every person had a story to tell about the Lord's work in his or her life.

I could sense the very presence of God in our midst!

Our programme typically began at 0630 hours every morning with devotions followed by messages. On the second day of the conference, we had 2 workshops to attend; on the third day, the afternoon consisted of visiting the famous Sun Moon Lake.



Peter Liu, one of the keynote speakers.

Melissa's thoughts about the messages

The main messages preached by Alex Strauch, Peter Liu and Khoo Oon Soo were powerful. They triggered many thoughts as we began to consider the different ministries we are in.

Tears shed, guilt confessed, hearts renewed, ministries reconsidered - these were the result of the Spirit of God moving among the tender hearts who heard His voice and word.

I learnt many lessons from the messages which, even up till now, are still fresh in my mind. Many perceive the Bible as a remedy for insomnia: if the New Testament is insufficient to make one fall asleep, reading the OT would be sufficient. No! Far from it! Beneath the seeming monotony of Numbers, the tedious Levitical laws, the

harsh and violent books of Chronicles and Kings, is the concept of God's constant love for His people.

The messages also continued to exhort us not to be dormant in our service in the assembly. Peter Liu reminded us that building up another person's foundation is a great work while Alex Strauch emphasized the use of the creative juices that God has given us, to revive something that is dying. "Don't do nothing!" Alex Strauch instructed.

How true! Many times we are tempted to quit ministries that are dying or seem unfruitful. But the question is, what does God really care about? God doesn't care about how fruitful our efforts (or ministries) are, Peter Liu preached. He cares about how faithful we are.



Members of our assembly who attended the Conference.

Valerie's thoughts about the messages:

Three messages, out of the many we heard, made a deep impact on me. Two were by Brother Peter Liu (from Taiwan). He talked about "Ministry" according to God's will. He spoke about our attitudes as we serve God in various ministries. Some questions he posed were, "Are you able to rejoice when God uses others more than you?" and "If God raises people who bear more fruit than yourself, will you be jealous?".

One of his questions which made me stop to think related to our attitudes as we prepare, for example, our Bible study lessons to teach in various ministries. He said, "Do you have to say something, or do you have something to say?" This made me reflect about how I approach the

youth work every Saturday. And it is true that there are times when I feel the only reason why I prepare my lessons is because I have to say something to the girls on Saturday.

Brother Alex Strauch's last message on the topic of unity reminded me about the beauty of a united universal and local church. He expounded on Psalm 133, highlighting 3 key points. First, unity is holy and special; secondly, unity begins from the head, and thirdly, unity spreads. I have always reminded myself that we need to show love to each other in church and in the youth group. But above all this, we need to be united as a body of Christ. And love is one way in which we become united.

During the conference, we had the opportunity to have dinner with the youths and young adults from other countries. It was so enjoyable because unlike the older aunties and uncles in our church, who already knew many saints from the other assemblies, we hardly knew anyone from the other churches. Some of us even met up with and had the privilege of travelling together with a couple of friends that we got to know through this conference, during our last 2 days in Taipei! What a time of fellowship!

After the conference was over, the Taipei assembly organized a dinner for all the saints who had travelled from Taichung to Taipei. It was another opportunity for interaction with saints from other countries.

I truly believe that each of us have benefited from these times of interaction.

Different cultures yet one understanding of one God.

Different practices yet One Spirit moving throughout.

Different languages yet one voice.

The next conference may be held in Malaysia. Hopefully, more members from our assembly, especially the youths and the young adults, will be able to attend.

◆ BOHOL MISSION TRIP ◆

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In spite of the sweltering heat, countless insect bites, exhaustion, dust and dirt, this mission trip is the best one I've had so far. During this trip, I had so much fun every day, got a taste of heaven, had the privilege of sowing and watering many seeds and was also greatly blessed by the brothers and sisters at the Tagbilaran Christian Church.

After our prayer meeting on Friday, some of us decided to sit together and sing. Soon the whole church joined us and we had a spontaneous 2-hour singing session, singing songs of praise and worship. We sang our hearts out in one accord, as one in Christ. After a great time at the beach on Tuesday, we packed like sardines into a jeepney and headed back to the hotel. We sang Christian songs at the top of our voices throughout the entire journey. I got a taste of heaven where people of different nationalities and backgrounds came together to just worship and praise Him.

During the week, we sowed and watered many

seeds in various places in Bohol. We conducted children's programmes (including teaching songs with actions, telling Bible stories, performing skits and conducting games as well as organising a Sunday School programme which included a message and craftwork), ran a tchoukball camp (involving sharing the gospel to begin each day), facilitated a discipleship workshop and gave testimonies and messages. I was thankful for these opportunities; yet it was also very physically draining for me to be engaged in all the activities while having little sleep. But it was in these times of weakness that I was taught to fix my eyes on Jesus and depend on Him. It was truly God's strength and sustenance that helped me do His work.

I was very encouraged by Sister Che Che, Brother Edwin and Brother Roland for their faith in Christ. Che Che, in spite of her miscarriage, fully trusted in God's plan for her family. Edwin is a graduate who gave up his full time job to serve the Lord in church, because he felt that the things of God mattered more. Roland is



disabled yet cheerful all the time, especially when talking about things of the Lord. He talked about how, through the Okai Okai project, the gospel was spread to many households and Bible Study groups were even started up in various villages. Praise God!

I was also deeply inspired and touched by Brother Hwang and his family. I greatly admired their sacrifice, leaving not only their comfortable life but also close relatives in Korea, to go to the Philippines to do God's work. Indeed, they showed me what "putting God first" meant. I also learnt about the difficult period Brother Hwang and Sister Sung Hea experienced during their initial years in the Philippines, when Sung Hea's health deteriorated due to physical and emotional stress. But they just kept riding on His strength to continue in this mission field, and kept drawing from His love to love everyone around them, even those who take advantage of them. "It's His love, not mine," Sung Hea said, "It's unlimited."

Also, after walking a great distance from Cabilao to Sandingan and back (approx 1.5 hours), I got a taste of what Brother Hwang goes through every Thursday. Subsequently, I found out that he works tirelessly for God daily, even conducting four Bible Studies at different areas every Saturday!

Sung Hea works equally hard, as she conducts children's programmes, cooks for the church members and is a spiritual mother to all of them. Both Brother Hwang and sister Sung Hea are selfless and giving, providing much spiritual, emotional and financial support to the Filipinos, knowing full well that some of the church members would take advantage of their kindness and love.

This trip has reminded and inspired me to fix my eyes on Jesus every moment of every day!

Sisters' Ministry

Fruit Fest 2012



Participants at Fruit Fest 2012.

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On the afternoon of 14th July 2012, my wife, Emily, and I attended the “Fruit Fest” organised by the Sisters’ Ministry. I am sure all the senior members of the Assembly who attended the function will join me in thanking the sisters for their love and concern shown in reaching out to us with useful information on taking care of our health.

Diana Lau gave a very informative and effective health talk. She touched on a few subjects such as food intake and exercise, demonstrating some forms of exercise for relieving body stiffness. She allayed fears in many minds by presenting useful facts on various kinds of food with high cholesterol content. She mentioned that while excessive intake of foods with high cholesterol could lead to many kinds of illnesses, cholesterol is nevertheless needed for basic bodily functions. For example, cholesterol helps to convert sunlight into vitamin D in our bodies. Incidentally, it will also fight cancer.

I have been afflicted with a number of illnesses for almost forty years now, and have attended many talks and seminars on the topics she touched on. Yet her talk served as a pleasant refreshing of my memory. To some others, it was full of useful tips that they could apply. Many thanks indeed to Diana.

After Diana's presentation, Chong Kim Chow gave a very appropriate message for the golden-aged in which he compared us to the palm tree spoken of in Psalm 92, which as it ages, still continues to bring forth fruit.

The finale was a meal that consisted of various fruit, fried bee hoon and a scrumptious spread of other food. The highlight of the meal was the first-class durian. It was creamy with very tiny seeds. Everyone had their fill of durians.

The love, care and courtesy of the sisters was demonstrated in their careful and cheerful service. There were also strong young men who were opening the durians so that the sisters could replenish each table. That everyone enjoyed one another's fellowship was evident from the smiles and friendly conversation. On behalf of everyone who attended the "Fruit Fest", I wish to say again a very big **"thank you"** to our dear sisters.



Enjoying the yummy food and fruits

Tay Lai To (tayks@pacific.net.sg)

This was a wonderful meeting organised by the Sisters' Ministry to cater to the seniors (60 years old and above) in our Assembly, as well as friends who are not from our Assembly.

We had a good time of singing led by brother Aaron Wong, encouraging our hearts in the Lord.

Sister Diana Lau, a physiotherapist, gave an informative talk on what a nutritious diet is. She also stressed the importance of basic stretching exercises and walking for our physical health.

We were divided into groups to facilitate good fellowship. Two simple games were played, to add to the fun and to stretch our memories and observation powers. One game tested our ability to remember the items on a given tray in a minute, requiring us to list out the items after they were removed. The other game involved guessing the number of peanuts in a transparent bottle based on observation and estimation.

Chong Kim Chow, one of our elders, gave an apt message from Psalm 92:12-14. He shared some interesting thoughts from this Bible passage. One thought from verse 12 was about the palm tree. Its richness in palm oil and big leaves speak to us of a life that is flourishing and which, contributes to others. The cedar tree, well known for its strength, stands sturdily in the forest ground giving us the lesson of a life which draws its strength from our good Lord. Verse 13 gives the picture that no one grows well without God. This is the reason why we must be "planted" in the house of God. "In the courts of our God" speaks to us of remaining within the boundaries of His purview and grace.

Verse 14, "They bear fruit even when they are old; they are filled with vitality and have many leaves", encourages us that fruitfulness is an "evergreen" experience at all ages. Because our lives are fruitful, we are a blessing to those whom we minister to and live with. What a message to spur us on to fruitful living for our good Lord!

The round up of the gathering was a real treat, to feast on a variety of fruits. There was the guava and its tasty dip, the sweet pineapple cut into bite-sized pieces, longans, rambutans and (not forgetting) the mouth-watering durian. Over and above the fruits there was also bee hoon with stewed chicken wings to fill up any remaining space in our stomachs. We could not miss hearing the grateful comments from the participants of the feast.

Evangelistic • Hi-Tea •

25 August 2012, 3-5:30pm, BAMK
{Rachel Tan}



Diana Lau, teaching participants some simple exercises

We appreciate the sisters and brothers who helped to buy and prepare the fruits and the food and then served us during the feast. Their labour of love is a real encouragement to us. We look forward to having another Fruit Fest in the near future. Once again, a big **“thank you”** to the Sisters’ Ministry for their good work in the Lord.

The Sisters’ Ministry organised an Evangelistic Hi-Tea, featuring two speakers on the topic of cancer. Calvin Koh, a registrar in gastroenterology and hepatology at NUH, and Theresa Koo, a TCM practitioner, were the speakers. Calvin also gave the evangelistic message. Both Calvin and Theresa are members of our assembly.

The session opened with lively singing, led by the chairman, Tay Kim Swee. He pointed out to us that we would all understand part of what the session was about (the high tea part!) but should also remember the evangelistic part.

Calvin then gave a comprehensive and practical talk. He covered the following questions:

- What is cancer? It is damaged or mutated cells that grow at a rapid rate, and do not die off. Calvin went through much of the terminology with us (e.g. benign, malignant,



A section of the 100 who turned up for the Hi-Tea

differentiated, staging). He also showed the survival rates for the common cancers in Singapore.

- How big a problem is cancer? Statistics show that cancer (taking all different cancers into account) is the principal cause of death in Singapore. In terms of hospitalisation, cancer is the second most common cause. Calvin showed a chart with the most common cancers for each gender. Encouragingly, cancers do not seem to be on the rise; deaths from cancer are decreasing, which suggests treatment has improved or diagnoses are being made earlier, therefore improving the prognosis for the patient.
- What can we do to prevent cancer? Calvin looked at the factors that are known to cause cancer, such as smoking, certain infections like HPV and hepatitis B and C. Of course there are other lifestyle factors that may contribute such as diet, alcohol, exercise etc. In terms of screening for cancer, Calvin pointed out the often-forgotten point that all tests have costs and risks involved. It is only where the benefits of the test (medically, emotionally and financially) outweigh its costs and risks that a doctor will order it. An example would be if the patient has two or more close family members with the same cancer.
- What can be done to treat cancer? This depends on the type of cancer, how advanced it is and what the patient's medical condition is. Calvin outlined the three accepted forms of treatment: surgery, chemotherapy (generalised and targeted) and radiotherapy.
- How can we help others with cancer? Calvin reminded us that cancer has physical and emotional effects on the patient. The physical effects may be due to the cancer itself or to the treatment. In order to help the patient, he recommended that we get our facts (diagnosis, treatment options and outcome) right, and to be forward-looking.

Despite the weightiness of his material and the wide-ranging nature of this topic, Calvin kept our attention by leavening his talk with humour. He then kindly answered a number of questions, ranging from the benefits of manuka honey for helicobacter pylori (answer: no, stick with antibiotics), to whether stress and depression could cause cancer (answer: no, but it can affect outcome) and a discussion of various diagnostic scans available (e.g., CT scan, MRI, ultrasound).

Calvin then proceeded with his succinct evangelical message, based on Romans 6:23. The wages of sin is death. The second part of Romans 6:23 – the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord - tells us that the only way we can be saved is by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Theresa Koo then gave us an informative and lively talk on how traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) could help to boost immunity, especially for patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Her talk was received



Calvin Koh shared his knowledge on Cancer and the Gospel.

enthusiastically, especially when she pointed out things that our mothers have probably been nagging us about all our lives!

After the 2 hour 15 minute talks, we were all ready for the high tea! And it was a delicious and plentiful spread. There were salads, curry puffs, noodles, fish balls and steamed yam cake, among other savouries. Dessert included cream puffs, putu mayam, fruit and a glorious Penang-style bobor cha cha with banana in it.

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The Sisters' Ministry's Evangelistic Hi-Tea saw a good turnout; the reason could be the topic itself - CANCER! It usually strikes fear in us because it is the leading cause of death in Singapore, accounting for approximately 28% of the total number of deaths.

I invited two former colleagues, one of whom I happened to meet recently. To my surprise both immediately accepted my invitation for the talk. They had turned down an earlier invitation to the Sisters' Ministry in July because Saturdays are their mahjong days. So it is the subject that grabbed their attention, and provided a platform for the unsaved to hear the gospel.

The talk by Calvin Koh was informative and included practical questions like "How can we help?" His short evangelistic message was about: What does the Bible say about illness? Why do we die? Death is the consequence of sin and Christ is the cure. Our sister Theresa Koo's talk on the role of TCM in boosting the immune system created some excitement among the participants when she circulated real samples of herbs for them to see.

I want to say a big thank you to the sisters in the Sisters' Ministry for their hard work and their faithful evangelistic outreach.

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Sister Theresa Koo shared with us at the Evangelistic Hi-Tea how herbal medicine used in TCM can help with the treatment and recovery process of patients with cancer.



Theresa Koo shared about the role of TCM

According to traditional Chinese beliefs, 'Qi' is essential for good health. Qi is made up of opposing qualities known as Yin and Yang.

The flow of Qi may be disrupted by poor diet, overwork, stress, lack of exercise. When the Qi is weakened, our body is vulnerable to diseases and sicknesses. TCM aims to restore the balance of the Qi energy to fight the diseases. Chemotherapy affects the Qi of the body and weakens the immune system. In order to strengthen the patients, a wide range of herbs are used to boost the immune functions. One popular therapy is the Fu Zhang Tang. It is a decoction of herbs that is consumed before and after chemotherapy to protect the immune system from damage. Foods that can also help build up the immune system are asparagus, mushrooms, aloe vera, apricot, beetroot, carrot, spinach, onion and fungus.

Patients undergoing radiotherapy can benefit from herbs like Tian Men Dong and Mai Men Dong. The former relieves coughs and strengthens the body whilst the latter expels heat and stops vomiting. However, spicy foods such as laksa and curry; dairy products and deep fried, BBQ foods should be avoided as they can impair the Qi of the body.

Chinese herbal medicine has been used with conventional treatment such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy. It helps to ease the side effects of conventional therapies, controls pain, improves quality of life and helps keep the immune system strong. Medical statistics have shown that this fusion of methods has proven to be more effective than just using western treatment alone.

Four Months in Boston

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Journey to Maine

I remembered the sheer excitement I felt when I thought about what four months as an exchange student in a foreign land would bring, and the subsequent fear and worry I felt just thinking about the potential issues that I would face. I remembered the countless hours spent googling for information on topics like “Is Boston dangerous?”, “Boston University (BU) dormitory toilets” and “what to shop for in the US”.

A four-month student exchange programme in a foreign university was not long enough for me to fully experience the kind of life that students who spend three to four years in a foreign university would experience. However, it was definitely not too short a time to taste what being alone in a foreign land would be like, or to experience a different culture and make your own decisions.

Amidst all this excitement and fear, I began looking for a church to attend in Boston, as well as possible student activities to participate in so that I could enrich my experiences there. It was by sheer coincidence (or should I say God’s perfect plan) that I discovered another Christian student from the same faculty in NUS going to BU. I later found out that he was from the NUS Varsity Christian Fellowship (VCF). After contacting him through Facebook, we agreed that we should go to a nearby church which would be within walking distance from our residences

and participate in the VCF activities in BU. It was pretty exciting and heartening to have a fellow brother-in-Christ with whom I could go to church and attend VCF activities so that I could keep a check on myself. After all, it was possible to fall away from God amidst new experiences, and that was something I did not want happening to me.

Prior to going on the exchange programme and before knowing this Christian brother, I had not known of any student from NUS going to BU. That had kept me worrying about whether I would be able to fit in to life overseas or find friends that I could travel and hang out with. Along with that was also the worry that I would not be able to get along well with my Chinese roommate, a full-time student in BU. Amidst these worries, I was reminded of a song we often sing in church,



Fall Retreat with VCF friends

“I know who holds the future, and He’ll guide me with His hand; with God things don’t just happen, everything by Him is planned. So as I face tomorrow, with its problems large and small, I’ll trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all.”

This song prompted me, each time when I was worried, to trust in God and know that if He sent me to BU, He would watch over me and meet my every need there.

The four months was indeed an exciting time for me, and looking back, I know it would not have been possible without God’s providence and guidance. There were times when I was tempted to stray away from my Christian principles, for example, when I attended house parties organised by other exchange students where alcohol was served. There were also times when I was tempted to sleep in and not go to church. There were other times when I felt left out, or lived in the fear that I would not have new friends to hang out with. However, I am thankful to God that I was able to meet both Singaporean and foreign friends through the VCF activities and travel with them.

The four months was a time when I realised what hospitality, love and the universal church really meant. Despite the differences in culture, nationality, church practices and background, these friends are my brothers and sisters in Christ and we are one family in Christ. It was through the sharing we had in the VCF activities that I realised that we all faced similar struggles in our Christian walk. We had lots to share and encourage each other with. I was also

blessed by the hospitality and kindness shown to me by the new friends I met in VCF, Bridges International (a part of Campus Crusade), and school activities such as ice skating and by other exchange students.

While participating in the various activities initiated by the Christian groups in BU, I learnt the importance of hospitality and how this could be a way to reach out to others, especially non-Christians. There were activities catering to international students and multi-ethnic groups in BU, and these brought together students from different backgrounds, many of whom were not Christians. It was through events like Halloween parties, cookouts and short trips to places beyond Boston that Christians and non-Christians could mingle together. I felt that non-Christians were able to see the extraordinary love shown to them by Christians. It was a rewarding experience to participate in these novel activities and to be able to come into contact with different kinds of people from different backgrounds who have different stories to tell.



Kerriann, left, with her VCF friends during Halloween.

There were some regrets leaving BU, one of which was not knowing more people in the church I attended. I also wished I had been able to reach out more to my Chinese roommate.

In short, the four months in BU was a blessed four months spent. This would not have been possible if not for the support from my family, my friends back home and my new friends. Most of all, I had lived each moment knowing that God was moulding me, teaching me, watching over me and showing me His love every day.

Updates from

PAST CAMP SPEAKERS



Roy Hill

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Background

I first visited Singapore and the Ang Mo Kio assembly in 2002 and have returned on a number of occasions and spoken at a number of your Bible Camps. I have always thoroughly enjoyed the meetings and the fellowship of the saints, and of course the evident desire from young and old alike for the milk and meat of the Word of God. I am therefore very happy to be invited to share with you what I have been doing in the last year.

By the time you read this, I will be at the grand old age of seventy-four years. I was saved as a lad of 16 and was baptised and received into fellowship in an assembly in Belfast, N. Ireland, about a year later. I married Margaret in 1961 and after having lived in Glasgow, Scotland for seven years, we moved in 1968 to the south-west of England. I have been employed in the printing industry all my working life, and Margaret was a nurse and midwife. We have been in fellowship in a number of different assemblies as we moved from time to time. Currently, we are members of an assembly that meets in the village of Pensford, which is not too far from the beautiful Roman city of Bath, England. We have been worshipping there for thirty years.

Local Assembly

The assembly at Pensford was established nearly ninety years ago and its testimony has continued by God's grace until today. Never

a large gathering, thirty-six was our highest number; we are now just about a dozen in fellowship. However, we have five brethren who are gifted and who all take part very acceptably in all the services, so we are able, by God's grace, to sustain the local testimony to the glory of God.

I have been in the leadership there over the past thirty years. We regularly distribute tracts around the village, but sad to say there is little or no interest in the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ among our neighbours. Please do pray for us that the Lord will revive His work in our area. It would be wonderful to be part of such a revival.

Itinerant Ministry

I travel quite widely throughout the UK and Ireland for Bible teaching at conferences or special weeks of meetings. I have just concluded a week of meetings in Irvine, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and before the end of the year will have similar meetings in Ireland and the north of England. In the past year I have had trips overseas to various parts of the USA and Canada. Over the years I have visited assemblies for meetings in about twenty different countries and have enjoyed the privilege of serving the Lord in this way.

Over the next twelve months I shall mostly be in the UK, but have two trips planned to USA and one to Canada for the Easter conference meetings in Toronto. Toward the end of next year, I will also be a keynote speaker at the 2013 Rise Up Conference in North America.

Precious Seed

The ministry of Precious Seed continues to expand and as Chairman of the Trust and General Editor, I am pleased to be involved in all aspects it. We have three magazines, Precious Seed International, Young Precious Seed, and Faith Matters – a gospel pamphlet launched earlier this year. We also have our annual gospel

calendar, introduced last year and just now are printing 50,000 of these in China.

I am also heavily involved in the book publishing operations at Precious Seed and we are constantly adding to the number of titles we have, most of which are available from the bookshop in your assembly.

All of this takes up an extraordinary amount of time, but I am blessed to have willing and able brethren to share the work and a wife who is supportive and who makes many sacrifices that enable me to do so. Without their important contribution, this ministry would stagnate and not be the blessing it has been to so many of the Lord's people around the world.

Israel Trips

I have visited Israel on about ten occasions, sometimes with a group of people and a few times with my wife alone. Indeed, in 2008, I was invited by Tuck Keong to accompany a group from Ang Mo Kio when we visited Israel, Jordan and Egypt. It was my job to give the ministry each evening. All of this encouraged me to think that I should lead a tour myself, and in March of this year, under the auspices of Precious Seed International, we took ninety-nine people on tour. God willing, we are fixing another trip for May 2013.

Both my wife and I have a great love for the Land and its people, and it is always a pleasure to visit the believers who reside there and to fellowship with them. There is something really very special about going there and being so close to many of the places the Lord Himself visited.

Conclusion

If the Lord keeps me in good health, I hope to continue serving him into old age in these various ministries. But none of us is indispensable and others will be raised up to take over and develop the work, which, after all, is His work. I often think about all of you brethren in Singapore and would be bold enough to ask for your prayers for me in the days, months and years that may lie ahead. We anticipate the return of the Lord Jesus and a great time of reunion with His people, our friends and families. Even so, come Lord Jesus!



Joe Reese, Camp Speaker, Assembly Youth Camp 2010

Recently our assembly, Believers' Bible Chapel, has just entered our neverthirstagain.com trailer for the 5th year in our community day parade in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. **(PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEB SITE)**. Our ministry was to give out bottles of water with our web site <neverthirstagain.com> attached. As the trailer passed by, we handed out the water to the crowd. In less than one hour, our team handed out 4,300 bottles of water! This meets two needs, first, people need a drink of cool water on a hot day and secondly, a label bearing the web site is on each bottle. We trust that many will look at the web site and hear the message of the gospel and be saved.

I am at many Christian camps and outreach ministries this summer and travel extensively throughout North America. I am also busy in Gospel outreaches and will help out at some Vacation Bible Schools. My fall schedule is busy with ministry meetings and conferences from California to Ottawa, Canada.

Our home assembly is doing well and we are very thankful to the Lord for this little light house in a dark place. Thank you in advance for your prayers and encouraging words.



DOES GOD EXIST? THE MORAL ARGUMENT

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Introduction

In this part, we will be looking at what is called the *moral argument*. This argument has a number of forms; we shall look at just two of them. The first form is based on what is viewed as normal for humanity. The second form is more philosophical.

The Normative Argument¹

We have all heard others say, or we have said it ourselves, that a particular action is wrong or right. How often have we seen someone 'cut queue' or 'jump queue' and expressed some form of indignation. One common phrase among young children is, "It's not fair", or "I was here first and he pushed in."

There seems to be that expectation of some *quid pro quo*⁹ in our interactions with others, in particular with children, who have not been fully socialised. Children may say something of this form, "You should give/share with me some of your (object 1) since I gave/shared my (object 2) with you."

We listen to the news about genocide in one country and we immediately think that it is wrong. We may read an article about child abuse or human

trafficking and think that it is wrong. We may read about certain cultic practices that have human sacrifices and almost instinctively think that it is wrong.

We act on the basis that it is right to tell the truth and wrong to tell lies. We would think it wrong if everyone were like *Humpty Dumpty* in *Alice through the Looking Glass* who declared, "When I use a word, (snip) it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."² No reliable social interactions could possibly take place.

We may say one morality is better than another; by doing so, we are invoking some kind of measure or standard. A standard that measures two things must differ from both. By an act of comparing, we must be using, or thinking of, some morality that is independent of what we think. This is what C.S. Lewis calls *Real Morality* or *The Law of Human Nature*.

From our all too brief survey, it seems that we are more or less forced to conclude that there is a real right and a real wrong, although that does not automatically equate to people doing what is right. We seem to know what is right; we seem to know how we *ought* to act.

Although we would be the first to admit that there are many times we know what we *ought* to do but we do not do it. What *ought* to be done is not what *is* done.

All this poses the question as to what is behind this *Law of Human Nature*. We know what we *ought* to do and unlike something falling to the ground that obeys the law of gravity, we seem to have a choice as to whether we obey this *Law of Human Nature* or not. What lies behind this law must be someone beyond us. Seeing that we see a moral law working in us all, it is not unreasonable to posit that it was put there by someone who is absolute goodness.

This, of course, means that there is an absolute moral standard for the world, even the universe. Now this someone beyond us could do one of two things: not reveal Himself to us or reveal Himself to us. Revealing Himself to us directly and internally by implanting a moral law in every person would be one way this could be done.

Recognising that there is an absolute moral standard, we must also recognise that it was created by someone external to us. It is eminently reasonable to posit that such a person would be God.

The Philosophical Arguments

We shall look at just two basic philosophical arguments. In simple statements, paraphrasing the philosopher William Craig³, we have:

1. The necessary condition for objective moral values and duties to exist is that God exist.
2. Objective moral value and duties do exist.
3. Therefore, God exists.

Craig points out that these three statements are logically airtight. He explains that in a pluralistic society, people are afraid of imposing their values on others. They believe that there are no objective moral values and duties, but rather these moral values and duties are merely subjective opinions ingrained into us by biological evolution and social conditioning.

So Premise 1 seems correct to them. However, people also believe that there are some objective moral values and duties such as love and tolerance, and so they agree with Premise 2. Hence, the argument compels us to Premise 3, which is: God exists!

Another of the philosophical arguments can be found in the writing of Francis Schaeffer, in particularly, his thin but profound tome, *He is there and He is not silent*⁴.

Every person has what Schaeffer calls *moral motions*. By this, he means that everyone, the hardened criminal, the determinist, the behaviourist in psychology and the most refined, has a sense of right and wrong. It is not that they have the same sense of right and wrong, but they have a sense that some things are right and other things are wrong.

This raises the question: from where this sense comes? If the universe came from the impersonal, then mankind is a product of the impersonal and as such, “there is no place for morals as morals. There is no standard in the universe which gives final meaning to such words as *right* and *wrong*”⁵. All that we end up with is some kind of statistical average or norm of what is right and wrong at a particular place in a particular time frame.

Schaeffer points out that “man⁶ is personal, different from non-man and yet finite. Because he is finite, he has no sufficient integration point in himself.

Again, as Jean-Paul Sartre puts it, if a finite point does not have an infinite reference point, it is meaningless and absurd⁷.” What Sartre says is correct.

If you find this hard to grasp, think of trying to navigate in a wilderness with only yourself as the reference point, or the compass. It is a sure way to get nowhere. However, you could use the Pole Star, or Southern Cross as a guide, since these constellations are to all intents and purposes fixed in the night sky and are external to you. They may be taken as an “infinite reference point”.

For man to be personal, he must have been created by someone who is also personal and good. Morality finds its *infinite reference point* in God.

The infinite-personal good God is the foundation for morals. “God’s character is the moral absolute of the universe.”⁸ What humanity is today, cruel, unjust, selfish, etc., is not how humanity was created or was intended to be.

Footnotes:

- ¹ This section is based on C.S. Lewis’s book *Mere Christianity* which is available as a PDF or eBook download. Just key mere Christianity pdf in your web browser.
- ² Lewis Carroll, *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, Public Domain. P81
- ³ William Lane Craig. *Five Arguments for God*. <http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgc/2010/02/04/william-lane-craig-five-arguments-for-god/>
- ⁴ There are many editions of this book. Also in *The Complete Works of Francis A. Schaeffer*. Vol 1.pp 275-352
- ⁵ Schaeffer, *Complete Works*. Loc sit. P295
- ⁶ This was written before the use of inclusive language. It means humanity.
- ⁷ Schaeffer, *Complete Works*. Loc sit, p293. Also his, *How Shall We Then Live*. Fleming H Revell Co. 1976, P145
- ⁸ Schaeffer, *Complete Works*. Loc sit. P302.
- ⁹ Quid pro quo (“this for that” in Latin) most often means a more-or-less equal exchange or substitution of goods or services.

Quiet Moments
THE LAND IN-BETWEEN

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In 1 Cor 10: 6-12, the Apostle Paul reminded us of the undesirable activities of the Israelites in the land between Egypt and the Promised Land – the Wilderness. He singled out four activities:

- (1) Idolatry
- (2) Sexual immorality
- (3) Tempting Christ / Testing the Lord
- (4) Murmuring / Grumbling

In the same passage, the Apostle mentioned that these sinful acts of the Israelites were recorded as object lessons for us. Figuratively, Egypt represents our bondage and slavery to Sin, and the Promised Land represents our heavenly home. The land in-between (Wilderness) is our present earthly life.

We are exhorted by the Apostle to be vigilant in our journey here on earth (our Wilderness), not to fall into the same mistakes as the Israelites. Paul cautioned those who think they are standing firm to take heed and guard against pride lest they fall.

The Land in-between is filled with challenges for us. The cares of this world clamour for our attention and time, choking us from having time with God. The lure of the pleasure and comfort of this life distracts us from our devotion to Him. Sexual immorality is friendship with the world (James 4:4). Our lack of trust and faith in God, and the frequent desire to go back into our own world, are no different from the murmuring of the Israelites. Therefore, let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching (Heb 10:24-25).

Assembly News

Our New Members

We praise the Lord for the step of discipleship taken by the following through the waters of baptism on 9 Aug 2012: Ramesh Babu, Gvindan, Lema, Mariapushpam and Kartikar (Tamil speaking group) and on 19 Aug 2012: James Ng Oon Yan, Danny Tan Tian Teck, Foo Kim Soon, Clara Theng Wan Yong, Beth Chan, Gloria Mui Shu Juan, Charlene Koh Qin En, Clara Chan Yi En, Adeline Kui, Joyce Keoy Hui Xin, Charis Chua Qining and Koh Khia Yien.



From L to R: Adeline Kui, Joyce Keoy, Charis Chua, Clara Theng, Koh Khia Yien, Charlene Koh, Beth Chan, Gloria Mui, Clara Chan, Foo Kim Soon, James Ng and Danny Tan.

Bereavements

- 12/08/12 – Jenny Leong and family on the passing away of her sister-in-law.
- 14/08/12 – Daniel Panneersalvam, Alice Sarah and family on the home-calling of Alice's mother in Malaysia.
- 22/08/12 – Lee Bok Eng, Janice and family on the home calling of Bok Eng's father, Lee Cheow Luan (former caretaker of Bethesda Hall (Bras Basah)
- 01/09/12 – Alvin Chan, Shear Nee and family on the passing away of Alvin's grandmother.
- 01/09/12 – Chan Kwee Yeow and family on the passing away of his brother-in-law.

Welcome back into our midst

06/06/2012 - Chang Li Ling, after completing 2 years of Biomedical Science and Traditional Chinese Medicine studies at the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China.

01/07/2012 - Dennis Loh and Pei Ping, after spending 2 years of work relocation in the US.

08/07/2012 - Joel Boon, after completing 3 years of Science studies at the Imperial College London, UK.

12/07/2012 - Allen Tan after working in US for the past few years.

15/07/2012 - Nicholas Ong, after completing 1 year studies in Bachelor of Information Technology at the RMIT University, Australia.

Overseas Studies

We bade farewell to:

1. Kok Jie Ying who left us to further her 3-year studies in Law at University College London, UK on 15/09/12.
2. Liew Yin San who left us to further her 2-year studies in Optometry at Cardiff University, UK on 19/09/12.

4th Aug 2012, Combined Assembly Gospel Rally Thanksgiving & Counselees' Get-together (AMK), 6.30pm

Speaker: Chan Man Wong
Chairman: Chua Teck Koon
About 30 attended, with 1 counselee present

7-10th Aug 2012, Asia-Pacific Assembly Conference, Taichung, Taiwan

Theme: Transformational Leadership
Venue: Central Taiwan Blending Center
Keynote speakers: Alex Strauch, Khoo Oon Soo and Peter Liu.

Workshops speakers: Tan Chee Hwee and Wong Tuck Keong, with many other speakers from different countries.

More than 600 from 12 countries attended, out of which 30 were from our assembly and seven from other Singapore assemblies, making a total of 37 from Singapore.

11th August 2012, COPA OAR lunch for the elderly of Blk 257 Ang Mo Kio

18 residents attended with 12 POAs.

19th August 2012, 3Cs Team A "Character Building" Seminar

Facilitators: Choy Boon Yew and Wong Tuck Keong

Topics covered: Genuine faith, obedience, selfless love, spiritual growth and self discipline
More than 30 youths attended.



3Cs Team A Character Building Seminar

26th August 2012, Sisters' Ministry Evangelistic Hi-Tea

Topic: Cancer – Can we prevent it?
Speaker/Evangelist: Calvin Koh
A short talk by Theresa Koo on "The Role of TCM in boosting the immune system"
About 100 attended.

26th Aug 2012, Get together lunch with new members, 1.45pm

Speaker: Sum Siew Tak
Chairman: Peter Wong
Venue: Pastamania restaurant, Nex Building
About 50 attended (32 were new members).



New members' get-together on 26th August, 2012

Bethesda Hall (Ang Mo Kio & Depot Walk)
SPEAKERS AND CHAIRMEN LIST OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2012

<i>MORNING MINISTRY</i>			<i>GOSPEL SERVICE</i>	
DATE	SPEAKER {AMK}	SPEAKER {DW}	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
07 Oct	Tan Chee Hwee	Alex Kwok	Nathaniel Sim	Clarence Koh
14 Oct	Eric Choa	Alex Kwok	William Hooi	Tay Teng Hwee
21 Oct	Chong Kim Chow	Daniel Thein	Daniel Tok	Linus Tan
28 Oct	Chan Man Wong	Stephen Chang	Asher Khoo	Joseph Sng
04 Nov	Jim Fleming	Tay Kim Swee	Clarence Koh	Jordan Tan
11 Nov	Kan Shik Lum	William Koh	Andrew Sng	Sean Gan
18 Nov	Khoo Oon Soo	Ernest Chew	Lee Kam Wing	Lucas Tan
25 Nov	Khoo Oon Soo	Ian Burness	Ian Burness	Aaron Toke
02 Dec	Nate Bramsen	Robert Hmar	Nate Bramsen	Soo Chai Chew
09 Dec	Andrew Lim	Nate Bramsen	Nate Bramsen	Wesley Ng
16 Dec	Nate Bramsen	Andrew Lim	Nate Bramsen	Keith Wan
23 Dec	Gerald Sim	Linus Tan	Chang Chew Kient	Choong Kit Soon
30 Dec	Koh Liang Hwee	Wong Tuck Keong	Film Show: Fireproof	Marvin Wee

TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING

DATE	BIBLE TEXT	SPEAKER {AMK}	SPEAKER {DW}
02 Oct	Gen 49: 22-27	Wesley Ng	-
09 Oct	Gen 49: 28-33	Robert Hmar	-
16 Oct	Gen 50: 1-14	Lucius Tan	Christopher Choy
23 Oct	Gen 50: 15-21	Law Gin Lieng	Aaron Wong
30 Oct	Gen 50: 22-28	Amos Chew	Ho Kuang Cheng
06 Nov	Exodus: Overview	Wong Tuck Keong	-
13 Nov	Ex 1: 1-7	John Chua	Sum Siew Tak
20 Nov	Ex 1: 8-14	George Varughese	Chua Teck Koon
27 Nov	Ex 1: 15-22	Ng Lee Peng	Eric Choa
04 Dec	Ex 2: 1-10	Ng Kim Khoon	-
11 Dec	Ex 2: 11-15	William Chew	Harry Tan
18 Dec	Ex 2: 16-25	Amos Chew	Kan Shik Lum
25 Dec	Ex 3: 1-9	Choy Boon Yew	Ho Ren An