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Editorial

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We are moving towards that time of the year when our assembly is jam-packed with a host of activities, the two major ones being the Assembly Bible Camp and the Assembly Gospel Rally. The former will be held in June, providing the impetus for us to work towards the outreach in July. We may not all be gospel speakers, but Susan Chan's piece is a timely reminder that we are all ambassadors for Christ. Let us keep that in focus, even as we serve Him in various capacities during the gospel rally. We must never forget that we are all His witnesses.

I want to take this opportunity to announce the start of a new column. More accurately, it is a current column, moving in a new direction. We started the *Getting to Know* column some years back, to introduce to our readers individual assembly members who may not be well known to many of us. The goal was to help create more opportunities for fellowship. Last year, we moved this column in a

slightly different direction, by introducing the various ministries in our assembly (such as the Assembly Choir and flower arrangement committee). In the near future, we will be taking this column in yet another direction, this time focusing on couples who have been married 30 years or more. We will interview these believers via email and ask them to share with us the secrets of their successful marriages. In this age of increasing divorces, we thought it would be helpful and edifying to get them to share what made their marriages work. Newly married couples can learn from their success stories, and even those with years of marriage under their belt may still learn a thing or two from their peers. Sister Chiew Gee will be leading this effort, so please do not be surprised if you receive an email from her.

In this regard, the church office would like to get in touch with those who have been married for 30 years or more. The office does have a list, but

the record is not complete. Please give the office a call at 6458 7474, if you feel that you may be missing from their records.

Come 2016, two members from the newsletter committee will be stepping down, after serving the Lord faithfully for many years. It goes without saying that we will need replacements. Do drop me a note, if you feel that you have the gift and talent to serve the Lord in this ministry. If you want to know what it is like being in the committee before committing yourself, please drop me an email.

On behalf of the committee, I want to thank all the writers who submitted articles for this issue, and the photographers for all the wonderful photos. Thanks also to Kenneth Khong, who did the layout for this issue.

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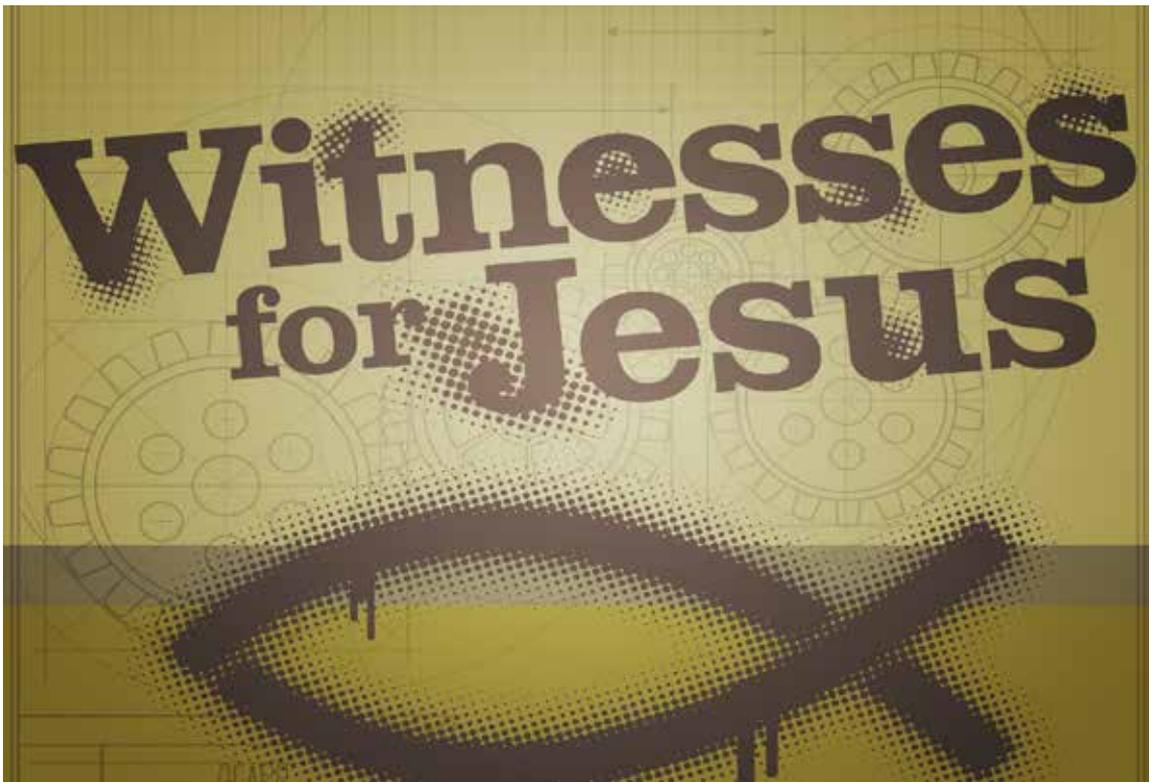
As ambassadors, we represent our King,
To others, His message of love we bring.
Redemption's work on the cross has been done,
And now reconciliation's begun.

SUSAN CHAN

As ambassadors, we represent a Kingdom;
So that others may something of our homeland learn.
May what we do, what we say, through the day,
Cause people to wonder and be shown the way.

As ambassadors, we're in a place that's not our home,
Though small in number, we know we're never alone.
We can do all we should because we follow Him –
Let our light shine in places that are dim.

Some may never go to church, never read the Word,
But we are people they have seen and heard -
So let us daily die to self so that our lives
May truly be a reflection of Christ!



Getting to Know the Tuition Ministry

1. Brief introduction of yourself

CL: I am Catherine Lim. I have been serving in the Tuition Ministry since 2004, teaching English to Primary 5 students.

MN: I am Margaret Ng, 66 years old, a retiree, and have been involved in the Tuition Ministry for many years.

SL: I am Ban Soh Lian, 49 years old and I teach in Raffles Girls' School (Secondary). 2015 marks the third year of my service in this Ministry.

MW: My name is Chan Man Wong. I am 49 years old and work as an IT Consultant. The Lord has faithfully kept me in the BAMK Tuition Ministry for about 20 years.

SH: I am Boey Sock Heng, a retired teacher, with 39 years of teaching experience.

2. Brief introduction of the Tuition Ministry

SL: The Tuition Ministry is one of the assembly's service programmes to serve the community in Ang Mo Kio. We hope that through this programme the children will join the other activities organized by the assembly and get to know our Lord.

MW: The programme is also open to children of our assembly members.

3. What led you to serve God in this Ministry?

CL: I was persuaded by my late sister Cecilia who was in the Tuition Committee and taught Mathematics for

a number of years. To me, helping students is giving testimony of our faith in God. When the opportunity arises, it is easier to share God's love and offer of salvation with them.

MN: There was a need for tutors and as a retiree I had time on my hands so I decided to sit in one night to observe brother Kim Khoon conduct his English lesson. I decided to take up the challenge.

SL: As I have been teaching for many years, I am sure God has given me teaching gifts to reach out to the children.

MW: My wife, Susan, and I responded to a request for tutors.

SH: On hearing about my retirement at the end of June 2005, Margaret Ng roped me in to help her in the Primary 6 tuition class.

4. What have been the most rewarding aspects of serving in this Ministry?

CL: When parents are delighted to see their children improve in their studies and allow them to join our church activities such as the DVBS.

MN: When we see students doing well in their examinations as well as when we are thanked by parents from time to time.

SL: What is most rewarding is when the children are appreciative of the free service they get from the assembly and serve the community in the future, especially in knowing God and serving Him

according to His will. I am glad that one of my Primary 5 pupils whom I tutored in 2012 volunteered to help after her PSLE.

MW: Hearing young souls accepting Christ through the faithful testimony of the tutors, and seeing many assembly brothers and sisters (at least 60 over the years) labouring together.

SH: The most rewarding aspect of serving in this Ministry is seeing the improvement the students make at the end of the year. It's a bonus if any of them joins the Youth Group on Saturdays or the DVBS during the holidays.

5. What are some of the challenges or difficulties you have encountered in this Ministry?

CL: Students who are not interested in studies and are disruptive in class or express anti-Christian sentiments.

MN: Children are now very vocal, know their rights and cannot remain quiet for more than a few seconds! Many times in the last two years I have had great difficulties keeping my cool.

SL: One of the challenges that I faced was when my school activities clashed with the tuition timing. Another challenge is when the discrepancy in the abilities of the children is too wide within a class. It is also difficult to encourage them to attend Children's Corner after the tuition session.

MW: Finding younger brothers and sisters to serve in this Ministry. It's encouraging to hear of younger brothers and sisters starting tuition



Tuition Orientation conducted by Chan Man Wong on 3 Jan 2015

work over at Depot Walk. We are praying for our young people to share the vision.

SH: Some difficulties encountered are space constraints and discipline when the group is too large. Some students are not interested in the lessons and often do not complete their work. They come to interact with their friends in the class and tell us to our faces that they come because their parents insist.

6. Are there any interesting incidents related to your time in this Ministry?

CL: It was Easter Sunday in 2012. I was sharing the significance of Good Friday with my students. A few months later, one boy asked me, “Ms Lim, what must I do to go to heaven?” I told him to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as his Saviour. Immediately, he asked me to pray for him in class. Another boy ridiculed him as gullible. Thanks be to God for my two good Christian students. One of them joyfully told him, “You are now a one-day old Christian!”

MN: Some years back when I was late for Sunday morning worship, I met the mother of one of my students in front of our church. We started talking and then with my limited Mandarin, I invited her and her daughter to attend our services. To my delight, I learnt that her husband took their daughter to our church and registered her for Sunday School the following week. Subsequently I learnt from her Sunday School teacher that she had accepted the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Praise the Lord!

SL: At times, we also need to counsel the parents. There was a boy last year who was rude to his mum at home. She was at her wits’ end to get him to study. I had to speak with the mum and the boy separately. Thankfully this boy looked up to the older boys, so I encouraged my son Benjamin to motivate and teach him as and when he could.

MW: We have had two young non-believers approach the BAMK office and volunteer to give tuition as a way to give back to the community.

One of them benefited from our tuition programme and continues to serve this year whenever she does not have weekend work commitments.

7. What would you say to one who may be interested in joining this Ministry?

CL: Exercise God’s gift to you and honour God with your practical service for Him.

MN: Take up the challenge for you may discover that it is your calling after all. The Tuition Ministry is an avenue for evangelism.

SL: It is rewarding when you see that the children come diligently for tuition and you know you can do a little to help them. The rest we leave to God to touch them.

MW: Do approach the BAMK office and they will advise you on how to start to serve in this Ministry. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established (Proverbs 16:3).

SH: It’s time well spent in helping the children improve one aspect of their lives.

The Resurrection of Christ

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The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ was an earth-shaking event. In the physical sense, His resurrection was accompanied by a violent earthquake. There was a rolling back of the stone of the sepulchre and the guards “shook for fear ... and became like dead men.”¹ But its impact on the hearts and minds of the people was even greater. After the resurrection and with the empowering of the Spirit of God, the apostles of Jesus Christ who were once timid were prepared to lay down their lives for the preaching of the Gospel.

Let us examine the implications of the resurrection.

The Resurrection Strengthens our Faith

The resurrection strengthens our faith. The resurrection shows in no uncertain terms that Jesus is the Son of God². When we talk about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we are talking about Him rising physically with a new body and not just the rising up of His

soul or spirit. His resurrection was physically verifiable and verified at that point in time.

It was indeed a miracle of miracles. Jesus had performed many miracles while He walked the earth. He had multiplied bread and turned water into wine. The miracle of multiplying bread to feed a multitude involved the creation of more substances of the same kind. The latter miracle went a step further. It involved the creation of new substances of different kinds as wine and water are chemically different compounds. Jesus also walked on water and defied the natural law of physics: that of gravity. He stilled the storm and exercised power over natural forces. He performed healing, exercising power over the organic realm. He cast out demons, exercising power over the demonic realm. He also raised a widow's son, Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus from the dead. He showed that He was able to inject life, reassemble the dead cells and re-energise them, and restore the mind, soul and spirit of the resurrected to be the same

person again. Resurrecting the dead was even more challenging when the person had been dead for a few days. In the case of the resurrection of the Lord, He was raised from the dead on the third day with an immortal body that would not die physically again.

Is there anyone who not only could raise someone from the dead but could also die (physical death) and rise again on the third day? Only a creator could perform these miracles.

People claiming to be miracle workers are not new. However, what is unique about the miracles that Jesus performed, especially the resurrection of the dead, is their precise correlation with what prophets had prophesied: what He did, how He lived and who He claimed to be. The coming of the Lord - His life on earth, death, burial and resurrection - was foretold in the Old Testament³. It was part of the continuing story of salvation that had unfolded since the fall of man. Jesus Christ lived the perfect life on this earth, prophesied his own suffering, death, burial and

HE IS RISEN

the Lord is risen indeed

resurrection on the third day⁴, and claimed not only to be the Resurrection and the Life⁵ but also to be nothing less than God Himself⁶.

The Resurrection Deals Completely with the Penalty of our Sin

With His resurrection, the provision of salvation from sin for all who believe was complete⁷. We have full assurance that His payment for the penalty of our sins was sufficient and the atoning sacrifice by our Lord was fully accepted by God. Because of this, we no longer need to fear death⁸.

The Resurrection Means that we are Worshipping a Living God

We enjoy the fruit of the labour of many who have gone before us. We can honour them, but they are dead. However, in the case of Jesus we can enter into a wonderful eternal relationship with Him as our living Saviour immediately. We know He is

alive and we may meaningfully worship Him, not just for His works alone. When we pray we also know that He hears us and personally helps us with our problems.

The Resurrection Gives us Hope of our Own Resurrection

Jesus has shown the way. He has shown His resurrection power⁹. Thus we have full assurance of our own resurrection. When we die, whether we are cremated and have our ashes scattered, whether our bodies decay in the grave, or whether we go into oblivion in a nuclear disaster, God will raise us up from the dead. Thus my relationship with Him is not only for now but for eternity. On my death bed, I will have peace knowing that God will raise me up to be with Him. But this is also a warning to those who do not believe. They, too, will be resurrected but they will have to face the judgment and wrath of God instead.

The Resurrection Is a Victorious Event

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ not only completes the provision of salvation for mankind, but it is also a victorious event and shows the sovereignty and wisdom of God. God has shown His sovereignty and wisdom in His defeat of Satan by surprising and confounding Satan with His resurrection despite being crucified and buried. We rejoice with the Lord in His victory and in His enabling of us in conquering sin and death.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that my meditation on the resurrection of the Lord would strengthen our faith in the Lord and draw us closer to Him.

1 Matthew 28:2-4

2 Rom 1:4

3 Is 53:5,6,9; Ps 16:9,10; 1Cor 15:3-4

4 Matthew 16:21, Matthew 17:22-23, Matthew 20:17-19, Matthew 12:40

5 John 11:25

6 John 5:17,18; John 8:58; John 10:33

7 Rom 4:25, 1 Cor 15:17

8 1 Cor 15:55-57

9 1 Cor 15:21

A&A Works at Bethesda Hall Ang Mo Kio

May-June Update

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21 April 2015 marked exactly one year into the A&A contract. The contractor is expected to complete physical works in the next three months and have the building ready for Temporary Occupation Inspection towards the end of July 2015.

In the months of March and April 2015, the contractor remained focused on works at

the front extension block, in particular the interior fit-out works. Work continued on the Level Five Function Room and the roof. All the front façade walls of the new extension building were completed by April 2015.

The last bit of the façade works lies in the continuous metal roofing.

Extension Building:

- a. Levels 1-5 superstructure: 100% completed
- b. Structural roof works: 100% completed
- c. Architectural façade walls: 90% completed
- d. Architectural partition works: 80% completed
- e. M&E works: 60% completed

Existing Building:

- a. Toilet fittings and



Aerial view showing the completed 5th Storey awaiting the final layer of roof insulation and the finishing coat for the basketball court. The new rooftop function room is also completed. To the right, the front façade is slowly being revealed with the environmental netting progressively taken down.

partitions: 80% completed
 b. Floor tiling: 70% completed
 c. Staircase railing fabrication: 70% completed
 d. M&E works: 80% completed
 We look forward to the completion of the A&A works. The project team has targeted

the following crucial dates:
 a. FSSD Registered Inspector (RI) audit: end June 2015
 b. BCA Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) Inspection: end July 2015
 c. BCA release of TOP: early August 2015
 d. BAMK takeover of site:

late August /early September 2015
 e. BAMK move in: end September /early October 2015
 Pray for a smooth transition between completion and handover of site.
"Our help is in the name of the Lord..." (Psalm 124:8a)



All staircases are being retiled, and railings changed to high-grade stainless steel finish. This provides for better safety, better resistance to corrosion and hence requires less maintenance.



View of a completed small prayer room. This room is also ideal for a small Bible Study group. The plank-like floor tiles are randomly laid to provide a natural feel to the flooring pattern.



View of the completed west façade seen from the HDB carpark: a completely revamped image. Previously, this façade was clad in a full glass curtain wall.



View of the almost completed south façade seen from HDB Block 173. The red-brick vertical wall is the only externally visible remnant from the existing building. This is a deliberate attempt to preserve parts of the existing building, since this red-brick corner is significantly 'iconic'.

An Interview with Japanese Missionaries, Yuta and Mari Imanishi

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L to R, Yuta and Mari with Akiko and Kian Huat

How did you prepare yourself for mission work? What specific steps did you take?

Yuta: I completed a discipleship course with the GLO College of Ministries in 2013 and got married in May 2014. My wife and I then completed another mission training course.

Mari: When I accepted Christ as my Saviour, I committed my life to

Him. I attended GLO's Bible Studies and English training courses in Australia to seek confirmation from God that He wanted me to enter the mission field. I spent five months there studying English and completed a discipleship course with GLO in 2012.

What signs did the Lord show you to indicate that He wanted you to serve in the mission field?

Yuta: I used to work as a Computer Systems Engineer. Even before I got the job, I already had the desire to be an overseas missionary. I worked in a private company first to learn about social structures and how to build good relationships with people. At the back of my mind, there was always the thought of quitting my job one day to serve the Lord as a missionary.

God answered my prayer in 2013 when Mari and I were engaged. He was guiding us as a couple to work in the mission field. The opportunity came when a Korean missionary serving in Nepal proposed that I quit my job to take up a discipleship course with GLO. I asked my elders to pray if it was God's will for me. After a week's prayer, God granted us peace in our hearts with regard

to taking up the course. My elders also felt, as the first missionary couple to be sent out by the Japanese Christian Assemblies, that we should take up the suggestion to be trained. However, I had to get approval from my company for my resignation as I was already undergoing training for a job promotion. It was only after three meetings that my company accepted my resignation.

Mari: I was a nurse and a midwife. It was a pleasant experience to work as a nurse and share the gospel with patients. God was also preparing me for mission work. I was considering resigning from my job when there was a proposal for me to marry a Christian brother (not Yuta) and to take up a training course with GLO. I finally decided to resign in order to study English and the Bible with GLO, but it was then that Japan was hit by a tsunami and earthquake. A question that came to my mind was why I wanted to become an overseas missionary when there were so many needs in Japan. However through Proverbs 19:21, God gave me encouragement and opened the door for me to go to GLO.

What fears and doubts did you have when embarking on this journey?

Yuta: I was worried about finances. Besides, being the first missionary couple sent by the Japanese Christian Assemblies, there were few mentors and experiences to learn from. However, God gave me the opportunity to undergo “CrossTrain”, a mission training course with GLO. The course prepared me for mission work and gave me the faith that if God calls, He will provide everything we need for His work and for our lives.

Mari: I struggled during the discipleship course. There was a big gap between expectations and reality. I wanted to give up and I displayed emotions and attitudes similar to what the Israelites had shown in the wilderness – judging others, anger and disappointment. I almost lost my passion for mission work. It was worse when I looked inward and doubted my maturity, especially knowing that we were the first from the Japanese Christian Assemblies to be sent out. I was worried but God assured me and removed my every doubt.

Which areas of mission work did the Lord show you?

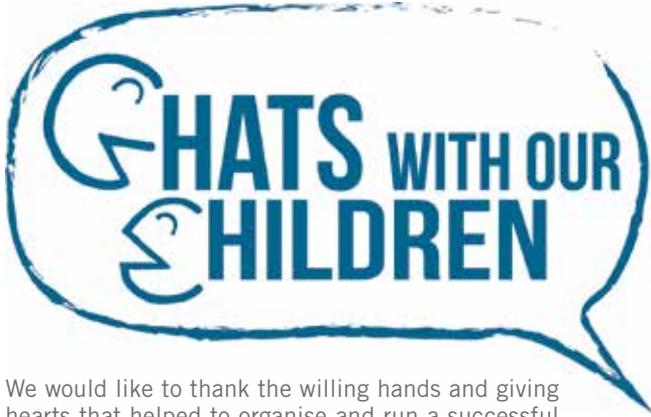
Together: God always shows us the next step to take and it is always one step at a time, not two. His first step for us this year is to build our relationship with our home church. It is our home church’s prayer to equip the next generation for leadership roles and we are to help. We will wait upon God for His guidance on this while faithfully doing His will and believing that He will show us the next step in His time.

Our mission field may be Indonesia. During our visit to Indonesia with BMET, we met some church elders in Malang. We have been praying with them for God’s guidance and, if the Lord leads, our ministry will be church-planting there.

What prayer requests do you have?

These are our prayer requests:

- » That we will trust God to show us His will and the next step to take in the mission field.
- » That God will help us build our relationship with our home church which has commended us to mission work.
- » That we will relate well with our church’s new leaders as we help to equip them for eldership and leadership roles.
- » That God will bless our marriage, strengthen it and help us remain firm in Christ.



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We would like to thank the willing hands and giving hearts that helped to organise and run a successful DVBS. Thank you also to all the kids who gamely gave us a glimpse into their charming thoughts.

DVBS EDITION

We asked our P3 campers to tell us the parable of the prodigal son

**“ONCE THERE WAS
A FAMILY WITH TWO
NAMELESS SONS...”**



**“NO, THEY WERE
NOT CALLED KOR
KOR AND TEE TEE.”**

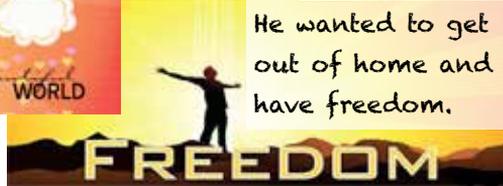
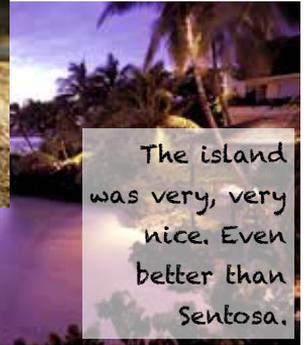


**“IT WAS A WEALTHY
FAMILY, BUT THE YOUNGER
SON STILL WANTED TO
LEAVE HOME TO STAY ON
AN ISLAND THAT WAS FAR,
FAR AWAY.”**

Why did the younger son want to leave?



He was sick of the farming life.



SO THE SON TOOK HIS FATHER'S MONEY AND DIVIDED IT IN 2. THE SON TOOK HALF AND THE FATHER KEPT HALF.



WHEN HE HAD NO MORE MONEY, HE GOT VERY HUNGRY, SO HUNGRY THAT HE ATE THE PIGS' FOOD.

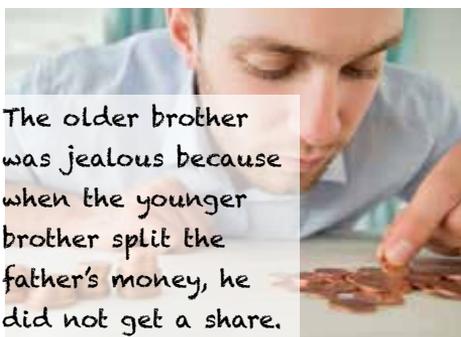


THE SON SPENT ALL THE MONEY ON THE ISLAND.

THE SON DECIDED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GO HOME. HE DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO BE CALLED SON ANY MORE, HE WAS HAPPY TO BE A SERVANT.



BUT WHEN HE GOT HOME, HIS FATHER WAS SO HAPPY HE HAD A CELEBRATION! BUT IT WAS SPOILED BECAUSE THE OLDER BROTHER WAS JEALOUS.



Why was the older brother jealous?



The older brother didn't want the younger brother at home.

The older brother didn't have a party, ever.



Reflections on the Boys' Brigade Dodgeball Outreach



Preparation

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The Boys' Brigade (BB) companies from Yishun Secondary and Mayflower Secondary recently organised a dodgeball tournament. It was held on 14 March at Yishun Secondary School. All in all, about 15 teams took part in this simple event; the Young People from both Bethesda Hall Depot Walk and Bethesda Hall SAV also came and supported this event.

The purpose behind this event was to foster closer bonds between the BB boys and our young people so that it would be easier to integrate the boys into the church at special events like the gospel rally. I was very encouraged to see many young people

from our church present at the event. We learnt how to play dodgeball and we made new friends. It was also a time to get to know the BB boys and their officers. Dodgeball coaches came and taught us the game, and I truly enjoyed the experience.

We had a time of singing praises to God, and a message was given by brother Yin Chi. The boys were eager to help out in whatever way they could, and I could really see their excitement. I was very encouraged to see them so bonded together as a group; the BB officers had also done a marvelous job in leading them.

It is my desire to see the boys come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus

Christ and I hope that they can feel God's love through the various activities that they participated in. I urge everyone to join me in praying for this ministry. The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. I believe the Lord will raise up more workers for this ministry of reaching out to non-believers in the BB. The Lord would also preserve and protect the current officers who have been working very hard behind the scenes.

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On 14 March 2015, the Young People of Bethesda Hall took part in a dodgeball competition organized by the Boys' Brigade at Yishun Secondary School.

I was given the privilege of sharing a short gospel message for the event. Honestly, it was my first time getting in touch with the Boys' Brigade work and I didn't know what to expect. Now that the event is over, I must say that God has indeed blessed the work greatly. The only thing left is for labourers to step up and reap the harvest.

The event started off with singing led by Samuel Tay. I was surprised to see the boys singing along, even though they were not familiar with the songs. As I was sharing the gospel message, a good number of boys were listening attentively. They were an encouragement to me and I am thankful to God for them. Andrew He, who was the officer-in-charge, committed



Warm up

the games to the Lord in prayer. The games went on and I thoroughly enjoyed myself, despite being hit by the ball several times. Dinner time came and we started eating.

However, the boys didn't. They stood before their food with their heads bowed. Together with a loud voice, they gave thanks to God for the food set before them. I was struck in awe. How often have I taken prayers lightly, especially giving thanks for food! As the event ended, the boys quietly went about cleaning up the place.

As I look back, I realised that there is so much potential in the Boys' Brigade work to bear fruit for Christ. Samuel and Andrew are good examples, having been previously from the Boys' Brigade, and are now serving faithfully among God's people. The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the labourers are few. May the Lord of the harvest send forth labourers into His harvest!



Some of the BB boys trying out the game



Dodgeball, in action

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Seeing the Boys' Brigade (BB) boys playfully disturbing each other, I could not help but feel nostalgic. Being a former BB boy myself, I understood how they were feeling. Comparing

my time as a BB boy with the present, I realise that playfulness among boys never changes and I am thankful for that, because this is where the value of Boys' Brigade lies; it nurtures boys into mature young adults with Christian manliness.

The championship of this tournament was not important. The winners might never be remembered but the impressions the BB boys took away will always stay with them, whether vaguely or vividly. The simple ice breaker game set the stage for building bonds between the BB boys and the YP while the dodgeball tournament further strengthened these bonds. Internally, many Depot Walk and Ang Mo Kio YP members also got to know each other better as some teams consisted of members from both sides. I would confidently rate this event as a total success because it achieved

two important God-honouring goals: firstly, the BB boys had a sense of familiarity with the church and secondly, the social circle of each YP member was widened – this is important as we build our Bethesda Hall family.



I am going to get you!



Dodge me if you can



The winning team

The First Young Adults Mini Camp 2015

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68 young adults from BAMK and BDW spent the Labour Day Weekend together in a mini camp held at Holiday Inn Resort, Batam. The purpose of the Young Adults Mini Camp (YAMC) was for young adults to have a respite from the demands of their daily routines and spend dedicated time with God and with one another. It was a time for them to simply hear the voice of God through the study of His Word.

Planning the Camp

Estimating the attendance for the camp was difficult for the organising committee. Initially the venue was booked for 32 campers, but when the number of registrants ballooned to 68, with 20 more campers signing up after the due date, the hotel management informed the committee that there were not enough rooms to cater to all of them. Thankfully, the committee managed to secure more rooms through alternative online reservation sites, and so everyone who signed up for the camp was able to attend.

Camp Programme

The Bible study over the three days was based on the book of Haggai. On Day One, workshop facilitators, Tan Lisheng and Tan Huixin, led the campers through a four-hour session on Bible study Tools. These Tools were meant to provide the young adults with a way of unpacking Scripture for better understanding and application. The campers were then given the rest of the day to review the tools and to practise using them to study the book of Haggai. On the second day, the campers broke up into groups to share what they had gleaned from the Word and to discuss how to apply the lessons learned.

Unlike other camps, there were no mid-day slots of “free time” over these two days, but back-to-back sessions on Bible reading and discussions. As a result, some campers remarked that the programme was more gruelling than a day’s work or study in Singapore! Despite that, we thank the Lord for strengthening the

campers and for giving them an understanding of His Word. Many of them were able to contribute actively at discussions and shared their insights on the book of Haggai. Several of them even expressed a greater interest to study the oft-neglected books of the minor prophets in the Bible!

The third day started with the Breaking of Bread service, where the morning exhortation was given by our brother Linus Tan. It was encouraging to see many young men coming forward to lead in worship, and after the service, several came forward to share their reflections on the camp. The rest of the day was for rest and recreation. Some campers chartered a bus to go to a large shopping mall, while others stayed in the hotel to enjoy its facilities.

At the start of the camp, the Camp Advisor, Dennis Loh, had used the following questions to mark the spiritual growth of a believer: What can God do for me? What does God want for my life? What does God want from me? What does God want?



All the YA mini campers

The camp ended in a similar manner when the young adults were challenged to consider what God's plan was for them after having spent time studying the book of Haggai.

May the lessons learnt from the camp energise and enthuse the participants to live an authentic and purposeful life for Christ and His kingdom.



Lunch time



A short meeting prior to Bible study

Fellowship Hi-Tea for Senior Saints organised by the Sisters' Ministry and the Young Adults from YP (AMK)

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This year, instead of an outing for the Senior Saints, the Sisters' Ministry decided to do something that would involve people across the age groups in our assembly. Thus, the idea of having a Hi-Tea Fellowship for youth, "mid-agers" and seniors came about. We had to take many factors into consideration for the venue: easily accessible, wheelchair-friendly, big enough to hold many people and not too pricey to rent. Our Lord provided Avon Park through the help of David Chua and Bee Joo. With that, we were able to hold the Fellowship Hi-Tea on the afternoon of 21 March.

As the venue has a maximum capacity of 80 people, we had to work within those numbers. On the day itself, we had a total of 87 people present and though

space was a little tight, it was a happy problem. There was joyful singing, fun games and a hearty interactive "makan-time". We were glad for the participation and involvement of our young people. Grateful thanks to our speaker, Chong Kim Chow, who spoke from Phil 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always", the theme for this special event; and to our art teacher Mah Lai Yeng for taking time off in the evening to teach us how to paint on bags.

Reflections on the Hi-Tea

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I was invited by the sisters to attend the Hi-Tea gathering. It was a most interesting and enjoyable function.

The wonderful part was the good mixture of people of all

ages - from young adults to senior citizens. The gathering was chaired by a young adult and the games were conducted by the Young Adults Group. Under such circumstances, any senior citizen would feel young again! At least I did!

Chong Kim Chow gave a very encouraging talk on Phil 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always". No matter the circumstances (good or bad), we should rejoice in the Lord. I recently lost my brother and wife within a three-week period, but because I have a God-given life to live, I rejoice in the Lord and look forward.

Hi-Tea time was most spectacular. We senior citizens were asked to sit around the tables for food to be served by the young adults. They were watchful and replenished empty dishes. This type of service is seldom seen.

This true Christian



All the participants at the gathering

fellowship in the Name of the Lord Jesus really shone forth as true Christian testimony. Thanks to the Sisters' Ministry for arranging such a meaningful function.

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I was approached to conduct the games for the event. Games can become a chore for the participants if they are not done correctly or if there is a lack of enthusiasm from the participants. However, it turned out that I was worried about the wrong things. Instead of lacking energy, the participants were exceedingly enthusiastic, so much that I had a problem ending the game because all of the participants were so eager to play and win! I am truly thankful for the active participation of the young adults and the senior saints. I

do not know if I succeeded as a game master but I do know that they definitely succeeded as excellent participants.

After the games we had the highlight of the event, which was the Hi-Tea. Many would think that people of different age groups cannot find common topics to start a conversation. However, we all had common topics that we were excited about, such as different church activities that the respective age groups participated in or even the children of the senior saints whom the young adults could relate to. This was possible only because the church is one family where we truly care about each other.

All in all, it was an event that everyone enjoyed. There was evidently love for each other and we ought to be reminded of 1 John 4:12 "No one has ever seen God; but if

we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

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Most of us were impressed and delighted by the group of Bethesda AMK youths bringing joy to the senior saints at the Hi-Tea session. They turned "waiters/waitresses", serving plates of food with love and care to every saint seated at tables.

The adapted Bingo game was so exhilarating that it was difficult to stop the game!

Each of the invited senior saints joyfully brought home with them a canvas bag which was hand-painted with the theme verse, Phil 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always".



Young Adults gave a singing item



Young adults interacting with older saints during games time



Just look at all the happy faces



Do you think I got it right?



Makan time



Interaction time

May-Jun 2015 Assembly News

BIRTH

11 May - God's gift of a baby boy, Enoch (2nd Child) to Mah Kwok Kin and Carolyn.

BEREAVEMENT

Our deepest condolences to:

- Tan Ah Beng, Siet Lim, Naomi, Clement & Aaron, on the home calling of Ah Beng's father on 15 April 2015.
- Simon Song & Angela, on the passing away of Simon's mother on 18 April 2015.
- Tommy Yeo & Siew Imm, on the passing away of Siew Imm's brother on 16 May 2015.

EVENTS

14 MAR ELDERS' DIALOGUE SESSION WITH YOUNG ADULTS AT DW

More than 50 attended.

15 MAR 151st SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY & PRIZE GIVING AT DW

Topic: "Thy Word Have I hid in my heart" Psalm 119:11
Speaker: Dennis Loh
Chairman: Aaron Wong
More than 300 attended.

16 MAR MDEC COPA DENTAL SCREENING AT BDW KINDERGARTEN

Time: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Dental Surgeons: Esther Chng, Lim Wee Sang and Peter Chow
Dental Assistants: Steven & Michelle Leong, Yeo Ern Jie
Oral Hygiene Instructors: Lily Bok and Roselin Liew

MDEC helpers: Alice Lee, Surandran and Rajendran Ramesh Babu with 12 Kindergarten staff.
48 children were screened.



All those who helped with dental screening at BDW Kindergarten

17 MAR WORKSHOP ON "HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE" BY FRED KOSIN

Organised by CCC Team A
Venue: Blk 249 AMK Ave 2
26 attended.



Workshop by Fred Kosin on 17 March

18 - 19 MAR SPECIAL MINISTRY BY FRED KOSIN AT DW

Theme: "Conflicts in the Believer's Life"
Chairmen: William Chew and Daniel Skelton
More than 100 attended nightly.

21 MAR FELLOWSHIP HIGH-TEA FOR THE SENIOR SAINTS

Organised by the Sisters' Group with the Young Adults from YP (AMK)
Venue: Avon Park Function Room
More than 80 attended.

2 APR BDW KINDERGARTEN EASTER CONCERT AT DW

Theme: "Jesus is King"
Speaker: Chang Chew Kient
Chairman: Tay Kim Swee
About 300 people attended for the two sessions.



Bethesda DW Kindergarten Easter Concert 2 April 2015

3 APR EASTER CONFERENCE AT DW

Theme: "The Goodness of The Cross"
Speakers: Tan Li Sheng and Gerald Sim
Chairman: Eric Choa
Bethesda Choir presented the Easter Cantata "The King is Coming"
More than 400 attended.
Lunch was served after the service.

4 APR BOY'S BRIGADE ENROLMENT SERVICE AT DW

Speaker: Kelvin Chan
Chairman: Kenneth Khong
Guest of Honor: Mrs Valerie Wilson, Principal, Mayflower Primary School
Close to 140 Boys, parents, teachers and assembly



Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service 4 April 2015

members attended.
Lunch was served after the service.

5 APR EASTER GOSPEL SERVICE AT DW

Speaker: Alex Mathew
Chairman: Ng Kim Khoon
Bethesda Choir presented the Easter Cantata "The King is Coming"

More than 100 attended.
Light dinner was served after the service.

9 APR MDEC COPA DENTAL SCREENING AT BAMK KINDERGARTEN

Venue: Blk 180 Ang Mo Kio 5
Time: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Dental Surgeons: Esther Chng and Lim Wee Sang
Dental Assistants: Susie Ang and Goh Boon Choo
Oral Hygiene Instructors: Mary Law and Amy Tan
MDEC Helpers: Alice Lee, Victor Ng, Rajendran Ramesh Babu and V. Kishor Kumar with 4 Kindergarten staff.

47 children were screened.



All those who helped with the dental screening at BAMK Kindergarten

1 - 3 MAY YOUNG ADULTS MINI-CAMP

Venue: Holiday Inn Batam
Organising Committee: Lydia Choa, Lois Choa, Hope Tan, Tan Hui Xin, Dennis Loh, Nicholas Ong, Jordan Tan, Linus Tan and Wong Yong Jian (Chairman)
68 campers attended.

17 MAY COMMENDATION OF OUR NEW DEACON, JONATHAN SIKHAMANI

Jonathan, aged 40, was privileged to be born and brought up in a Christian home, where the Word of God was taught and

practised.

He came to know the Lord when he was in University, back home in India and was baptized in 1996. He and his wife, Priya, were married in 2004 and are blessed with two lovely girls named Ruth (9 years) and Sarah (4 years). Before coming to Singapore in 2011, Jonathan, with his family, was stationed in the Middle East where he worked for 7 years. Currently in Singapore, he works for a company called FMC Technologies as an Assembly & Test Manager. Currently he is involved in the RFG and CEP ministries.



Jonathan Sikhamani

MINISTRY

GOSPEL SERVICE (DW)

| Date | Afternoon Ministry (SAV) | Morning Ministry (DW) | Speaker | Chairman |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 07 Jun | Roy Hill | Daniel Paneerselvam | | |
| 14 Jun | Victor Ng | Roy Hill | | |
| 21 Jun | Roy Hill | Roy Hill | Francis Toke | Nicholas Ong |
| 28 Jun | Kenneth Wong | Victor Ng | | |
| 5 Jul | Kenneth Wong | Peter Wong | | |
| 12 Jul | Chang Chew Kient | Kenneth Wong | | |
| 19 Jul | Nathaniel Sim | Kenneth Wong | Khoo Oon Soo | Wong Yong Jian |
| 26 Jul | Keith Wan | Ho Kuang Cheng | | |
| 2 Aug | Ho Kuang Cheng | Chong Kim Chow | | |
| 9 Aug | Robert Hmar | Harry Tan | | |
| 16 Aug | William Koh | Eric Choa | Andrew Premsundar | James Yim |
| 23 Aug | Andrew Sng | Tan Jing Poi | | |
| 30 Aug | Jesher Loi | Harry Tan | | |

SPEAKERS FOR PRAYER MEETING FROM JUN-AUG 2015

| Date | Bible Text | Speaker (DW) |
|--------|--------------|----------------|
| 02 Jun | Lev 14:33-57 | Jethro Leong |
| 09 Jun | Lev 15:1-18 | Aaron Wong |
| 16 Jun | Lev 15:19-33 | Yeo Ann Kian |
| 23 Jun | Lev 16:1-19 | Jonathan Lee |
| 30 Jun | Lev 16:20-34 | Soo Chai Chew |
| 7 Jul | Lev 17:1-16 | Jordan Tan |
| 14 Jul | Lev 18:1-30 | Joseph Sng |
| 21 Jul | Lev 19:1-19 | Kam Yew Chuen |
| 28 Jul | Lev 19:20-37 | Daniel Skelton |
| 4 Aug | Lev 20:1-27 | Lawrence Tng |
| 11 Aug | Lev 21:1-15 | Lucius Tan |
| 18 Aug | Lev 21:16-24 | Tan Shengjie |
| 25 Aug | Lev 22:1-16 | Marvin Wee |