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Editorial

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By the time this issue goes to print, both the Assembly Bible Camp and Assembly Gospel Rally will be over. We will need to take good spiritual care of all those who responded during the rally, and, with the blessing of God, make sure that all the effort put into the rally will not be wasted.

Assembly Bible Camp 2015 was unique in many respects. Do read the camp reflections and look at the beautiful photos taken during the camp, to get a feel of the camp. It might just make you see what you missed and inspire you to sign up for next year's camp.

The BMET to Bohol report is another timely reminder of the importance of follow-up: we do not just make hit-and-run visits and leave those whose lives we touched to fend for themselves. The annual

visit to Bohol is a reflection of the promise to take care of our own, wherever they may be, and to reach out to non-believers in the neighbouring countries.

Our mission-mindedness is also reflected in our effort to keep in touch with full-time workers from these countries. In a recent interview with some BMET-to-Indonesia team members, Soku Roharjo gives us a peek into his world, letting us know what motivated him to be a full-time worker, the challenges involved and how we can pray for him.

Brother Felix Lim continues to provide us with his bi-monthly updates of the A&A works at AMK. The newsletter committee is greatly indebted to Felix, who has never failed to provide new photos and the latest updates for our readers since Jan 2014. His labour

of love has enabled us to 'see' the renovation works without having to be there physically. For those who are going back to AMK, Felix has increased our longing for homecoming in September or October of 2015.

The above are but some of the excellent articles in this issue, and we hope that you, our readers, will be edified and uplifted by all the write-ups and pictures.

We want to thank sister Tan Hui Qian for doing the layout for this issue. This is the final layout she is doing for the newsletter and is her parting gift to us, as she will be leaving the committee by the end of 2015. We also want to express deep appreciation to all our writers and all the photographers who have provided all the wonderful photos you see in this issue.

A NEW CREATION

SUSAN CHAN

We thank God for so great a salvation,
And we rejoice that we are new creations –
Old things are passed away, all things are new,
To increase our faith what should we do?

Study the Bible, hear the Word,
Practice what we have learnt and heard.
Though trials may come, still trust and obey,
God will work things out in His own time and way.

Stand firm when temptations come along,
God will provide escape or strength to be strong.
When we sin, confess and still know
He'll forgive and will help us to grow.

Spend time in prayer each day,
Be still and listen to what He has to say.
As in any relationship, take time to commune,
That our hearts may always be in tune!

Getting to Know the PA and Building Services Committee

Brief introduction of yourself

AY: I am Anthony Yip (AY), 69, and I work at Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' Primary School. I have been serving in the Committee for 28 years.

SG: I am Sean Gan (SG) and unfortunately I can't remember how long I have served in the PA Committee. Compared to how long the veterans have served, it should be at most a day's worth of work.

KK: We (Kuehsamy and Kok Weng Chong) have been serving in this ministry for many years.

Brief introduction of the PA and Building Services Committee:

SG: The PA committee provides audio and visual technical support for the assembly's events.

AY: There are eight PA members at Depot Walk, and two are on duty every Sunday. We are also involved in other activities



*DW PA team.
Left to right:
Anthony,
Jonathan, Sean,
Ernie, Esther,
Wai Ying.
Absent:
Ken Chung,
Chung Kit*



*AMK PA team.
Left to right:
Jimmy Seow,
Kuehsamy,
Weng Chong*

such as rehearsals, main events, gospel rallies and choir performances. A maintenance team repairs and services lights, fans, lamp posts, wash basins, toilets and anything related to the building.

KK: We set up and upkeep the PA equipment, record messages and support the following activities: worship service, gospel meetings, special ministry meetings, Easter and Christmas services,

weddings, Sunday School graduation, Boys' Brigade activities and outdoor events such as the senior gatherings, assembly sports day and the Children's Corner Christmas event.

What led you to serve God in this committee?

AY: I decided to serve in the committee as I have the skills, knowledge and experience. I wanted to serve as one part of the body of Christ using God's

gift for the Kingdom of God.

SG: An announcement was made during morning ministry asking for helpers. I figured I could give it a shot and I signed up for it. The rest is history.

Sometimes people think that the church can be cold and unloving. But we have to remember that we have a part to play by getting involved in some way.

KK: We were encouraged to help out by senior PA members who have been faithfully helping in the ministry and recording messages together with a few others. After serving for a few months, we decided to continue in this ministry.

What has been the most rewarding aspects of serving in this committee?

AY: Ensuring all events and meetings run smoothly.

SG: I guess the most rewarding aspect of any ministry is not about the work itself. Though the work is important, the fellowship is equally, if not more, important. Through the ministry, I have gotten to know Anthony Yip, Ernie Abbott and Steven Tan better. I also had the privilege of working with

members in charge of various events.

KK: We have been spiritually blessed and have benefitted from learning how to operate the PA systems. We have also been enriched from the gospel and special ministry messages we listened to during our duty times.

What are some challenges or difficulties you have encountered in this committee?

AY: Lack of support, negative comments, lack of appreciation, and proposals for improvements that took much time to get approved.

KK: Changes or added requirements given at short notice to source, prepare and test. The number of PA members is dwindling and we need more church members to help out.

Are there any interesting incidents / anecdotes related to your time in this committee?

AY: One Sunday morning there was no water available in all the ladies' washrooms so we put up emergency signs to have one gentlemen's washroom reserved for the ladies.

SG: Learning how the

mixers, equalisers and amplifiers work together is in itself quite interesting.

I recall the recent Gospel Rally 2014 with a mime directed by Esther Wong. Accompanying the mime was the playback of a series of soundtracks. During rehearsals we tweaked the settings for each track until we were satisfied. However, the sound on the actual day did not go according to plan. Certain tracks were blaring even though they were at the "correct" settings. The challenge then was to continuously re-adjust the settings in the PA Room and then move out to monitor the sound from the back of the hall.

What would you say to one who may be interested in joining this committee?

AY: If you are willing to serve and learn, join us. You will acquire the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the job.

SG: The PA work is not complex. As long as you have an interest in this work, do give it a shot.

KK: We welcome those interested to join us. Learn our new PA systems when we move back to Ang Mo Kio and serve God in this area.

Worship in Heaven

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In Revelation 4 and 5, John witnessed a worship service in the throne room of heaven. Before the throne were four beasts saying, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come”. Twenty-four elders fell down before Him that sat on the throne, and worshipped Him. They sang “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.” Another song was sung, “Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation...”

It was an awesome sight. We can learn from this heavenly service to apply to our worship meeting.

(1) God-centred Worship

God is the centre of worship in heaven. Worship begins

with God, and revolves around God’s glory, honour and majesty.

Man-centred worship focuses wrongly on the individual’s worship experience. Some feel that their needs are not met and look for another church. But a God-centred worshipper is filled with gratitude and joy and is satisfied with God, asking and seeking nothing else.

(2) Praise and Adoration

In the heavenly scene John witnessed, angels and saints praised and adored God for all that God is, and for all that God has done.

We, too, want to give unadulterated praise to God. We praise God by describing His attributes - holy, sovereign, merciful, loving, just and good. We praise Him for His works - creation, salvation, providence.

Our voices unite to say “amen” in agreement with words of

adoration to Him, just as the four living creatures did at the climax of John’s vision¹: “and the elders fell down and worshipped”. While our assembly hall may not have space for us to fall on our knees, our hearts should be prostrate at His feet as we gaze upon His glory, full of grace and truth².

(3) Focus on Christ

In the midst of the throne stood Christ, the Lamb that was slain³. The worshippers focused on Christ and His redemptive work.

When we meet for worship, we should also focus on the person and performance of Christ. Jesus Christ is the central figure of God’s great salvation, and the centre of our gathering⁴. As we break the bread and drink the cup, we remember Him who loved us and gave Himself for us⁵.

Our worship should be directed to the Father⁶ and the Son⁷.

(4) Singing from the Heart

Singing is an integral part of worship. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"⁸.

Our singing at the Breaking of Bread is not for warming the heart, filling the silence, or entertainment. It is not for us, but for Him alone. We sing to proclaim and to praise. Our songs must be doctrinally correct and Christ-exalting. They should direct us to gaze on the throne of God and His beloved Son.

Music must not dominate the worship. Music may arouse deep emotional responses, but Spirit-led worship focuses on the truths from the Scriptures that are also captured in the lyrics.

(5) Orderliness with Simplicity

John witnessed the angels and saints praising God in turn. The worship was spontaneous, but also orderly.

Spirit-led worship does not mean sloppy, irreverent or noisy confusion. Our God is not a God of confusion but of peace⁹. At our worship meeting

"all things should be done decently and in order"¹⁰.

Since we do not pre-assign worship leaders, all brothers should come with prepared hearts to lead. Sisters worship in silence with a head covering to veil man's glory¹¹. As a priesthood of believers, we unite our hearts in prayer, songs and Scripture readings as we break the bread, drink the cup and partake in the offering. The weekly sequence may be simple, but meeting with our Lord Jesus never loses its freshness or excitement.

(6) Scripture Reading

On the road to Emmaus, the two disciples walking with Jesus felt their hearts burn while He "opened" the Scriptures to them, explaining to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself¹².

The Holy Spirit loves to reveal the character and glory of Jesus Christ through His inspired writings¹³. Hence let us take time to open the Bible, the living Word that points us to the Saviour¹⁴. This will help us see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ¹⁵.

Some churches have replaced the simple reading of Scriptures with other things such as magic shows, rock

concerts and multi-media performances. Let us rather allow the Holy Spirit to illumine us from the pages of the Bible. As the Spirit leads, let us be prepared to read a portion of Scripture and behold wonderful things¹⁶.

Instead of adopting new methods for worship, let us learn from heaven's example to be Spirit-led "with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God"¹⁷. Paul warns of a time when "people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions"¹⁸. We must guard the way we worship and like David, sit quietly in the house of the LORD, gazing upon His beauty¹⁹. This is truly a taste of heaven on earth!

1 Revelations 5:14

2 John 1:14

3 Revelations 5:6

4 Matthew 18:20

5 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

6 John 4:23

7 Matthew 2:2, Luke 24:52

8 Colossians 3:16

9 1 Corinthians 14:33a

10 1 Corinthians 14:40

11 1 Corinthians 11:7

12 Luke 24:13-35

13 2 Timothy 3:16

14 John 5:39

15 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

16 Psalms 119:18

17 2 Corinthians 1:12

18 2 Timothy 4:3

19 Psalm 27:4

A&A Works at Bethesda Hall Ang Mo Kio July-August Update

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The moment has arrived. July 2015 is a crucial month for our A&A works. Contractually, the contractor is expected to complete physical works and be ready for the Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) inspection by the end of July 2015.

All major structural works had been completed by April 2015. In the months of May and June 2015, various architectural finishing and M&E works were carried out both inside and outside the building. A large part of the works was focused on the interior finishing of the worship hall.

• Extension Building:

- a. Levels 1-5 structure and superstructure: 100% completed

- b. Architectural façade walls and windows: 100% completed

PRAY FOR SMOOTH PROGRESS IN THE UPCOMING INSPECTIONS

- c. Architectural partition works and doors: 90% completed
- d. Floor tiling: 90% completed
- e. Architectural metal roofing works: 60% completed
- f. M&E works: 80% completed

• Existing Building:

- a. Toilet fittings and partitions: 90% completed
- b. Floor tiling: 90%

- completed
- c. Staircase railing: 90% completed
- d. M&E works: 90% completed

• External Works:

- a. Drainage and sewerage: 90% completed
- b. Electrical: 90% completed
- c. Water: 100% completed and commissioned
- d. Driveway pavers and fire engine hardstanding: 90% completed
- e. Fencing and gates: 90% completed
- f. Landscaping: ongoing

• Carpentry and Signage Works: Ongoing

Updated schedule of crucial events ahead:

- BCA Temporary Occupation Permit



The new north façade revealed for the first time. The rooftop has a new function room and play area. Can you guess where the building joint line, where the new extension meets the old, is? In the foreground, external finishing works are in progress.



Aerial view from north-west showing the extended rear canopy that will enable quick drop-off and pick-up in the event of rain, without vehicles having to turn into the compound. This is one method of traffic management through design.

(TOP) Inspection: end July 2015

- BCA release of TOP: early August 2015
- BAMK takeover of site: late August / early September 2015
- BAMK move-in: end September /early October 2015

Pray that the contractor will complete the works on time, and pray for smooth progress in the upcoming inspections by key building authorities.

“Our help is in the name of the Lord...” (Psalm 124:8a)



View of the new west façade seen from the HDB carpark. Some metal roofing-facade works are still ongoing. Notice how the old and new façade meet, in the far left of this photo (further detailed in the first photo on page 10).



View of the almost completed east façade seen from AMK Avenue 4. This new frontage will welcome people into our Hall. The central staircase (in red) punctuates the linear façade with a strong vertical glass feature.



An architectural palimpsest has been 'unearthed' between the original pitched roof (1st generation construction) and the former 'tower' block (2nd generation construction). Soon this palimpsest will be covered over with a new 'skin' (3rd generation construction). How apt a symbol this is of the past and the future!



The almost completed library, short of the carpentry and shelves. This used to be the open gallery; some of the old gallery steps have been retained to connect the upper and lower tiers of the library.



Workers putting the finishing touches to the interior of the Worship Hall. Specially profiled acoustic panels are cladded onto the walls to enhance sound transmittance. Notice the old plaster ceiling has been retained and revamped.



View from inside the central staircase. This staircase offers one of the most soothing views out of the building, of the lush greenery from the crown of the trees along AMK Avenue 4.

Come and join us for Hymn Fellowship Ministry (HFM)!

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*“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”
Ephesians 5:19*

If you have always wanted to learn to sing more of the hymns from the Believers Hymn Book, and to learn to use the smartphone App, there will be opportunities for you to do so from July 2015 onwards.

With God’s help, CCC Group D has set in motion the Hymn Fellowship Ministry (HFM in short), with the first session on 4 July 2015; and from August 2015, the HFM will be held twice a month on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

All believers, regardless of age, who enjoy singing hymns and spiritual songs of praise are welcome to join us.

The session will commence at 7pm sharp with a brother teaching a couple of hymns from the Believers Hymn Book for about 15 minutes. These may be unfamiliar hymns, or alternative tunes that we could use for well-loved hymns.



Brother Kian Huat kicked off the first session

Learning new hymns can be fun!



held in the Music Room (the venue for our weekly Prayer Meeting) at Bethesda Hall (Depot Walk).

If you use a smart phone or have a tablet, do download the Believers Hymn Book App and bring your device along.

By the time this article is printed, we would have kicked off the first two sessions of the HFM. Please join us in spending an hour or so, learning and singing hymns and praises to our Great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our next meetings will be held on 5 & 19 Sept, 3 & 17 Oct, 7 & 21 Nov, and 5 & 19 Dec 2015.

The second segment lasting for about 45 minutes will be devoted to choices from the Believers Hymn Book and the Green Book, selected by members attending.

The final segment is a short 15 minutes of devotion based on the scriptures or the telling of a hymn story and the writer’s inspiration for that hymn.

We aim to round up the HFM by 8:15pm.

Until Bethesda Hall (Ang Mo Kio) is ready, the HFM will be

Reflections on Assembly Bible Camp 2015

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I thank the Lord for the privilege of chairing the 2015 Assembly Bible Camp (ABC) Planning Committee. The Camp's theme was "So Great Salvation" taken from Hebrews 2:3. Though this was my ninth time chairing the committee and leading the camp, it was still like a new experience, working with a new committee, in a new campsite and with a number of first-time campers. This camp would not have been smoothly executed if not for the Lord's help and the untiring services of the committee members. We saw 222 campers, the youngest being two years

old and the oldest, 87 years old. We were also privileged to have, for the first time in our assembly's history, 18 overseas participants (four from Malaysia, two from Hong Kong, three from Indonesia, one from South Korea, five from Cebu, one from UK and two from Myanmar). Their participation added tremendous blessings to the practical and prayer fellowship at the camp as they shared their mission reports on the Lord's work done in their respective countries.

Many have asked, "How was the camp?" This could only be answered if you were there

ABC 2015, So Great a Salvation



to experience and enjoy what the Lord bestowed upon His campers.

On behalf of the assembly, we thank you for keeping the campers in your prayers. Let us pray that the blessings received at the camp would be passed on to the assembly for her further growth and testimony. Every camp comes and goes and it is up to each individual camper to practise what he has learnt. As an Adult Camp teacher once said, "The task of the evangelist is to preach the gospel to save the souls; the Bible teacher is to teach God's Word to save lives".



Noah Ong, with the J2 campers



The Cantonese group



J1 helpers with all their charges



Joel Boon taught the J3 campers



Roy Hill, speaker for the adult section



A great game we played



Just watching the games can bring great joy



Another great game we played

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It was a great blessing to be at ABC 2015. The following are just a few of my reflections.

A-Acceptable: We were reminded to live a life acceptable to the Lord. The great salvation, that we have been privileged to be a part of, should result in us being ready to serve Him in whatever capacity He has called us to. As shared by Roy Hill, our camp speaker, Romans 12:1 exhorts us to be living sacrifices. Are we available to do that which He has called us for? Are we living lives that are pleasing and acceptable to Him who has saved us?

B-Brethren: It was a huge blessing to have many (18) overseas friends at the camp. We heard updates on their work and what a challenge

their great testimonies were to us! This was a foretaste of heaven, where there will be no separation of race and culture, and where every kindred and every tribe will worship the Lord.

C-Christ: We can thank God for Christ. The great salvation we receive is because of His work on the cross. We are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. It is because of Christ that we have hope in eternity and it is because of Christ that we have this Camp. May we, whether we have attended the camp or not, learn to love Him more each day and live a life worthy of His calling, because He is worth it.

“How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation...?”
Hebrews 2:3

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*“How good and pleasant it
is when God’s people live
together in unity!”
Psalm 133:1*

Unity was what I felt throughout this camp. With the theme also including the word “great”, I learned and experienced many great things. First of all, I thank God for giving me this opportunity to visit Singapore and Malaysia.

It was my first time attending a Bible camp in a country other than the Philippines. And it was awesome to have lots of good fellowship with the brothers and sisters in Singapore. I enjoyed playing soccer and all kinds of games with them. Knowing more about one another, and sharing our own trials in this world, was a real encouragement to me.



Morning exercises led by Chong Kwok Kian



Some preferred soccer

I learned so many great things through Roy Hill's messages and the Bible studies. 1 Peter 1:3-4 describes our hope in salvation. As Christians, we have something to hold on to while we are in this dark world with the many trials and temptations that come and go in our daily lives. 1 Peter 1:6 encouraged me much, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." Only for a little

while do I have to endure the trials of this world. All these things come about because of my identity as a Christian. I thanked God for this reminder.

Bible study was really helpful. I loved the discussions and our little sharing time. I was challenged to study the Bible more intently and deeply. I also enjoyed giving praise to God through playing my violin with the other musicians.

This camp has given me so many memories to treasure: having fellowship till 4 am on the last night, playing soccer during our free time, getting to know many brothers and sisters from Singapore, and receiving so much encouragement from the messages and the brothers and sisters. Thank you all for such love and hospitality. Please keep our family in your prayers.



Some of the musicians who served at the camp



A time for great bible study



He ain't heavy, he's my brother



Skit presentation by J3 campers during the Great Talent Night

An Interview with Indonesian Missionary Suko Raharjo

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Tell us about yourself.

I come from a Christian family – both my parents and grandparents are Christians. I am blessed with my wife, Hedi, and two daughters, Vani and Coni. We live in Gombong, Indonesia, where I serve as a board member of Grace of Indonesia (GI), a Christian organisation of 10 congregations spread across Indonesia. I am also a church planter and elder.

What moved you to serve in this ministry?

When I was a youth, a friend encouraged me to attend a series of lessons on the Bible. As I attended these lessons, I began to see God's goodness towards me and felt a calling to do His work. I have had a strong desire to serve the Lord ever since then, and responded to His call to serve as a pastor.

In the early days of my ministry, I was called to move from my home in Salatiga (a city in Central Java) to Gombong. Initially, I was reluctant to relocate as the weather in Salatiga was more temperate than that in Gombong, and Gombong lacked good schools for my children. However, I remembered how Jesus Christ came to this earth to save us even though earth was lowly compared to heaven. This moved me to take the step to move to Gombong.

What challenges do you face in this ministry?

One significant challenge is the poor teamwork among Christians in my churches. We have different ways of thinking and do not always see eye to eye. This makes it difficult to come to a consensus on methods of carrying out activities in the assembly.

How can we pray for you?

Please pray for me as I fulfill my many responsibilities. Of the 10 assemblies under my wing, 7 are located further away in East Java and I often have to make trips there. I am also an elder of two churches in Gombong, comprising about 70 members. As a church planter, I am constantly looking to establish new assemblies across Indonesia. It is tough to juggle multiple responsibilities and I have actually wanted to step down from the board of GI. However, circumstances do not allow me to do so yet, so please pray for strength and wisdom as I serve in these ministries.

Nevertheless, I thank God for an understanding and supportive family. It is hard sometimes to leave home and travel to other cities because my second daughter, Coni, is very attached to me. I am thus very thankful for opportunities to bring my family along on my mission trips. For instance, in 2013 we travelled to Singapore together to visit several assemblies and received much hospitality.

BMET Bohol 2015 (Philippines)

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The Bohol Mission began with an unexpected acquaintance between Uncle Andrew Sng and Brother Hwang, a Korean missionary, in 2009. He invited Uncle Andrew to visit the work in Bohol. So in 2010, the first team from our assembly set foot in Bohol. A team has been visiting yearly since then. With each visit, God demonstrates that He is faithfully working in our lives to build His kingdom.

This year's theme was **Let Your Light Shine**. Our objectives were:

1. To encourage Brother Hwang and Sister Sung Hea by partnering with and supporting them in their ministry in Bohol and Dumaguete.
2. To evangelise, bringing the gospel to unsaved Filipinos in the villages of Dagohoy, Sandingan, Pantudlan, Cabacongan and Timbao.
3. To expose our young



Each believer stands as a testimony of God's grace and love. The believers' salvation and transformed lives are evidence of God's work in the Philippines. Please join me in praying for the believers in Tagbilaran and Dumaguete, that they will grow spiritually mature in the Lord and be a light in this world of darkness!

~ Wee Swee Kee



*"How can I keep from singing Your praise?"
These children always have a song of praise to the Lord ready in their mouths!
~ Melissa Fong*



adults to mission work, and mentor them for spiritual growth and service.

This year's visit was special because a brother from our assembly, Amos Chew, has been in Bohol since January 2015 to serve alongside Brother Hwang for a year.

For many on the team, this trip was not their first: we were excited to be back! It was a joyous reunion with Brother Hwang and family, who as always welcomed us with much hospitality and love.

For me, there were two priceless things about the Mission. Firstly, we got to follow the missionaries very

closely; this was also deeply appreciated by first-timers Audrey Kwan and Melissa Fong. Secondly, we could follow-up with people we previously met, drawing us closer together. It is always delightful to sit in (or on top of!) a *jeepney* with the Filipino believers, singing praises to God and enjoying one another's company.

Brother Hwang's family gave us precious insights into the Lord's work. They have a deep concern for the salvation of people attending assembly meetings in Bohol and Dumaguete. For those already saved, prayer for consistent spiritual growth is crucial. Equipping the saints

for service is another concern. Brother Hwang prays for the local believers, including potential future leaders of the assembly, to find their spiritual gifts. He truly has the heart of a shepherd.

There are plans to build a new chapel at a more accessible location between Dumaguete city and the mountain village of Timbao. Our assembly supports this work through giving; let's pray with them also.

Sister Sung Hea recounted how God led their family to the mission field. The Hwangs initially lived in Bohol, but because Sister Sung Hea's health was affected by air

**BROTHER
HWANG'S
FAMILY GAVE
US PRECIOUS
INSIGHTS INTO
THE LORD'S
WORK.**



See God's glory in the fellowship of the saints and in the majesty of such a pristine environment! I am humbly reminded of 2 Cor 5:7 "For we live by faith, not by sight". Faith begets a heart of service to God, enabling His glory to shine through us. Let this be my focus, not worldly anxieties which He never fails to solve. If only we can see this clearly all the time! ~ Chow Tat Foong



This boy is adorable. He told his mother that when he grows up, he wants to be a missionary like Kuya (Brother) Hwang. Daniel, I pray that you will always be mightily used by God, and reflect His love. Thank you for blessing the people around you with your childlike faith in Christ. ~ Moritza Lim

Daniel's parents, Dennis and Marilyn, are members of Tagbilaran Christian Church in Bohol



"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10. This couple was from the first house that was willing to listen to the gospel. As the wife is unable to walk properly, they could not go to the gospel service that night. Thank God for bringing us to them so that the gospel could be preached. ~ Keoy Soo Siong

pollution, God led them to move to Dumaguete, two hours from Bohol by sea. Thus began the work in Dumaguete. Brother Hwang travels regularly between the two islands to continue the ministry in Bohol. I was amazed at how God cared for their family and grew the work at the same time.

This being my second visit, I had opportunities for deeper fellowship with the people there. Wondering how God had changed their lives, I asked several youths. One of them shared that his family was the first to be saved on the island of Cabilao. His father used to be an alcoholic and his parents fought frequently, but after they met Christ, their marriage improved and his father quit alcohol. The children clearly saw how Christ transformed their parents' lives. Another youth, whose mother abandoned her family when she was young, shared that knowing God has taught her forgiveness, and given her a much bigger family in Christ. She now prays for the salvation of her father and siblings.

I am so thankful for this trip, and look forward to the next. Before we parted ways, Sister Sung Hea reminded us that whether in the Philippines or in Singapore, we serve the same God. Singapore is also a mission field, albeit

with different challenges. Whilst we are not all full-time missionaries, our calling is the same – to be beacons of Christ's light in the world.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16



Glad to have met Brother Kim Sung Kwang on this trip. Always reminded that Christianity is never a local belief but rather a global belief where the God we serve is the same God in spite of the different languages used when we worship, when we share the gospel and when we pray. ~ Ho Ren An

OUR CALLING IS TO BE BEACONS OF CHRIST'S LIGHT IN THE WORLD

I thank God for the opportunity to go on BMET Bohol 2015, for it was during the trip that I got to know our team members better and was amazed at each member's contributions. Truly, God has bestowed on our assembly so many gifts for His glory and the edification of His people.
~ Francis Chia



Marilyn and Che Che are two dear sisters from Tagbilaran Christian Church, Bohol. I was very encouraged by their desire to fellowship, and to reach out to their unsaved family. Join me in praying that they will also be good pillars of support within their local household of faith, mentoring the younger Christian girls and encouraging their husbands in their ministry.
~ Lydia Choa





These beautiful photo frames handmade by Elsie Wong, with photos professionally taken by Kum Meng, are gifts that the villagers will treasure for a long time. For many, it could be their first and their last family photo.

~ Anna Tong



Stars and scars. We braved sea urchin beds to admire all of God's creation on beach fellowship day at Dumaluán Beach, Pang So Island, Bohol.

~ Poon Kum Meng



It was a special experience worshipping in the village church at Timbao, Dumaguete amidst the sounds of chickens, dogs, cows and buzzing flies. It does not matter that we may not fully understand every word spoken either in Cebuano, Korean or English. I look to the day when we will worship in pristine conditions with the voice of angels in the background.

~ Boon Chuan Jian



This was probably the only lighted place on this side of the mountain of Timbao, Dumaguete. And we sang, "By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the power of the gospel shall prevail." ~ Ho Xin An



The outreach work in Timbao is extensive and extremely profitable, reaching children, women and numerous elderly folk. As many as 100-150 typically attend the morning worship. Pray for the Lord's safekeeping of those who are saved, and for wisdom and patience to minister to the diverse spiritual needs of the saints. ~ Andrew Sng



This old couple on Cabilao Island could no longer walk to the chapel and attend gospel meetings. As the gospel was shared during door-to-door evangelism, it struck me with the importance of going out to share the good news to those who would never hear it otherwise. "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?" - Romans 10:14

~ Robyn Tan

Jul-Aug 2015 Assembly News

BEREAVEMENT

Our deepest condolences to:

- Andrew Kwan, Lily, Ryan and family on the home-calling of Lily's father on 23rd May 2015.
- Joyce Tay, Esther, Danny, Mabel, Steven, Chin Imm, Jenny, Terry Tan & family on the home-calling of their mother on 12th Jun 2015.
- Eric Chia, Dora & Benjamin on the home calling of Eric's father on 27th June 2015.
- Yeo Chee Hiang & Angie, on the home calling of Angie's sister on 1st July 2015.
- Sunny Wong & Pauline, on the passing away of Sunny's brother and sister-in-law on 19th & 22th July 2015.

EVENTS

30 MAY GB ENROLMENT SERVICE AT DW, 11.30AM

Theme verse: Hebrews 13:16
Speaker: Dennis Loh
Song leader: Choy Wai Fann
Special song items were presented by the GB girls.
About 80 attended.

8-12 JUN ASSEMBLY BIBLE CAMP

Theme: So Great Salvation (Hebrew 2:3)
Venue: Concorde Inn Hotel (KLIA), Malaysia



GB Enrolment

Camp Teachers:

Adult group: Roy Hill (Bristol)

Cantonese group: Jonathan Tsui (Hong Kong)

J1 group: Poon Yiam Kiau

J2 group: Andrew He

J3 group: Joel Boon

Workshop teachers:

J1 group: Constance Chong

J2 group: Noah Ong

J3 group: Brandon Chan

Organising committee:

Janice Chan, Jeannie Chiam,

Constance Chong, Chong Lai

Wah, Esther Chng, Eva Sek,

Amy Tan, Dora Tan, Leong

Chee Tiek & Evelyn, Mervyn

Tan & Melissa, Adrian Chin,

Keith Wan and Wong Tuck

Keong (Chairman).

222 attended, of whom 5 were from Cebu, 2 from Hong Kong, 3 from Indonesia, 4 from Malaysia, 2 from Myanmar, 1 from S. Korea and 1 from UK.

17-19 JUN SPECIAL MINISTRY MEETINGS BY ROY HILL AT DW, 8 PM NIGHTLY

Theme: Witnesses & Witnessing

17th June: "Three Witnesses"/

Chairman: Kenneth Khong

18th June: "Two Witnesses"/

Chairman: William Chew

19th June: "One Witness"/

Chairman: Harry Tan

Average nightly attendance: 150

27 JUN 134TH SENIOR CHRISTIANS GATHERING, 4 PM

Chairman: Victor Ng
 Speaker: Sum Siew Tak
 Venue: First Culinary Restaurant @ ITE College Central & Headquarters
 215 senior Christians were invited; 153 attended.

4 JUL SISTERS' MINISTRY SPECIAL MEETING AT DW, 3PM

Venue: Bethesda Hall (Depot Walk)
 Topic: The Proverbs Thirty-One Woman
 Speaker: Chua Yen Ching
 About 80 attended.

17 JUL SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING (TELOK BLANGAH HILL PARK), 8.30AM

70 attended.



134th Senior Christians' Gathering



Sunday School Outing, 17 July

MINISTRY

GOSPEL SERVICE (DW)

Date	^{Afternoon} Ministry (SAV)	^{Morning} Ministry (DW)	Speaker	Chairman
02 Aug	Ho Kuang Cheng	Chong Kim Chow		
09 Aug	Robert Hmar	Harry Tan		
16 Aug	William Koh	Eric Choa	Andrew Premsundar	James Yim
23 Aug	Andrew Sng	Tan Jing Poi		
30 Aug	Peter Wong	Harry Tan		
06 Sep	Wan Yin Chi	Chang Chew Kient		
13 Sep	Wong Tuck Keong	Alex Kwok		
20 Sep	Tan Chee Hwee	Ernest Chew	Joseph Sng	Choong Kit Soon
27 Sep	Stephen Chang	Andrew Sng		
04 Oct	Gerald Sim	Khoo Oon Soo		
11 Oct	Daniel Panneersalvam	Khoo Oon Soo		
18 Oct	Dennis Loh	Tay Kim Swee	Linus Tan	Bryan Chan
25 Oct	Dennis Loh	Kenneth Khong		

SPEAKERS FOR PRAYER MEETING FROM APR-JUN 2015

Date	Bible Text	Speaker (DW)
04 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
01 Sep	Lev 22:17-33	Matthew Chia
08 Sep	Lev 23:1-8	Mervyn Tan
15 Sep	Lev 23:9-22	Nathaniel Chia
22 Sep	Lev 23:23-32	Tan Ah Beng
29 Sep	Lev 23:33-44	Nicholas Ong
06 Oct	Lev 24:1-9	Steve Chia
13 Oct	Lev 24:10-23	Samuel Ten
20 Oct	Lev 25:1-17	Tan Chai Chew
27 Oct	Lev 25:18-31	Sean Koh