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Church Leaders & Staff Dedication

教会领袖和教牧同工就职礼



On Sunday, 10 January 2010, the church dedicated the leaders and staff before the congregation at the 9 am Sanctuary Service. These are the people who have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.

The congregation participated in prayer for them, asking for God's grace and guidance as they use their special gifts and devote themselves to the service of God in the church and the world.

在主日，2010年1月10日早上的9点圣殿崇拜，教会领袖和教牧同工在会众面前举办就职礼。这些领袖和教牧同工是神所呼召并由神的子民所拣选来领导教会。

会众以祷告参与这就职礼，祈求神的恩典及引导，使他们能尽心尽力的使用神的恩赐来事奉上帝。

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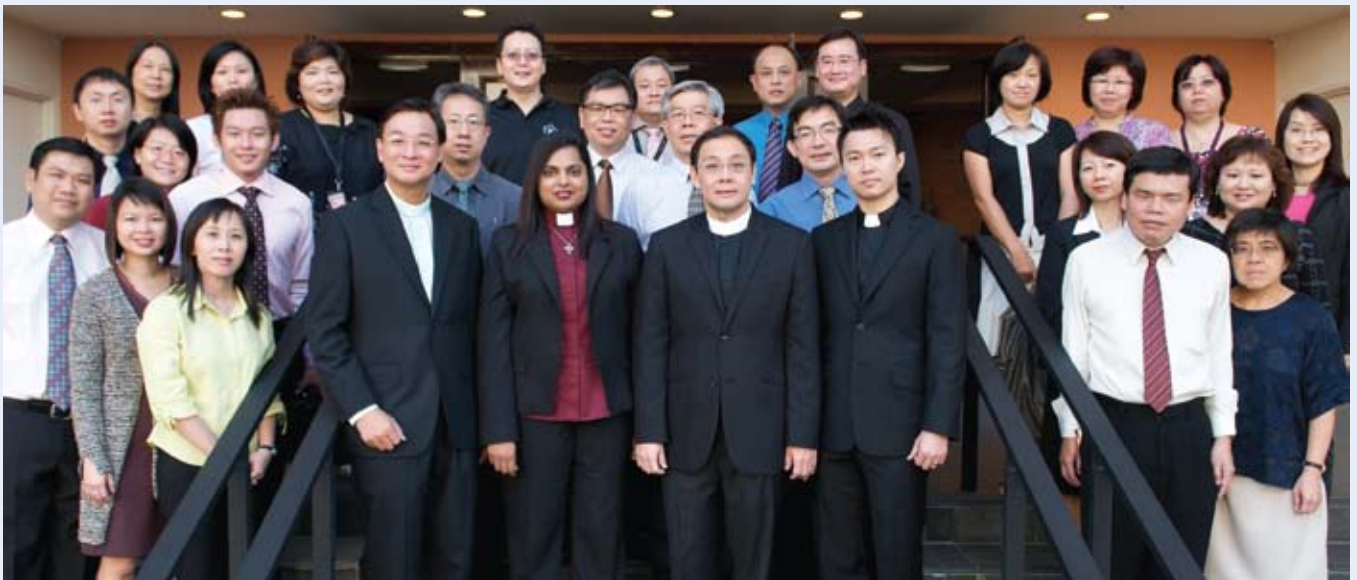
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Being God's Workers for the Harvest

成为上帝禾场的仆人

In December 2009, five teams of missions trippers were sent out to Thailand, Myanmar, and East Asia to bring God's love and message of salvation to the lost. Here, some team members share how, through the trips, they have come to experience God's great love and power that is so evident in the lives of the people. Most importantly, they have caught the heartbeat of God and answered the call to be part of His great commission!

在2009年12月，五组宣教团队分别被差派到泰国，缅甸和东亚去传扬上帝的爱和救恩的信息。在这里，一些队员们分享了在旅途中，他们如何经历到神的大爱和能力张显在当地的人们生活中。最重要的是，他们已经感受到了上帝的心跳并回应了祂的呼召，成为祂大使命的一份子。

G1 trip to Myanmar (6 – 13 Dec 2009)

G1 短宣队到缅甸（2009年12月6日至13日）

Hope In The Golden Land 黄金土地上的盼望 By Jane Foo



It is known as 'The Golden Land'. Pagodas gleaming with gold are almost synonymous with the land of Myanmar. Indeed, these are the structures that withstood the years of suffering that the land faced; the most recent being the visit of Cyclone Nargis in 2008, causing catastrophic destruction to the land and its people.

Yet, amidst these hardships, we could see hope and strength in the way the people of Myanmar lived their lives. Along the pot-holes littered roads, street kids could be seen peddling their wares consisting of jasmine flowers, and trays consisting of tissue papers and other knick-knacks. There was also a little figure slinging a bag of tin cans to sell at the end of the day, and a group of young monks carrying alms bowls

wandering the streets of the city.

For our team of six (Annie, Bee Shan, Carolyn, Jane, Magdalene and Yinfang), the children were the ones who held a special place in our hearts - from the little girl with the big woeful eyes who tugged at and tickled our hands in order to get our attention to give her money, to the joyful children at the orphanage who thanked us profusely for our short visit and for the games and food treat they were able to enjoy. The children's ability to be satisfied and grateful with what little they had made us realise the much that we have and the immense blessings we enjoy in our land.

It was amazing how God orchestrated the events to bring us together. Each of us was given a role to play, according to the gifts that God has given us. The focal of the ministry during our trip was on the imparting of administrative skills to an English private school. When we reported at the school on Monday morning, we were told that no one signed up for the class due to begin that very afternoon, despite the fact that publicity had been done weeks before!

It was a test of faith and belief that our Father God who brought us thousands of miles had yet to perform His 'miracle'. We went about our planned tasks to 'publicise' in person to the morning classes. Looking back, not one of us panicked about having zero students, even though the class was about to start in four hours' time. Instead, it was a time of expectation to revel in the great plan of God. After doing the needed publicity, we went to the wet market to purchase the ingredients for our home-cooked lunch headed by our chief chef - Magdalene! Just an hour before the lesson was due to start, the class register for our administrative skills class was over 30. A total tally of the figures minutes before the class started saw it increased to 41! To God be the Glory!

The 5-day class consisted of imparting skills such as customer service, cover letter and resume writing, budgetting and filing to the students. The students' yearning for knowledge was an encouragement to the team as we taught them over the four days. It culminated to a one-hour Christmas party on the fifth day, done over three



separate sessions for close to one hundred students consisting of students from our administrative skills class and the rest of the English class students. During the short session, there were enthusiastic responses for the games and carols. A mime focussing on the love of God was put up by the team.



The session ended with a short sharing by Annie and break-out groups led by individual team members. It was heartening to know that it was the first time that four in five students heard about the gospel and attended such an outreach session. The session opened up chances for us to pray for the group and



specific students for their needs.

Indeed, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few (Matthew 9:37). Come and experience God's love for these people and be part of the great Commission!

G1 Trip to Chomthong, Thailand (8 - 16 December 2009)

G1 短宣队到 Chomthong, 泰国 (2009年12月8日至16日)

Witnessing God's Wondrous Hands at Work

见证上帝奇妙之手的工作 By Genevieve Lee

From 8 - 16 December 2009, a team comprising 31 members journeyed to Chomthong, Thailand, to bless the Karen people living in the village of Mae Klang Luang. Apple and Jeph are the two missionaries we visited who were called to reach the hill tribes of northern Thailand. While Apple and Jeph do engage in various outreach activities in the hill tribes' villages, the heart of their ministry is the Hope House Tribal Children's Home (Hope House) which provides a home for tribal children who leave their mountain villages to study in the schools in the district of Chomthong. Hope House assures these tribal children a primary and secondary education, imbues them with vocational skills and exposes them to the Word.

A common sentiment that is generally shared by church members who have recently returned from a missions trip is that they went out to bless but ended up being blessed instead. I believe that the



members on the Chomthong team are no exception. Suffice to say, we returned to Singapore finding our relationship with God being elevated to a whole new level and find ourselves all the more blessed for it. My own experience is perhaps less dramatic than some of the other team members but there were several lessons which stood out during the trip that I could not have possibly learnt if I never ventured out on a G1 trip.

The first thing that struck me about Apple's and Jeph's ministry in Hope House is their total dependence on God's providence. Hope House is a



small ministry which currently supports 20 tribal children. Funding comes in the form of donations and a small stream of income from the sale of coffee grown in the villages. Nonetheless, there are times when Jeph would find himself facing an empty (or near-empty) bank account with no notion of where the funds for the following month's expenses will come from. Apple's and Jeph's faith in God's providence is moving but it is their testimony that God never failed them once through those financially-trying times which made my lesson in faith and surrendering complete. At this

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认识我们的牧师



Rev Dr Jonathan Seet with Joyce and their daughter, Jazlyn, 17

薛添宝牧师博士, 牧师娘 Joyce 和女儿 Jazlyn 十七岁

Date of Birth : 24 January 1962

Home Church : Paya Lebar Methodist Church

Schools : Rosyth School, Victoria School, Temasek Junior College, Institute of Education (the former NIE), Trinity Theological College, Princeton Theological Seminary, San Francisco Theological Seminary

Year of Joining Pastoral Ministry : 1991

Previous Occupation : Teacher

Churches served in the past : Fairfield Methodist Church, Paya Lebar Methodist Church, Pentecost Methodist Church

出生日期 : 1962年1月24日

所属堂会 : 卫理公会巴耶利峇堂

学校 : 乐赛学校, 维多利亚学校, 淡马锡初级学院; 教育学院 (前国立教育学院), 三一神学院, 普林斯顿神学院, 旧金山神学院

教牧任职期 : 1991年

之前的职业 : 教师

之前所事奉过的教会 : 卫理公会花菲堂, 卫理公会巴耶利峇堂, 卫理公会五旬节堂



Rev Lynette Sathiasingam 牧师

Date of Birth : 26 August 1966

Home Church : Trinity Methodist Church

Schools : Serangoon Gardens South School, Cedar Girls Secondary School, Nanyang Junior College, University of Toronto, University of Hull, Trinity Theological College.

Year of Joining Pastoral Ministry : 2004

Previous Occupation : Lawyer

Churches served in the past : Faith Methodist Church

出生日期 : 1966年8月26日

所属堂会 : 卫理公会三一堂

学校 : 实岗花园南小学, 四德女中, 南洋初级学院, 加拿大多伦多大学, 英国赫尔大学, 三一神学院

教牧任职期 : 2004年

之前的职业 : 律师

之前所事奉过的教会 : 卫理公会思珍堂

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Rev Christopher Chin with Rachel and their daughter, Sophia, 9, and son, Moses, 7

陈德立牧师, 牧师娘 Rachel 和女儿 Sophia, 九岁, 儿子 Moses, 七岁

Date of Birth : 21 January 1968

Home Church : Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church

Schools : Sacred Hearts Primary School, Lasalle Secondary School, Universiti Perdana Malaysia, Nanyang Technology University, Trinity Theological College

Year of Joining Pastoral Ministry : 2004

Previous Occupation : Lecturer

Churches served in the past : Christ Methodist Church

出生日期 : 1968年1月21日

所属堂会 : 卫理公会宏茂桥堂

学校 : 聖心小學, 喇沙中學, 马来西亚英迪大学, 南洋理工大学, 三一神学院

教牧任职期 : 2004年

之前的职业 : 教授

之前所事奉过的教会 : 卫理公会基督堂



Rev Reuben Ng with Angela and their daughters, Faith, 8, and Eliza, 6

黄力强牧师, 牧师娘 Angela, 和他们的两个女儿- Faith, 八岁及 Eliza 六岁

Date of Birth : 5 December 1971

Home Church : Toa Payoh Methodist Church

Schools : Anglo Chinese Primary School; Anglo Chinese Secondary School; Anglo Chinese Junior College; Singapore Institute of Commerce; Trinity Theological College

Year of Joining Pastoral Ministry : 2007

Previous Occupation : Foreign Exchange Trader

出生日期 : 1971年12月5日

所属堂会 : 卫理公会大巴窰堂

学校 : 英华学校(小学), 英华学校(中学), 英华初级学院, 新加坡商学院, 三一神学院

教牧任职期 : 2007

之前的职业 : 外汇交易员

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G1 Trip to Chomthong, Thailand (8 - 16 December 2009)



point, the team wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to General Nutrition Corporation (GNC) for their gift of multi-vitamin tablets to the children of Hope House.

Another lesson I learned is this – that every individual, young or old, be it physically or spiritually, is capable of being used as a vessel to carry out God's work. The majority of the members on this team comprised whole families. The youngest member was only 6 years old. Young as he was, he and the other children had no qualms in interacting with the children and youths alike during our outreach activities in the schools of Chomthong. I cannot help but feel that it was the open interaction of the children and youths on our team with the students in Chomthong that enabled our message of God's love to connect more

meaningfully and more deeply with our audience. In fact, as I have discovered, no matter how unprepared one might feel about the task of building God's kingdom, chances are one may find oneself being used as a tool to carry out His work in an unforeseen manner with unexpected consequences during the trip.

Of course, no missions trip is complete without witnessing God's wondrous hands at work. One member who was down with a fever one night after suffering from a cold for the first few days of the trip was up on his feet by the following morning after an intense round of praying by him and his wife throughout the night. A staff at Hope House also stopped experiencing pain from his hand injury after a member of our team prayed for healing for him. If I may recall, we were asked to pray for



what we hoped to see and experience during the missions trip in a G1 training session. I asked to see God's hand at work. In this regard, He has answered my prayer and in such abundance so much so that I was left somewhat overwhelmed by the entire experience. The only thought that comes to mind as I ponder upon how I had perhaps bitten off more than I could chew with that prayer of mine is what we had been singing all the time up in Chomthong, that is – God is good. And He is indeed.

G1 Trip to Rangsit and Chonburi, Thailand (11 to 18 Dec 09)

G1 短宣队到 Rangsit 和 Chonburi 泰国 (2009 年 12 月 11 日至 18 日)

God's Power Flowing Through Thailand

上帝的大能临到泰国 By Margie Toi

The oldest member was 73 years old while the 'baby' in the group was in his mid fifties. Together we made up the team of six senior citizens that headed for Thailand on 11 December 2009 for an 8-day G1 missions trip. Our itinerary included Rangsit, Chaiyaphum, Wang Nam Khieo and Chonburi.

We did not know what to expect in a land that is predominantly and stoutly Buddhist. Everywhere we went there were temples and shops selling Buddhist artifacts and idols. One wondered if sharing the Good News in a place like that would be tough. Try selling air conditioners to the

Eskimos! Understandably, some of us were apprehensive. Nonetheless, we committed ourselves to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The day after our arrival, we set off before sunrise on a 5-hour mini-bus journey along super highways and



bumpy hilly roads to Chaiyaphum to visit a village church run by Pastor A. Pila. On arrival, we joined the congregation in worship and although we could not understand one another, we felt very much at home because of the warmth and friendliness shown by everyone we met. During the service, we were very touched by the sincere exuberance shown by the congregation which comprised mainly of farmers and their families from nine neighbouring villages.

Back in Bangkok, we attended Sunday service at Rangsit Methodist Church. Our very own John Lim was preaching that morning and Rev Prasert was his interpreter. After the service there was time for fellowship with church members and personal sharing and intercession. And although there was difficulty in communicating with the Thai brothers and sisters, there was no barrier between us as we shared openly and without inhibition.

Later that Sunday afternoon, we visited Rangsit's new church site where construction is in progress. We were told that the landlord of the premises that house the present church is not renewing the lease. The new building will initially house a chapel, a crematorium and two small houses (one for the staff and the other for visitors). The crematorium is especially urgent not only for Rangsit members but also for all Thai Christians as it will be the first of its kind in Thailand. We were told that at present Thai Christians who died are cremated in Buddhist temples, following Buddhist rites performed by Buddhist priests. A major problem faced by Rangsit is funding, hence the building plans are carried out in stages. Later,



Ms Rusokol, 2007

when more funds are available with support from Christians in Thailand and elsewhere, a proper church sanctuary, a dormitory and a hostel will be built at the site.

Our trip also took us to Wang Nam Khieo where we visited a church bearing its name and several remote villages along the way. The visits to the villages gave us an experience indelibly printed on our memory. We were amazed by what we saw: eight converts within four hours! Brother Boonchiaw (our PLMC missionary) and the Thai sisters in Christ who accompanied us are spiritually on fire, passionate and devoted fishers of men. Praise God for these dedicated and faithful workers! They boldly shared the Gospel wherever they went and with anyone they met. The villagers were simple yet extremely friendly people. They were not hostile and showed great interest in what the visiting missions workers had to offer.

A visit was also arranged for us to meet a young Thai woman who, two years ago, was just skin and bones because of a viral infection in her brain and



Ms Rusokol, today

was left to die. Her name is Rusokol. Brother Boonchiaw was introduced to her then by a fellow believer and they prayed ceaselessly for her and visited her regularly. Her recovery was spectacular and miraculous and what we saw that day was a near normal person, completely different from the photo that was taken of her two years earlier. She told us, clutching the cross she made herself that hung on her neck, that she longed to go to church more regularly but unable to do so because she still has difficulty moving around.

Everywhere we went, be it Rangsit, Chaiyaphum, Wang Nam Khieo or Chonburi, we could feel God's power flowing through the land. From what we experienced, particularly in the rural areas and the remote villages, the people are receptive to the sharing of the Gospel. They want to be blessed and prayed for and they are friendly and not at all hostile. Our Lord Jesus said in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". Truly, in Thailand and elsewhere, there is a great and urgent need for more workers in all aspects of missions work.

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G1 Trip to Wonderland, East Asia (9 to 16 Dec 09)

G1 短宣队到 Wonderland, 东亚 (2009年12月9日至16日)

He Refreshes 上帝更新 By Cheryl Ang Boon Hui

A few weeks before the trip, I was going through a dry spell in my spiritual life. It was difficult to hear God. Being a busy Singaporean, God's voice often get drowned out by the different demands of work and daily living and emotions that come with them. I looked forward to trip. When away from Singapore, stripped away of the 'noise', I hoped to hear and experience God in an intimate way again. I needed the spiritual refreshment.

From past experience, I expected God's presence to be very real with us during the trip and He did not disappoint me. God's presence was with us every step of the way. It is touching and really encouraging to see how He speaks to each and every single member of the team and teaches each of us more about Himself, the people and working with Him. I personally felt His presence with me so very often during the trip, whether it was during the preparation of my sharing for devotion or when I tried to share the Good News with strangers and especially when we did the prayer walk.



During the preparation for sharing, God spoke to me through His Word, and showed me what He wanted me to share. When I was speaking to strangers, He gave me the words to say to them. I could hear His voice clearly as I had hoped before the trip. I heard God loud and clear through His written Word and the words He put into my mind.

When I knew I was in charge of the prayer team, I started worrying, even though there would be a local travelling with us. Many questions went through my mind. How do I ensure the safety of a group of ladies travelling from one city to another with local transport?

Do I need to book the hotel? What would be the budget? How shall I plan the route? How much ground to cover? How to make sure there's unity in the team? Will my decision and planning please everyone? I decided not to think of the answers to the questions but to deal with it as it comes. God was good, everything fell into place and worked out nicely, better than I expected. I did not have to make any difficult decision at all and saw how our loving Father took care of everything. It was such a privilege, such an encouragement and blessing.

I received my much-needed refreshment. Praise God!

Feeling God's Heartbeat for the World

感受到上帝对世人的心跳 By Kwek Lee Wah

My family (Chew Song, Fu Khai, Yongshan and myself) was planning to have an overseas trip to Europe in Dec 09. However, Chew Song was afraid of the extreme cold there and so we started looking for alternatives. Chew Song, who went on a missions trip last year, was keen on going for another one this year. As Yongshan and myself had

never been on a missions trip before, I finally agreed to go on the Wonderland trip, although I had some reservations.

As it turned out, I am glad I chose to go on the trip as it was a good learning experience for the family. It was heart-warming to see the team in action... in sharing the gospel... the manner in

which we share, and the enthusiasm in action etc. Whenever we took a taxi, we shared the gospel. The person in the front seat would do the sharing while the rest of us would pray quietly. After several sharings (including non-taxi drivers), we had a family debriefing time, where we discussed our encounters and learn lessons from each other. I was

glad that the Team Leader put us in one group and stationed us in the city.

Overall, this trip was quite enjoyable and it was not too taxing physically. We had a good time laughing as each of us shared our experiences during the prayer walking sessions. We also encouraged each other through the sharing during the debriefing sessions. The youth were particularly 'entertaining'. It was really good to see them going out 'into the fields' with their mentor and I would encourage more youth to go on such

missions trips in future.

I have been contemplating retirement for a while and have been wondering what I should be doing after retirement. This trip helped me to realise that going on missions (short to medium term) is one of the alternatives that I could consider.

I have also realised that currently the people in East Asia are relatively open and ready for the sowing of seeds and reaping of harvest. The East Asians are

keen on learning English, which is one of the keys in reaching out to them. The local Christian churches have their limitations and they could do with some reinforcement from overseas missionaries.

My family is grateful to the leaders (William, David and Glen) who agreed to take on the leadership responsibility as otherwise the Wonderland trip may not materialise. They have directed our attention to God and helped us feel God's heartbeat for the world.

G1 Trip to Bund City, East Asia (16-23 Dec 2009)

G1 短宣队到 Bund City, 东亚 (2009年12月16日至23日)

God's Magnificent Love in Bund City

神壮观的爱在 Bund City By Heather Mao

The vision and goal of the Bund City missions trip was to deepen our relationship with our Heavenly Father and to bring joy and love to the people there – the aim being to share God's unconditional love with them.

Indeed, this missions trip showed me that we can only achieve what we set out to do not on our own human ability but with God's strength. Our visit to the orphanage was one of the activities that impacted me most during this trip. The children there are abandoned children who are born with multiple disabilities. And as their parents were too poor to keep them or provide the medical support and care for them, they were left in this orphanage.

I found out that these kids in the orphanage were very blessed as they were cared for by a godly man with unconditional love and a big and compassionate heart for them. I thought to myself that he could have chosen to invest his money in other ways to reap more fame and fortune for himself yet he trusted and obeyed God in demonstrating his love for the unloved. He did not conform to the world's thinking but he chose to follow God's heart.

This really led me to reflect that God's love is so magnificent and beyond human understanding. Even though the world can take material things away from us, destroy our families and worst of all,



make us feel inadequate and unloved, the ONLY thing that remains is God's everlasting love for His people. Therefore it was a great reminder to me that in times when we feel down and all alone, we should never forget that we are God's precious children and His great love for us will never cease. The world can take away everything, but one thing will always remain - Jesus' love for us.

Accomplishing God's Commission

成就上帝的大使命 By Annette Lee An

My first missions trip was an entire week which I could devote to speaking to God, hearing from Him, and doing His good work. As I engaged in loving the people we encountered, God

revealed Himself to me as the God who truly understands all things. We are all stumbled by questions other people pose us sometimes, but God is there for us and there to understand

all His creation, and everything we can't understand as mere humans.

The first place we visited was a school in Bund City where we performed a skit and

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some Christmas carols. The children were really open towards us, and I remember a little boy who opened his arms immediately when I asked him for a hug, even though we could not openly preach, God told me that if I continue praying, maybe one day when he gets older he will open his heart to receive Jesus Christ.

There was another child, a little girl, who really touched me too. She said she wanted to sing me a song, which turned out to be 'Jesus loves me' in Chinese. I told her I knew how to sing the English version. I taught it to her, then asked her to teach me the Chinese one. But she had to leave to go the other end of the classroom to prepare for a dance rehearsal later. Once she was done, she ran out the class. Initially I thought she had forgotten all about teaching me the song, but just before we had to leave the class, she came running back to me to pass me her very own songsheet with

the lyrics of the song. It was her only one but she decided to give it to me.

Many of us probably make many empty promises in our lives, or feel like some things are too trivial to be bothered with. But what God showed me through this little girl is the placing of importance on things that are unseen, rather than what is seen.

During the trip, we also went to a factory where we organised a Christmas party for the workers. At the end of it, they set off fireworks, and we watched them being set off just 10m away from us. I had never been that close to fireworks before, and each blast looked like an outburst of fake stars. That was when God spoke to me about His people of East Asia. Many of them are like the fake fireworks stars. Not knowing him, they live life wanting to reach the top, celebrate it with a bang, and to burn out



bright with success. For a moment they might seem a lot brighter than the stars in the heavens, but just when they think they have got it all, they disappear into the dark sky, never to shine again.

God wants His people to be real stars that shine forever and ever in the palm of His hand, instead of living man-made lives that lead to death. God showed me that this is the desire of His heart, and it is for us to accomplish it. Through this trip, I experienced God's great understanding and His big heart for the people, because I saw it right there and then - God yearning so desperately for East Asia.

Day Class Inductive Bible Study (Topical) Loving God & Others: The Heart of True Faith

Dates: 8, 15, 22, 29 March; 5, 12 April 2010
Time: 9.30am – 12 nn
Cost: \$15 for the workbook

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Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Sonshine Kids Outreach	9, 16	Intimacy With God
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Peranakan Fellowship	10	Church Leaders & Staff Dedication
4, 11, 18, 25	Parenting Preteens & Teens	18, 25	Heart of Worship
6, 13, 20	New Testament Introduction	20, 27	Gate to Life (Mand)
6, 13, 20	New Testament Survey (Mand)	25	First Local Conference 2010/ LCEC Meeting
		31	PIC-CL Meeting

Sunday Services

- 7.30 am Peranakan Service (Sanctuary)
- 9.00 am Sanctuary Service / Living Stones Mandarin Service (Chapel)
- 10.30 am Filipino Fellowship (Conference Room) Except every 1st Sunday of each month
- 11.00 am The Next Generation Youth Service, PLMGSS Concert Hall, Lor Ah Soo
- 11.15 am Celebration Service (Sanctuary) / Living Stones Mandarin Service (Covenant Chapel)

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