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What TIME is it?

Since 1999, God has been using Covenant Vision Ministry to prophetically release signs of the times to prepare the people of God for the things to come. In 2008, He gave us a clear word that He was going to shake the nations and “that everything that can be shaken will be shaken” because the Time of Judgment is near. In this He also reminded us of 1 Peter 4:17 that “... the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God...”

In a time of waiting for the Lord for a Word of Faith for 2017, Habakkuk 2:14 suddenly flashed in my mind. Then it resonated in my heart that this is the God-given season when “....the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” I asked the Lord what we are to do in response. He reminded me of the three “P’s” that He had already shown us earlier in that we as a people of God are to **“Pray, Praise and Prophecy”**. Understand that we are in a prophesied season as a prophetic generation for that final wave of “Word-based, Spirit-led and Faith-filled” revival. However, revival will not come until renewal first happens. Indeed, the Church and individual believers must first be renewed!

I was reminded that before every revival in Christian History, a move of intense prayer was the catalyst that preceded it. Then the Lord said, this is a season for my people to move into prophetic



prayer and intercession that would move my hand. The words of Isaiah 45:11 began to resonate in my spirit, “Thus says the Lord.....ask me of things to come.....and concerning the work of my hands, you command me.” As I meditated on these words, 2 things became clear in that we are to seek Him for leading and guidance, yet the timing of the release is contingent on our responding with “prayers of supplication”. We should not be presumptuous to think that we are the ones initiating things, but once we understand His plans and purposes, it is in the submission of our will to His and in prophetic intercession, that we actually release Him to work things out the way He intends. Suddenly, I was given a rhema understanding of Ephesians 6:18 and why after putting on the armour of God, we are told to be “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication with all saints.”

Prophetic praise and worship is another important catalyst for revival. It will bring the God dimension into

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.” John 4:23,24

every circumstance and situation. 1 Samuel 16:23 tells us that whenever the evil spirit came upon Saul, “...David took the harp and played...Saul was refreshed, and was well and the evil spirit departed...”. Further in spiritual warfare, prophetic praise and worship changes the spiritual dimension. 2 Chronicles 20:15-17, a prophetic word was given to Jehoshaphat on what to do to change the spiritual dimension so that “...the battle is not yours, but God’s.” When Jehoshaphat responded as instructed, sending singers before his army, the Lord fought and won the battle. Jehoshaphat then states a prophetic revelation in 2 Chronicles 20:20 for us to follow, namely “...Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” We are now in that season that Jesus speaks about in John 4:23,24 when He said, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.”

For that final wave of revival to take place, we need to prophesy. In Mark 11:22, Jesus tells us that we can trust in God to have the God type of faith. However, in the very next verse, He also reminds us that we need to speak to our mountains. Indeed this is a season that as we hear from God, we need to establish His plans, His purposes and His will through our proclamations and declarations.

Also as I continued to wait upon the Lord, I was led to meditate on Daniel 12:4 and Revelations 10:1-7. Daniel was given certain revelations but he was told to “..to shut up the words, and to seal the book, even to the time of the end...” Similarly, the Apostle John heard seven thunderous voices giving him some important revelations. In Revelation 10:4 we are told that ‘...I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, “Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.”’

Further, Daniel was also given some signs as to when the time of the end will be, namely, “...many shall run to

and fro, and knowledge shall be increased...” I sensed that being wise to the signs of the times, we must realise that we are now in “the time of the end” and that which was sealed is about to be revealed.

We are “the chosen generation” in these final days of the End Times referred to by the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 3:1. We as End-time believers have awesome task and responsibility set before us. In this too, there is also great accountability. In 2014, God gave us 2018 and 2023 as two catalytic years to watch and to seek Him for understanding.

These are perilous times, yet they are prophesied times. We are also living in times when the second return of our Lord draws near. We are in exciting times that the saints of old would have given anything to be in. As a Ministry, we have been called to help prepare the saints for their God-given destinies that they can rise to be in that place of significance to be the people of influence.

Join us and do not miss your moment of destiny and be ready for the Rapture!

Shalom and stay blessed,
Rev Francis Khoo

AMBASSADORS for CHRIST

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

One of our favourite verses in the Bible is 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." As with many passages in the New Testament, this sums up the preceding verses (v14-16), where Paul tells us that as believers, we have died with Christ and now live for Him. Positionally, we are no longer our old selves, but new creations in Christ.

Further, having been reconciled to God, we ourselves now have a ministry of reconciliation (v18) and we need to be actively declaring the message of salvation to those who do not know Jesus. In fact, the moment we become believers, we are given another title: Ambassador. An Ambassador is a commissioned

representative of a king or government in a foreign land. God has commissioned us to be His mouthpiece on earth to share the good news, that Christ became sin for us so we might become the righteousness of God in Him (v 21). At Covenant Vision, we believe that we are a community of ambassadors bearing the badge of Christ and we believe that the church exists to grow the body of Christ by adding numbers to the church.

William Temple once said, "The church is the only cooperative society in the world that exists for the benefit of its nonmembers." Outreach motivated by the love of Christ, whether on an individual basis, or corporately as a church, is what must set us apart.

Here at Covenant Vision, we have platforms for outreach locally and overseas. Our

Touch Jesus, He Heals! healing service is our local platform for evangelism. Held every 3rd Saturday of the month, we regularly see pre-believers coming to know the Lord as they bring their needs to Him. In 2016, Our Discipleship Groups have also heeded the call to be salt and light and they have organised outreach programmes to minister at nursing homes locally and in Chiang Rai, Thailand. The church also sent teams to Mauritius and Batam and we saw God's hand move mightily as we stepped out to minister beyond our shores.

This year, our kingdom partnership with Mauritius and Batam will continue, and we are launching our Alpha programme to reach our pre-believing families and friends. We are believing God to use us as ambassadors to add numbers to the Body of Christ. Let it be so, Lord!

MINISTRY TRIP TO MAURITIUS 4-9 August 2016

In partnership with St Paul's Church Plaine-Verte, Rev Francis led a team of 12 from Covenant Vision to Mauritius. They ministered at a 2-day conference with men's, women's and youth tracks, as well as open night healing services. The team was also deployed to preach at their Sunday morning services, a Hakka service, as well as a youth service.

The team came back with amazing testimonies of how God moved mightily in Mauritius, even as they boldly stepped outside their comfort zones to minister the love of Jesus. As always, the team was blessed by the love and hospitality of our Mauritian brothers and sisters in Christ. Here are some of the reflections from those who went. With testimonies like these, it is no wonder the team is looking forward to going back again in August 2018. Hallelujah!



There were many people whom I met and prayed for but there was this young boy about 8 years old and he approached me all by himself asking for prayers of healing for his parents who stayed at home. I did not see any adults with him. I asked the interpreter for his name and I thought I heard her say "Zekiel". There was something about him that tugged at my heart and I believe God revealed a message which resonated so significantly throughout the Power of Faith conference and night rallies. Although I saw some worry in his eyes, he stood there boldly in faith and courage for his parents. I think his name could have been Ezekiel, which means "God strengthens". Indeed, it is through faith in God that He strengthens us through whatever circumstances we may be in. Praise God! **IRENE LIM**



The morning devotions and prayer time before each service were powerful. There was such a flow of the Holy Spirit empowering us to minister. Personally, I had so many encounters with the Lord while praying for people. It is true that only in doing can we learn. One of the most memorable lessons was sharing in the Men's Meeting. I thought that I prepared a 'good' message for the men but during the morning devotion on that particular day, the Lord wanted a different message. The Lord was clear that He did not change His mind but I was presumptuous during preparation and did not seek Him diligently enough. Instead of six pages of preaching notes, I had only 4 lines from the Lord. It was a walk of faith to stand before the men and shared about the 'Father's heart'. **EDWARD POON**

MINISTRY TRIP TO BATAM

2-3 November 2016

There was a great sense of excitement and a stirring in our spirits as the idea to bring the CVCC Children's Ministry, Firestarters and the CVCC Worship Team to Batam for a ministry trip was conceived. It was the first time we were planning to bring the children out to give them opportunities to be ambassadors for Christ in a foreign land. Covenant Vision has had a long standing partnership with GTDI Bahtera Misi Church, led by Bishop Zebua and together with them, the stage was set for a TJHH service on the night of 2 November and a Christmas Outreach Programme for the children and orphans in Batam. A total of 76 people set off on this Kingdom assignment and whilst the team was very diverse, everybody knew their roles and we believe every effort made to minister to the people of Batam was invested and sown into the kingdom. The collaboration with Bishop Zebua and his team was a great blessing and despite the difference in language, there was a seamlessness as we ministered alongside one another.

There were so many testimonies after the 2-day trip and we have compiled some of them here so that you can hear from those who went.



On the first night, we went to GTDI Bahtera Misi, for the Touch Jesus, He Heals! Healing service led by our Senior Pastor, Rev Francis Khoo. The church was filled with many eager hearts expecting the unexpected. We witnessed a man weeping uncontrollably at the altar. He was a non-believer. He came all the way from Tanjung Pinang because he saw publicity on Facebook; and he told Rev Francis, "I want Jesus!" A lost soul was found by the grace of God. Hallelujah! There were many testimonies of healing that took place that evening. Glory be to Jehovah Rapha!

On Saturday, we went back to the church again for a Christmas party attended by about 140 children. We only prepared 120 Bibles and goody bags. Logically, we were short of 20 Bibles and goody bags and 20 children would be left disappointed. But the Author and Finisher of our faith knew best. He was in control of the situation. He said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Mathew 19:26). Miraculously, not only did ALL 140 children receive the Bibles and goody bags, there were 4 extra pieces! Praise and honour be to Jehovah Jireh! **ROSE TE' KAD**

I looked forward to seeing God work on the ministry trip like in stories I had heard, and that was exactly what happened. The ministry trip was a fulfilling two days, and I am so thankful that I was a part of it. The healing service impacted me because the people there were so passionate for God. When the worship team was singing English songs without bahasa translation, the church continued singing as wholeheartedly as before. Their desire to worship God could not be withheld by the difference in language-- even though their pronunciation wasn't perfect, their love for God and longing to worship Him wholeheartedly gave the songs so much more meaning. Many of the people in Batam seem to have unwavering faith in God despite not living in luxury, and that is something I can learn from. Another thing that impacted me was the children's eagerness to be prayed for on Saturday afternoon. When we prayed for them, they had their eyes closed and hands lifted up to receive prayer. Even at a young age, they wanted to grow closer to God, and I found that heartwarming. The ministry trip was immensely meaningful; I now know and believe that God can work miracles in people's lives, because what I saw during the ministry trip showed me that He can. LIN YI



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EVANGELIST REV FRANCIS KHOO

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The Journey of DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is a lifelong journey of growing and becoming more Christlike through faith and obedience. We all walk our own journeys of discipleship, learning and transforming daily to become more like Jesus. Whilst we live almost 2,000 years after Christ, Jesus' teaching on what discipleship is and how we are to live is relevant and practical for us today.

At CVCC, we see discipleship as foundational. In the second half of 2016, we embarked on a series on the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. Rev Francis felt the need to get back to what Jesus taught about discipleship so that as a church, we would be seeking to grow as a community of like-minded disciples that would engage our world to establish the kingdom of God.

On an individual level, we need to be maturing as Christians. Rev Francis believed that we had to first get back to basics and have the right attitudes. More than this, we should be helping our fellow Christians grow; and so the teachings were brought into the Discipleship Groups (DGs) for further discussion and application. In addition to this, Rev Francis meets the DG leaders and Ministry heads every month to mentor them and encourage them on their own journeys as they lead their groups.

Discipleship does not end within the church. Jesus' commission is clear. Having been given all authority from Him, we are to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them to observe all that He has commanded (Matt 28:19-20). Every Christian should be

helping unbelievers become believers by showing them Christ. Our pulpit series then culminated with the understanding of the urgency of the times and the call to co-mission with the Lord to reach our pre-believing family and friends.

Let us not be ignorant. If we do not grow as disciples or seek to make disciples, the world will do that job for us. The enemy is waiting to teach our children, our family and our friends the ways of the world. Ultimately, the responsibility lies with us. God has provided us with the tools, He's sent the Holy Spirit and He has given us authority. Let's be intentional about discipleship, so that we can ensure we would be growing and impacting the world as we ought to.



COVENANT VISION

School of Ministry

Have you ever asked the question “What am I saved FOR?” Scripture tells us that we are saved by grace through faith and that salvation is a gift from God (Eph 2:8). Paul goes on to tell us in 2:10 that we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works... and that God had prepared these for us beforehand that we should walk in them. We were created with a purpose, not simply put together haphazardly. The Bible tells us that God knit us in our mother’s wombs (Ps 139:13) and even knows the number of hairs on our heads (Matt 10:30). But more than that, we were created for a purpose, that we may shine as lights for God and our good works would glorify God (Matt 5:16).

At Covenant Vision School of Ministry, we want to help you understand your identity and know your call. We want to equip you with the tools to minister in any sphere of influence God would place you in so that you can do the good works He prepared you for. The practical nature of the course would allow you to not just learn, but to put it all into practice.

But don’t just take our word for it. We interviewed our CVSOM alumni, Jackie and her son, Christopher (current Diploma student) to give you a first hand account of their experience at CVSOM and how they’ve been blessed to have gone through the programme.

1 Jackie, what made you decide to sign up to attend the CVSOM Certificate in Practical Christian Ministry in 2010?

I was experiencing a personal crisis, which made me rethink my purpose and destiny in life. Looking back, I realised I had been in a spiritual coma for many years. When a friend recommended the course, I decided to sign up as I wanted to re-order my life. I knew that with this course God would jumpstart my life for the better.

2 Jackie, what were some subjects in the CVSOM Certificate or Diploma course which you really enjoyed and why did you enjoy them?

Spiritual Disciplines - This module taught me how to fast and pray; not just to throw up a few requests but to travail and listen to God while I was fasting and praying. I enjoyed the sweet communion with Jesus. It is definitely worthwhile to practice it at least once a week.

Hearing God - This was an awesome module. I learnt that if I hear God and know what He wants me to do, then I would not be guessing what God wants me to do. When He directs me in my daily life, I will be walking in His perfect will. Since then, I have experienced God talking to me in my dreams, through Scriptures as I read and meditate, even while walking in the quiet hours of the morning.

Power of the Word - In this module, I learnt to take God at His word. Every word, every promise, every instruction from God holds true and the Word of God brings life!!! It doesn't matter that I have faith as small as a mustard seed; as long as I have a Great BIG God! I have even dared to challenge Him at His word, and He fulfilled His promise.

3 Jackie, what motivated you to subsequently continue with Diploma in Practical Christian Ministry in 2011?

I had promised myself to only do one year of study. However, when I was asked to attend the briefing for the diploma course, God challenged me to practise what I had learnt and ask what He had to say about doing the course. So I went with an open mind, expecting God to show up and tell me. Well,



He did. I checked the schedule for the classes and even though I was scheduled to go for a trip overseas, through divine intervention, I did not have to miss a single class. God's voice was loud and clear - I immediately signed up.

4 We understand that you encouraged your son Christopher to attend the CVSOM Certificate course. Why did you encourage him?

Yes, I encouraged him to attend the course. But he couldn't decide whether to do it. One day, he asked me whether he should sign up. I asked him a few questions: Does he want to be in God's will and live out what God purposed for him for the rest of his life? Was it not better to learn how to hear God and live a life that counted for eternity? Was it not better to learn to hear what God wanted and do it NOW rather than 10 years later? His answer was a resounding YES and he made the right decision to sign up. As a mother, I am so thrilled to see him grow in the Lord and he is so passionately applying what he has learnt in the workplace too!

5 Christopher, how did you feel when your mother encouraged you to attend the CVSOM Certificate course?

I was open to looking at it and I was definitely interested. I saw the change in my mum and how her passion for the Lord increased after attending the course, so I was interested to find out more.

6 Christopher, what made you agree to sign up for the CVSOM Certificate course?

I would say that the Lord convicted me over time. I was searching for an answer to why I seemed to be living a life less than what God promised us in His word. I could not see God's promises in my life, I did not feel like I was living a victorious life, nor was I an overcomer. I asked if this kind of life was really possible. Were God's promises real for me? When I attended the open house, it seemed like God was speaking directly to me because all 3 of the sharers were from my church! I still had my doubts because I was busy and the course clashed with my prayer ministry. But as I sought the Lord as to whether I should commit and go for the course, He gradually grew my conviction.

Also, very senior and mature Christians whom I respected from my church told me that they gained so much from the course. If they, being more experienced, found it impactful and useful, what more me?!

7 Christopher, what motivated you to subsequently continue with Diploma in Practical Christian Ministry in 2017?

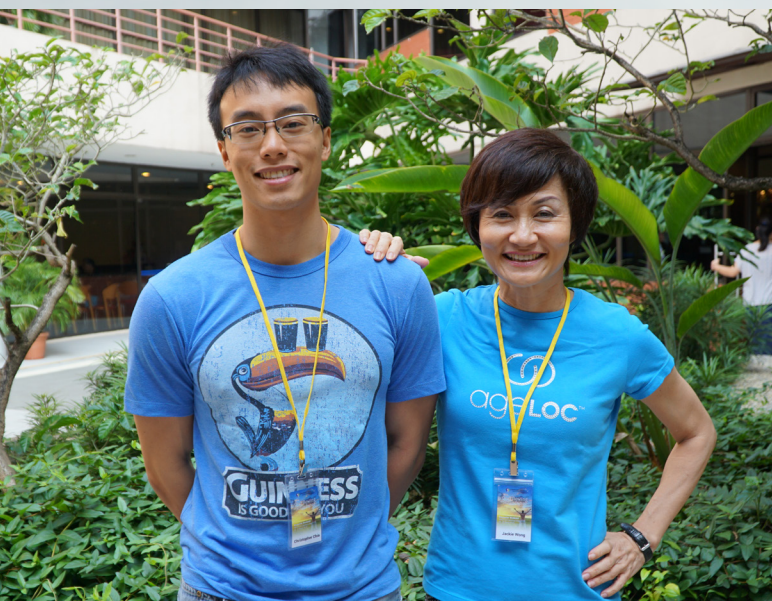
Oh, I never saw the course as a one-year course! I signed up for the certificate course knowing that I wanted to complete the diploma. But even though I saw how much the Lord grew me in the cert course, I still hesitated! But I told the Lord I would trust Him and follow Him as this is what I felt He was leading me to. And I knew that if I did not take the step of faith to do it now, it was unlikely that I would do it in the future. In the very first lesson of the diploma course, God confirmed powerfully that this was where He wanted me to be and I felt such excitement in my spirit. Can't wait for the rest of the year!

8 Christopher, what were some highlights for you in the CVSOM Certificate or Diploma course?

The Batam mission trip, the silent retreat, The Christian Victory module (cert), the Spiritual Disciplines module (cert), The Prophetic Ministry module (cert) and the Dimensions of Prayer module (diploma). I also enjoyed listening to the lecturers share their life stories about the reality of God's promises and faithfulness; and how they pressed in and trusted in the Lord even through extremely difficult times.

9 Christopher, would you recommend the CVSOM Certificate course to others? Why?

Oh absolutely. If you feel the Lord's prompting in any way or find yourself asking "Is the life of a victor and abundant life in Christ real?" Or you just want to grow in your relationship with the Lord, just go ahead, take a step of faith and do it. More than just gaining knowledge, this course is structured specifically for us to truly understand Christ, apply His truth and encounter our life-transforming God.



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COVENANT VISION School of Ministry

Through our Certificate and Diploma in Practical Christian Ministry, Covenant Vision School of Ministry has had the privilege of training and equipping believers from more than 70 local churches in Singapore. Many have been blessed by this programme which is both manageable and practical. An opportunity to grow closer to God and learn a different perspective to ministry.

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The Call to PRAY

“
Prayer does not fit us for the greater work,
prayer is the greater work.”
Oswald Chambers

As we crossed over into 2017, Rev Francis shared how in this year, God was going to orchestrate a new move in our church. It was going to be exciting and that we were entering a season we had not experienced before. But it was not going to be by our own might nor power, but by His Spirit (Zechariah 4:6). Whilst we were to be God's labourers, we were to cease from our own works and enter into His rest so that He could accomplish what He wanted to do through us.

With that, God drew up a plan for us. This plan did not have road maps or destinations. It had a strategy. We were to PRAY, PRAISE and PROPHECY. In this article, we share God's summon for us to go down on our knees and how we have seen a shift in the spiritual atmosphere in our community as we heeded the call to pray.

God told Jeremiah while he was imprisoned, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you **GREAT** and **MIGHTY** things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 (emphasis ours) We are living in perilous times and the enemy is prowling around like a lion waiting to devour. Our weapon is prayer. Prayer allows us to tap into God's spiritual intelligence and He is waiting to show us great and mighty things and how we can move His hand with our prayers of faith.

Every major victory in the Bible was preceded by prayer. Moses, Joshua, Jehoshaphat, Gideon and other great men and women of God sought the Lord and encountered Him before they obtained triumph over their enemies. Even Jesus regularly retreated to pray and seek God. Before His ultimate triumph over Satan, sin and death, He was at Gethsemane praying, sweating droplets of blood and submitting to the will of the Father.

John Wesley said, “God does nothing but in answer to prayer.” We are all given the mandate to pray and we have the power, authority and right to decree God's will





done on earth as it is in heaven. In 2016, the J33:3 Prayer Ministry was set up with a vision to see the people of CVCC being raised as a people who are passionate about prayer, adopting it as their lifestyle, thereby cultivating a culture of prayer. Led by Ps Linda Ng, J33:3 includes a committee that strategises and plans prayer initiatives across the church. Some of their initiatives include conducting prayer equipping courses such as Prophetic Intercession and Engaging in Spiritual Warfare, training the team of Altar Counsellors, and facilitating prayer support for all the activities in the church. J33:3 is also supported by a team of intercessors who pray for the church.

With this prayer initiative in full swing, we have seen God move mightily in our midst. Our Prayer Powerhouse meetings and our pre-service prayer meetings have grown and people are being stirred to pray like never before. Whilst we can teach about prayer, the culture of prayer is more often caught; and we see more people catching the desire to pray and be part of what God is doing in our midst. So let us pray like never before... for ourselves, our church, our nation, and for the bride of Christ. Let God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

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