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To be a living bridge to a lost and needy world.

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FROM THE DESK OF REV FRANCIS KHOO



As we moved into new premises at CT HUB on May 12, 2015, the word we were given is that we were not to consider the former things, but to trust God for new things in this new beginning. In this, we were reminded of the evangelistic thrust and call of the Ministry to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with miracles, signs and wonders.

From small beginnings in 1998, the Ministry has

since evolved and grown. From being an equipping, teaching, training and ministry centre, it is now a Missions Organisation, a Multi-media Ministry, a School of Ministry, a Welfare Charity as well as a Local Church. Yet being wise to the signs of the times, we know that we are in the final days of the End Times, that the soon and coming return of our Lord Jesus Christ is imminent. Therefore, we cannot rest on yesterday's

laurels, achievements and accomplishments. We cannot also function at the tempo and momentum of yesterday. We need to **ACCELERATE** and move in a new **MOMENTUM!**

Suddenly, it became clear that we were to seek for a new unction to function, as we cannot do anything by strength or by might but only by His Holy Spirit. In this, the challenge now is to cry out for "Fresh Wind, Fresh Oil and Fresh Fire!!"

We were also brought into remembrance of a word given to us during a **PRAYER POWERHOUSE** Service in 2009. The Lord gave us a Word that the outpouring of God's righteousness and that judgment of the Nations are eminent. We were then led to 1 Peter 4:17 and to these very words that "...judgment must begin at the House of God!" Then

the Lord had revealed that there would be 2 major unrevealing and unraveling that will happen involving Churches in Singapore. But it is not about God's desire

to punish, but a wake up call for the Church to repent and return to its calling!

Important question would be.... "What is this calling??"

1 Peter 4:17

For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?



Matthew 24:14 reminds us that the End-Time Church of Jesus Christ was birthed and exists with a primary purpose of being the channel to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. In this we also hear the heartbeat of the Father telling us that He would rather not judge, but that none should perish.

Further, the Church is called to be God's instrument on earth to resist evil. In this there is a need to rise up as an Army of God, warring not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. In this, we need to give heed to the words of 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 that our weapons of warfare are not

carnal but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds!

Ezekiel 22:30 also reminds us that God is seeking for one man to make up the hedge and to stand in the gap that He would not pour His indignation upon the earth. Jesus has already come and is that perfect intercessor. Today, He is still interceding in heaven. Presently, He has commissioned His Body, the Church to represent Him here and to be that conduit on earth for the intercession that He is doing day and night at the right hand of the Father. In this we have been given the mandate to pray for our Nation and for the Nations!

How do we accomplish these goals? In this, there is a renewed challenge to make disciples. Perhaps for



too long, we have been caught up with just focusing on building the Church. Yet they are both synonymous and united goals. It is in making disciples that we would build the Church. The model of accomplishing this is embodied in these very words in Acts 1:1 "...of what Jesus began to both **DO** and **TEACH!**"

Time is running short. We are living in perilous times that the Apostle Paul warns us about in 2 Timothy 3: 1- 17. In the same breath, we are living in prophesied and exciting final days of

the End Times. That is why as a Chosen Generation, we must all seek a greater unction from The Holy Spirit to function!

Would you unite and join with us to move forward together as one in Jesus Christ to function in that unction? To be a blessing as we have been blessed!!!



17TH ANNIVERSARY OFFICIAL OPENING AT CT HUB

BY SIS LYNETTE TAYE



On 4th July 2015, we celebrated the 17th anniversary of the Covenant Vision Ministry as well as the official opening of the new Covenant Vision Centre at CT Hub.

Ministry partners, members and friends were present to share our joy, excitement and thanking God for His faithfulness! We were encouraged by the exhortations shared by Ps Francis Ng, Rev Dr Neal Patterson, Rev Dr Rick Seaward, Rev Dr Jonathan

Seet, Rev Dr Khoo Hin Hiong and Rev Dr John Tay.

Rev Francis also shared, “I am humbled because God has been able to do exceedingly abundantly all these years. Frankly there were moments we had doubts, unbelief and crises of faith.... Those around me say that I always look calm, but they don’t know that there are strong currents beneath the calm waters. In these 17 years, we have learned to do only one thing: Trust God!”



We thank God for His abundant provision and favor upon us. The spacious new sanctuary and facilities comfortably accommodated everybody. The cool evening weather ensured that our guests could enjoy their dinner buffet and extended fellowship ‘under the stars’ on the outdoor terrace.

God’s provision of our new home was nothing short of a miracle! After 12 years at Tyrwhitt Road, we have been praying earnestly for new facilities as we had outgrown the former premises. On 20 August 2010, we were given a prophecy that God had prepared a ‘three-storey’ building ‘down the road’, which would come ‘fully renovated’. Since then, we continued to wrestle in prayer for God’s Providence as it had been made it clear from the start that we were not to borrow or raise funds but

to trust Him for provision. Last year, God indicated that the new premises would be ready when the Ministry is ready. In January 2015, God gave us a word to start packing, although no building was available yet. Finally, before the Chinese New Year, we were asked to view these premises - which are located on the third level and was fully renovated by the previous tenant!

Significant also that many had sensed that

the move to these premises would represent a ‘new beginning’, rather than a mere transition. Rev Francis shared that resonated with what God had been impressing upon him; that the Ministry will experience new beginnings predicated on its existing foundations or roots.

We covet your prayers as the Ministry moves into its new God-ordained beginnings. There is a lot of work to be done based on the same foundations. Praise God for new beginnings!



MULTIMEDIA TODAY! BY REV FRANCIS KHOO



Today, we are in that time spoken of in Daniel 12:4, "...even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." In the last century, we have seen how the world has become "smaller" and more globally connected.

Time Magazine in their February 2011 cover feature article, shared a mind-boggling concept known as 'Singularity'. The article explores and predicts that at one point in time, artificial intelligence will exceed

human intelligence in such a quantum that human existence, as we know it, will be changed forever! It suggested that by 2045, "... given the vast increases in computing power and the vast reductions in the cost of the same, the quantity of artificial intelligence created will be about a billion times the sum of all the human intelligence that exists today." Science fiction and far-fetched?

However, certain things will remain unchanged. One is that "*all have sinned and come short of the glory of*

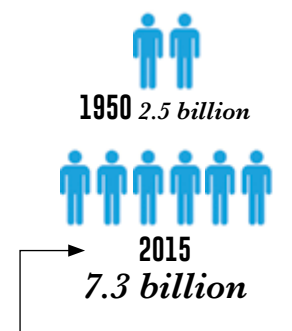
God". Further, that no form of human wisdom, science, technology or even artificial intelligence can change the condition of the human heart and its separateness from God. Only something supernatural is able to secure victory over death and evil so that the God of all creation can truly become Lord and Savior of our lives.

For this very reason, our Lord Jesus Christ, stepped out of eternity, entered the confines of time and three-dimensional space to

reach humanity. The death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord of Jesus as well as the subsequent powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is the tangible reality that can define our lives.

As Jesus hung on the cross, he declared, "It is finished!". God's part has been done. Now it is Man's part to accept God's gift of grace. To do so, they must first hear, know and choose. Matthew 24:14 tells us that "...this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations..." That is the critical challenge entrusted to all believers.

A look at the population growth patterns, you will also see that the world's population has also exploded in the last 65 years,



How many Churches to be planted, missionaries sent and evangelistic outreaches staged to accomplish the Great Commission to preach the good news to all of humanity? The formula has been given in Matthew 28:19, 20 for multiplication through discipleship! But how do we teach, equip and train enough disciples to reach all nations?

In 1999, God started to expand our vision. Our Media Ministry started as an audio based ministry to

record the various teaching and preaching sessions conducted in our Covenant Vision Centre (CVC). With the purchase of a high-speed duplication machine we started making cassette tapes. Then in 2001, we start to produce CDs with the purchase of a CD duplicator.

It was in 2003 that the God started to lay on our hearts a vision to use audio and video multimedia as a platform to extend Covenant Vision's

...DIGITAL MEDIA IS A POWERFUL WAY TO REACH RESPONSIVE CHRISTIANS IN THEIR HOMES, AS WELL AS DECISION-MAKERS IN MINISTRY THROUGH DIGITISED CONTENT...





evangelistic, teaching, preaching, equipping and healing ministry through content that can be transmitted over the internet. We realized that this media includes text, audio, video, and graphics. In this the foundation was laid for our Infocomm Department with a vision to have our own design, layout and graphic facilities. In 2004, Covenant Vision Multimedia Ministry was established with the launch of www.covenantvision.org.

A Media Centre was subsequently added to the website so that people could

access our audio and video recordings via streaming. We also began to recognise in this age of rapidly evolving and growing information technology, there is a need to be on the cutting edge of technology. So when we moved in 2015 to new premises, a decision was made to upgrade all our audio and video facilities with digital equipment. The cost has not been small, but

we realised the urgency of the times and seasons to be that *“living bridge to reach a lost and needy world”*.

Looking forward to stay connected with you in this exciting Digital Age of information technology to continue unapologetically pointing people to the One who said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life”* (John 14:6).



RETURN TO MAURITIUS BY BRO NG WEE BENG & ANNIE TAN

Covenant Vision's relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Mauritius began when Ps Kenny Chong first mentioned Rev Francis' name to Rev Eric Mafat. The initial contact was followed by a trip to Singapore by Rev Eric with an invitation from Bishop Ian Ernest, who was also then the Vicar of St Paul's.

As Rev Francis was seeking the Lord on how to respond to this invitation, in an open vision, he saw a mountainous island with a dark cloud hanging over it. Then a bright, glowing and shining cloud, radiating

lightning flashes, came above the dark cloud. A hand emerge from the bright cloud and the dark cloud was dispersed. An audible voice then said, *“I am going to start a revival in Mauritius, do you want to be part of it?”* Rev Francis's answer was an obvious *“Yes!”*. Meantime, God had already given the word to various people in Mauritius that God was going to start a revival in Mauritius through the Anglican Church and that a Chinese Evangelist was coming.

In September 2004, Rev Francis and Ps Shirley led the first CVC team of 13

to Mauritius. There was to be a 3-day teaching seminar at St Paul's and 3 nights of TOUCH JESUS, HE HEALS! Rallies conducted in a big tent pitched on the grounds of St James Cathedral. This was followed in August 2005, with a CVC team of 13 and in August 2006 with another CVC team of 14. Over the 3 years, much fruit was recorded with thousands responding to the various altar calls. Glory to Jesus!

Last year as St Paul's celebrated its 150th Anniversary, Rev Francis was asked to write a greeting in St Paul's Anniversary



Magazine. It was in the course of doing so that Rev Francis was given a clear word to accept Rev Eric Mafat's invitation.

A CVC team, led by Rev Francis and Ps Shirley Khoo, consisting of Sis Annie Tan, Sis Catherine Lim, Sis Chia Guat Hoon, Sis Christie Tan, Sis Hannah Faith Lau, Sis Irene Lim, Sis Jenny How, Dr Kathleen Hee, Sis Michelle Lim, Sis Stella Heng, Dr Denis Cheong, Bro Jeffrey Lee, Bro Eddy Woo and Bro Ng Wee Beng was then formed. There was to be prayer and fasting, as the team members were preparing. Finally, team members, families and friends gathered at Changi Airport on the morning of August 4th.

When we boarded the Air Mauritius plane, Rev Francis was met and greeted by name by the Flight Purser, Bro Michel Bigaignon. Then he



surprised us all by saying to Rev Francis, "I heard you were coming to Mauritius and I was praying that you would be on this flight!" Apparently he was touched and saved in the 2004 meetings. Right from that point, the tone of the whole trip was set. We were not only made to feel welcome, but it was like a sense of "homecoming".

We finally landed at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) airport where we were warmly received by Rev Eric Mafat and his team of volunteer transporters from St Paul's Church. They were all familiar to Rev Francis and Ps Shirley, so it was really like a time of homecoming as this warm reception was extended to all team members. Then it was off to St Voila Bagatelle Hotel for a quick check-in before going

to a Chinese Restaurant. Archbishop Ian Ernest was waiting for us with the other Pastors, Church Leaders and some members of St Paul's. The welcome and fellowship was so warm that even team members who have never been to Mauritius felt that like we were among old friends.

The pattern for our time in Mauritius was set the next day with a time of morning devotions followed by breakfast. The transport team with their cars was waiting for us and we were brought for an outing on a glass bottom boat. Despite the rain forecasted that day, we found favor as God held it till late afternoon. After that, we were treated to a scrumptious home-cooked meal at the home of Bro Jean Jacques, a St Paul's Church member. Then there was to be some

more sightseeing for the team, while Rev Francis and Rev Eric went off to visit Ps Paul Cheong who was recuperating from a fall. Finally we gathered together again in the dining hall of St Paul's Church, where we hosted to another 'home-cooked' meal. Then was a time of praying as we interceded and prayed together with the brethren from St Paul's. That night there was a Leaders' Seminar by Rev Francis. In spite of being away from home and feeling a bit tired, we felt strangely at home with all home-cooked meals and the warm friendship.

The next morning, accompanied by some Church leaders and members, we were brought to SSR Botanic Gardens. There we had a picnic with home cooked food. As we fellowshiped and worshipped together, the ducks and swans also joined

us! On our way back to the hotel, the bus took us for a short tour with a short stop over by a beach. The remaining afternoon was spent in our hotel, preparing for the teaching, preaching and sharing to come.

That evening, we were fellowshiped with a cell group over dinner at a cafe, operated by couple. The love of the brethren was evident when they celebrated the birthday of a young widow-mother. During and after dinner, Rev Francis and Rev Eric ministered to some cell members individually whilst we fellowship with the rest of their cell group. We had such a sensing of a strong family bond, with lots of love and care amongst the cell members!

The next morning, after intercession at St Paul's, we started the "Destiny for Glory" Conference with the

2 morning sessions by Rev Francis. Soon after lunch at church, Dr Denis shared at the afternoon session. Finally we headed back to our hotel for a short break as well as to prepare for that night's TOUCH JESUS, HE HEALS! (TJHH) Rally.

That evening, we had an awesome time of intercession at the Church. Then we were served wholesome soup prepared by Sis Jaclyn, wife of Rev Eric. Tents in preparation for an overflow had been erected in the car park of St Paul's. After worship, Sis Michelle and a Mauritian sister shared their testimonies. Rev Francis then shared the word, with Rev Eric interpreting. More than a thousand came that evening with many salvations and healings recorded! Finally, the meeting ended and we were hosted to another home cooked meal. Then the long





Bishop of Diocese of Madagascar graced the rally. After Praise and Worship, Sis Annie and Bro Wee Beng shared

The next day was a Sunday, which began even earlier than usual. There was to be a 7.15 am Service with Bro Jeffrey sharing the word. Then at the 9.15 am Service, Rev Francis ministered. Concurrently at the same time, there was also a Youth Service with Dr Denis as the speaker. At 11 am, there was a Hakka Dialect Service at which Sis Catherine shared whilst Bro Jeffrey translated.

The last TJHH rally began earlier at 3pm. After the Praise and Worship, Sis Catherine and 2 local brethren shared testimonies. After Rev Francis preached, many responded to the altar calls and all team members were kept busy ministering and praying for those that responded. Praise God for the signs and miracles that confirmed the preaching of the word!

That evening, the whole

day ended with us returning to our hotel in high spirits.

The next morning, after an intense time of intercession, Rev Francis taught at the 2 sessions that ended the Destiny Conference. In the afternoon, the ladies went on to a Women's Ministry Meeting with Dr Kathleen sharing. The men went to a Men's Ministry Meeting with Dr Denis sharing, while the 'younger' ones joined the Youth Ministry Meeting with Sis Michelle and Sis Hannah Faith sharing.

In that evening's TJHH evening rally, Bishop of

their testimonies. Then Rev Francis shared the good news. After that we were really swamped as we had more coming up for prayers then the previous night.

It finally ended at past midnight and we then had supper prepared by another cell group. We were hungry and really enjoyed the meal, as we did not have dinner, the time having been spent in prayer and intercession. The cell members even stayed back to help clean up after we left! We were really touched by the amazing servant hood hearts of Rev Eric, his wife and their Church members!

program ended with a Thanksgiving Dinner hosted at a Chinese Restaurant. We were really exhausted, yet joyous and fully satisfied with all the proceedings. However, the brethren of St Paul's were to bless us even more, with gifts and personalised mementos for every CVC team member.

On our last day in Mauritius, we had our first opportunity to sleep in, recuperating from all the days of rising early and sleeping late at nights. It was supposed to have been a free-and-easy day but God had other plans. Mid-morning, Ps Shirley presented all team members with a choice. Go shopping in the afternoon or accompany Rev Francis for personal ministry to a church member and his family. Needless to say, we all chose the latter.

Upon checkout, we were brought to another Chinese Restaurant and hosted to a 'tim sum' lunch by Bro Ian and Sis Natalie. Then we adjourned to their beautiful home. We had a tremendous time of sharing and awesome time of personal prayer ministry. The precious couple rededicated their lives and

renewed their vows to Jesus and blessing of their home. Time just seemed to pass so quickly and eventually we had to part. Rev Eric and his faithful team of transporters sent us to the airport. After many hugs and a closing prayer we boarded the flight home. After an overnight flight, we arrived in the late morning of 11th August, ending a blessed, safe and exciting trip, returning in good health, with all belongings intact!

Looking back, we were really humbled by the many servant-hearts of St Paul church and the dedication and commitment of so many. The Verger and his 3-generation family who lived in quarters in the Church, even spent nights sleeping outdoors in the cold just to guard the rally equipment. Even for their Vicar, Rev Eric with his wife Jaclyn, who sacrificially served us throughout, personally tending to our every need! It is apparent that this church is being blessed by the love and care poured out by the leading and living examples of their unpretentious senior pastor and his supportive wife!

In all the meetings, we also witnessed God's faithfulness. He answered our prayers for good weather and the more than 2000 souls who attended the TJHH rallies. Further, with some 400 first time commitments that were recorded. We were indeed blessed to witness the healings, restorations and many lives transformed and to hear daily the different impactful testimonies. We also thank God for the strength and anointing upon Rev Francis. He was so energetic and preached strongly with great gusto. Also for Rev Eric's passionate and animated interpretation, mirroring Rev Francis' every move in perfect tandem. Anyone looking on would have spent much time together in preparation and rehearsals!

Praise the Lord also for the unity and cohesive team spirit of the whole team. Not forgetting Ps Shirley who coordinated everything so perfectly as well as looked after us well. Most of all, thank God, Who met all our spiritual needs and enabled us to do His Will. Overall, it was a really fruitful and enjoyable trip. All glory to God!

THE HEALING MINISTRY TODAY!

BY REV FRANCIS KHOO



When I first studied the Bible to understand praying for the sick, I started to realise that the Old and New Testaments were, and is about Jesus! That indeed, He is the central subject of all Scripture. It became clear to me that I had to study the life of Jesus to fully grasp the object and intent of the Healing Ministry.

As I did so, I also realised that Jesus never turned away anyone who came to him for healing, nor was there any disease that was too difficult for him to heal. Further, the

Healing Ministry of Jesus was not just about meeting needs. Jesus knew that by meeting a physical need through healing, He could then speak about his greater mission - the salvation of souls.

For the salvation of the soul, healing was necessary to prove that Jesus could forgive sin. He was then living in a culture where sickness was assumed to be a result of sin. Based on that same assumption, healing comes with forgiveness of sin. In doing so, it proved that He was God and the

anticipated Messiah, as only God and His Anointed One alone had authority to forgive sin.

It also showed that He cares and that He is the Lord of all of life and the Lord of compassion. In this, salvation starts in His wonderful, compassionate willingness to reach out and touch our physical needs to demonstrate that it is about the present, here and now; not in the future when we go into eternity.

The Bible also reveals that the healings did not end

Hebrews 13:8 *“Jesus the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.”*



with Jesus. His disciples were told to continue to do the works that He did; greater works even. This was affirmed by the Apostles continuing to do the works that He did. In fact, nothing in the New Testament says or even implies that the Healing Ministry would stop at end of the New Testament. Through the works of His followers, Jesus is still the healer today as He was yesterday and will be forever!

However, we need to understand that the power to heal comes from Jesus. The power does not come from faith, although there is an interaction with faith as Jesus challenged people to have faith and often said, *“Your faith has made you whole.”* The key to the power of faith is in its response to the person of Jesus. As we do so, it is the healing power of Jesus and not the individual faith that brings healing. Faith

is a necessary and essential component, but not what heals!

Further, healing does not come from within us.

It does not flow from inner peace, balance or some energy source within us. There are gifts of healing but this does not come in the form of faith healer.

God uses prayer to raise up people who need a touch by Him. But the power is in Jesus, so if you need a touch from the Lord, you don't need to look to a faith healer.

Further, healing does not come from

any occult objects, such as crystals and talismans.

Hebrews 13:8 says that *“Jesus the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.”* Consequently we need to grasp that Jesus is still the Healer; that healing comes from Jesus alone and the purpose of divine healing is always to glorify Jesus.

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TIME FOR A GETAWAY? BY BRO KENNETH KOH



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MAKE ROOM FOR GOD

BY REV WILFRED PNG



to do something about the orphans. Shortly after that he received 50 pounds (quite a sum of money in 1800s). That began his journey to house the orphans. The rest is history. Indeed, faith is conceived in prayer.

2) God's will and purpose are perceived.

Philippians 2:13 tells us that it is God who is at work in us revealing His will and enabling us to carry it out.

Martin Luther, the great reformer received a letter from his co-worker that he was deliriously sick. He responded in a reply along this line: "Do not let me hear that you are dying. I still have need of you in the work of reforming the church. You shall live and out-live me. This is my will and let my will be done, because I only seek the glory of God." When the letter reached his co-worker who was in another city, he was at the point of death. But when the letter was read to him, strength surged into his body and he recovered to continue the work. He died two months after the death of Luther. Indeed, because

What happens when you make room for God?

1) Faith is conceived.

Romans 10:17 tells us that faith comes; and it comes by hearing the Word of God.

George Muller was concerned about the welfare of the many orphans in the streets of Bristol, England. This was in the 1800s. One day in his prayer time, it seemed that God spoke to him in Psalm 81:10 "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." He asked God for a sum of money

What is prayer? I love to speak of prayer with these four words: "Make Room for God". In prayer, I make room for God to work in me and through me because of what He has already worked for me through the finished work of Christ.

Someone once asked me to define prayer in 2 words. I replied, "Prayer works!" In 3 words? "Prayer changes me." In 4 words? "Make room for God."

Luther was always in touch with God through prayer; he knew the will and purposes of God concerning the work of the ministry God had called him to.

3) God's wisdom and enablement are received.

How we need wisdom – the ability to live life skilfully. How we need His favour and enabling to do His work effectively.

Pastor Hsi was a Confucian scholar, in China in the 1800s, who became addicted to opium. In his early forties, he met the Lord and was filled with His Spirit. His life-work began in helping other addicts break free from their opium addiction. He believed in prayer and the use of medicine. However, because of the opium wars between China

and England, medicine was in short supply. He sought God for wisdom and enablement to concoct a pill from his knowledge of herbs. During his time of fasting and prayer, he received the understanding. Consequently, his work expanded unhindered, not having to rely on foreign supply. Indeed, God's wisdom and enablement are received in prayer.



CONSEQUENTLY, FAITH COMES FROM
HEARING THE MESSAGE, AND THE MESSAGE IS HEARD
THROUGH THE WORD ABOUT CHRIST.
ROMANS 10:17



DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

BY REV WILFRED PNG



A couple who were new to the church asked, “Do you have a cell group that we may attend.” “Yes! We have 9 Discipleship groups,” was the reply from a DG leader.

What is a Discipleship group? Discipleship Group or DG in short is the nomenclature for small group meetings in our church.

Where do they meet? In homes in these localities: Bukit Timah, Ang Mo Kio, Upper Thomson, Punggol, Kovan, Balestier, East Coast, Clarke Quay

and Dakota. There are nine venues in total.

How often do they meet? They meet once a week, three times in a month. The church has a monthly corporate prayer meeting on the first Monday of the month. DG stands down on that week.

Who leads the meeting? Our DG leaders are couples. They all have their secular jobs.

What do they study or discuss at the meeting? Since April 2014, they have been studying and

discussing the book by Dr Neil Anderson entitled “Victory over the darkness.” The essence of this study is to know who you are in Christ. The spirit of the believer is made alive in Christ when he is born again. His spiritual identity is in Christ. Knowing this truth, he endeavours by the grace of God to live out his life by faith in accordance to the truth of the Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. This would require an incremental and progressive restoration of the soul - meaning the mind must be renewed, the emotions must be managed and the will must be re-aligned with the identity he has in Christ. Consequently, the words of his mouth and the actions of his behaviour may reflect Christ-likeness in all his interactions with people. They can’t see his spirit or soul. They can only see his body. They need to see that his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. They need to see that he is different. He has a character that reflects God. He has substance and has an influence in the world.

How long is the meeting and what else takes place? The meeting is usually 2 hours, but may proceed to 3. There is worship, prayers and dinner/refreshments.

Bonding amongst the members are important, therefore the groups initiate activities outside of the regular meeting – activities like cycling, touring or dinner. Members of the DG are involved in providing refreshments after the Sunday service. This happens twice a year. They serve at our monthly healing service by turn (once every 9 months). And DG Leaders come together periodically for fellowship with other ministry leaders and pastors.



FIRESTARTERS

BY BRO JONATHAN FOO

Given the stresses of living in a highly materialistic, consumerist and competitive society, things seem to get more complicated and sometimes worse after the initial happiness of becoming parents. We need to understand that parenting today is ultimately a long-term investment. We must be prepared to put far more into it than what we can hope you get out of it.....at least for some time. However, bringing up the next generation is the most rewarding preoccupation of a fruitful union between a man and a woman in Holy Matrimony.

Christian parents, in partnership with the Church can exert enormous influence over their children's development. However, there are other influences, especially after children enter school. So it is especially important that our children are given a good foundation to start on the path of their journey to adulthood. Also we recognise that there is a

need to redefine children's ministry to meet the fast changing and evolving challenges of pluralistic as well as therapeutic world views and values.

With this in mind, our FIRESTARTERS Children Ministry is grounded on the basis that children need to know and experience God. A team of dedicated volunteers was raised and are taught, equipped and trained to teach, challenge and encourage the children grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. Each Sunday, the children are taught lessons based on Word-based, Spirit-led and Faith-filled materials at a level that they can comprehend. They include lessons on prayer, worship, learning to hear God's voice, being led by the Holy Spirit, operating in the gifts of the Holy, understanding dreams and visions and even prophecy.

The children are also taught to realise that Christianity is

not about "I, me and my" but also about loving others. To instil this principle, our annual "Love Project" allows the children to put their hands to the plough during Christmas to make and sell log cakes, raising funds especially for the children that Firestarters are supporting through the World Vision Organisation.

The ministry is also blessed with a team of intercessors who faithfully intercede for children, parents and teachers. In response, we have seen children being baptised in the Holy Spirit and receive the gift of tongues, seeing visions and prophesying. We trust and believe that children are fully capable of experiencing His Spirit just like adults. Joel 2:28 reminds us, **"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your**



old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

In these last days, we believe that God is preparing to raise children up to be His kings and priests for His kingdom.

Firestarters also adhere to the belief that the responsibility of disciplining children lies primarily with the parents. However, we recognise the responsibility that the Church and the Christian community have in supporting parents. Parents are therefore connected and updated through weekly emails outlining what was taught so they can reinforce the lessons taught at home.

Parenting is a journey and we as a church community connect with each other not only on Sundays but also support each other on weekdays via a Whatsapp parents' group chat for prayers, encouragement and updates for urgent help. Every Sunday, teachers, parents and intercessors are encouraged to come together to pray and intercede before the lesson.

A bonding outing and

related activities are organised annually to bring parents and volunteers together. As the community grows, we hope to do this more regularly.

Our teachers also take time out of their busy schedules to bond with each other. We host a devotion cum breakfast fellowship every 1st Sunday of the month. Also, we have an annual family get-together (BBQ). We attend external training together to better understand where the church is heading. Last year, the whole team

attended the "Stickey Faith Conference" in August to enable us as a team to better equip ourselves with skills and knowledge.

We are excited for what God has in store for CVCC Firestarters in the future. We have just started the curriculum "Hearing God's Voice" and we pray that the children will experience Jesus on a whole new level. We continue to partner with parents to raise, win, disciple and transform this generation for Christ and His Kingdom!



THE NOW GENERATION FOR TOMORROW!

BY BRO JEREMY LIM



“They are not the future generation; they are the now generation”.

These were the words that sprung forth in one of our Sunday services as the children from the Firestarters hopped up to the front of the stage to be prayed for. Certainly, very few would doubt that

children are indeed the leaders of tomorrow. Yet how many would dare believe they need not wait till tomorrow but are indeed history makers of today? We know our pastors do. And if this can be said of children not old enough to know algebra, what about the youths in the church?

Held fortnightly, the youth

fellowship, would typically start off with a time of sharing of how their week has been. This would be followed by ice-breakers and a discussion led by a facilitator. They will then end off with prayer for one another.

Speakers like Sis Jemima Ooi were invited to minister in special meetings. There is also bonding times, like steamboat and games, and other activities.

This fellowship seeks to provide a platform where youths can grow and bond together in Christ. As the youth fellowship gains traction, we are working towards holding weekly sessions in order to more effectively help them grow in Christ. More programs will be organised to equip them on how to manage their finances, relationships etc.

May the now generation truly rise up to take their place as men and women of destiny with a significance as persons of influence.



WOMEN OF SIGNIFICANCE! BY SIS MANDY SIN



When we first started Proverbs 31 Women, our objective was to gather women to love Jesus and know the heartbeat of God. We welcome all women, regardless of background, to join this ministry. We want to see women come together as a big family to soak in God presence without any barriers between them. To bring light into every darkness and share His love to the world.

Our Vision: To spiritually nurture women and to provide prayer support, encouragement, fellowship and ministry for women in need through the Word of God.

Our Mission:

To create and to build godly and positive family environments.

Proverbs 31 Women is a bodybuilding ministry for women. We want to support one another in prayer and help each other to grow spiritually. Thus, we had Rev Wilfred teach us on Praying for Results

It has been more than two years since the birth of Proverbs 31 Women and we are glad to see many women who are hungry for an even closer relationship with the Lord. Let us not forget that women play important roles: as a helpmeet to man and alongside men in harvesting

the fields in the Kingdom of God. Genesis 2:18 “And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” Therefore, women should be equipped and raised up for “**The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.**” (Matthew 9:37)

during a meeting last July. I believe that all the women who attended were blessed and had benefited from it. It gave us a deeper understanding of the power of praying for one another and paved the way to our coming together to pray.

We want the women to be confident that God will answer their prayers and thus it fulfilled the goal of being a faith-filled and spirit-led ministry. In time to come, we want to see women standing stronger in spirit to pray, to encourage and be accountable to one another. We hope to have more praise and prayer meetings in the near future for this purpose.

We want to see more women's lives transformed through the teachings by various anointed speakers. We want the women to have a word-based learning, to know more about God's nature through His Word. We want women to be strengthened through good knowledge of the word, to have a strong understanding of the



truth, as was mentioned in Hebrews 5:13-14 “**For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for his is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**” Not only that, but for women to be able to apply what they learn from the teaching into their daily lives.

In this, we have had anointed women of God

like Sis Jemima Ooi, Ps Linda Ng and Sis Joyce Ewing-Chow minister at our meetings.

Moving forward, we are planning to have meetings for teaching or ministry once every 2 months. Please do keep the Proverbs 31 Women in prayer. If you would like to receive email updates on the meetings organised by Proverbs 31 Women ministry, drop us an email with your name and contact details at

cvcchurch@covenantvision.org.sg



MEN WITH A MISSION BY BRO DANIEL YONG



Mighty Men was founded with a Mission to Reach, Restore, Raise and Release Men into the fullness of their calling in their marriages, families and the marketplace.

The ministry organises quarterly events which provide an opportunity for our members to fellowship over breakfast, worship corporately and to receive Scripture-based teaching on topics particularly relevant to Christian men. We also conduct regular prayer meetings as well as

have fun together with a football outing and a movie screening of 'Courageous' thrown in!

Since our inception, we have been privileged to have speakers like Bro. David Ang, Rev. Tan Soo Inn, Bro. Too Teh Hsin, Bro. Lim Siong Guan, Bro. Tan Gee Paw, Bro. Jason Wong, Rev. Dr. Neal Paterson and Rev. Wilfred Png share on areas of spiritual friendship, lust, power, money, fatherhood and the Fatherhood of God and prayer respectively. We are grateful for these faithful men of God who sacrificed

their Saturday mornings to be with us, sharing their testimonies and affirming the wonderful, transformative power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

In 2014, our events were centred on the theme - "Men in Action". We kick-started with Rev. Benjamin Chew in March expounding on "The Spirit-Filled Man" and in June, organised a "Stepping Out" excursion for our men (fathers, sons, brothers and friends) who had a memorable time visiting places of interest such as Bukit Chandu, the Changi Chapel & Museum and the National Museum, with a delicious lunch at Changi Beach. In September, we were "Men in Mission" as we visited the organisation "Helping Hands" and learned of the restorative work of the Holy Spirit there. We wrapped up when a group of us, led by Rev. Wilfred, embarked on our maiden trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We had a wonderful time bonding on these occasions and thank God for blessing our plans to fruition.

As we celebrate God's faithfulness in our ministry, we will continue to be led

by His Spirit in the direction this ministry is to take. We know that our Lord desires to work in the lives of our brothers-in-Christ, through the renewing of our minds and restoration of our emotions and soul, in order to sanctify and transform us to be the Real Men, True Sons, Spiritual Fathers and Godly Leaders that He has designed us to be.

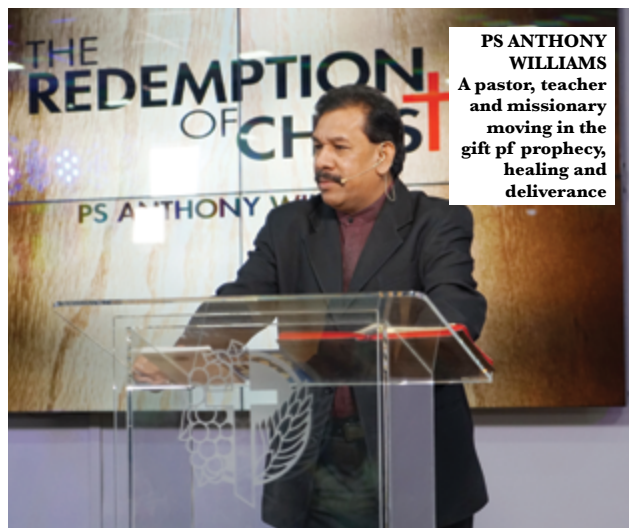
"All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him (David), and he became their commander.

About four hundred men were with him" (1 Sam 22:2). Under the love and leadership of David, they found hope, purpose and destiny. They were restored, raised and released to serve the King and later recorded as David's Mighty Men (2 Sam 23:8-39).

To those who have yet to join us, the same invitation is open to you today. Will you come to Jesus, the Son of David, the King of Kings, and take up your position and stand as one of His Mighty Men?

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1 SAM 22:2**





PS ANTHONY WILLIAMS
A pastor, teacher and missionary moving in the gift of prophecy, healing and deliverance

preachers. In fact, the role of the pulpit minister has been somewhat de-emphasised in recent times, as the Church of Christ has placed more and more emphasis on worship, music, dance and other forms of personal performance ministry.

Perhaps, we have not fully understood the important role of the preacher in the process of building up the body. In Covenant Vision, we believe that pulpit preaching is perhaps the most important single factor that exposes the congregation to a Christian personality in a more powerful way than almost any other means of evangelism. Word-based, Spirit-led and Faith-filled messages, when preached dynamically, allows the hearers to see the Christ who lives in the heart of the preacher.

Over the years, we have jealously guarded the pulpit ministry of Covenant Vision. We have adhered to what the Apostle Paul had emphasised in Romans 1:16. In this, we recognised the need for pulpit preachers who are “*not ashamed of the gospel of*

others standing on his left. Basically it was so big that it accommodated Ezra and 13 Priests with tasked with a role to help “...*the people to understand the law*”. Here was where “...*they read distinctly from the book, in the law of God, and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.*” Hence, pulpit preaching was conceived!

Today a definite need for pulpit preaching continues! However, more and more believers shun pulpit preaching for other forms of specialised ministry. This has resulted in pulpits being robbed of great talented

THE PULPIT MINISTRY

BY REV FRANCIS KHOO

Nehemiah tells us that as they were rebuilding Jerusalem, a hunger came upon the people for the word of God. They then asked Ezra to read the Law of Moses unto them. Nehemiah 8:4 then tells us that Ezra stood upon “*a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose*”. This is the only time in the Bible the word “pulpit” is used.

However, the pulpit referred to was no simple block of wood. It was a huge rostrum large enough to accommodate Ezra as well as 6 others standing on his right and with 7

Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believeth! In this, pulpit preaching must be centred around what the Apostle Paul declared, “...*we preach Christ crucified... For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord.*”

With this in mind, we prayerfully sought the Lord to guide and lead us in building our pulpit ministry. Also for the Holy Spirit to lead to us, ministers who would be preachers with the Jeremiah 20:9 passion: having the word of God in their heart “...*like a burning fire shut up in their bones*”!

The Lord has truly answered our prayers. Besides the anointed in-house ministers, we have been blessed with many Word-based, Spirit-led and Faith-filled preachers that brought fiery Christ-centred messages. Indeed these preachers have met the strict criteria that the Lord gave us that “... *we cannot preach it if we have not first lived it!*”

Please do take time to visit our Media Centre to hear their messages! Be blessed to be a blessing!!



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ANNUAL FAMILY CHURCH CAMP 2015

BY BRO MICHAEL ANG



The annual family church camp last year was held at Bayu Marina Resort in Johor Bahru. Thanks to the concerted effort of the organising committee led by Bro Douglas Yap, the whole program was well organised and well staged.

That was my second year going for church camp with my family and was an especially important year because I was baptised together with my two sons as well as my brother-in-law. Personally I saw it as a re-dedication of faith as I was previously a Catholic.

The theme for last year's church camp was "Rise

Up for Jesus" and we were blessed to have Rev Timothy Ewing-Chow and Sis Joyce Ewing-Chow as our camp speakers.

Rev Timothy shared that the return of Christ is very soon, hence the urgent need for world evangelization and the key to that was radical discipleship. He also shared that churches are in trouble and that the world is in need. We are called to follow Jesus all the way, God calls us not just to influence the world but to change the world.



Rev Timothy also mentioned that revival is coming, but that God will refine us before He can revive us. He quoted Matthew 22:1-14 regarding the parable of the wedding feast, for many are invited but few are chosen. We are given a choice, but those chosen are those who follow the terms and conditions of God. A point

he raised was that there are many idols in Singapore that distract us; they are comfort, convenience and compromise. This is a stumbling block to carry out the Great Commission, so we need to ask God to set us free from these idols.

At camp, we had a special session where Sister Joyce shared with us on the topic of "Marriage". She gave us four principles on the skills of marriage; which is managing our expectation, needs, anger and focus.

She also gave some advice for parents to leave a lasting legacy for the next generation, quoting from Psalm 71:18, that we should teach our children to have intimacy and obedience to God.

The children also had a lot of fun with the dedicated children programme conducted by Reverend Joy Yeo. She taught and encouraged them to pray in tongues and many children including my sons received the gift of tongues. I was

incredibly happy for them because it took me quite some time to receive the gift but they were able to get it so easily. This is truly an example of childlike faith.

From the emotional testimonies shared by many campers, especially from Sisters Catherine Lim and Shandy Chen, no one can deny that God had moved many individuals and families in the camp. All glory to God in making this camp another resounding success!



ABOUT THE YONG FAMILY



Communion Steward. Sis Penny and Zachary serve in the Worship Ministry as keyboardists.

How did you come to serve at CVCC?

D: In many instances, I came to serve in response to a need or call

to do so by the church leadership. Sometimes we may feel that God wants us to serve in a particular ministry and hence we step forward to serve. At other times, I think it's also important that we step out into service in response to CVCC's needs.

How have you been blessed since serving here at CVCC?

D: I enjoy what I do in my areas of ministry and have come to know more brothers and sisters in Christ in the course of serving. It blesses me tremendously when I see everyone giving out of love for our Lord. We are all called to be disciples and to bear fruit. What better way than in service to each other and for Jesus!

P: I feel closer to God as I practice more worship songs through the week. I also focus more on Him as a result of serving and feel very joyful and blessed when I play in the band on Sundays. I also get to know more people through serving and feel closer to the church body as a result.

Z: I get to praise God more often when I practice the worship songs and feel that I have a closer relationship with God.

In Covenant Vision, you might have noticed that some families serving together in various ministries in the church. Two of such families are the Yong family and Ha family. Both husbands and wives took on roles within the church and we beginning to see the younger ones stepping up to the plate.

About the Yong Family

Daniel and Penny Yong are both lawyers and have 3 beautiful children, Zachary, Kera and Kayla. Daniel and Penny lead a Discipleship Group which meets weekly at their house. Daniel is a co-leader of the Mighty Men Ministry as well as a

serve in Firestarters because of my poor command of English. I was even struggling to cope with the English service and wanted move to a Korean church. But I really thank God that I've been settled down well and through the encouragements of fellow teachers in the Firestarters such as Sis Elsie, Bro Jonathan and Sis Catherine, I took the step to serve. God also gave me the sense of peace that I can contribute to this ministry.

C: I am thankful that even though I am not good in English, encouragements from God and many friends have enabled me to serve in the children ministry. I am blessed by the obedience of the Firestarters' volunteers on how they always listen to God's will for the ministry and act upon it. I get to enjoy fellowship with God and people in the church and experience acceptance like in a family.

ABOUT THE HA FAMILY

Dongjin serves in the worship team, Audio/Sound ministry and is also a Communion Steward.



Dongjin works as an IT consultant and Cherry is a stay-at-home mother. They are from Korea and have two handsome boys, Daniel and Joshua Ha. Cherry helps out in the Children's Ministry, Firestarters, teaching the pre-schoolers.

How did you come to serve at CVCC?

D: During our visit to CVCC in 2010 Rev Francis prophesied over my family that something good will happen to us within six months. It turned out to be my new job assignment to Singapore for the next 4 years. After my family moved to Singapore, we've realised that God had orchestrated to bring my family to CVCC. Through the School of Ministry (CVSOM) and Discipleship Group (DG), we were equipped spiritually and I realised that I have a true relationship with God and I started serving to apply what was learnt through the school and in DG.

C: In Korea, I had served in the Children's Ministry and even though I love the children, I was hesitant to

serve in Firestarters because of my poor command of English. I was even struggling to cope with the English service and wanted move to a Korean church. But I really thank God that I've been settled down well and through the encouragements of fellow teachers in the Firestarters such as Sis Elsie, Bro Jonathan and Sis Catherine, I took the step to serve. God also gave me the sense of peace that I can contribute to this ministry.

How have you been blessed since serving here at CVCC?

D: I've been thankful for the patience of the leadership at CVCC toward the people in terms of spiritual maturity. Despite the needs in various ministries, the church leadership put in more

efforts to help people grow first in biblical principles and practice faith in real life through well-structured systems. I am thankful to the leadership of DG, Church and the ministry team for their prayers and help for the past four and half years at CVCC. My family and I have always believed that we found a family in Singapore which is CVCC.

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COVENANT VISION LIFE

It is in *body life* that we see people's lives being enriched as they grow and serve the Lord together. As a community at Covenant Vision, may we always understand true fellowship (koinonia) and be constantly spurring each other on to love and good works.



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