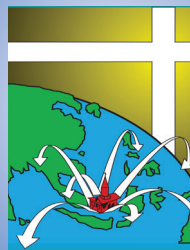


# Focus On Missions

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## Batam Youth Mission Trip

1 June 2014

### Introduction:

On 1 June 2014, a group of 16 Sunday School youths and adults travelled with Rev Charles Seet to Batam to help with the Sunday School program at Batu Aji and Sagulung Baru B-P Churches for approximately 80 children, and attended service at Batu Aji B-P Church.

### Participants:

Dn & Mrs Mark Heah;

Young Teen department Sunday School: Beatrice; Lim Rae Ann; Meilina; Woon Yee Shin; Hannah Seow; Perrie Lim; Rachel Phang (teacher); Sharon Seow (teacher)

Senior department Sunday School: Clement Lun; Theodore Lee; Ernest Kew; Shawn Lim; John Lee; Woon Sin Wei (teacher);



For the majority of the youths, it was their first mission trip, and first experience running a Sunday School class. Despite busy schedules, they attended the briefing sessions and made preparations to lead songs, lesson and craft. The Batam missionaries, church members and 2 teens who speak Bahasa helped with translation. We also had the privilege of celebrating Pastor Charles' birthday. God protected all of us and blessed us with a good experience. The following are some testimonies of the participants.

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### Hannah Seow

I learnt to be thankful for what I have and not take things for granted. Also learnt to appreciate my loved ones and show brotherly love for them. (e.g. The girl who rode a motorbike and fetched her siblings to church)

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### Woon Yee Shin

I learnt gratefulness...and endurance, because if they can survive the heat every week then so can I. I also learnt that we are actually very privileged because our church has air conditioning and nice tiled floors and a lot of rooms for all sorts of activities while their church is smaller than ours and needs repair, but it doesn't affect their worship and doesn't dampen their spirits or their love for God when worshipping. (I think if the air-conditioning of Life Church should break down, very few people would actually put up with it and go on worshipping).

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## Perrie Lim

From this batam trip, I really got to experience God's mercy and care. Indeed, I often take my surroundings for granted. I was shocked that the worshippers at Batu Aji church could still sing so happily despite the hot and humid weather. I was glad I could share God's word with them through art and craft. I'm thankful for the friendly and enthusiastic team and church helpers. Although it was a short trip, it was an enriching one.

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## Lim Rae-Ann

I really enjoyed my time at Batu Aji and it was both an eye opener for me as well as a memorable experience! I was really glad that there are long-suffering missionaries like sister Paola who are trying to spread God's Word to all those young children. And really heartened when they sang the songs so enthusiastically too! I also learned that too often we take for granted the facilities in Life Church, because I've realised that we have such a comfortable environment to worship in unlike the church members at Batu Aji. Despite having to bear with the heat, they still enjoy worship so much and really exhibit contentment and gratefulness (like what we learnt in Sunday School!) I realised that we should be appreciative and be thankful to God for everything that He had blessed us with. Lastly, I'm also really thankful for the good fellowship that we had during the trip! It was nice to meet new people and get to know them, especially during lunch. It was a great time of bonding. I'm really thankful to have been able to take part in this mission trip!

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## Clement Lun

This was my first mission trip and I was excited to be a part of the team to spread God's Word even in Indonesia.

The group of 16, comprising mostly of the girls from the Secondary 3 Sunday School class, set off early morning from Harbourfront Ferry Terminal. We were blessed to be able to catch a full and huge rainbow on our journey to Batam. What a sight to behold! Upon arrival at Batam, we took a minibus to our respective churches, Batu Aji B-P Church and Sagulung Baru B-P Church. I dropped off at Sagulung Baru B-P Church.

The programme started with some singspiration. It was certainly a joy to hear the children singing with such exuberance — their voices were overpowering! Shawn told the story of the lame man who asked for alms from apostles Peter and John. What was most memorable for me during this trip was when Shawn asked the children whether they believed in Jesus, and majority of them raised their hands! I really praise and thank God for that. Beatrice and I taught the memory verse (Matthew 19:26) in Bahasa and English respectively. I was amazed by how quickly the children could memorise the verse, and their courage, both boys and girls, to recite the verse in front of the whole class. For art and craft, the children coloured a cut out of the lame man, and attached a pin such that the lame man's legs could swivel about to show that he had gained the ability to walk. It was encouraging to see how the older children took the initiative and helped to colour for the younger ones. Chocolates were given out and the children were allowed to bring home the box of crayons each of them used for their colouring.

The team at Sagulung Baru B-P Church headed over to Batu Aji B-P Church for worship service. The 15 of us presented a song item in Bahasa, and some ladies from Batu Aji B-P Church presented a song item of their own too.

We headed over to a shopping mall near Batam Ferry Terminal for lunch. The teens sat together and enjoyed a good time of fellowship. I thank God for this opportunity to fellowship with the younger ones and getting to know them better. It was nice to finally meet in person the people the church prays for during the prayer meetings - the ones involved in the carrying out of God's work in Batam - Mikdal, Efendi and Paola. Lunch culminated with a birthday celebration for Rev Seet as that day coincided with his actual birthday.

I am truly humbled that I can serve in this overseas mission trip even in my capacity while serving in NS and to see God's work through this Batam missions.

# Mission Trip to Pekanbaru and Libo – May 22 to 26

A team of four Lifers comprising Vincent and Mary Leong, Sonny Loe and Soo Kiang made a visit to Pekanbaru at the invitation of Roska Choi. The purpose of the visit was to minister to the children and their parents at Libo School and attend the 11th Anniversary Service of Libo B-P Church.

The team departed for Batam on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and took a flight from there to Pekanbaru. On arrival the team proceeded to Kitani Agricultural Company where 200 gift bags containing household items and a gospel tract in Bahasa were packed for distribution to the families of children attending the Libo School. The gift bags were sponsored by a Lifer. Sweets and toys that were sponsored by another well-wisher were also distributed to the children. The owner of Kitani Agricultural Company is Bapak Topa, a Christian businessman who provides various supports for the work amongst the poor in Pekanbaru also had his employees helped packed the gift bags. KFC fried chicken dinner was provided to all parents, children and helpers who were to attend the campfire organized for the Libo School on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup>.



*The team having a chat with Bapak Topa (centre)*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> morning, at the suggestion of Bapak Topa the team made an unscheduled trip to a remote location at Kulim. This location is about one-an-a-half hour by road from Pekanbaru and whilst there the team visited a village where about 100 families from Nias Island had settled. They migrated there in 2005 after tsunami hit their Island. These settlers lived in an impoverished environment and eked out a living by making bricks for sale to the community. They were helped financially by Bapak Topa and his group of Christian businessmen. Some of the children were too poor to go to school and received no education at all. The team, with the help of Ibu Roska shared in songs in the local language for the 50 children that had gathered by word of mouth and distributed candies and toys to them.



*A hut built by Mr. Topa for the Nias migrants*



*Roska engaging the Nias children in songs*

On 24<sup>th</sup>, the team left Pekanbaru for Libo, a trip of more than 3 hours. On arrival at about 5.30pm, the parents and children and their teachers had already gathered for the campfire event. They were singing songs with gusto in anticipation of their first campfire and their first taste of Kentucky Fried Chicken. There were over 400 persons present at the event. The evening's program commenced with more singing from both parents and children. This allows for bonding of parents and children as planned for by the team. This was followed by a gospel message delivered by Soo Kiang based on 1 John 4: 7–12. After which, KFC dinner was served. Then, the campfire was officially lit by Ibu Roska. Vincent and Mary with the help of some local teachers led in more singing. It was a wonderful time of bonding and fellowship and more sweets and candies were distributed. The program ended at around 9.15pm and each family received a gift bag of household items before leaving for home.



*Excitement before the start of campfire at Libo School*

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, the team attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Libo B-P Church. This church is under the care of Ms Dewi who also doubled up as the Principal of Libo School. Some 50 adults and 30 children attended the service. The service message delivered by Soo Kiang was entitled: “Hitherto has the Lord helped us” based on 1 Samuel 7:12 to remind the worshippers of God’s goodness and sustenance and to encourage them to remain steadfast and faithful in using the local church to continue in the ministry of reconciliation and spiritual growth. Songs and dance items were presented during the service. After the service, home-cooked lunch was served to worshippers.



*Worship Service at Libo B-P Church*

On this visit, the team also donated metal plates and plastic chairs to the church. That same afternoon, the team returned to Pekanbaru and departed the following morning for Singapore via Batam. It had been an enriching experience and the team would like to thank God for the privilege of bringing joy to the people of Libo School and Libo B-P Church.

- Tan Soo Kiang





# Kutabaru B-P Church and New Light Blind Church – May 18

We first visited Kutabaru BPC, which is pastored by Bapak Nixon Hasibuan with his wife Mariana Siregar. Thank God for Bapak Nixon Hasibuan and Ibu Mariana who are faithfully serving and loving the people at Kutabaru village.



*Congregation of Kutabaru B-P Church*

We also like to thank God for Rev Patrick Tan who shared the Word of God and for Mrs. Tan who shared her testimony on how God has been very good to her and her family. She also thanked God that both Bapak Patrick Tan and Ibu Tan could celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the people in Medan.



*Mariana Siregar (extreme left)  
and Pastor Nixon Hasibuan  
(extreme right)*

We are also blessed by testimonies given by members of the church on how God has been answering their prayers and has been guiding them in their difficulties and pain in life.

We are so encouraged by the simplicity of their life they live each day, fully depending on God and His mercy.

From Kutabaru we travelled back to Medan to attend the 2nd Anniversary of the Blind Church.

God has been so good, blessing the ministry with more and more born again blind brethren for the past two years. We are confident that God will continue to work mightily in the hearts of the blind brethren and to bring them one by one to salvation in Jesus Christ. We pray that the Spirit of God may continue to help them grow in the Lord and experience God in their life each day.



*Congregation of New Light  
Blind Church*

*Evangelist Dewi*



We thank God for the children too, who patiently lead their parents to church every Sunday afternoon. It is also our prayer that they may come to know Christ personally so as to make a complete happiness in each family of the blind.



I thank God for Evangelist Dewi Saribudolok, our full-time worker who is faithfully serving and helping the blind to grow in Christ. She leads the service and also types Bible verses in Braille for the blind to read each Sunday.

I thank God for the three widows (Ibu Lilde, Ibu Asther and Ibu Irba) who are volunteering their time and talents to help the ministry and have given their hearts to the blind.

We continue to say thank you for your sustaining support in prayer and love to the blind. May the Lord continue to bless His own harvest fields.

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Roska Choi

## Life B-P Church Missions

### Fully-supported Missionaries (Under direct supervision of Life BPC)

- Batam, Indonesia: Bro Efendi Ginting, Bro Mikdal Lisin & Sis Paola Simbolon
- Chinese nationals: Rev Daniel Khoo
- Preparing to be deployed: Sis Chan Pui Meng

### Partners-in-Missions (Not under direct supervision of Life BPC)

- Kompongson, Cambodia: Rev David Koo & Rev Moses Hahn
- Yangon, Myanmar: Rev Andrew Kam
- Chiang Mai, Thailand: Rev Nirand Tamee & Sis Jess Lim

### A Note on Offerings:

We want to thank God that Lifers are very generous in their offerings towards missions. In terms of support, the church gives priority to our fully-supported missionaries and we would like you to be aligned with the church's position when giving towards missions.

Rather than giving offerings that are designated to specific individuals or mission stations, you are encouraged to give to the Missions Fund and let the Missions Committee disburse them as it sees fit. Your understanding on this will facilitate an informed stewardship of resources for the Lord's work in missions.

### Upcoming Mission Trips: August - December 2014

03 August (Sun) - Rev Charles Seet, to Batam (Lord's Supper)  
07 September (Sun) - Rev Quek KK, to Batam (Lord's Supper)  
Tentatively September - Mission trip to Cambodia (Chan Pui Meng)  
05 October (Sun) - Rev Charles Seet, to Batam (Lord's Supper)  
02 November (Sun) - Rev Charles Seet, to Batam (Lord's Supper)  
Tentatively 01 - 05 December - Myanmar Mission Trip by June Tan  
07 December (Sun) - Rev Patrick Tan to Batam (Lord's Supper)  
Tentatively December - Mission Trip to Cambodia (Lim Pin)

You are welcome to contact the Missions Committee for information or feedback on any of our mission fields at the following address: [missionscom@lifebpc.com](mailto:missionscom@lifebpc.com)