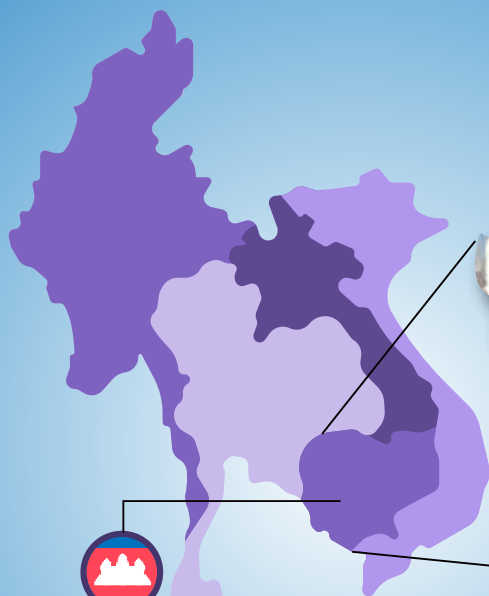


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This issue of Focus on Missions features two mission trips to Cambodia and Batam, Indonesia; and updates from our missionaries in Batam. We praise and thank Almighty God for His faithfulness in leading our Lifers on their mission trips, and helping our missionaries to serve in their respective ministries.

We will have our Sunday School Missions Sunday missionaries on 16 June 2024 after our church camp. Rev Efendi Ginting, Bro Lim Kwang Taek and Sister Miriam Phan and Sister Roska will share with the church on their mission work.

Cambodia Mission Trip February - March 2024

Bro Benjamin Heng

Background

In my visit to Cambodia in 2018 to observe Mission opportunities, I found many available there. However, it was only in the beginning of 2023 that the Lord showed me more specifically, that child-evangelism would be a suitable field, for which there was a great need. This caused me to commence evangelising to school students, in different parts of Cambodia - but notably to hard-to-reach village schools, where accommodation & meals could be challenging.

Spiritual Need

In one of my trips to villages in Sihanoukville province, the Lord brought to my attention, the fact that students there were not “feeding” into the church-linked schools (which was a great loss to these churches). This “attrition rate” was defeating the objective of setting up such schools. The Lord also revealed to me that I could meet this great need by being a “bridge” to convey the Gospel using an easy-to-digest gospel format, so as to reach students for His kingdom. I remembered that as I prayed about it early last year, the Lord led me to formulate a “teaching interactive evangelistic bible story method” (TIEBS), adapting teaching methodology from my past experiences in VBS, LCC and GSE to present key biblical truths in an engaging manner, in order that young minds and hearts could understand. We noted that the students could absorb the content easily, as it was in a pictorial presentation. The interactive format allowed them to clarify doubts, and questions answered correctly further grounded them deeply in the truth of His Word. After a pilot project in February 2023, it was further tested and improved in 4 more locations, with different groups of students. The work is collaborated with the respective village pastors, who were my translators. For the initial part, I would present the Gospel to the students and this would be interpreted to the students step by step. As the village pastors work hand in hand with me, by interpreting each story, they also gradually become familiar with the interactive format used for the gospel outreach. So eventually when the students make a decision to invite the Lord into

their hearts, and become new converts, the pastors would be there to subsequently disciple them, and invite them to Sunday School, so that they can be quickly integrated into the Christian community for spiritual support and encouragement. The long-term plan is to share with them the materials, for evangelism to future cohorts of students.

Planning



*External View of
Pailin Church & Primary School*

In this trip, I planned to visit two schools in Pailin and Poipet, run by graduates of LU and KBS, coordinated with Rev Hahn and Rev Koo. During the planning stage for this latest trip, accessibility was an issue, as Pailin was poorly served by commercial buses due to the province small size. The most feasible route was via an 8hr overnight bus from Phnom Penh. To travel to Poipet subsequently, I had to go to Battambang and take a different bus (from a different bus company). Other difficulties were that for Pailin, hotels were not listed on any hotel / accommodation portals but eventually I found a guesthouse and used social media to book it via telegram. As for Poipet the local pastor had to book it for me as there were no listings. With regards to meals, Pailin was more challenging as some meals were uncertain due to the remote location of the village school, but for Poipet, such a problem did not exist.

Evangelistic Work



Gospel Presentation to Grade 4-6 Students in Pailin

(1) Pailin: After the first contact with Ps Somol, he introduced me to Ps Chendra and Ps Meng. We focused on the Primary School as the Secondary was having examinations. This is the first location, and some unusual challenges surfaced here. Initially, the lower primary students were rowdy, and tended to distract each other in class. They also seemed to have problems understanding the interpreter at first. Perhaps it took place after their rowdy play after lunchtime, or they were unfamiliar with the Khmer terms. However, the Lord graciously quietened down their hearts and in subsequent lessons, with the school Principal's presence, they became more attentive. Over 3 days the interpreters and I shared with them key biblical truths about God, Creation, the Fall of Man, Sin and the incarnation of Lord Jesus using the interactive pictorial format. We continued revising previous lessons, and gradually they could comprehend the Gospel messages. Subsequently in the last 2 days, we proceeded to show them videos of the Lord Jesus' miracles, proving His deity, and subsequently we also presented His death, resurrection and ascension. The Lord was magnified before the students & we showed them his majesty and love for them, to save their souls from eternal death. Finally, on the last day, we asked them to invite the Lord Jesus into their hearts, to receive the Lord's free gift of salvation, which they did. By answering questions on biblical truths, a key feature of TIEBS, the students gradually understood and took ownership of these truths such as the fact the all men are sinners (Rom 3:23). Even for those who were unsure initially, they also eventually understood it, during the many Q&A sessions that we had. Therefore, our hearts overflowed with joy and thanksgiving to God, when the students realized that as sinners, only Christ could save them & invited Him into their hearts. Pastor Meng was very pleased with this joint effort and he said, "Praise the Lord. Thanks for your sharing and spending your precious time to preach the Gospel." Indeed, thanks be to God for His mercy & grace towards the children and for the successful mission work in Pailin.

(2) Poipet: Poipet school was the second location, run by Rev Koo's graduate Pastor Sovannarith Noun. His school was located about 1km from my hotel, so it was convenient to travel there and back daily. We found 9.30am and 1.30pm to be good timings, and we could teach the upper primary students at a faster pace, but slow down for the lower primary students. His school had 150 students, until Covid-19 struck, and had to be closed. It currently has about 60 students on-site, with plans to expand further after the school re-started about 2 years ago. With a smaller class of about 30 per class in each session, we could follow the responses of each student more closely, as Pastor Noun interpreted. The children were very engaged from the first day onwards. Through interactions with the children, we could clarify doubts and reinforce / emphasise key points. We encountered another

issue with the younger children who were fearful of the parents and through initially they were uncertain of committing to receive Christ, eventually they did in both locations, we closed the evangelism session by singing the Khmer hymn “nothing but the blood of Jesus” to help them remember this momentous moment when they received God’s gift of salvation, and we taught them how to live holy lives pleasing to God. The respective village pastor would follow-up with the lower primary and upper primary school students to bring them to Sunday School & to teach them more about the Word of God.



Pastor & Mrs Noun, with Grade 1-3 Students in Poipet

Encouragement

In Matthew 9:37, the Lord himself declared, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few,” urging his disciples to go into the harvest field. Similarly, hymn writer Mary Coghill urges all Christians to “work for the night is coming...” because time is fleeting. Let us encourage each other to labour on, until the Lord returns...

Designated Offerings for Missions

We 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. If you wish to contribute financially to missionaries, please indicate “DO Missions” in the reference field in your e-Offering via PayNow by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, you may transfer via Internet Banking by entering **UEN S86SS0056D**. May the Lord bless your cheerful giving.



Batam Dental Mission Trip

5-7 Apr 2024

Bro Dr Nicholas Lim

Life B-P Church began conducting mission trips to Batam (“Batam Mission Trip”) in December 2019. The first iteration of the Batam Dental Mission Trip was led by Eld Lim Ching Wah in partnership with Preacher Ang Liang, where the team ministered to Sekolah Filadelfia Gracie (a kindergarten and primary school) (“SFG”) and Filadelfia B-P Church, both of which are situated in Batam City. Although it was not initially the focus of the Batam Mission Trip, the dental outreach component was piloted in 2019, to increase the areas of service offered by the Life mission team to the community in Batam. Helmed by Dr Nicholas Lim (who was doing his dental residency), and Bro Lee Jing Hua (back then, a Y4 dental student), various teams of Lifers were part of the effort to increase oral health awareness in the local communities, as well as to assist in identifying their dental needs. The dental outreach was done by, among other things, conducting dental check-ups and fluoride applications on students of SFG. The dental outreach component was heartily and gladly received by the local communities, who feedbacked that preventive dental health efforts was vital to prevent future dental issues. Warmed by the glad reception of the dental outreach component, the Batam dental mission team was inspired to return every six months to conduct regular check-ins and follow-ups on the children they had ministered to. However, these plans were abruptly halted by COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the team could only resume its efforts in September of 2022, after travel restrictions induced by the pandemic had been lifted.

Since then, the dental mission team has continued to visit Batam every six months, with the present trip (5 to 7 April 2024) being the fifth iteration of the ministry and dental outreach of the Batam dental missions. By God’s sovereignty and provision, a 19-person strong team was assembled for this trip. The team comprised two dentists, twelve dental students, four Young Adult Lifers and a sister from Jurong Calvary B-P Church.



Pr. Ang Liang (seated with family) sharing her testimony with dental students from the Batam mission team.

Having visited Batam City for the fifth time now, one matter that was constantly and collectively on the team’s heart was our desire to guard against any tendency to complacency and distraction. We were aware that the familiarity of the environment and the routine we had established for dental outreach and ministry in Batam City could very well pose a hindrance to the distinct purpose and intent that God had for this specific mission trip. We were wary of falling into the trap of simply ‘going through the motions’ of what was familiar and most comfortable for us, at the risk of neglecting to seek the Lord’s will for each of the days that we were in Batam. As a result, we earnestly and prayerfully sought the Lord for His direction for the course and itinerary of this iteration of the Batam Mission Trip: What did He want us to do? What new “adventures”, avenues and opportunities for ministry could we expect? How would the Lord move this time to pave the way for His gospel to be shared? As we prayed for a “new thing”, the Lord was sure to answer in ways we would never expect.

“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:18-19

This mission trip report will take a different approach compared to usual style of narrating the events which unfolded on each day of the trip. Instead, in this mission trip report, I will be sharing the team’s testimony of and thanksgiving for how the Lord provides (truly, Jehovah Jireh!), makes a way (for this and future trips), and amazes us with His perfect, sure and true Word (Psalm 19:7). These thanksgivings will be supported by the testimonies of some of the participants as well, and we pray that the Lord finish the good work that He has started in the souls of the young participants (Phil 1:6).

For context, the typical structure of each day can be summarized below:

Day 1: Dental screening to schools

Day 2: Island ministry in the morning, followed by Youth Fellowship at night

Day 3: Attending Worship service followed by lunch fellowship and outing with the children from Filadelfia Home



Team photo with Rev Efendi (rightmost) and Rev Charles Seet (second from right).

Thanksgiving #1: Next Generation of Leaders and Followers

In this trip, many members of the team had opportunities to step up to new roles. For example, Bro Matthew Sim and Dr Hendra Loy (member of Gospel Light Christian Church) stepped up to lead the team activities, while Bro Caleb Tan also gave his first ‘sermon’ – a bible story telling which was attended by over 300 students in two sessions.

Furthermore, more than half of the dental students attending this trip had never been on any prior mission trips. The dental focus of the mission trip meant that they had to exercise their knowledge and skills as dentists-to-be in front of their ‘first’ hyperattentive audience – a unique experience indeed.



Matthew Sim sharing an exhortation (translated by Hana Adytia).



Caleb Tan sharing the bible story in Tanjong Piayu School on Day 1.



Clarence, Y2 Dental student giving Oral Health Education to the P5 students of Tanjong Piayu School.

Part of leading a mission trip team is to ensure that the connections established are not lost with time. A bulk of this is influenced by the sustainable transition of the servant-leader from one person to another. Gwen Cheng (Member of Calvary Jurong B-P Church), a Y3 dental student who has joined the trip since Y1 and has served numerous times as the student leader in previous dental mission trips, will start her final year of dental school this July. This meant that she will mostly likely not be able to attend mission trips later this year (i.e. 2024) to focus on her examinations and final year requirements. Whilst I begun to worry about finding a new student leader to pick up the mantle, another Y2 dental student, Soon Ping (Member of Mt Carmel B-P), stepped up and volunteered to lead the student team for this and upcoming trips. We truly praise and thank God for providing someone to step up in a timely manner to continue to involve the students of the NUS Faculty of Dentistry to support future mission efforts.



Dr Hendra and dental students providing dental fluoride treatment for the children at Batu Aji School

Thanksgiving #2: The Growth of New Ministries

The Intellectum Learning Centre (“ILC”) was the brainchild of Pr. Ang Liang and Elder Ady that was inaugurated in February 2024, as a supplementary education ministry held on Saturday afternoon in SFG to develop their students holistically. Modules include language courses (e.g. English, Mandarin), music (e.g. piano and guitar), IT and other life skills. Though the ILC aims to target those of school-going age who may or may not be students of SFG, the modules are also open to the adult population.

During the trip, we had the privilege to visit the Annex block of the school building which had been set aside for the ILC. We learnt much of the ILC’s efforts through the short introduction and sharing, and were amazed at the love and sincerity of ILC as a not-for-profit ministry to upgrade the individual competencies of students (both child and adult) to equip them for their future while serving as a platform to reach out to those living around the vicinity.



Mission team visiting and getting introduced to the ILC by Pr. Dedi Santos.

We continue to pray that the Lord will sustain and flourish the ILC, and to continue to supply more teachers and equipment (such as laptops, IT accessories, musical instruments). In addition, the ILC aspires to have more teaching teams to come in on Saturday missions to conduct lessons and expand their module-base for the ministry.

Thanksgiving #3: New Setbacks, Unwavering Faithfulness

Ecclesiastes 12:3 mentioned that “...strong men shall bow themselves...”: I personally did not expect that I would be physically humbled in this trip. Just a day before the trip, I experienced a severe lower backpain that soon developed into sciatica (pain that developed due to possible herniated or slip disc). As someone who hardly takes painkillers, I found the pain this time so severe going without painkillers was nearly impossible, and for most of Day 1, I was “bowing down” in a literal sense. Despite my physical condition and helplessness, the Lord continued to be faithful by providing other leaders like Matthew Sim and Dr Hendra Loy who organized the team and the logistics required to transport the donations we had received for the trip. With much prayer from concerned members, and the exemplary display of teamwork, and a daily dose of analgesic, the pain gradually eased off as the three days of the trip went by – and my strength was renewed! Forced to step back from being a doer (as I had been in past trips) into becoming a spectator in this trip, I was humbly reminded that God will always raise up faithful men/women to do His work. I was richly blessed to witness from the frontlines, how the Lord was working in different individuals who served at their work/story-telling/game stations diligently without any strife or vainglory (Phil 2:3).

“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Thanksgiving #4: New Mission Partners

This trip, we were introduced to new mission partners. Pr. Adam Wu, his wife Catherine and two young daughters (all originally from China), who were sent by Ps Paul Choo from Gospel Light Christian Church, to support Pr. Ang Liang’s ministries and to conduct mandarin classes. Pr. Adam shared how the Lord had called him and his wife to Pekanbaru in 2017-2020 to share Christ and to conduct Mandarin classes. All this was done without his parents’ knowledge, but Pr. Adam and his young family were forced to return to China when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Intending to serve in Indonesia for the long-term, Pr. Adam now supports the ILC by conducting Mandarin tuition and is also keen to support other mission efforts in Pekanbaru and Medan.

This unexpected provision of new mission partners was undeniably a gift from God, as Pr. Adam’s wife was able to find an opportunity to minister to the only non-believing member of the dental student team, who happened to be from China. At the end of the trip, the student also shared with me that the mission trip had a deep impact on her which gave her a lot to ponder. We trust that the gospel seed planted in good soil will one day bear fruit.



Pr. Adam and Dr Hendra Loy

Thanksgiving #5: New Harvest Fields

On Day 2, the team journeyed on a 45 mins car ride and 15 mins boat ride to Paku Island. Compared to most of the islands which we had previously visited, Paku Island supports over twenty families and is more rural and run-down. The mission team was glad to have brought the donated clothes and daily necessities right to their doorsteps to display the love of Christ to the people on the island.

The dental students also geared up to conduct oral hygiene education and simple dental screening for the villagers. The ministry team also prepared some craft activities for the children – which was to outline their hands onto nice paper cards with the words “Yesus Sayang Padaku” (trans. Jesus loves me) written within the tracing. We pray that as these children grow up and revisit this experience, they may know that Jesus loves them and experience His saving grace.

On top of the existing churches, Ibu Roska Choi has also been planning and praying for opportunities to engage the government schools in Batam through dental ministry, where we could introduce and develop an oral health program and a dental outreach through Ps Efendi’s wife, who is a principal of one of the secular schools.

*“...because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, **my chosen**. This people have I **formed** for myself; they shall shew forth **my praise**”* Isaiah 43:20-21

The fifth iteration of the Batam Dental Missions ended in an impactful but peculiar manner, with countless avenues for outreach, to advance the Gospel, and impact bigger communities. Although the vision ahead is still vague, what was made clear to the team this time round is that God never fails to answer our prayers to call His people into His fold. We pray that God will direct and equip that which He has formed and called, that we may shew forth His praise. All glory be to God!



Sis Gwen and Elysia gowning up to screen patients in the tropical temperatures on Paku Island.



Mission team taking a group photo in Paku Island.



Island Door-to-Door Visits: The team visited the oldest elder (centre of photo), aged 130 years old, living on Paku Island.



On Paku Island: Distribution of donated clothes to the residents



Pr Hana Nababan ministering to the residents of Paku Island in a small 'chapel'.

Testimonies of Team Members

When I went into the preparation of this trip, I think I felt nothing less than the nudge of God poking me in the proverbial ribs. Over the last few years, I had felt myself drift far from God, and I was starting to question where I stood in this grand plan, if there even was one. Nonetheless, one of those many sleepless nights, I saw a message from Gwen, talking about the mission trip, and for the first time in a long time I knew in my heart this was a Christian trip I had to be on. I don't know if you'd call it a premonition, or an insomnia-induced mania, but I've never been surer than in those moments I said a quick prayer and typed out a response to Gwen.

For me, that near miraculous moment was almost like a sneak peek of the trip and the preparation, it was one filled with new experiences I didn't know how to navigate, but one also guided by mentors and most importantly by the word and hand of God. Seeing God's people, who we're here to love and serve, and the joy and love that flows from them inspired me to do better, to love and to give fearlessly. Not out of a sense of pride, but as an overflowing of God's love from my life outward. On the trip, I met and grew closer to God's people and I was endlessly inspired by my fellow trip mates, who each brought their own gifts to the table, no matter where they were on their own journey with God.

There were so many occasions on the trip where our skills and our planning failed us, but somehow, each and every time, God's hand of providence was there not only to catch us as we fell, but to lift us up to greater heights. I'll never forget people who had never met us before, and who we could barely converse with, stepping forward to share what they had so that our program could continue. On this trip, I saw the love and providence of God, at work through people, and I couldn't be more grateful. As a parting verse, let me leave with you 1 John 4:19 - We love him, because he first loved us.

Soon Ping, Y2 Dental Student

The word "missions" has always been a familiar word to me, due to the many stories and testimonies that I have heard from those who have gone before me. While these conversations have always inspired me to have the desire to do missions one day, it has never crossed my mind that I will go on a mission trip, let alone use this grad trip money for missions instead.

The decision to go on this trip was made two weeks prior to the actual trip itself, making this timeline extremely short (2 weeks), which naturally brought many concerns. I was worried about the language barrier and whether I could adapt to the environment since the last time I visited Batam was for Bible Conference. More importantly, I was concerned about whether I had the right heart posture and attitude, and if I was even fit (or deserving) to serve God in this capacity. With the great amount of encouragement and prayer given by my leaders and friends, I took the leap of faith and headed to Batam.

As I was heading for Batam, I entered the trip without many anticipations or expectations. I only carried one prayer that I prayed throughout the trip: Lord, may you use this vessel in the ways You want and let me be a blessing to whoever You let me cross paths with. Initially, there was fear about what was to come, but throughout the trip, I saw how God was really working in every step of the way. I could see how God was really helping me step out of my comfort zone, not just to interact with my fellow co-labourers, but also having the courage to hold intentional conversations with the missionaries and some of the children. He gave me lots of strength to beat the heat and minister to the children and youth even though I was lacking sleep. He gave me the courage to speak and pray in front of a crowd, especially one that I was extremely unfamiliar with.

Despite this crowd may not be as materially prosperous, they are in many ways more spiritually prosperous than I am. From the very loud voices heard during the different worship sessions, to hearing about how the missionaries try to minister to the people in various parts of Batam in every way possible, these moments have showed me what true passion for Christ should be like. They bear testament of God's goodness towards them in the smallest and biggest ways and have encouraged me to have a more grateful heart. The missionaries have shown me what true Gospel partnership is about – to work together towards Gospel advancement despite all odds. (Philippians 1:27-28).

All in all, I have been greatly humbled by this first mission trip experience. It brings me great joy to see how God has really worked His work despite the trying circumstances in this faraway land. It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to use me in the ways He wants for His work and return to Batam if He wills! Truly, He reigns all things, He can move the mountains and the oceans, and He will make His harvest come and be harvested.

Phoebe, Ministry team member from Calvary Jurong B-P.

This trip has taught me how to serve with love and for God's glory, just as we are commanded in 1 Peter 4:10-11, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." I am grateful to have had this opportunity to be part of this community to make use of whatever resources and gifts that God has given us to make an impact on the lives of others, and I believe it is by no coincidence that this experience came at such a pivotal point for me in my first year of schooling. I pray that these lessons will stay with me and I will adopt the right attitude towards learning, so as to equip myself to better demonstrate God's love in my practice in the future.

Josiah, Y1 Dental Student

This trip was more than just serving fervently for our Lord; it was about brokenness & restoration. Brethren being vulnerable & reconciling with God as our witness. As a co-shepherd of this flock, I was humbled by the servant hearts of my dental juniors. God taught me that regardless of what the world sees—rank, seniority, even spiritual maturity or denomination—we are all broken vessels in need of God's Grace. Gradually moulded for the Master's use. Indeed, He makes all things beautiful in His time. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Unlike previous Youth Fellowship Nights, this trip, Ang Liang invited Yobel (one of the local young adults) to share his tearjerking Salvation story. As much as this trip seemed to be about privileged Singaporeans giving back, we had subconsciously raised the local youths not to be ministered unto, but to minister. That regardless of education or country, God-willing, any humble servant can always spiritually uplift others. May Yobel's steadfast spirit be an example for all of us, to be ready always when God calls.

Gwen Cheng, Y3 Dental Student

GAPPI Tanjung Piayu Ministries

Rev Efendi Ginting

I am grateful to the Lord Jesus who gives me the strength and health to continue serving God among the Tanjung Piayu B-P Church congregation.

I am also thankful to Mission Committee and the Life B-P Church Singapore congregation who support us and pray for the ministry in Batam.

REACHING SOULS THROUGH HOUSEHOLD FELLOWSHIP

One of the ways we use to reach souls around the Tanjung Piayu B-P Church is through Fellowship. Through fellowship, the congregation invites friends and neighbours to fellowship in their homes, and on this occasion we introduce our church and invite them to join us. This is fruitful because in this way there are new members who worship at our Church.



The photos show an example of family fellowship that we do. In this fellowship there are 5 people who are not members of our church, but were invited by the host and we worship together.

SOUL OUTREACH MINISTRIES AT NEW LIFE SCHOOL

As currently done, I believe school is a mission field for preaching the Gospel of the salvation of the Lord Jesus, and reaching for souls to believe in the Lord Jesus. Because at this school there are many children who come from nominal Christian families who do not know the Lord Jesus personally as Lord and Saviour, and there are several who come from buddhist background who have also heard about the Gospel. There are already more than 100 children who come from a buddhist background that I shared the Gospel to them, and there are some of them who become Christians but currently worship in other churches. And there are also several Tanjung Piayu B-P Church congregants who are the fruit of school ministries, as we minister to their children and their parents eventually come to worship at our church.



REACHING SOULS THROUGH HEALTH MINISTRIES IN SCHOOLS

We are also grateful to the Medical and Dental teams from Singapore. As we have practised, whenever the Medical team comes, the medical ministry they provided is always accompanied by Bible Story program. This Bible story is very important because there are some school children who rarely go to church, there are also those who are buddhist and this is a good opportunity for them to hear the Gospel.



SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Praise God for the good cooperation between the School and the Church, some of the Sunday school children are students from the New Life School. And these are very valuable souls that need to be nurtured. Sunday school teachers with all their might and strength provide their best service. We are using new methods to attract children to come to church. In the last 2 years I have sought support from friends to give me money to use in Sunday school and thank God every month a brother donates 300,000,- and I channel the funds to buy food and drinks for Sunday school children. And Sunday school teachers usually distribute them to children after they finish worship, and sometimes buy them pens and books as gifts to encourage them to attend church.

And we also provide refreshment to Sunday School children by organising activities outside the Church. And last March we held Easter on the beach and we worshiped and had recreation with the Sunday School children and some of their parents who also wanted to rejoice together.

Hopefully, this ministry will continue to grow, and we seek prayer support from all of us for this task of preaching the Gospel. Glory to the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Easter celebration for Sunday school children as well as recreation.



GAPPI Batu Aji Ministries

Praise God for all His great grace and love in the life and ministry of the GAPPI church. We are grateful for all ministry activities at the GAPPI Batu Aji church which run well every year, be it in corporate worship, family worship, prayer meeting, and fellowship groups. We are thankful for special events that can be used as good opportunities for preaching the Gospel and the truth of God's word, especially the combined events such as youth combined fellowship, ladies combined fellowship and other events. We are grateful for the good cooperation with the New Life Foundation in preaching the Gospel to children, one event that is held every year is the Vacation Bible School which will also be held this year. We are thankful for the support of prayers, funds and energy from fellow believers from Life B-P church Singapore who also took part in the ministries held at the GAPPI churches in Batam, especially at GAPPI Batu Aji. May God be glorified in all ministry activities in His church.



Worship service with students from New Life School





*Vacation Bible School
2023*

GAPPI Sagulung Baru Ministries

We ought to be grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He leads GAPPI Sagulung Baru Church to arrive at the age of 22 years. We are grateful because at the age of 22 years, we were blessed by the presence of His servant Rev. Charles Seet and Mr. Surya Kusuma as representative of the Life B-P Church Mission representative for Indonesia. Moreover, we are grateful because through the word of God preached by Rev. Charles Seet, the church is taught to be one not because of the similarities they have but because of the differences that exist. The congregation must be united in essentials, may differ in matters that are not essential, but must exercise love above all. The lordship of Christ is the basis of church/congregation unity. Unity among the congregation will be lost when Christ's divinity is not recognized or eliminated (John 17: 11, 21-24)



This is our current challenge and struggle at GAPPI Sagulung Baru.

Isaiah 55: 11: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

May the word of God preached by Rev. Charles Seet truly reaches the congregation so that we can crucify our ego for unimportant things and put love above all else.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Participating in upcoming Mission Trips in 2024

We would like to encourage Life B-P Church members to participate actively in missions both in support and involvement (short-term or otherwise), including medical and dental (MaD) missions, with the hope that some may be called to be full-time missionaries. You may prayerfully consider participating in a Mission trip as an individual, a family, a fellowship group or a NBC. If you are interested to participate in the upcoming mission trips being planned for 2024, please register your interest by filling in the form. All participants who are attending mission trips organised by Life B-P Church are required to sign the letter of undertaking for the mission trip at <https://forms.gle/Cc4Q22b8csiFmqEY6>

Date	Mission	Remarks
1-2 Jun 2024	Children Ministry at Tanjung Piayu New Life school Batam - GAPPI Tanjung Piayu Anniversary	LF Ps Quek KK
25-29 Jun 2024	Chiangmai - Children's Ministry Trip	Bro Benjamin Heng
5-7 July 2024	Batam - GAPPI Batu Aji VBS	YLM
4 Aug 2024	Batam - Ladies Sunday School Trip	Ps Charles Seet
19-22 Sep 24	Pekanbaru - MaD* and Children's Ministry	Dr Nicholas Lim
5-6 Oct 2024	Children Ministry at Batu Aji New Life School Batam -GAPPI Batu Aji Anniversary	Ps Quek KK
26-30 Oct 2024	Chiangmai - MaD* to mountain churches	Dn Dr Koh Lip Hoe
3-7 Dec 2024	Hilltop, Philippines - MaD* mission with Calvary Jurong B-P Church to Palawan	Dr David Cheong
13-18 Dec 2024	Cambodia - Kampongsom	Dn Alvin Chow

*MaD – Medical and Dental