

Focus on Missions

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This issue of Focus on Missions features the messages by Rev Efendi Ginting, Ibu Roska, Bro Lim Kwang Taek and Sis Miriam Phan for our Sunday School Missionary Sunday, and the reports on the mission trip to Batam and celebration of GAPPI Tanjung Piayu's anniversary, and mission trips to Evangel BPC (Malacca and Tangkak).

We thank God that some of our missionaries can join us for our church camp in Awana for a time of spiritual refreshment and sweet fellowship with Lifers, and they have safely returned to their countries. Please continue to pray for our missionaries and encourage them to do God's work, till our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:5-6

Missionary Sunday - Sharing by Rev Efendi Ginting

22 YEARS SERVING THE LORD AT
TANJUNG PIAYU BPC BATAM

Who am I? This question arose in my heart. I am a sinner saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus.

My name is Efendi Ginting, I was born and grew up in the highlands of North Sumatra, and I knew the Lord Jesus when I was around nine years old and I was baptised when I was in the sixth grade of elementary school. Praise God for He saved me.

In 1997 I entered theological school at Salem Theological Seminary under Eleos Presbyterian Church in East Java. In 2002 I graduated and was ready to serve God.



UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL

On the day I graduated, Mrs. Roska attended my graduation ceremony, and she asked me to help serve the Lord at Tanjung Piayu BPC. Hearing this request, I was very happy but I still had a heavy heart about coming to Batam. There was a question in my heart why I joined Mrs. Roska, because at that time there were around 8 people helping her at Tanjung Piayu BPC, Batu Aji BPC, and Sagulung Baru BPC. That was why I was a little reluctant.

In August 2002, without informing me, Mrs. Roska bought a ticket and sent me a booking code and I had to go to Batam that same day.

From 2004 to 2006 I studied at FEBC. The ministers who helped at these three churches left one by one and I was left alone. Could this be what God meant to call me to serve in Batam 20 years ago? May God make me faithful to serve him until the end.



THE JOY OF SERVING GOD

Each place, each city, has its own uniqueness in this ministry, the members that we served are also very different.

The first time I served in Tanjung Piayu, I was a bit surprised when I saw that the congregation came to church because they wanted to receive material things. At that time, I took action. I wanted to teach the congregation to have the right motivation. I taught the congregation through sermons in the pulpit and fellowship services that they need to come to church to worship God who has saved us, and not look for food. Since I took leadership of Tanjung Piayu BPC, purification has occurred, and those with wrong motives left on their own accord. I really thank God for it.



GIVE SPIRITUAL FOOD AND GIVE PHYSICAL FOOD



Our congregation at Tanjung Piayu BPC has about 54 families, and 21 families live in illegal houses and on wild land and their jobs are to look for second-hand goods to supply their living needs. Maybe because of that, sometimes they come to borrow church money, and sometimes they also come to see me. Spiritual food and physical food are both needed by the congregation. My abilities are limited, sometimes I cannot help them, I can only give God's Word as their food and pray for them. I teach them God's Word.



God never allows his children to beg for bread as experienced by King David himself. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Psalm 37:25. When they seek God and His Word, then God will supply what they need.



SERVING AMONG THREE CHURCHES UNDER LIFE BPC

Especially I thank God and thank Life BPC and Missions Committee for your prayers and I was confirmed and ordained to be a minister among Batam BPC in June 2023. This is a big responsibility that I have to bear. Keep praying for God’s works in Batam. Once again, thank you for the support that you give to all of us in Batam.



SERVING AT NEW LIFE SCHOOL



Praise God, because I can use this school to sow the Gospel and preach the Gospel to children. I teach Christian Religious Education at New Life Christian School. All students must follow this subject. I believe that through this ministry, the Lord Jesus Himself works in their hearts to believe and accept the Lord Jesus to be their Lord and Savior.

God’s word from 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.”

Thank you for the mission team of members of Life BPC who came to New Life

Christian School, through medical services, seminars and spiritual services, Bible storytelling, and arts and crafts. Your ministries not be in vain. I believe that our God will reward you with abundant blessing, and that Christ himself will bring them to know Christ.



There is nothing more beautiful than serving God. Soli Deo Glory. Thank you.

Missionary Sunday - Sharing by Bro Lim Kwang Taek and Sis Miriam Phan

We are so glad and thank God for allowing us to unite with the Lifers through the church camp and enjoy sweet fellowship together. We also give thanks to the Life Church for inviting us to the camp as well as Mission Sunday to share about missionary work in Cambodia.

1. THANKSGIVING TESTIMONY (KCS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, PORT VILLAGE, KBS)

First, we would like to share thanksgiving items. We thank God for sending us as full-time missionaries from Life B-P Church and leading us to Cambodia, where Rev. Moses Hahn & Mrs. Grace Hahn have been carrying out missionary work for many years. The main station of our missionary work is at the Komponentsom Bible School which was established by the support of sponsoring church and the dedication of senior missionaries.

1) Miriam has been teaching Bible stories at Komponentsom Christian School, Sunday School, and Port Village. What is different from last year in KCS ministry is that Miriam was able to directly teach the Bible stories to students in Khmer. We thank God for helping us through your prayers and support to build closer relationships with children by Khmer language and to clearly share the gospel. Although it sometimes takes more time and preparation to deal with all grades from kindergarten to grade sixth, we believe that by training them up in the way they should go, they will not depart from it.

Komponentsom Christian School



2) Next thanksgiving items is Miriam's training of local Sunday School teachers. As the number of Sunday school students increased, Miriam invited a female KBS student who were interested in children's ministry to become Sunday school teacher. Miriam meets with two Sunday school teachers every Saturday and teaches them Bible stories, songs, and games. We thank God, who knows all our needs, for sending us dedicated worker to the Sunday School at the right time.

Sunday School



3) We thank God for the change in children's attitudes in the port village ministry as they pray and listen to the message. As time passed, we have observed the children's prayer attitude slowly change from playful to calmer. As more and more children became interested in Bible stories, listened to them, and answered questions, the rest of the children became more receptive. We praise God for touching the hearts of children and leading them to maturity through His Word. May the Lord strengthen the faith of each young soul, so that they may live as a light that brightens up a neighbourhood in that village.

Port Village





Port Village

4) We also thank God for helping us conduct Bible study with KBS students, starting with the Pentateuch last year and now continuing with the Old Testament Prophetic Books. Senior students who started from the beginning have been completing the Old Testament, and new students have been catching up by learning basic English. We pray that may the Lord continue to encourage them not to give up midway and apply what they have learned to their ministry and daily life. We believe that the Lord will call each student according to their gifts and grant them a vision to serve Him.

Kamongsom Bible School



5) In addition to Old Testament Class and Basic English on weekdays, the First catechism and Korean classes are held on Saturday mornings with about 6 students. By introducing the first catechism to students who are interested in Korean language classes, we have been trying to help students establish the Word of God they have learned into sound doctrine. We pray that more students will join us and build up themselves in defense of the faith in the end times.

2. COOPERATION IN MISSIONARY WORK (PRISON MINISTRY (KOH KONG), KBS BIBLE CAMP, LIFE-BPC MISSION TEAM'S VISIT)

1) We also remember our cooperation in missionary work from last year to this year. The first cooperation we worked with outside of Sihanoukville was the prison ministry in Koh Kong province. We participated in a Bible seminar held in June under the theme “Old Man and New Man.” Many inmates received biblical lessons, Bible study certificates, and baptism through the service of Mrs. Grace, local church ministers, CEAI staffs, and KBS students. What impressed us was the inmates’ active response to the Bible lessons and the compassionate service of the co-workers, even within a limited time according to the regulation of prison. We pray that may the Lord continue to bless the prison ministry and lead His children to salvation and holy lives.



Prison Ministry

2) In October, we also involved in the KBS Children and Youth Bible Camp. About 190 people from 13 local churches attended this camp in Sihanoukville. We were able to enjoy a spiritual feast through various programs with many attendees who gathered to learn the Word of God. In the process of preparing and conducting the camp, we realized again the need to train many young leaders who can teach and guide children with biblical lessons. We pray that may the Lord continue to raise up many workers in Cambodia, where the harvest is plenteous, and labourers are few.



KBS Bible Camp

3) In December, we had the opportunity to work together with Life Church's mission team for the first time since we were commissioned. The mission team visited KBS with various lessons and programs for Bible students and children. Bible students shared many thanksgiving testimonies as they learned many the biblical lessons from mission team, and KCS children were able to learn many bible stories and enjoyed the crafts through VBS program.



We were reminded that the mission team's visit had an impact on the mission field workers, local leaders, and children, helping them remember God's love and encouraging their journey of faith. We pray that students of KBS & KCS who hear the Gospel and experience God's love will be raised up with sound faith and fulfil their role of leading the next generation to our Lord Jesus Christ.



Lastly, we would like to share our prayer lists with you.

3. PRAYER REQUESTS

1) May the Lord guide all ministers, teachers, and students of KBS & KCS to fear and honor God, strive to learn His Word, and live a life of obedience to the Lord Jesus.

2) May the Lord open the hearts of the children of the port village to receive the Gospel and grow them in grace and in the knowledge of Him.

3) May the Lord grant us wisdom and good health in order that we will focus not on performance or numerical growth, but on the salvation of lost souls and the discipleship of Christ.

We would like to thank our most gracious God for giving us the opportunity to participate in missionary work through the guidance of Life B-P Church and cooperation with senior missionaries. May the Lord bless all of you who serve in obedience to holy calling and follow in His footsteps to bring glory to Him.



Missionary Sunday – Sharing by Ibu Roska

Salam Kasih Kristus, Greetings from Indonesia!



Very nice to meet you all. My name is Roska. I came from the city of Medan in North Sumatra. I was born in West Aceh. After graduating from Senior High School, I came to Singapore to study Theology. After finishing studying Theology, God sent me to Batam Island to start churches and Christian schools. Why did I give my life to God and serve in the ministry of God? There is a story behind it. Let me tell my testimony.

When I was little, my father lived on an oil palm plantation. I did not have many friends. I only played with my big sister, elder brother and younger brothers. Every day I would play with monkeys, geese, roosters, hens, chicks, dogs, puppies and also cats. We also had a nanny, her name is Tata. Sis Tata would accompany us every day. She would take care of us, feed us, accompany us to play and even bathe us.

One day, Kak Tata fell ill and died soon after. Little me was very shocked and sad. At that time I did not understand the meaning of death. I asked my mother whether Kak Tata would wake up from her sleep. My mother answered; “No. She will sleep forever.”

Then Kak Tata was buried. I asked my mother again; “*Why put Sis Tata to sleep underground? Aren't there lots of worms? Why let Kak Sis Tata sleep with worms?*” Since that incident, I



was very afraid of dying like Sis Tata. *“I don't want to sleep with worms!”*

Finally, the fear of death haunted me. I was afraid of falling sick because I did not want to die!

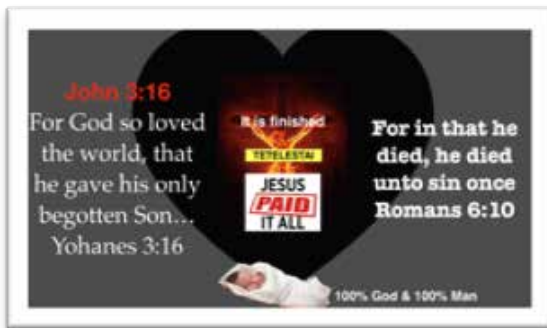
It turns out that after I knew and believed in the Lord Jesus, I understood that people die not because they are sick, not because of heart disease, not because of Covid or because of a car accident. Man dies because of sin!

The Bible said that people died because of sin! Romans 3:23 said; **“all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”**

The Bible also said in Romans 6:23 that **the wages of sin is death!** Suffer punishment in the hellfires! This is horrible!

Is there any solution? Yes! The solution does not come from you or your parents! It does not come from good deeds, health or wealth! It doesn't come from the world! The solution only comes from God!

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son...” – John 3:16a. God sent His Son! His name is Jesus. He came to earth to take away my fear of death. As God, He cannot die but as Man, He can die to pay the wages of sin.



On the cross He did a perfect job! He took away our sins and the wages of sin which is death, the sufferings of punishment in hellfire where **“their worms shall not die, neither their fire be quenched”** – Isaiah 66:24.

On the cross shed His blood and he said; **“It is finished”** – John 19:30 which means – all transactions are completed and fully PAID! Jesus paid it all! He proved it by his resurrection from the dead. **“For in**

that he died, he died unto sin once” – Romans 6:10. And now the Bible said in John 3:16b – **“... whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life”**. I believed it! I believed that Jesus did it for me. Praise God! Do you believe it? I Peter 1:18-19 said; **“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...But with the precious blood of Christ”**

I jumped for joy when I heard that Jesus had come to Earth 2000 years ago to finish HELL for me. Jesus died in the cross. He was buried but rose again from the dead. There is no more fear of death or hellfire! Jesus sacrificed His life as a ransom. Everything He did was because of His love for sinners, for you and me.



When we believe, a miracle happens. We are forgiven! We are saved! We are given a new heart – I Corinthians 5:17 and we are guaranteed to heaven! That's my big dream! There is no more fear of death or hellfire!

I started telling others about Jesus. I went to Singapore and studied Bible in one of the Bible Colleges in Singapore.

After I graduated from Bible College, God sent me to be a missionary to my own country. I was sent to Batam Island. Jesus was my only accompaniment. He is my Partner 24 hours a day. He is in my heart – Galatians 2:20. He guides me to look for children and adults who fear death, just like I did. I want to share about Jesus Christ who died on the cross and to take away my fear of death.



By God's grace, churches and Christian schools were built in Batam. Many came to Jesus and put their trust in Him for their future. Yes, once you believe in Jesus, you will have a bright future! You fear nothing because your life is guaranteed by Jesus. He will one day bring you to be with him and alive for ever! Indeed you will never die! Praise God! Now that there are 5 churches and 3 schools established in Batam. The school is called – Sekolah Hidup Baru which means New Life school. The schools hope and pray that every student will have Jesus in their hearts and have a new life in Jesus.



By God's leading hand I flew to Pekanbaru and looked for children and adults who are also in the fear of death. God brought me to a village called Libo which is 100 km away from the main city of Pekanbaru.

God helped me to set up a wooden church. I named the church as Libo BPC. And God also led me to set up a Christian school because I found out that many of Libo kids did not go to school. God provided all the needs to build a Church and a school.



Although the school at one time was burnt by enemies of God, but God restored it back. The school is now being the best and the only Christian school in the village that spread the Gospel to students and parents. Praise God!

The school's name is Sekolah Libo Ceria which means Joyful Libo. The school hopes and prays that every student will have the joy of God and enjoy a very successful life in God wherever they will be.

Currently, God leads Libo BPC to set up another branch to bring in more parents and neighbors to the church so that many will hear about Jesus and believe Him as their Lord and Savior so none of them fear death anymore.

There are many more ministries in Indonesia that I have dedicated my life to serving which will not fit in the short few pages here. I thank God for each one of you keeping me in prayer and I pray God continues to help everyone of us to be missionaries for His Glory. Amen.



Fellowship with Missionaries during their visit to Singapore



Fellowship lunch with (L-R) Rev and Mrs Moses Hahn, Sis Jess Tamee, Sis Miriam Phan, Bro Lim KwangTaek, Dn Surya Kusuma, Dn Alvin Chow, Ibu Roska, Rev Charles Seet and Mr Choi.



Rev Efendi and family, Ibu Roska and Mr Choi at church camp in Awana



Rev Nirand Tamee and Sis Jess Tamee



Rev and Mrs Moses Hahn



Bro KwangTaek and Sis Miriam



Song presentation by our Missionaries, "We Will Keep Our Faith Alive"

Visit to Tanjung Piayu New Life School Batam and GAPPI Tanjung Piayu Anniversary on 1-2 June 2024

Sis Abigail Kusuma

CHILDREN MINISTRY AT TANJUNG PIAYU NEW LIFE SCHOOL BATAM

A 25-person team comprising of four students from the ERBC, 16 members from Life BP Church and five from other churches (total 25 team members) journeyed to Batam for an outreach at Tanjung Piayu, ministering to the children at the Hidup Baru II school for a one-day Gospel outreach event as well as a parent seminar for the students' parents.

PREPARATION

The team had a meeting on 17 May (Friday) in church, where we finalized roles and practised the singspiration songs, and had briefing of games and art and crafts in our respective groups.



Ladies Fellowship sisters coming together on Vesak day to prepare Art and Craft materials for over 300 students

About a week before the mission trip, sister Ivy and the sisters from Ladies Fellowship prepared the materials for Art and Craft, especially helping to simplify the steps for the Primary 1 and 2 students. Thank God for the sisters' willingness to help cut and pack beforehand, as this proved to be very useful during the actual art and craft session.

Before the mission trip, sis Linda and the Ukulele Team also prepared a video teaching the students the piece "Buku Tanpa Kata", or "The Wordless Book Song", which tells the gospel story in five colors (gold for heaven, black for sin, red for the blood of Christ, white for our sins being washed away, and green for growth in the Lord.) The students prepared to present this song to their parents on the day itself.

ON THE DAY ITSELF—

The order of the day was to have three rounds of storytelling, games and art and crafts. The students were split into three groups of P1 & P2, P3 & P4, and P5 & P6. Each student went through storytelling, games, and art and crafts while each helper conducted the same session for three times.

MESSAGE FOR THE STUDENTS

The storytelling session started with a time of singspiration, in which the students already knew the songs very well and were enthusiastic to sing them. The Ukulele team was also spirited in their

playing to accompany the students' singing. This gave a fresh experience for each of the three times that this session was held.



Students enthusiastically doing the actions and singing during the singspiration

Sis Gillian led the storytelling which was about Gideon taken from Judges 6 & 7. The key point is that when God calls Gideon, Gideon is cleansed by God first (by breaking the idols) before he can be used by God mightily. Also, the other lesson is that victory is not from our effort, but from God. We only need to believe in Him.

The storytime itself was fruitful, with sis Gillian and Bu Roska working together to tell, translate and dramatize the story. Sister Linda also added sound effects on the keyboard, which added impact on the story, thus engaging the children. The gospel was also linked very clearly, content wise, to the story of Gideon.



Sister Gillian and Ibu Roska led in storytelling

At the start of one session, one boy asked how we can go to heaven when we are always sinning. Ibu Roska explained to him that we cannot go to heaven through good works. During the gospel part of the storytelling, she took the opportunity to explain the concept of salvation to the boy for further clarification. Thank God for the avenue where His truth can be shared!

ART AND CRAFT

Sis Ivy and the Art and Craft team led the students to create glowing torches and paper trumpets, reflecting the story of Gideon. The students also had the experience of blowing around 100 trumpets at once, so that they could have a feel on how Gideon might have felt when God asked him to do so. It was heartening to see how the students enjoyed playing with the end products of their effort and also using it as a reflection for what God can do even when man is weak.

For the first art and craft session, less time was available as we started late due to the rain and the students and helpers were not that familiar with the art and craft yet. Thank God that the P5 and P6 could eventually finish their crafts and subsequent sessions with the younger children could be smoother.



Students finishing up on their glowing torch craft

GAMES

Sis Belle and the Games team led the students in games such as Dog and Bone, and Telephone (helping with Bible memory verses). It is heartening to see the children memorizing the verses well, and also excelling in their mathematics, which was needed in some of the games. Due to the rain, the games were carried on in the classroom quite smoothly and the children enjoyed it.



Students having a fun time playing the games

PARENTS' SEMINAR

Mrs Ang, principal of Far Eastern Kindergarten led the Parents' Seminar with Dn Surya interpreting, and she addressed the 4 kinds of parenting — authoritative, authoritarian, indulging and absent parenting. The happy problem was that there were many parents, and the church sanctuary was packed. While there could have been more space, we thank God for the willingness of the parents to come and learn. The seminar was followed by Gospel sharing by Ibu Aster (sister of Ibu Roska) who delivered God's word with great zeal.



PRESENTATION

At 1.45pm, everyone got ready for the school's 30th anniversary celebration, led by Mr Gabriel, the superintendent of the school. At this time, the children dressed up in various Indonesia's traditional cultural costumes presented the song "Buku Tanpa Kata" with the actions. They sang and presented with gusto, echoing Psalm 8:2 "Out of the mouth of babes and suckling's hast thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." After this song presentation, they also performed dances in relation to the Indonesian National Day, Pancasila Day. We are thankful that we are able to see the school nurturing the children both to love the Word of God and also to have pride in their nation.



THANKSGIVING

Although there were a few problems that threatened to hinder the planned ministry, we thank God that He is able to carry the trip through smoothly, and that His Word can be shared and we are able to have this opportunity to serve Him.

Thank God for weather, it was rainy in the morning but most activities were still able to run smoothly (even the games that were run indoors went well). The sun came up and the rain stopped just before all the 300 students lined up to fill the whole school courtyard to present their song items. As the day's event ended, Bro Vincent and Sis Mary Leong distributed chocolates as a gift to the children.

The school teachers and leaders were also extremely helpful in guiding the students, so that they can receive the Word of God. Most of all, we are grateful for God's hand that has guided us in this short but fulfilling mission trip. We pray that He will continue to work in the hearts of the students and parents of Hidup Baru School, and we look forward to many other opportunities where we can serve Him! All glory to God.

TESTIMONIES FROM PARTICIPANTS

First, I would like to express my gratitude to God for giving me the opportunity to participate in the Mission trip. I would also like to thank all the organizers for making this trip possible, as well as the Life B-P Church for sponsoring it. This trip has been a truly unforgettable experience for me, and I have learned so much from it.

One of the most impactful moments for me was hearing the testimony of Auntie Roska and how she started the school. Her story taught me that success does not come easily and may involve facing challenges. However, those who persevere and keep working towards their goals will ultimately find success. Auntie Roska faced many challenges, but she was able to overcome them with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Visiting the school and seeing the impact it has on the children and their parents made me realize the importance of sharing the gospel through education. In the past, I had only heard about such initiatives, but this trip has truly touched my heart and made me believe that I can make a difference. In Myanmar, where the education system is not as developed and Christianity is a minority, I hope to one day I can start a school like Tanjung Piayu Hidup Baru School.

In conclusion, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this Mission trip. It has opened my eyes to the power of education and the importance of spreading the gospel. I am inspired to make a difference in my own country and provide better education opportunities for those in need.

Sis Aphi Mawi, ERBC student

First, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Life BP Church and the Sponsorship committee for giving ERBC students opportunity to participate in Batam mission trip and covering all the expenses of this mission trip. This is my prayer that may the Lord blesses Life BP Church to nurture and produce godly people more and more for the extent ions of his Kingdom.

I am very blessed to Batam trip by seeing how they started this mission and the way they impacted their lives and sacrifices for the lost souls. The same time, I am really encouraged to see how they trained and taught the children. I see that the future of these children is brightly successful. I am very blessed that the Lord let me to participate in this mission trip by playing ukulele and helping the children to make art and crafts. It would really help and enable me for my future ministry.

Lastly, I really enjoyed the time spent with godly men and women in the mission trip. It creates us to know each other and closer friendship. Even though we are different people, races and nations, we are one in Christ and bound by the One true God.

May the Lord bless Life BP Church and its mission. Thank you.

Bro Jelly Hupte, ERBC student

From my time on the mission trip in Batam, I was very encouraged by seeing all the participants and volunteers and their best preparations and involvement in all the activities. I saw how they love God, and I pray that God will use each and every one of us more and more to extend His Kingdom.

After seeing the building of the school and hearing the principal's testimony about how our good Lord led them, I praise God for all His guidance and for bringing all those happy and cheerful students. I also pray that they will come to know Christ through this school. I enjoyed my time there and it was also my first experience which I will never forget.

Sis Run Sui Em, ERBC student

GAPPI TANJUNG PIAYU ANNIVERSARY ON 1-2 JUNE 2024

Rev Quek Keng Khwang spoke at GAPPI Tanjung Piayu's 28th Thanksgiving anniversary in Batam On 2 June 2024. His sermon was entitled "Being Church" based on 1 Timothy 3:14-16. Lifers from Woodlands NBC, together with Dn Surya and his family attended the anniversary celebration and presented two songs - Kerja Buat Tuhan (Work for the Lord) and May the Lord Find Us Faithful - to encourage the saints. Thank God for His faithfulness to sustain GAPPI Tanjung Piayu all these 28 years.





Cutting of the tumpeng cake

1. **KERJA BUAT TUHAN**

Work for the Lord

C G7 C
 Ker-ja buat Tuhan, sela-lu ma-ni-se
 Work for God, always sweet

C G7 C
 Biar pikul Salib, sela-lu ma-ni-se
 Even if you carry the Cross, it's always sweet

C
 Ayo kerja buat Tuhan
 Let's work for God

sungguh senang-senang-e
 What a pleasure

Am C
 Dipanggil Tuhan selale manise
 Called by God, always sweet

F C Am
 Serahkan diri ke ladang Tuhan, saudara
 Surrender to God's field, brother

G C
 Serta Tuhan selalu manise x2
 With God is always sweet



Report on Mission Trip to Evangel BPC (Malacca) and Evangel BPC (Tangkak)

Eld Chia Ah Lak & Sis Lilian Lee

BACKGROUND

On 26 Nov 23, Session decided to support the mission outreach to minister to the brethren in Evangel BPC (Malacca) and Evangel BPC (Tangkak) Life Church once a month, together with Calvary BPC and Sharon BPC. This is part of the Gospel Highway Ministry (GHM) initiated by Evangel BPC (KL) in 2018 to reach out to the lost in Malaysia. It is akin to the late Rev Timothy Tow's outreach and church planting in the early days of Life BPC in the 60s and 70s.

THE "MACEDONIAN CALL"

Evangel BPC (KL) took over the over-sight of Evangel BPC (Tangkak) from Sharon BPC in Jan 2016 while Evangel BPC (Malacca) was founded in Nov 2017. The brethren in these two churches hunger and thirst for God's Word, and there was a "Macedonian call" to come over and help us (Acts 16:9). Both Sharon BPC and Calvary BPC responded and had been supporting this ministry by taking one Sunday per month mainly for the pulpit ministry with occasional teaching the Sunday School children. Life BPC is privileged to co-labour with like-minded brethren in this ministry.



WHY SHOULD LIFE BPC HELP?

Singapore churches are blessed with many talents and resources. Lifers have received much, and it is a golden opportunity for us to give by leading and encouraging our members to respond to this call to help our brethren in need.

Malacca and Tangkak are only 200 km away from Singapore. Those who go do not have to take leave as it is a weekend travel. It is the Lord's vineyard, and He calls us to be co-labourers with Him. It also helps our members to look outward

and use their talents for the Lord's work. We are our brother's keeper, and it is more blessed to give than to receive. It is therefore our blessing to participate in this ministry. "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

THE NEEDS

The need is for each of the participating churches to provide 1) Preacher, 2) Worship Chairman, 3) Sunday School Teachers, 4) Pianist, and 5) Befrienders, for each Sunday to preach and teach God's Word and to build up the faith of the brethren in Evangel BPC (Malacca) and Evangel BPC (Tangkak), and God willing, to grow the church.

UPDATE ON THE FIRST 5 TRIPS BY LIFE BPC MEMBERS

For the first half of the year, we had made a total of 5 trips involving the 47 Lifers from ex-AFers, Senior Fellowship, Thomson NBC, and Ladies' Fellowship. They were all very fulfilling and fruitful trips.

The Itinerary

It is a 2-day weekend trip and the activities for each day were as indicated below. Usually, the team of about 8-12 Lifers would gather on a Saturday morning in church, and they would set out for the journey at about 9am. Thank God for the provision of the chartered Malaysian bus (funded by the church) that enable us to travel on the bus lane (which has less traffic) at the Causeway/2nd Link. This helped to save a lot of queueing time especially during the weekend where many Singaporeans flock to Johor Bahru (JB) for shopping and food.

Saturday

- Meet in Beulah House 8.50am (provide your car registration number if you intend to park your car overnight in church)
- Leave for Malacca via Causeway / 2nd Link at 9am (total journey time about 3 hours depending on traffic condition. Hired 2-way transport is paid by the Church through the Mission Committee)
- Lunch at Tangkak or Malacca depending on actual situation.
- Stay one night at Malacca (estimated S\$80/ hotel room)
- Free & Easy time in Malacca town.
- Dinner at local Restaurant.
- Back to hotel and rest for the night.



Sunday

- Breakfast at Hotel or nearby eateries.
- Leave for Evangel BPC (Malacca) at 9.15am
- Worship Service commences at 10am
- Sunday school commences after Collection of offerings
- Pastoral chat after worship Service led by Speaker
- Lunch Fellowship in Church
- Head off to Evangel BPC (Tangkak) at 1.30pm
- Coffee Fellowship at Tangkak
- Worship Service commences at 5pm
- Sunday school after Collection of offerings
- Dinner after worship Service at nearby restaurant
- Leave for Singapore after Dinner at about 7.30pm
- Arrive Church about 11.30pm.

The activities on Saturday were certainly a good time for the team to catch up and fellowship one with another which we can hardly do so in Life Church on Sunday. After Free & Easy time and dinner, it was time to turn in for the day and prepare to worship the Lord the next day.

Sunday worship at the Melaka church is at 10am. The brethren at the church were always glad to receive us because their number was small – sometimes only three or four. After the sermon and Sunday School, there was a pastoral chat where everyone was encouraged to share any thoughts or questions based on the sermon. A quick lunch fellowship followed and then it was time to travel off to Tangkak.

Tangkak, being in Johore state, has Sunday as a work day and hence their worship service is at 5pm after school and secular work is done. This church has more attendees – from four key families. After the worship, the team would have



a quick dinner before heading home. By God's mercy, the bus would be back at Life Church at about 11.30pm.

Overall, the trip can be demanding but it is rewarding. Everyone in the team played a significant role to minister to the brethren in the two churches. The blessings are two-way; They were blessed, and we too were blessed, and do count ourselves as unprofitable servants for the Master's use.

THE WORK

Many people when they were invited to join the team, were afraid that they could not contribute to the Lord's work. The most important contribution is your presence which brings a great encouragement to the brethren there. The local brethren are very few, and when they heard how the team had travelled all the distance to see them, they are appreciative and felt blessed.

The worship Chairman and the speaker are from our Life team. The local brethren were blessed to receive God's Word from different ministers of the Word.

The Sunday School children have also been blessed to have different Sunday School teachers each week to share with them the Bible stories and artwork. One of our team members would

prepare the lesson and there are a few others would help with the craft.

The topics of the sermon and the curriculum for the Sunday School are according to a schedule to provide a systematic approach to study God's Word although the visiting minister of the Word from the pulpit or in the classroom may be different each week.



THE BENEFITS TO LIFE CHURCH

The benefits are many. The participation in this mission is over a weekend. Some Lifers are involved in mission work for the first time. Some helped in Sunday school for the first time. It is heartening to watch their excitement as they learned to do new things for the first time. Some have overcome their personal fears. May the Lord challenge them to move forward and do greater things for Him.

In Mission work, there is always a price to pay. When we serve the Lord, we might expect inconveniences. In the June trip, the car broke down on the highway during the homeward journey. The distance is far, and with a breakdown of the car at night, it would have taken more time to reach home if the Lord did not intervene and prove Himself faithful. The connecting car came shortly and took the team

to the next toll stop at Skudai where another car was waiting to ferry the team to church almost seamlessly. It is tiring to arrive home late, and for some are required to work the next day. This is the small sacrifice required in this work but the reward is great as the service is to the Lord. If Lifers understand that they may participate in this mission once or twice a year, then the cost is insignificant.

All mission work provides eyeopeners because of the exposure to different set-up, situation and culture. By being there, one can understand better and relate more deeply with the brethren in Malaysia. Many of our Lifers now could put a name to the face – they have prayed for ERS students, and now they know who they are. Many were touched to meet with Pr. Yap Kim Chuan who now tries to attend church. His children and grandchildren are also slowly returning to church.

FUTURE OF THIS WORK

Next year, it is hoped that this work will involve more fellowship groups and NBCs – each taking a month to go. Hopefully, some of the young people can participate in the work. There are some youths in Tangkak that they could befriend and encourage.

CONCLUSION

We thank God for giving us this privilege to labour in His vineyard and we also thank Him for all Lifers who had responded to the call. Nothing done in His name will go unnoticed by our Lord. Praise the Lord that slots for the next four months are almost filled, and we pray that the Lord will continue to prosper this work and build up His church for His glory and honour. Amen

7 January 2024
Lifers



Elder Chia preaching with
Dn Lee Leong Kian interpreting



Visiting Pr and Mrs
Yap Kim Chuan

3 March 2024
Ex-AFers



Bro Francis Leong preaching and Bro Andrew Chiang chairing



Sis Meng Kean, Cecilia and Penny Song at Junior Sunday School



6-7 April 2024
Senior Fellowship



The SF team led by Bro Beng Hong
departing church for the trip.



Lunch Fellowship in
Evangel BP Church, Malacca

1-2 June 2024
Emmanuel NBC



The team led by Bro
Tiong Chin departing
church for the trip.

Sis Pui Meng teaching -
assisted by Sis Phei Hong
and Sis Kim Hong



Bro. Tiong Chin preaching with
Dn Lee Leong Kian interpreting



Sis Lilian Lee chatting
with the Youth in
Sunday School





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.



ANNOUNCEMENT

MISSIONS SEMINAR 2024

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN THE LAST DAYS

What is the mission of the church today?
Challenges of witnessing for Christ in a troubled world
Resolve to continue faithfully in missions until Christ returns

When: 28 September 2024, Saturday 3-6pm, dinner provided
Where: Beulah MPH
Speakers: Rev Charles Seet • Rev and Mrs Moses Hahn •
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Please register your attendance at <https://forms.gle/u92nfBsCWCgRDMaDA>



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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/5rTL1cgWVpMmvTFSA>

Date	Mission	Remarks
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 Charles Seet
26-30 Oct 2024	Chingmai - MaD* mission to mountain churches	Dn Dr Koh Lip Hoe
13-16 Dec 2024	Cambodia - Kampongson	Dn Alvin Chow

*MaD – Medical and Dental