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This issue of Focus on Missions includes three reports on the mission trips to Pekanbaru in September and Batu Aji and Chiangmai in October.

We praise and thank Almighty God for the new mission outreach Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Kampot started by Bro Yos Samphos, who is an ERBC graduate, and pray that God will bring more people to attend Adult Worship, Sunday School and English classes.

All glory to God who is the Lord of the harvest and we pray that He will send forth more labourers into his harvest in 2025!



Pekanbaru Mission Trip on 19-22 September 2024

Bro Ryan Lim



The Team at Changi Airport

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

A 28-member team went on a medical-dental mission trip to Pekanbaru and Libo from 19-22 September 2024. Comprising Lifers and Christians from other churches, the team conducted medical, dental, and even children's ministry for the people of Pekanbaru and Libo. This mission report is a testimony of God's abundant goodness and provision throughout the trip, and how He has furthered His gospel ministry in Indonesia. We hope this report also serves as an encouragement for more Lifers to participate in missions and evangelism, and to experience the mighty hand of God in reaching the ends of the earth with the Gospel themselves.

Day 1: Thursday 19 September

On the morning of 19 September, the team gathered at Changi Airport in preparation to depart Singapore for Indonesia. Prior to the trip, the group had faced many challenges which God had graciously seen them through. Most of the doctors and dentists were faced with uncertain schedules, and one of the dental students had to write in to the faculty to postpone a last-minute examination. Some members of the team also fell ill right before the trip, and one was unable to join for compassionate reasons. Nonetheless, by God's grace, most were able to make it for the mission trip in the end! Faced with these clear reminders of our helplessness and need to depend on God, we gathered to pray together and

commit the journey and ministry to the Lord.

Such prayer would quickly prove itself to be essential, as we encountered a flight delay that set us back on our schedule and rough turbulence on the way to Pekanbaru. Nonetheless, we thank God that we arrived safely at Pekanbaru Airport, where we ate a hurried lunch and set off on a 1.5-hour journey to Cornerstone School, where we would begin our ministry for the day.

Out of the cauldron and into the fire, we arrived at Cornerstone School, where we were thrown into disarray by logistical challenges and space constraints. For example, we only had one projector to conduct our children's ministry, causing us to have to improvise with our storytelling and operate without the use of slides. Insufficient rooms and miscommunication over the way the children would be divided exacerbated the delay that had already been caused by our late flight.

Nonetheless, we thank God we were able to conduct children's ministry for the 400-odd children at Cornerstone School. Despite our 5-member Children's Ministry team being thinly stretched and plagued by illness, we were greatly aided by the support of Indonesian translators who had joined us in Pekanbaru such as Ruth, Ribka, Tania and Pastor Efendi. For the Christians at the school, we were able to share the story of Joseph, and how it shows that God's

Children's Ministry at Cornerstone



providence, whether rain or shine, prevails. Most importantly, we shared how the story of Joseph reflects the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that God worked the greatest good of mankind out of its greatest evil. To this Gospel, the children gave a resounding "Percaya!" ("We Believe!"). There was also time for crafts and Singspiration together with the children.

For the non-Christian children at the school, we were able to teach them a short moral story about what it means to be a good person, as well as lead a time of craft with them. While we were not permitted to share the Gospel with them, we hope that they were able to see the love of Christ in us, and that they could hear it from their Christian classmates.

Sis Poh Yok also managed to do a short workshop activity with the primary and secondary school students on "Bullying Zones" where she identified areas where frequent bullying occurred for both the primary and secondary students.

In the meantime, the doctors and dentists attended to the parents of the schoolchildren and the school staff. The medical problems faced were myriad, ranging from musculoskeletal complaints, caries, migraines, and ear infections. As the medical-dental team attempted valiantly to diagnose and treat the sick and injured, it became clear that their capabilities were limited by the lack of modern medical technology and equipment. Many of the illnesses and conditions were also attributable to the impoverished lifestyles and difficult labours faced by the people of Pekanbaru. It was a stark reminder of the tremendous blessings we enjoy here in affluent Singapore, and the impetus for us to share these undeserved blessings in love and compassion for our fellow man. Truly, to whom much has been given, much more shall be required (Luke 12:48)!

Despite their limitations, our medical and dental teams managed to care for a total of 93 patients one the afternoon of the first day. This would not have been possible without the efficiency of our very capable registration and triage team headed



Dental Treatment at Cornerstone



Medical Examination at Cornerstone



Triage Station at Cornerstone

by Sister Esther and Sister Susan. The importance of the translators in aiding the doctors and dentists with communication also cannot be understated!

Seeking to prevent what they could not cure, Dr. Ong Yee Siang also gave a talk about healthy lifestyle choices, while Dr. Hendra Loy gave a dental talk to teach parents how to keep their children’s teeth healthy.

After a busy afternoon of ministry, we were offered snacks and watermelon slices in a fine show of hospitality by the staff at Cornerstone school. We also presented Cornerstone school with the gift of a new soccer ball, which was immediately put to good use as Dr Lim Ming Yann displayed his hidden talents for football.

As we boarded the bus and headed off to dinner, we were treated to the beautiful sight of God’s creation in all its incomprehensible majesty. On the left side of our bus, we were blessed with the view of an ethereal sunset, coruscating rays streaking across the vermilion sky; God’s masterful brushstrokes gilding the end of the day. This was juxtaposed with the right side of the bus, where entire colonies of giant Asian flying fox bats glided overhead, cast against the ominous canvas of the umbral gray sky.



Ronaldo vs Messi

It was a display of God’s might and God’s mercy, His grace and His glory. Truly, it was a divinely appointed reminder that God’s providence, whether rain or shine, prevails. Throughout a turbulent

day, where we were brought to bear with our weakness, limitations and lack of control, we praise God for His providence in seeing us safely to Cornerstone School, where we were able to serve the people there.

Dinner was held at the Kedai Kopi Dewi Seafood restaurant, where we enjoyed great fellowship with Ibu Roska's family, Mr. and Mrs. Kim (missionaries from Korea), and fellow co-labourers from the church in Indonesia. From the restaurant, we went to our hotel, Premiere Hotel, where we had a quick debrief and song practice for the two song items we would be singing on Sunday, "Mengucap Syukur" and "Father I Thank You". The backstory of Mengucap Syukur was an incredibly touching one, as it was composed by an Indonesian singer who was called home to be with the Lord at the young age of 23 years old due to heart failure. Practicing the song items was a timely reminder for us to trust in God's goodness, even when we couldn't always see it in our lives. We also had a devotion by Eunice, who reminded us of Jesus' care for the little children and the importance of a child-like faith. After an exhausting and hectic day, we finally turned in for the night.

Day 2: Friday 20 September

Upon arrival at Cornerstone School for our second day of ministry, we were warmly welcomed with a special morning assembly in commemoration of the school's anniversary as well as our visit there.



Worship and Debrief



Dinner at the Restaurant

This was capped off by a special traditional performance by a troupe of secondary school students. It was a beautiful way to start our day, and we were greatly encouraged by the earnest and warm reception we received from the kids there.

Under the sweltering sun, our children's ministry team proceeded to conduct station games for 400 excited children. We organized activities such as the Standard Obstacle Course (SOC), Dog and Bone, and Ball Toss. We thank God for the good weather, safety, and the fun had by all.



Dance Performance at Cornerstone

Meanwhile, it was a quieter day for our medical team, with only 33 patients visiting in the morning. However, even in the midst of the slower pace, we witnessed God's goodness in small but meaningful ways. One touching example was a little girl named Misel, who presented with a toothache the day



Dental Team group shot



The Doctor at work

before but was too fearful of treatment. However, she bravely overcame her fears to come again on the second day. In the end, with enough coaxing and consolation, Dr Sheryl-Ann was able to remove her decayed tooth successfully. The quieter day also allowed Dr Aldred and Dr Hendra to visit each class to conduct health and dental engagements for the students.

In the morning, Sister Poh Yok conducted a parent's workshop (attended by 15 parents) on "Bullying", where she could educate the parents on how to support their children against a bully culture. In the afternoon, Sister Poh Yok also took the opportunity to guide teachers in a workshop in "Managing Challenging Behaviours", which was attended by over 30 teachers.

Due to the unexpectedly low patient numbers and the children leaving earlier than expected, we had a rare opportunity to take a short break in the afternoon. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of ayam penyet and freshly picked Indonesian durians, a delicious treat! We also had the opportunity to take photos with the children and staff, creating lasting memories. As a token of our appreciation, we presented the principal, Pak Gabriel, with a gift to commemorate the school's 11th anniversary. We also gave the children boxes of stationery kits as gifts.



Groupshot at Cornerstone!

In the evening, we were graciously hosted by Pak Topa, a businessman who has been a faithful missions-partner with Ibu Roska in Pekanbaru. At his house, he provided us with a sumptuous meal of Indonesian delicacies like gado-gado and tempeh. We were also joined by a Mr Willy and his family. Mr Willy is another businessman involved in Palm oil processing who is trying to get 2 hectares of land near Libo Ceria school to build a high school for the region, as many of the children have no further education options after they complete junior school. Pak Topa and Mr Willy were good examples of how church members can contribute greatly to the Gospel work

with the resources that God has blessed them with, even if they are not in full time ministry. Ibu Roska also delivered a resounding gospel presentation to round off the night, reminding us of the core purpose and motivation for our trip—the old, old story of Jesus and His love, which we never tire of hearing.

Back at the hotel, Dr. Rae-ann led us in a devotion from 1 Corinthians 3:6, about how although we may plant and water in our ministry, it is ultimately God who graciously, grants the increase in His time. Indeed, just as it was God’s mighty hand in producing the delicious durians we had for dessert after lunch, it is God who blesses us with fruits for our labor. This devotion encouraged us to trust in God’s work through us, even when we may not see the full results.



Dinner at Pak Topa’s

During our debrief, we discussed some unforeseen changes that required us to make significant adjustments to our plans for the next day. Despite the changes, our spirits remained high as we worked late into the night, repackaging logistics like toothbrushes and cutting craft materials after learning that the younger children wouldn’t be able to do it themselves.

We ended the day in good spirits, although even more unexpected events would await us the following day.

Day 3: Saturday 21 September

Our third day began in a hectic frenzy, with some members oversleeping due to the late night preparing logistics. Nevertheless, we gathered our energy and prepared for the day ahead. On our journey to Libo School, we encountered an unexpected challenge—our bus suddenly broke down in the middle of the highway and needed to be replaced. While this caused us significant delay, we could nonetheless see God’s mighty hand preserving and keeping us. As we alighted, we realized that the engine of our bus was emitting smoke, and things could have gone extremely awry if this had not been discovered. The bus also broke down next to the toll station right before an unsheltered stretch of highway, affording us shade, space and even a washroom to wait for another bus to be sent. Miraculously, a patrol car arrived soon after the bus broke down, and one of the drivers happened



Vanessa and our broken bus



Godsent help!



Worship while we waited

to have attended the same junior school as Dr. Hendra, our very own Pekanbaru native! By God's providence, the driver's brother was also attending Libo Ceria School – he knew the way! He offered to bring the heavy dental equipment and the team of dentists to Libo school first to kickstart the dental ministry. Truly our God leads us through the dark valleys and guides our steps in His all-sufficient grace!

Meanwhile, the rest of the team made the best of the situation by praying and praising God, and even playing a spontaneous game of frisbee to keep our spirits high. The second bus came soon after and sped off towards Libo school. After a bumpy, pothole filled ride, the team arrived at around 10.30am at Libo School, about an hour and a half behind schedule. There, we were informed that there was a blackout at the school, meaning that we would have to operate without the benefit of electricity during our time there.

Yet another setback hit us as the ministry team realized that we didn't have sufficient craft materials for our planned activity, the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The team had to improvise by telling the earlier story of Joseph instead. In God's providence, we had thought to keep the left-over craft materials from the first day, and everything worked out well. For the other secondary students, the Parable of the Mustard Seed and the gospel were shared in an interactive manner, followed by another craft activity. Despite being in a Christian school, we learnt that many of the students were still unfamiliar with the gospel. Many of them still thought that going to heaven required their good works, rather than faith in Christ alone. It is our prayer that the Gospel seed would be sown and take root in their hearts through the stories. Besides their lack of knowledge of the Gospel, there was also something disheartening we noticed while conducting the children's ministry. Many of the children seemed obsessed with us, treating some of our team members like celebrities. It was a sad reminder of how the culture of celebrity worship that has been fuelled by social media has left them empty and hungry for something to worship. It revealed the pressing need for the Gospel in their lives, to show them that Christ is the only one worthy of worship, and the only one that can fully and truly satisfy them.



Craft at Libo School



Medical talk with bonus Gospel!

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In the afternoon, we are grateful that everything went smoothly. We began the afternoon by teaching the children proper dental hygiene, with Dr. Hendra performing a mass exercise to teach them how to brush their teeth. Dr. Tiffany and Dr. Rae-ann also diversified out of their medical work by applying fluoride to the children's teeth after toothbrushing. Meanwhile, Dr. Aldred gave a health talk to the children, teaching

them basic hygiene tips such as how to wash hands and eat healthily. Ibu Roska also seized the opportunity to share the gospel as she translated for him, reminding everyone how important it is to wash not only our hands but also our sins with the blood of Christ!

Meanwhile, despite starting off on the back foot, the medical and dental teams laboured hard throughout the day, serving an impressive total of 211 people! Against all odds, we thank God that every single registered patient was served by the medical and dental team, and that the ministry team was able to share the gospel with all the children at the school at both the primary and secondary level. Truly God was gracious to see us through this eventful and chaotic day at Libo School.

We capped off the day at Libo with a campfire, with some of our team members being granted the honor of lighting the campfire. During the campfire, Pastor Efendi led a time of worship with Indonesian songs and Ibu Roska gave a moving gospel presentation. Dr. Aldred and Brother Ryan also facilitated simple games such as “Simple Simon Says” and a short time of worship with familiar songs such as “With Christ in the Vessel” and “Jesus Loves Me.” As the campfire concluded, we gathered for photo-taking and also presented the school with a frisbee as a token of our appreciation and for the school children to play with. The campfire event culminated with the distribution of KFC meals for all students. We are thankful that there were enough to go around!



A busy day at Libo School

After the tiring day of ministry, the team headed to the town of Duri, where we had a hearty dinner at the hotel there. There, we celebrated Ibu Roska’s birthday and were encouraged by Ibu Roska’s powerful testimonies of God’s grace. She shared her inspiring stories of how she overcame great challenges and persecution to open Libo School. This was also a tremendous reminder of the immense privilege we have here in Singapore to worship God freely. Ibu Roska also shared with us her hopeful vision to expand the school with a college and vocational school. Dr Ming Yann closed the day with a devotion about the Great Commission, urging us to live up to our calling to make disciples and spread the gospel. After an eventful and challenging day, we were encouraged by the promise that God does not leave us alone in our mission on this earth, and is with us always, even unto the end of the earth!

DAY 4: Sunday 22 September

On the final day of our mission trip, the mission team had the privilege of attending the first church service ever held in the newly completed Libo Gospel Centre. This new building, much larger than the Libo church located in the middle of the plantation, marks a significant milestone for Libo congregation. We thank God for the timely completion of this project, which was ready just in time for our team’s arrival. Continued prayer and financial support are necessary for the church to complete its furnishings and audio/video system and to also meet the diverse needs of the congregation.

The church building was consecrated to God by Dr Ming Yann, Rev. Efendi, Pastor Kim, and the Village Mayor through a ribbon cutting ceremony. During the service, the team presented two worship songs, “Mengucap Syukur” and “Father, I Thank You,” to encourage the church in this season of



Libo Church



Libo Church Opening Ceremony

growth. We hoped to affirm the truth that God’s plans for His people are always good, in spite of the trials that He sends their way. Indeed, as the lyrics for *Mengucap Syukur* go, “Rancangan-Mu indah, rancangan-Mu indah selalu” (“Your plans are beautiful, Your plans are always beautiful”). Truly, He makes all things beautiful in His time, and this was seen most profoundly throughout the trip. Thereafter, Dr Ming Yann preached on the theme of building up the church. He emphasized the importance of gathering to worship and urged the congregation to pray that their pastors and leaders remain steadfast in proclaiming God’s Word. Most importantly, he shared the Gospel, giving us fresh cause to wonder at the mystery of the atoning sacrifice, and how only a church convicted and constrained by the love of Christ can truly be fruitful.

Conclusion

Despite the unexpected challenges and setbacks we faced on this trip, God’s hand was clearly moving, guiding, and shaping every moment for His glory. On this trip, we saw how God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28). His plans were far greater than our own, and we witnessed how He has been so good and gracious to the people of Pekanbaru, Libo, and we ourselves.

This mission trip was also a firm reminder to all of us about the dire need for the Gospel to be shared in the world beyond our borders. Many who have heard the Gospel still do not yet believe, and still more have not even heard the Gospel. Indeed, unnumbered souls are dying and passing into the night. May we be challenged, in these last days, to occupy until our Lord’s imminent return!

As the mission drew to a close, it was with renewed purpose and refreshed awe at God’s majesty that the team took back. For those who have read to the end of this report, we hope that it will encourage you to participate in this great Gospel work, whether here or abroad. To God be all the Glory, and may the Gospel be preached to the uttermost parts of the earth!

*“We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord”
Facing A Task Unfinished (The Master’s Seminary)*

Young Lifers Ministry Mission Trip to Batam on 5-6 October 2024

Bro Matthew Sim

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.” Ecclesiastes 12:1 (KJV)

Led by Brother Matthew Sim and Dn Surya Kusuma, a team of 11 youths and 5 adults embarked on a mission trip to Batam, Indonesia from 5 – 6 October 2024. This trip served as an opportunity to allow our youths from the Young Lifers Ministry (YLM) to give of their time and efforts to minister and display love to members of our sister churches in Batam. The team had a healthy mix of experienced and first-time members, and it was truly a blessing to witness the bonds of love and understanding shown to mutually support and edify each other during our service.

Across the 2 days, the team was able to visit and minister to a total of 3 churches:

1. Batu Aji Church
2. Petra Church
3. Filadelfia Bible-Presbyterian Church

The main guiding thrust of our mission trip was to show the love of Christ and reinforce the gospel message to the young children of Batam. By God’s grace, we were able to reach out to an estimated total of 223 children (Batu Aji School – 203, Petra Church – 20).

Day 1 – Batu Aji School

On the first day, the mission team took one of the first ferries out of Singapore in order to arrive at Batu Aji School by 9am local time to commence the Children’s Ministry Programme. Upon arrival, the team was greeted by the emotional sight of 200 children gathered in traditional costume to perform a welcome dance. Echoing the thoughts of one team member, we were moved and wondered what we have done to deserve such generosity and outpouring of gratitude.



Selamat Datang: A colourful welcome

Inspired by the love of our Indonesian counterparts and the passion to reinforce the good news of the gospel message, the team went forth to begin the story telling session. We shared on the story of how Jesus healed the blind man. Through this encounter, Jesus displayed his merciful grace, while the blind man was able to demonstrate his faith. Grace and Faith are the tenets of Christian salvation, and we challenged the children if they have been healed of their spiritual blindness. With the faith of a mustard seed, we proclaimed the gospel call in hopes that God will reap a glorious

harvest in the lives of these children in the years to come.

The gospel message was reinforced with the craft activity of a torch on fire, to symbolise how the light of Christ has the power to eliminate the darkness of sin in our lives. Finally, we also planned simple games to engage the children, who enjoyed the session with much fun and laughter.

The mission team was greatly supported by Rev Efendi and his team of staff, together with Ibu Roska, to translate and enable us to execute our ministry.



Light defeats darkness: Torch-making craft activity

Day 1 – Petra Church

After a team lunch, we headed to Petra Church to minister to the fledging group of children there. Faced with a much smaller group of 20 children, the team proceeded to share the gospel message once again, emphasising on the importance of salvation by faith alone. We followed up with a short time of worship and ended with a time of games. Even though our time spent at Petra was relatively shorter, and the church compounds significantly smaller, the team was reminded that our more modest surroundings did not diminish the saving power of the gospel message we carried, nor reduced our awesome responsibility as its bearers. This writer is reminded by Paul's teachings in 2 Corinthians:

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

What a blessed reminder that when a soul is saved, it is neither the eloquence of the messenger nor beauty of the ambiance, but rather the surpassing power of God alone!



Salvation is the gift of God: Evangelising to the children at Petra Church



Unity in Christ: Gappi Filadelfia Church Service

Day 2 – Filadelfia Bible-Presbyterian Church

For the second day, the team spend the Sabbath morning attending the worship service at Gappi Filadelfia. Our main intention was to encourage the local congregation with our presence and smiles. Indeed, how blessed it is to fellowship and worship together with members of the same Body of Christ, even across borders and cultures.

Day 2 – Batu Aji 30th Anniversary Service

The team returned to Batu Aji Church in the afternoon to participate in their 30th Anniversary Service. We count ourselves blessed to be witnesses of God's enduring grace and sustenance through the faces of the locals who were in attendance. How great is our God? For He is able to sustain His people and their ministries in different parts of the globe across the decades! How great is His faithfulness? For it is by His mercies that we are not consumed daily!

Rev Charles Seet was the guest speaker, and he encouraged the local community to press on in their service and remain faithful till the end. It was a timely message as well for the team, as no Christian is immune to the struggles of remaining true to the faith. Trials simply present itself to everyone in different ways, even across different geographies.



Great is Thy faithfulness: Blessed 30th Birthday, Batu Aji Church :)

Concluding Thoughts

The team would like to thank Almighty God for keeping us safe through our service to Him in Batam. Without Him, we can do nothing.

The Bahasa Indonesia word for “believe” is translated as “percaya”.

If you who are reading this is still wondering the way to be saved, the road to salvation is by believing in Jesus. Surrender to Him and have faith that his death on the cross can atone for your sins. Percaya.

If you who are reading this has already believed in the Lord Jesus, do consider joining us for the next mission trip. It requires a sacrifice of time and love, to bring the good news abroad. But well, he is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose. Amen.

All glory to God!

Chiangmai Medical Mission Trip on 26-29 October 2024

Dn Koh Lip Hoe



Chiang Mai was ravaged by severe floods just a few weeks prior to our planned Medical Mission trip. This was caused by the heavy Monsoon which resulted in the overflowing of the Ping River. It was reported that it was the worst flood in recent history with loss of lives and serious damage to property and turning the lives of the people in a state of dishevel. The members of Eternal Life Church (ELC) Chiang Mai were also affected by the flood as shared by Rev Nirand who was kept busy in helping his members whose homes and property were damaged by the flood. We thank God that the floods abated eventually and the Medical Mission trip could proceed.

This was the second Chiang Mai Medical Mission trip after the exploratory trip last year. A team of 7 members participated in the Medical Mission trip.

Saturday 26 October

Dn Mark Heah shared with the youth from ELC Chiang Mai from John 16:21. There is pain and suffering during child birth but once the baby is born, there would be overwhelming joy such that the woman will forget about the anguish. Similarly, in this world, we will have sorrows but we should live with the assurance of the return of Jesus. The youths were exhorted to be diligent as Christians and to accept Christ's word as truth, confess and repent of their sins and commit their lives to Jesus. We were glad that Paul, Rev Nirand's son was able to assist to interpret the sharing into Thai.

Sisters Annie, Bernie and Helen conducted Ukulele lessons to the children in ELC Chiang Mai who were very attentive and eager to learn. Their enthusiasm was evident in how they played the ukulele with gusto.



Dn Mark sharing with the youths and Bro Paul interpreting



Dn Mark with the youths from ELC Chiang Mai

Sunday 27 October

Bro Soo Kiang shared at the youth Sunday school with sister Anne, daughter of Rev Nirand interpreting into Thai. The message was from John 15:13-16. Jesus sacrificed His life for us. He calls us to obey His Word and learn the scriptures daily such that God's plan for our lives will be revealed.

There was also a ukulele and song presentation by the children and youth after the Sunday school message.

Bro Soo Kiang sharing at the Sunday school with sister Anne interpreting



Elder Clement Tan then delivered the sermon for the worship service on Building on the Rock from Matt 7:24-27.

Believing Christ and obeying Him is the basis and wisdom of building a house on a rock. On the other hand, it is foolishness not to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

The confidence of having a house, our lives built upon the rock belongs to whoever heareth the sayings of Christ and doeth them.

After the worship service, we had a sumptuous lunch in church prepared by the church members.



Sister Annie, Helen and Bernie having ukulele lesson with the children



Elder Clement delivered the sermon with Sister Anne interpreting



Ukulele and song item by the children

ELC Chiang Mai



Lunch fellowship in ELC Chiang Mai after Service



Fellowship with Pastors of the Mountain churches in ELC Pangmayao

We were thankful that Rev Nirand's son, Paul and his wife, Smitha were able to join us in the Medical Mission trip up to the mountain churches. Pastor Arnoond also made time to join us on the Medical mission trip and helped with the interpretation.

Paul helped to drive the van up to the Mountain churches. We made a stop at ELC Pangmayau where we had tea and fellowship over local fruits with the Pastors of the various mountain churches. Love gifts were distributed to the Pastors by Elder Clement Tan on behalf of Life BPC to distribute to their members who were affected by the recent flood.



At ELC Liwu

We then continued on our journey which took over 3 hours in total. We were thankful for the smooth ride and arrived safely in our accommodation for rest before the start of the Medical Mission the following day.

Monday 28 October

After breakfast, we set off for ELC Pong Mai which was a short drive from our accommodation. Sister Helen Heah, Smitha and Bro Soo Kiang helped to set up the Pharmacy and assisted with the dispensing of medications which were purchased from the local pharmacy.

Rev Nirand, Pastor Arnoond and Paul assisted with the interpretation for the doctors.

The patients queued up patiently for their consult. Sister Annie and Bernie ministered to

the children who were present by playing the ukulele and teaching them to sing hymns.



Sister Annie and Bernie led the children in singing



Elder Clement prayed for the Pastors of the Mountain Churches

Most of the patients sought treatment for back pain and knee pain as they work as farmers and have to engage in physical labour in the fields to earn their living.

Elder Clement provided eye consult and dispensed glasses for the patients. The reading glasses were appreciated especially for the Pastors serving in the mountain churches as they could now read their bibles more clearly. Glasses were not previously readily available

for them.

We saw about 50 patients on the first day of the Medical Mission.

Rev Nirand and Pastor Arnoond walked over to the house of an elderly lady which was located about 5 minutes walk from ELC Pong Mai to pray for her as she was physically infirmed and unable to come for the clinic.



Patiently waiting for their consultation



Dn Lip Hoe examining a patient's knee with Rev Nirand interpreting

Triage and consultation



Sister Helen, Smitha and Bro Soo Kiang dispensing medications

Elder Clement examining patient's eyes

After the clinic session, the team went to visit ELC Borae and ELC Liwu to encourage and pray for the Pastors serving there before returning to our accommodation for rest to prepare for the next day.

Tuesday 29 Oct

We set up clinic at ELC Yanam the next day and Pastor Arnoond prayed for the team before the start of the session.



On the way to the Medical Mission station

For the second day of the medical mission, around 50 patients were seen with similar complaints.

The ELC Yanam members prepared home cooked lunch with their local produce for the team which was much appreciated.

Rev Nirand made sure that those who were physically infirmed and unable to attend the clinic were not forgotten. He brought the doctors to visit 2 elderly ladies who were bedbound to pray for them and to dispense medications for them. We had to end the clinic session earlier on the second day as we had to travel back to Chiang Mai.

The team had a safe journey back to Chiang Mai and met up with sister Jess for dinner prior to returning to the hotel for rest. The team returned safely back to Singapore the following day.

The team is thankful and privileged to be able to serve alongside Rev Nirand, Pastor Arnood, Paul and Smitha as well as Anne. We are glad to

see the ELC churches growing and the Pastors ministering to the people there. We are planning a team to support a youth ministry and Medical mission in October 2025 and look forward to more people to join us.



Enjoying the lunch cooked by the church members



Praying for the physically infirmed who could not attend the clinic



Fellowship dinner at the end of the Medical Mission

Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Kampot, 3 Nov 2024

Bro Yos Samphos



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“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15. And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

(Romans 10:13-15)

We praise and thank God for opening the door for us to begin the ministry in Kampong Trach district, Kampot province, where the gospel and God’s love are shared with lost souls. With God’s provision through the support of Life BP Church, Singapore, we officially started the ministry in November.

The opening service was held on Sunday, November 03, 2024, attended by pastors, church leaders, local authorities, and villagers. The program was run well, beginning with hymns, followed by a short message, “Today, salvation has come to this community” from Luke 19:1-10 and ending with a prayer for the ministry. After the service, we had another opportunity to share the gospel and our ministry plans with them during lunch.



Church Opening Service



Following the opening service, Children Sunday School has been running with around 10 to 15 regular children attending. English classes have also been conducted for children and teenagers. Sisters Soka and Chantou help with Sunday School: singing, storytelling, crafts, and games. Around 10 -12 children attend English class with sister Chantou, and a few teenagers sit in my class.

Children Sunday School



English Classes



Christmas Service

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:
for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matt. 1:21)*

We thank God for the good attendance at the Christmas Service on 29 December. There were 46 children and 24 adults attended the Christmas service. This was an opportunity for them to hear the gospel and witness what Christmas is all about.



Christmas Service

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for children who already accepted Christ to grow in faith and for the open hearts of the people in this area.
2. Pray for God to bring in more people to church.
3. Pray for more opportunities and boldness to testify for our Lord.
4. Pray for good health and strength to continue the work and safe traveling.
5. Pray for God to send the mission team to church (mid/end of the year).
6. Pray for opportunities to connect with youths.

Remember us in your prayers as we endeavour to make Christ known to all men and pray for God's richest blessing on all of you always. All praise and glory to God.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Prov. 3:5-6)

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

Participating in upcoming Mission Trips in 2025

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 neighbourhood bible community. 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
4 – 6 April (Fri-Sun)	Batam – MaD to Filadelfia and Tanjung Piayu GAPPI Sagulung Baru Anniversary	Bro Matthew Sim
18 May	Batam – Sunday School Teens visit to Batam churches on Sunday	Eld Heng Shao Sheng
28 May – 2 Jun	Cambodia – Children and Youth Ministry to Kampongsom and Kampot	Dn Alvin Chow
31 May – 1 June	Batam – Saturday Joy Children Ministry at Tanjung Piayu New Life School GAPPI Tanjung Piayu Anniversary	Dn Surya Kusuma
26 – 27 June	Batam – Combined VBS for 4 GAPPI churches at GAPPI Batu Aji by YLM	Bro Matthew Sim
3 August	Batam – Ladies Sunday School Trip	Sis Leong Sow Mun
25 – 29 September	Medan, Siantar, samosir - MaD and Children's Ministry	Dr Ong Yee Siang, Dr Nicholas Lim and Dn Surya Kusuma
4 – 5 October or 18 – 19 October	Batam – Saturday Joy Children Ministry at Batu Aji New Life School GAPPI Batu Aji Anniversary	Bro Matthew Sim
October	Chiangmai – MaD trip and youth ministry to ELC Chiangmai and mountain churches	Dn Koh Lip Hoe
10 – 15 December	Cambodia – Children and Youth Ministry to Kampongsom and Kampot	Dn Alvin Chow

*MaD – Medical and Dental