

Focus On Missions



Testimony of Rev Daniel Khoo

Rev Daniel Khoo came on board as Life Church's "Missionary-at-large" with effect from 1 May 2013. He will lend support to the various mission stations of Life Church on top of his primary focus of spearheading mission work in China. Below is a testimony of his call to full-time ministry and the areas of service he has been involved in since 1986.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." (Isa. 55:1-3)

Nothing in this world can satisfy our souls, only God can satisfy us and fill us to the fullness. He is the only way to salvation. This is the reason that I want to serve the Lord as a missionary, because the world is not our home. We are pilgrims and we have a mission, which is the great commission to accomplish for our Lord. Untold millions are waiting to receive the gospel and they will perish without the gospel. (Rom 10: 13-15)

I came to know Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour during my secondary school days. Shortly after, He called me into full-time service. The Lord has specially laid a burden in my heart to reach out to my own kindred. In His time, the Lord led my family to serve in Taiwan as missionary for about six years (1986-1993) and later in Malaysia for 2 years (1995-1996). We thank the Lord for this high calling to preach the gospel and to be co-workers with Him in His vineyard.

In 1997, the Lord opened the door for me to serve in New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church as the Chinese Pastor (1997-2012). We are grateful to God for preserving us and blessing us in the ministry. Looking back and seeing the wonderful works that God has done in our lives, our hearts are filled with praises and thanksgivings.

In recent years, I have this strong conviction from the Lord to serve Him in the mission field again. The Lord has shown me from His Bible that our life is short. "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity." (Psa. 39: 4-5) The Bible has also mentioned: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." (Psa. 90: 10) In this Psalm, we are told that our average life span is about 70 years old and some who are stronger about 80. From Biblical viewpoint, my age has already cross fifty and I will be gone soon.

I feel the urgency of time as the Lord wants me to leave my comfort zone after serving in New Life BPC for sixteen years. I want to fulfill God's calling to do missions in China and other places as He opens the door of opportunity. The mission is twofold: to teach and to train the local Christian lay-preachers, church leaders and pastors. The verse in 2 Timothy 2:2 reinforces this: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." It is our desire to seek to equip disadvantaged pastors in China and other places to teach God's Word with God's heart. The pastors in some areas labour with few resources and suffer persecutions. They come from a place that is hostile to Christ and His Church but they are hungry to learn how to study, teach and preach God's Word. As we can see the field is white already to harvest but the labourers are few, may we pray that the Lord will send more



faithful men to go out and teach the Word of God.

I want to thank the Lord for an open door of service in Life BPC. I am grateful for the BOE's decision for me to come on board to serve together in the Lord's vineyard. Please pray for my family that we will be faithful stewards of the Lord, blessing others and glorify God's name in our lives.

Rev Daniel Khoo

Coming Mission Trips for your consideration and planning:

- (1) Medical- Dental Mission to PekanBaru and Libo - 31 May to 2 June 2013
- (2) Batam Youth Mission - 2 June 2013 (Sun)
- (3) Cambodia Mission - 15 July to 22 July 2013

Memories from Myanmar Mission Trip (19-23 March 2013)



Benjamin Heng

On 19th March, we arrived at Changi Airport & started weighing-in our luggages and checking them in. I had not joined any Vacation Bible School (VBS) before, and was a bit apprehensive about this trip. It didn't help that I had to prepare devotion for one of the mornings. Notwithstanding, my desire was to serve the Lord in any available position ... especially where it entails the saving of souls and doing the will of God.

However, once the plane touched down at Myanmar International Airport, I somehow felt God leading us and things were going to be fine.

Day 1 went smoothly and we ended the day visiting the orphanage. The kids were enthusiastic, and it was really heartening to see them enjoy the songs, stories and crafts. We were refreshed by the Myanmar dinner hosted by Rev & Mrs Kam and witnessed first-hand their ministry amongst the orphans. We also experienced for ourselves travelling just 15km took more than an hour on the dusty roads and heavy traffic of Yangon as Rev Kam weaved in and out of the traffic.

Day 2 and 3 were packed with VBS activities. The village kids enjoyed the program, especially the games. They came wearing clothes too big for them, some tattered and torn. Most came barefoot; feet caked in mud.

Some accompanied by mothers, and some, by fathers as well. At each session, as much as we could, we reminded them of our Saviour's love and how He came to die for their sins. As we sang

songs of praise, we could not help but marvel that the field was indeed 'white' for harvest, as described by our Saviour.

It seemed too soon when the trip came to an end. We were glad and humbled that God should use us to minister to the Myanmar church, giving us good weather throughout the trip. May God's name be praised and exalted throughout all nations. "That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" - Romans 15:6.

Although I went to minister, I was in turn ministered to in greater measure as the trip helped me to focus on Christ. We witnessed God's hand at work in the village churches. Rev Kam's ministry was a wonderful testimony that God's Word is powerfully at work even in communities living in abject poverty and dire need.



Eileen Ong

I am glad that I went on this trip. Initially, I was apprehensive about what I can contribute as I am unable to play any musical instrument and not confident of telling Bible stories to a foreign culture group. However, God has a plan for each of us and has used every willing heart in His own way.

Through the mission, I realized how certain tasks that seem simple in Singapore may be difficult in Myanmar. For example, commuting to church is easy in Singapore with our good transportation system. In Myanmar, it is difficult and often takes a long time to get from one place to another due to the poor road conditions and infrastructure. So it is not easy for the villagers to go to church if we do not bring the gospel to them. God is gracious. He brought about 150 people to hear His word. Our programs went on smoothly and everyone in the team was able to give their very best by the grace of God. This taught me to trust in the Lord and He will deliver me from my worries and anxieties.



Elsie Lim

I want to testify of God's goodness in my Myanmar trip to conduct a three-day children VBS. The Lord graciously gave me the opportunity to go as the trip coincided with the school holidays.

I was glad that my youngest son was able to join me to serve the Lord together. It was a joy working with members of this team who humbly served Christ. Each one of us was given a role and also took the initiative to help one another when needed.

I thank God for good weather, though it was hot and dusty. The program went smoothly according to plan. Two stories were told each day: Easter story, 'Jesus is the Good Shepherd' and 'Daniel in the Lion's Den'. Through both stories, the gospel was shared. After each day, we would share among ourselves what went well and also discussed changes where necessary. I was encouraged to see children

in the Tingun Kyone Kyi church memorise and recite the scripture verse within a very short time. Children in Sweepitha village church are much younger, so we asked them to tell us what they had just learnt.

Through such feedback, we knew that the kids have understood the gospel message. For the last day at Yangon B-P Church, there were children from both the orphanage and Dala church. The orphans have more exposure to God's Word while kids



from the latter group were shy and quiet. However, we thank God that the Dala kids plucked up courage and shared about the wordless book.

In all three churches, children and adults were attentive during Bible lessons and very enthusiastic doing crafts, namely the wordless book and the lion's puppet. The adults were mainly mothers, some fathers, and even grandmothers! On the last day of VBS, I was thankful that we were able to share with Mrs Kam and the three Sunday School teachers on how to use recycled materials to make teaching aids or crafts to reinforce their Bible lessons. Throughout the trip, God kept us in good health. The only tiredness I experienced was from the bumpy ride to village churches and repeated squatting to help children doing crafts on the floor.



Shawn Lim

When I first heard that this Myanmar mission trip will be held during my semester break, I was excited that I could go. Initially, I expected a very rough time in Myanmar - extremely hot and dirty churches, run-down hotel, and rough conditions you would expect in a "mission trip".

As I had to organise games for kids, I was afraid I would have difficulty explaining game rules due to the language barrier. Thank God that the Lord made straight the path for us! The hotel was comfortable enough for restful sleep each night. The village churches, though without fans, felt cool in the morning. In the afternoon, it felt like Singapore. We were a little worried about conditions in Tingun Kyone Kyi church as we heard that the residents there dumped rubbish into the church compound. Thankfully, the week before we arrived, Rev Kam cleaned up the place and built a perimeter fence. Thus, we were surprised the church was clean and comfortable for us to carry out the VBS without hindrance.

I was relieved that the games went well as planned. Thank God! The excited kids enjoyed themselves thoroughly. I also thank God for the fellowship we had within the team. I roomed with two "uncles" and we had a wonderful time sharing.

Lastly, thank God for good health and strength throughout the trip. I felt revitalised. I would like to encourage more youths to join future mission trips. Firstly, it would help us realise how much God has blessed us in Singapore. Secondly, it would be a good opportunity to serve the Lord. Lastly, we can fellowship with our fellow brothers- and sisters-in-Christ.



Trudy Lim-Dhevarajulu



When I first heard about the proposed Myanmar mission trip, I was struck by the timing. As the trip dates fall within the polytechnic holidays, I could go. During a family discussion, I said that I was interested, and my daughter voiced interest as well. It turned out to be a wonderful opportunity for my daughter and I to serve God together.

The mission trip was an eye-opening experience. I was touched by Rev and Mrs Andrew Kam's diligent service for the Lord. Watching the couple labouring in the various churches, trusting God for His provision, brought home the fact that we in Singapore are truly blessed with so much. In our visits to two village churches, we were greeted by sounds of children singing familiar tunes in Myanmar. Mrs Kam was leading the children in Singspiration. Their happy voices were a wonderful welcome. We were blessed by God's protection and providence: good weather, good health and safety as we travelled in heavy and often treacherous traffic from church to church. I am also grateful for the

sweet fellowship the team enjoyed over meals and in our journeys.

I was rather apprehensive when I first broached the idea of joining this trip, as I would be leaving my comfort zone and the material comforts of life. But I learnt the precious lesson that God provides and takes care of everything.



Janene K Dhevarajulu

Edifying. That's what the trip meant to me. It was certainly a nerve wrecking experience embarking on this trip. As our mission team was small, I wasn't sure how I could be an asset. Thank God that everything went well according to His plan, from the initial planning stages, to the eventual execution. This being my first mission trip, I did not know what to expect or what labours are expected of me. What touched me most was to see the love that the kids of the various churches possessed for the Lord. They sang sincerely and from their hearts. When asked if they knew Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, most of their hands shot up spontaneously. Their faces lit up, and joy shone through.

It made me think about my own passion for Christ. Even though it was a mission trip for us to serve, it revived me spiritually. It also made me realize I actually love working with children, and enjoyed sharing the gospel with them through songs. I have been praying for God to show me exactly where He wants me to serve. I am glad I grabbed this opportunity.

I never expected to benefit so much from this trip. It is only through God's endless mercy and grace that everything ran smoothly. Our team consisted of members with various complementary skills, and that contributed greatly to the success of the trip. "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." Acts 13:4



Dn Lee Hock Chin

It was my first time organising VBS. I learnt that God's grace is sufficient for us. I prayed specifically that God would help team members to obey the Great Commandments – love God and one another – as we obey the Great Commission (Mt 28:19-20) in Yangon.

I thank God that every team member worked lovingly and harmoniously. Elsie, Trudy and Eileen told Bible stories; Eileen took charge of accounts; Benjamin, Janene and I led Bible songs; Janene took photos; Shawn played guitar and organised games. We conducted VBS in Tingun Kyone Kyi (Wed), Sweepytha (Thurs), Yangon BPC (Fri) and the orphanage (Tues night). Though exhausted after VBS on Friday afternoon, Elsie, Eileen and Trudy conducted a workshop for teachers on using recycled materials for Bible crafts and I shared using child catechism to teach doctrine.

The children thoroughly enjoyed VBS. They learnt English Bible songs, memorised Myanmar Scriptures, and played games. Even timorous kids from Dala church came forward to share the meaning of each colour in the wordless book. That was a defining moment for our ministry – not just to replicate our Singapore children ministry, but to make young disciples, so they can disciple others also. When their parents ask about the different colours, the kids can share the gospel with them. Our one visit thus has a gospel multiplier effect to potentially hundreds of homes. All glory belongs to our risen Lord and Saviour! We pray that the kids' hearts will be filled with the love of Jesus, before worldliness creeps in. That time may come sooner as Myanmar develops rapidly.

Yangon is now crammed with construction and cars. The economy is booming, malls sprouting and kids dashing for English tuition and computer classes. Even our President Tony Tan has promised to help them set up ITE and hospitals. It's not all rosy, though. Underlying tension between religious groups flares up occasionally. On our second day there (20 Mar), riots rocked Meiktila, just 550 km north of Yangon. Will the gospel door remain open in a country where Christians form only 4% of its 60 million population? While we can, let us support Rev Andrew Kam in his ministry.

We can go teach both children and teachers. Join one of the future mission trips. Do your part to extend the kingdom of God.



Mission report from Rev David Koo in Cambodia

Greetings to all of you! I would like to thank you for all your prayers and support as we endeavour to take the Gospel to the people of Cambodia. We have many ongoing and upcoming ministries to keep in prayer.

Items for Praise

1. We thank God for the baptismal services at Christmas and Easter where thirty people who had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior were baptized. Most of them are Life University students and some are from churches in rural areas. We especially give thanks for the baptism of Professor Sek Sophon, the Dean of the College of Nursing and midwifery, who has been with us for about seven years since Life University was established.

2. We thank God for the mission team from Life B-P Church, Singapore, comprising Dn Lim Pin, Dr Charlene Tan and others. They conducted a seminar for teachers, gave lectures to the theology students and preached the Word at the morning chapels.

3. We thank God that all 35 of our Nursing Year 2 students accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour during a 2-day Bible camp held at the Highland Institutes.



4. We praise the Lord that our 2nd semester began on 1st April 2013. May God be glorified throughout this whole semester.

Items for Prayer

1. Please pray that the pastors, leaders and members of our 21 local B-P churches will continue to grow in their faith in Christ. Although their living conditions are difficult, many people have come to a saving knowledge of Christ and souls are being added to God's kingdom through their strong faith. Please continue to remember their ministries in your prayers.

2. Please pray for the provision of more missionaries in the mission field of Cambodia. We especially need English and theology lecturers and professors for Life University.

3. Please continue to pray that the Lord will open the hearts of the 1,500 students in Life School, to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

4. Please pray for my mother in Korea as she is 79 years old and was recently diagnosed to have blood cancer. Pray that our Lord will comfort her and be with her. Pray also for the Lord's provision for the tuition fees of my son Solomon as he studies in university.



In His grace,
Rev David Koo & Mrs. Koo

Testimony of Roska Choi

We thank God for the work that He has accomplished through sister Roska Choi-Sihombing since she was sent by Life B-P Church 25 years ago to establish a mission work in the Indonesian island of Batam. Within that time, her ministries have increased tremendously to include the establishment of many Christian Schools and Churches in places far beyond Batam, and also beyond the scope of the missions programme of Life B-P Church.

The B-P church ministry at three locations in Batam that is under Life B-P Church supervision has now been handed over to the care of brother Efendi Ginting, brother Mikdal Lisin and sister Paola Simbolon, who are our fully-supported missionaries. Sister Roska will therefore cease to be our missionary from the end of June 2013. She will continue serving the Lord under two independent non-profit organisations in Indonesia to whom she is fully accountable.

Please be assured that despite the cessation of our regular financial support for sister Roska and of her accountability to Life B-P Church for her ministry, her personal needs will be adequately provided for through other sources. If you would like to know more about her ministry or help to provide funds for her current work, kindly contact her directly through her email address (roska_choi@yahoo.com). We wish her well in all her future endeavours and pray that the Lord will continue to use her for His glory.

May you be blessed by reading the thanksgiving she has shared below:

“Greeting from Indonesia!”



I would like to thank Life B-P Church with all my heart for supporting me for 25 years. You have not only supported me financially, but more importantly you have supported me with incessant prayer. I also thank the Lord who has guided my journey in the ministry. God is good. As His child, I have certainly tasted His goodness as I continually trust in Him for guidance and help (Psalm 34:8).

In the past 25 years God has opened many doors for the ministry of the Gospel through church planting and Christian Mission School Planting.

The Churches that have been established are:

- Batu Aji BPC in Batam
- Tanjung Piayu BPC in Batam
- Sagulung Baru BPC in Batam
- Libo BPC in Pekanbaru
- Korean BPC in Batam
- Petra Gospel Station in Batam
- Blind New Light Church in Medan

The Schools that have been established are:

- Batu Aji New Life Christian School in Batam
- Tanjung Piayu New Life School in Batam
- Sagulung Baru Kindergarten in Batam
- New Life School in Medan
- Libo Ceria School in Pekanbaru
- Patrina Kindergarten in Batam

I thank God for providing co-laborers for me to run Batu Aji, Tanjung Piayu and Sagulung Baru Churches. In His time, I handed the three churches to my co-laborers to minister to the flock under the kind supervision of Life BPC. Thank God that Life Church is ever glad and willing to help the brethren in Batam grow in the Lord.

Now, I am doing ministry under the Yayasan Hidup Baru (New Life Foundation) and Yayasan Suluh Mulia Pionir (Pioneer Glorious Torch Foundation) in Indonesia. Both foundations are non-profit organizations which are doing the ministry of Christian Mission Schools in Batam, Pekanbaru and Medan, the ministry of the Blind Church in Medan and other ministries which God may open in the future. Both foundations are run independently without support from abroad.

But I thank God that from time to time Life BPC Church has been my faithful partner in supporting the ministry whenever I have needs to meet.

God willing, these are the few ministries that I would like to start in the near future:

Firstly, the Pioneer School in Batam. This school was first established in 2010. However it was forcefully closed down by the efforts of our "Cousins" in the community. This matter is now being handled by the Authorities. Hopefully the school will be able to take in the first batch of Kindergarten and Primary One students soon. We hope that through the running of this school we can show the community the power of Christ's love so that they would find salvation in Christ.

Secondly, God willing another school would be opened in Pekanbaru called: Sekolah Penjuru Bangsa or Corner Stone of The Nation School. Thank God that every thing is going on well and the school will be inaugurated in July 2013. You are all invited to come and praise God together with us!

Thirdly, there are a few locations where we plan to build extensions such as Batu Aji School and Libo School. For those of you who have been to Batu Aji School, you would have remembered the wooden school with many holes that can collapse at any time. God is good! He has provided land beside the school for us to build concrete class rooms for the students. This extension work is now being done and the cost to build the two classrooms is approximately SGD 40,000. We continually pray that God will provide the funds so that the work can be completed.

The other construction work is being done in Libo. Two classrooms are being built to cater to the fast increasing number of students that we take in each year. Again, we pray that God will also provide the SGD 39,000 required for the completion of the construction work. We can only do what we can and God will do what we cannot do in His own marvelous way and time. Thank God that this school has become a testimony in the midst of the people around. God has blessed the school with outstanding students who graduate from our school to become top students in their respective secondary schools. Truly the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:10).

I am happy that God has moved me to dream BIG for HIM. There are many Indonesians, young and old who still live in darkness and they are lost with only one direction in life, which is hell. One school established is not enough to reach out to millions of people in Indonesia, and lately it has become harder to build and establish churches in the land of Indonesia. We must use a different strategy. By opening more mission and national schools I hope to make bridges for the Gospel to enter in.

Let us hearken and together move to do the work of evangelism in obedience to HIS Great Commission. The church must go out so that the people can come in. I believe God will give us the strength, the joy and the smile in our faces as we go out and bring the impact that the Gospel has made in us. Let us go out and just believe what the Bible says, that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth (Romans 1:16).

God bless!

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My Prayer Requests:

1. Do help me pray for good health and strength for all who are labouring in the field at Batam, Pekanbaru and Medan.
2. Do help me pray for all the needs of ministries in the mission fields in Medan, Batam and Pekanbaru.
3. Do help me pray for the power of God to move hearts to repentance when the Gospel is preached.
4. Do help me pray for faithfulness all of my co-labourers so that they will do their best in whatever they can do for the Lord."

Pictures of Nepal Mission Trip (21 - 29 January, 2013)



The mission team at Changi Airport



Students of Himalayan Bible Study Centre



Sharing of God's word



Lessons on the ukulele



Children coming for tuition



Sharing God's word with children



Participants at the lecture



Meeting of Binay Church Council and Mission team



The team at Pokhara Binay Church



Combined Group Picture