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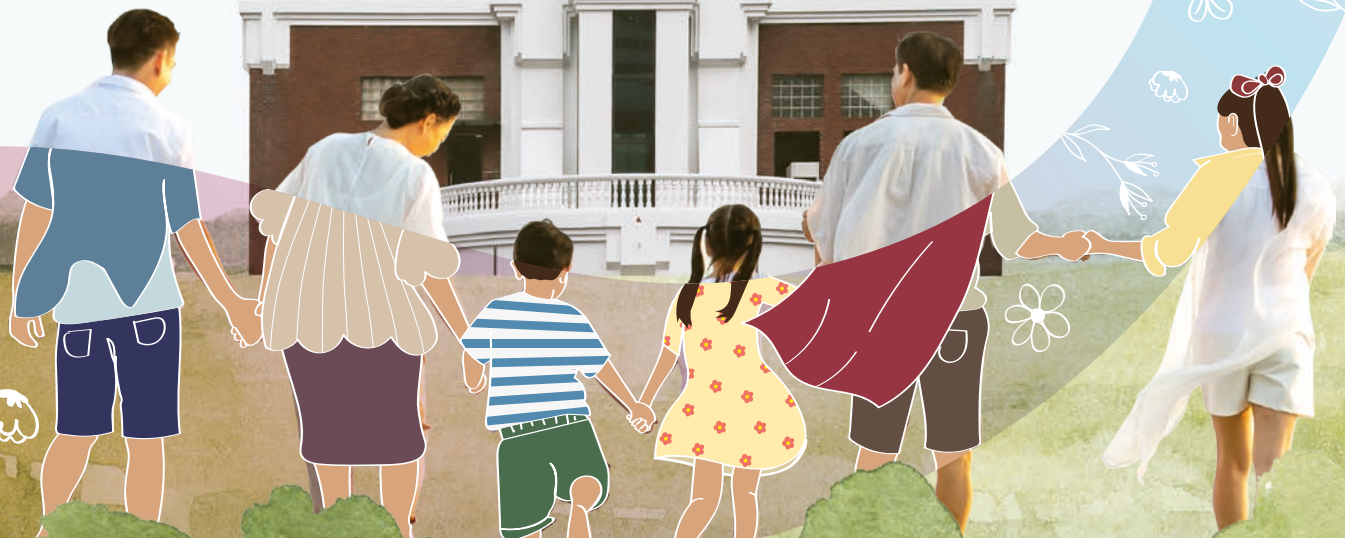
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CHURCH EVENTS Jan - Apr

7 LG Leaders Training	11 Healing Service	15 CNY Reunion Dinner (China Ministry)	22 COS Thanksgiving Service (Service Level)	28-29 Mission Emphasis Weekend	29 Baby Dedication	4 LG Leaders Training	January
4 Leadership InterGen Seminar	12 Elders/Exco Fellowship Dinner	15 Healing Service	18 Pre-AGM Q&A	25 Annual General Meeting	1 Mission Focus Prayer Meeting	4 LG Leaders Training	February
5 Water Baptism	11 Evangelism Ministry Training	14-15 Vacation Bible Camp	15 Healing Service	17-18 MM InterGen Fellowship	25 Membership Induction Class	1 LG Leaders Training	March
2 Combined Prayer Meeting	2-8 Passion Week	7 Good Friday Outreach (Hokkien)	8 Evaluation Meeting I	9 Resurrection Sunday	19 Healing Service	29 CE Seminar (Creation Care)	April
29-30 Mission Emphasis Weekend							

UPCOMING EVENTS May - Aug

3 Christian Education Focus Prayer Meeting	6 LG Leaders Training	13 Parents Day Outreach (Hokkien)	17 Healing Service	20 LG Leaders Seminar	22-24 Staff Bonding	26-27 AIMS Course (C)	May
31 Evangelism Focus Prayer Meeting	3 LG Leaders Training	7 Youth Focus Prayer Meeting	10 Parents Celebration Outreach (E/M)	14 Healing Service	19-22 Combined Annual Bible Camp	29 Migrant Workers Outing	June
1 LG Leaders Training	2 Water Baptism	5 Mission Focus Prayer Meeting	8, 15 Mission Emphasis Weekend	9, 16 Mission Emphasis Weekend	19 Healing Service	22 Membership Induction Class	July
29 60th Anniversary Event: Combined High Praise	6 Baby Dedication	6 National Day Combined Prayer Meeting	9 60th Anniversary Event: Unity Walk	12 AIMS Course (C)	16 Healing Service		August

*Events may be subjected to changes.

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GOD'S FAITHFUL LEADING OVER THE PAST



Years



Chao Tian Kong
Chairman, Elder Board

Church of Singapore is celebrating her 60th anniversary this year!

COS was founded in 1963 through a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at work in Singapore and Malaysia!

In the 60's, God led a Hong Kong famous actress, the late Kong Duen Yee and her team to hold evangelistic and revival meetings across Singapore and Malaysia. The Holy Spirit worked mightily, bringing many people, including gangsters, to repent of their sins. Believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, spiritual lives were renewed, and they began to preach the gospel fervently and serve the Lord! Church of Singapore was founded in this wave of revival!

At the time of being founded, there were about sixty to seventy people. As members loved the Lord passionately, they shared the gospel; realising their call to be a royal priesthood, they served and the church grew rapidly to more than a few hundred. In 1978, "Home Fellowship" was formed. Brothers and sisters were assigned to meet in small groups on weeknights according to their respective residential areas. Leaders and assistant leaders of the groups are responsible for pastoring their group members, leading them in evangelism and bringing people to the Lord!

Over the past 60 years, our church has valued ministry to all ages very highly, from children, to youth, to young working adults, to services of various languages, to life groups, to seniors. Multifaceted ministries were also established to serve many others. Responding to the Lord's Great Commission,

mission points and churches are established in the surrounding countries as we embark on missions. The church belongs to God, it is the family of the living God, it is therefore a complete and perfect family church!

The church realises that in the past few years, God has brought various foreign ethnic groups to Singapore, and has brought the mission marketplace to our doorstep. The church has seized the opportunity to reach out to and serve them, to preach the gospel of grace to them and to hold services for them in their own language! Thanks be to the Lord!

In the past 60 years, the Church has gone through different generations, and because of the humble service of the leaders, this servanthood attitude has been passed on, and that is the reason that the Church continues to function and develop steadily! Pray that God will raise up a new generation of leaders in each generation who are willing to surrender themselves and serve in humility!

The present state of the world tells us that the Day of the Lord's return is near. God's people will lift their heads, because the day of redemption is near. We must strive to share the gospel to bring people to Christ and make them disciples of the Lord!

Congratulations on our 60th anniversary, let us continue to serve together and strengthen our family church as we glorify the Name of the Lord!

GOD'S WORK DONE THROUGH US

D24: THE *King* IN THE MANGER

God's work, when done collaboratively, has power. When Christians work together in unity, we not only achieve the natural multiplication of our individual efforts but we also experience the supernatural - to be a powerful witness for God in the community. With the combined efforts of the brothers and sisters of different Services, we had a very fruitful D24 outreach with a play entitled *"King In The Manger"*. 461 people attended the outreach! It brought us great joy to co-work with brothers and sisters of different services in God's work!

Although Christmas is being celebrated worldwide to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, there are many people who are still unaware of its true significance. Sis Linda Lee, a talented writer and stage teacher, wrote and directed *"King In The Manger"*. The humble circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth, as well as the reason behind His humble birth were revealed in a brief but powerful stage performance. Sis Linda's powerful soliloquy left a lasting impression on our audience on the significance of Jesus Christ's birth and God's love

for us through Christ. The performance stirred many hearts and 14 non-believers committed their lives to Christ that day! In March 2023, 2 new believers took a leap of faith to be baptised! All praise be to God!

*"Now to Him who is able to do
immeasurably more than we can
ask or imagine, according to
His power working within us."*

[Eph 3:20]

Indeed, God is capable of far more than we can ask or imagine, but only if we are willing to follow Him and do His will. When we do God's work His way, His power and love will guide us; His grace and wisdom allow us to accomplish something very meaningful and significant.

Rachel Yim

*written on behalf of the D24 committee
Communications Assistant Ministry Head*



GOD'S WORK DONE FOR US:

Uniting GENERATIONS WORKSHOP

In our next step on our journey of “**Uniting Generations**”, the church leadership recognised the necessity of further equipping ourselves. Though the different generations within COS have been co-existing and sharing a common space happily, we believe that more can be done to build a truly intergenerational church.

Intergenerational ministry occurs when a congregation intentionally combines the generations together in mutual serving, sharing, or learning within the core activities of the church in order to live out being the body of Christ to each other and the greater community.
[GRACEWORKS]

Hence, we engaged Graceworks, a local Christian agency, to conduct a 3-hour workshop for our church leadership, with the view that we can be more enlightened on the differences between the different generations and to explore areas of potential conflict and convergence. Members from the Elder Board, Exco and Church Staff attended this workshop.

Wei Hao and Soo Inn from Graceworks shared with us the insights which they have gleaned from researching on the characteristics of different generations in Singapore. There were moments of humour, as we learned about the quirks and unique characteristics of each generation. There were also moments of struggle, as we wrestled with some of the areas of conflict that have occurred as a result of the different perspectives and views held by different generational cohorts. It was a valuable learning experience for all our church leaders.

Let us continue to pray for our family church – that all generations may approach one another in humility and love, so that we may build deep and trusting relationships that will ultimately glorify God.

Find out more about **Graceworks** and **The Generations Project** here:

<https://graceworks.com.sg/generations-project/>

Estella Low

Young Adults Acting Ministry Head
Leadership Intergen Seminar Coordinator

UG
Cards

Introducing OUR UG CARDS

These cards were created with the vision to forge deeper bonds between generations. It is a tool designed so that God-centered & authentic conversations can take place, resulting in a deeper understanding and empathy for one another.



TESTIMONIALS

FROM OUR ELDERS AND STAFF WHO
HAVE ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP

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I have always believed that our church's subtheme, "Uniting Generations" is important. The Graceworks seminar reinforced the need to unite the generations. It has helped leaders to consider the areas that we need to improve on.

Foong Daw Ching
Elder

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Through the seminar, I am better able to understand and appreciate the values and perspective of the other generations. Even though we have our differences, it does not mean that one generation is "more right" than the other. Instead, we should leverage on the strengths of each different generation and co-work together, so that others may see that it is Christ that unites us.

Eileen Lau
Music Ministry Admin Staff

This is an eye-opening seminar. I pray that every participant will be able to practise what they learnt.

Wong Mun Chung
Elder

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The workshop has helped me to understand how to live out relationally healthy lives in the church among the many different generations and personalities in the church. What I have learnt is also applicable in my own family.

Building meaningful, genuine and spirit-filled relationships throughout different generations is one of the goals of the church. The spirit of humility and extending grace to people we find difficult to heal and strengthen relationships.

Ng Kok Hwa
English Service Assistant Service In Charge

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This workshop helped us know more about the background of different generations, some of their unique problems and communication methods. Especially since our church is a multi-generational church, we need to understand this aspect even more. This allows us to know how to coordinate and understand each other, so that we can serve them better.

Chong Sal Liang
Mandarin Service Pastoral Staff and
Prayer Ministry Assistant Ministry Head



There is a Chinese saying:
*"It takes a year to grow
grains, decades to grow
trees, and a century to
grow people."*

EQUIPPING IN *His Word* WITH CE SEMINARS

It takes time for a person to attain mental and spiritual maturity and that is not an easy feat; it is a long term plan. Church of Singapore was founded fifty-nine years ago and is celebrating her 60th anniversary this year. Praise the Lord!

Singapore may have one of the best education systems in the world, but our education system has undergone constant changes since its establishment. Even the best education systems in the world are subject to constant changes as the world keeps evolving. For instance, what I was taught in secondary school is now being taught in primary schools today. However, what is taught in the church should not change. While the methods of delivering Christian education have progressed over time, the fundamentals of our faith must remain the same. Our God does not change and His counsel stands forever.

As Christians, we serve the same Lord God. We may differ in our systems of education. Hence, churches in the world may be different from one another because each has her own unique education system. No church can be strong without an education system — that is how significant Christian education

is. Christian education goes beyond just educating Christians about Jesus Christ. It aims to mould Christians to become more Christ-like and Christlikeness will develop in us when we cultivate a deep personal relationship with Christ.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, our Christian education classes were conducted physically, through onsite attendances at classes, seminars and conferences. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we adapted by finding alternative ways to pick ourselves up and soar above the COVID-19 cloud.

Today, through online classes, we are reaching a wider audience. Nevertheless, we do not go for numbers, nor do we want it to be superficial. We emphasize in-depth teaching and practical learning. In addition, we are now able to work hand-in-hand with other churches, Bible colleges and para-church organisations, more than in pre-COVID times. We want to educate and grow our members spiritually via both the physical and online platforms. Christian Education is not just imparting knowledge but making disciples for Christ. We do not want to know Christ ourselves, we want to bring others to know Christ too!

Koh Chin Kok

Cantonese Service In Charge
Christian Education Assistant Ministry Head

Bible READING NIGHTS

In March 2022, the Lord put a burden on my heart to lead a one-year nightly bible reading program on Zoom. Initially, I was afraid to commit because this meant that I would have to sacrifice my nights for a year. I was also uncertain if people would be interested to join. Nevertheless, the prompting did not stop even though I tried to ignore it. Eventually, I submitted to the Lord.

In the first month, we started with 8-10 brothers and sisters from Bilingual Service. We have since completed our nightly reading programme in one year with up to 25 brothers and sisters from different Services. Brothers and sisters who are not members of our church also joined in our Bible Reading Nights after being invited! Praise the Lord! Our hearts are truly enriched and full!

God has done a great work in this group. We have reaped many benefits, from reading the Bible together to bonding with one another in love, sharing testimonies and praying for one another. On many nights, I would receive messages from group members sharing how they were ministered by the night's Bible reading and sharing.

This Bible reading has benefitted all of us so much that our members have even introduced it to their friends outside of our church. The Lord has shown me that what He has started, He will carry it on to completion.

Tracy Lim

Bilingual Service Pastoral Staff



BIBLE READING NIGHTS *Testimonies*



Praise be to our God that we are able to come daily before Him to read His word as the body of Christ. All thanks to our Sis Tracy and her co-lead Sis Iris Chua, who initiated it.

Ever since joining the group, I've no regrets sacrificing my primetime TV slot for this short and sweet hour-long Bible reading session with our beloved brothers and sisters.

Daily, we easily have 16 to 20 enthusiastic brothers and sisters all 'hooked' and captivated in the reading of His word. The wonderful and insightful sharing and testimonies too are valuable life lessons from which we can learn from and be encouraged.

Overall, I believe all of us have been blessed with a deeper understanding of the Bible and its teachings.

Hallelujah! All glory and praise to the Lord! Amen!

Andy Tay
Bilingual Service



I would like to thank Sis Tracy for inviting me to join the **"Bible Reading Nights"**, for it is her "puncture" theory that inspired me to join. The "puncture" theory is this: We love to read the Word of God to the extent of wanting to finish the entire Bible in a year. We started off being persistent and persevered in the beginning, but due to either our busy schedules or physical tiredness, we would stop for a day or two. When this cycle is interrupted and as we continue with this mindset of procrastinating, our resolve to read the Bible in a year will eventually be "punctured".

The Word of God is sweeter than honey on our lips. Brothers and sisters would come online punctually every night at 9 pm for **"Bible Reading Night"**. We encourage one another through sharing how we were enlightened through reading, which is also the reason why I persisted. In 7 months, we had covered 35 books in both the Old and New Testament!

Thanks be to God, I will continue to persist in the one-year Bible Reading Plan.

Sarah Lim Poh Eng
Bilingual Service



EQUIPPING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH *Digitalisation*

Many anthropologists and trend watchers generally agree that the world is at an inflection point in terms of how technology today and the future will dramatically change how we live, work, play and worship. It is with this shifting emphasis of Singapore becoming more digital, with all the benefits and ills, that the COS Digital Seminar series was birthed.

The genesis of this seminar series came about during the Men's Fellowship Saturday morning cycling in early 2022. Bro Daw Ching and Bro Wee Meng were excitedly talking about implementing a digital education series to reach out to COS members as well as the community in the church vicinity. Given that Bro Wee Meng is already a Digital Ambassador Lead with the SG Digital



Office (SDO), he linked up with SDO to tap on the services of the Digital Ambassadors. I, on the other hand, took on the task of coordinating the Digital Seminar series with Bro Jacob Tong agreeing to be the speaker for the two topics: Protecting yourself in the Digital Age (on 23 Apr and 24 Sep 22) and Metaverse and its implications (25 Jun and 26 Nov).

Other than educating COS members on ongoing topics of interest in the Technology space, we were intentional to reach out to both believers and non-believers beyond the walls of our church. It is our intention to do the same with our future seminars. We look forward to your continued participation in our future seminars, and for you to use these sessions as an outreach tool to invite your friends and loved ones who may benefit from the talk to visit COS.

COS continues to create digital content such as recorded sermons, recordings of Bible study and Christian education videos online. The church has also allowed tithing and offerings to be done online. Those are just some digital initiatives that COS has embarked on and will continue to put forth. Stay tuned to more digital initiatives in COS.

Joshua Teo
English Service



Serving

OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH HEALTH TALKS AND SERVICES

The Bible tells us that our bodies are the temple of God (1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:19-20) and we should be good stewards of it. And as one body in Christ, we are responsible for caring for our fellow believers and beyond (Phil 2:4).

So it is with this ethos that Church of Singapore held her inaugural Health Talk on the 16th of October 2022. This was an event open to both COS members as well as members of the public, and we thank God for an overwhelming response of more than 400 participants filling up Bethel and Cana Halls. The program consisted of a series of talks and free consultation by inhouse and guest healthcare professionals spanning different medical specialities like Cardiology, Audiology, Physiotherapy and Orthopaedics, as well as a general health screening segment run by doctors, nurses and other volunteers from the various services.



It was a truly meaningful event as it united volunteers from the church spanning different age groups, services and ministries, putting their skills, effort and time to serve fellow believers as well as members of the community. Feedback from participants was also very positive as they were given advice and even health supplements for their various conditions. Many have requested for future similar health events!



This was another small step towards achieving our aim to be a church without walls, caring for both members of the church as well as the community at large. All glory to Him!

Kevin Koo
English Service



PARTNERING WITH GOD THROUGH Global MISSIONS

In November 2022, our mission team visited our mission points in Siliguri, West Bengal. We gave health talks and sermons to the villagers from 2 regions, and the Holy Spirit ministered to those who needed physical healing and reconciliation through our prayers.



The children enjoyed games and action songs by some of our Children's Ministry teachers. We shared about man's fallenness and our need for God's salvation with visual aids, and led them to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We also conducted prophetic art sessions and prayer for individuals.

We organised team games for combined children's sports day and gave out prizes. We also shared with students and missionaries of Theos Missiological Training College, on the vital importance of children's ministry.

By God's grace, we helped in a football tournament run by the Sports Coalition of India. About 100 youths from 6 different regions participated. We shared spiritual truths in the context of football with them, and identified talented players for the Coalition's training.

As we see children, individuals and families responding to the Lord through our partners' ministry, are we witnessing God's transformative work through our partnership? Why not join us in the next trip and see for yourself?

Jerome Yang

India Mission Trip Committee Member





The sting of short term missions has always been a lack of sustained and long-term presence. The two-year gap caused by COVID-19 has greatly highlighted that. While the Cambodia Mission Trip (CMT) team had sustained a continued presence through internet video calls and social media interactions, nothing compares to a warm hug shared between friends. When we finally met up again in person this year, our hearts were overwhelmed with joy. One thing was for sure — nothing can replace the warmth of physical presence.

Over the course of five days, Pastor Thong Kong from the Cambodian church shared his struggles of leading a church through the pandemic and how while certain ministries waned, others were birthed and flourished.

Services went online. The members of the church even went above and beyond to film worship videos to bless their congregation. The women of the church, led by Sis Sinat, Pastor Thong Kong's wife, held small gatherings for discipleship, meeting in villages. This has continued post-pandemic.



The past two years has also seen our Cambodian brothers and sisters go through different life transitions. Some young adults have tied the knot and formed their own families, and some have left for other cities in search of jobs amidst the struggling economy.

Last but not least, some children have grown too old for children's ministry but are still too young to fully grasp what is being shared in the adult services. They voiced their eagerness to learn about God with people their age. Heartened by this, Pastor Kong and his trusty aide de camp, Bro Brat Phearon with his wife, Sis Bopha conducted a weekly discipleship study group for youths, teaching them about God and the Bible.

It is utterly wonderful that Church of Siem Reap, with God's empowerment, has managed to turn a bad situation into opportunities for service and growth. As we parted at the end of our trip, we thanked God for the fond memories and warm interactions we had, and we will press on until we meet again.

Benjamin Huang

Cambodia Mission Trip Team Leader





In December 2022, a team of 9 members, led by Bro. Henry Yeo and accompanied by sisters Michelle Chua, Lily Ng, Lee Mei Yoke and brothers David Hoo, Eric Leong, Daniel Leong, Trent Ng and Jovian Tan, went on a mission trip to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Our almost-a-decade ministry in Ho Chi Minh City has been concentrated on the New Life Church in the Govap district where Pastor Man leads a vibrant church of about 70 members comprising mostly youths and young adults.

Five years ago, in expansion of this call to bring the gospel to the youths of Vietnam, Pastor Man acted in faith to purchase land in the Di An, Binh Duong district which is just outside of Ho Chi Minh City. This is a university district where ten government and international universities are situated. Pastor

Man has a vision of building New Life II, a Centre of Faith where the gospel message can reach out to the thousands of students in those nearby universities.

With God's provision of building funds, construction works on New Life II began in February 2022 and the building was completed in December 2022. During this mission trip, our team was honoured to be part of the dedication service when New Life II was officially opened.

Do uphold Pastor Man and his team in your prayers and we believe that God will open many opportunities for them to share the gospel message to the university students through their ministry and influence at New Life II.

Trent Ng and Jovian Tan

Vietnam Mission Trip Team Leader
and Team Member



IN MEMORY OF *Late Sister* KWAI FONG

The late Ng Sis Kwai Fong went home to the Lord at 5:30 am on March 11, 2021 at age 93. The late Sis Kwai Fong's demise deeply saddened me. Through this article, I would like to honour her life in Christ.

Sis Kwai Fong and her husband, the late Bro Lee Nam Choon, were originally from Hong Kong. Before coming to Singapore, they were baptised in Hong Kong. Faith Church was their first church in Singapore. In 1981, they came to Church of Singapore (COS) and transferred their membership in 1988. They joined Mandarin Service when we started the Mandarin Service in our church. She was a long-time church member and we used to converse in Mandarin and Cantonese.

Sis Kwai Fong enthusiastically studied God's Word and actively attended Bible classes led by Bro Chao Tien Mee and Bro Chao Tian Kong. She never missed cell group meetings, morning prayers, or sisters' fellowship. Together with some church sisters, she would go witnessing and share the Gospel. Many elderly people were blessed by her homemade soups and red bean dessert. Also, she prayed for those in need. Despite being thrifty, she helped those in need financially.

When Bro Lee was holding a job, Sis Kwai Fong rented her apartment to poor students while she and Bro Lee lived in an old apartment opposite the church. They also tithed faithfully. In 1998, the Sis Guai Fong and her husband moved into a three-room HDB flat in Ang Mo Kio. Since they

had no children or relatives, they bequeathed their entire assets, including the HDB flat, to COS and entrusted the handling of their funeral matters to our church.

Following a fall in October 2010, Sis Kwai Fong moved into a nursing home. COS provided transportation to and from the nursing home to enable her to attend church Services, until she became too weak to come to church. In 2013, Bro Lee was called home to the Lord.

Even with many physical ailments, Sis Kwai Fong maintained high spirits and encouraged us whenever we and other church leaders visited her. When we asked if she remembered us, she always said, ***"You can forget everything, but you can't forget Jesus."*** Praise be to God!

We thank God for Sis Kwai Fong's generosity in giving her entire estate to our church! COS was her home, and it was at COS where she gained spiritual maturity. The late Sis Kwai Fong loved God, people, and the Church. Her legacy is a wonderful example!

Rev 14:13 ***"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes,"*** says the Spirit, ***"they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them."***

Chang Lay Eng
Mandarin Service

