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BEHOLD THE HARVEST

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IT'S MISSIONS TIME!

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Opening Remarks

Every July, our church celebrates Mission Month - a month where we highlight and raise awareness of the overseas missions outreach and activities of our church, and our partnerships with our many overseas mission points to bring the Gospel message to all these parts of the world.

Since the founding of our church, missions have been a core priority of our ministry and outreach efforts. It is justly apt that our church's theme this year is missions-minded - **"It's Harvest Time; Let's Go!"** In line with our church's theme, our Mission Month's theme this year is - **"Behold the Harvest; It's Missions Time!"**

Many of our church members have responded to the call and gone on short-term overseas mission trips to share the Gospel message and make an impact for Christ in these countries where our church has mission points in. They have partnered the local missionaries whom our church supports to aid them in shining the light of Christ in places where Christianity and the love of our Lord Jesus has yet to touch the lives of many.

In this edition of Shield of Faith, we compile the personal letters of our overseas mission workers on the challenges of their ministry work and their prayer requests for us as a church to continue supporting and to work alongside them as one united body of Christ to bring the Gospel message to the furthest corners of our world.

This Missions Month, and in the coming months, we will also be inviting our church's overseas missionaries to visit us and to share with our COS family the urgency of the harvest work that remains to be done in the mission fields across Asia where our church has committed to support the mission work of our missionaries.

We have also organised two workshops in collaboration with Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) to encourage more church members to be equipped and go for short to medium term mission trips. We look forward to seeing many of you attending these two workshops during Missions Month.

Indeed the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Let us pray earnestly to our Lord of the harvest that He will send out laborers into his harvest field (c.f. Matthew 9:37-38). **Behold the harvest; it's Missions Time!**

Bro Trent Ng

Missions Emphasis Month 2025
Chairman

Mission

EMPHASIS MONTH 2025 EVENTS



11 JULY

| FRIDAY

Fri Hokkien Service

Bro Daniel Foo



12 JULY

| SATURDAY

Sat Bilingual Service

Professor Emmanuel Isaiah



13 JULY

| SUNDAY

Combined English/Mandarin Service

Bro Johan Siringo

Cantonese Service

Pastor Emily Tan

Bilingual Service

Bro Hendrikus Apolos

Hokkien Service

Pastor Emily Tan

Filipino Service

Professor Emmanuel Isaiah

Myanmar Service

Sis Susan Cho



18 JULY

| FRIDAY

Fri Hokkien Service

Rev Samuel Lau



19 JULY

| SATURDAY

Sat Bilingual Service

Bro Khaing Min / Bro Peter Cho



20 JULY

| SUNDAY

Combined English/Mandarin/Cantonese Service

Bro Khaing Min / Bro Peter Cho

Bilingual Service

Bro Khaing Min / Bro Peter Cho

Hokkien Service

Rev Samuel Lau

Filipino Service

Bro Koh Chin Kok

Myanmar Service

Bro Khaing Min

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MISSIONS WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY OMF (BILINGUAL)

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JULY

Move with God | Galilee Hall
Saturday | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

How do we participate in short term missions meaningfully? How can we best prepare for short-term missions so that it benefits the mission field, the sending church and the go-er?

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JULY

Take Flight | Galilee Hall
Saturday | 1:00pm - 5:00pm

A series of action-based workshops that helps participants explore different aspects of missions through interactive activities, such as games and role-play. It aims to increase missions awareness and participation in the Great Commission.



Tanjung Pinang

INDONESIA



Mission: Be a Local

Jesus became a man to save mankind from sin and the law of eternal death, He has given us a very good example in carrying out the Great Commission. **Jesus who is God became a LOCAL PERSON when He became a man.**

On June 28, 1834, an American evangelist came to Samosir to reach the Batak tribe, but the approach taken was an approach that gave the impression that the American evangelist wanted to change the Batak culture to their culture, the evangelist came and wanted to apply their way of thinking to the local people. The result of this approach made the evangelist not accepted by the Batak tribe.



November 11, 1863, Nommensen, an evangelist from Germany, came to Tarutung and succeeded in reaching the Batak tribe. **The approach he took was to BECOME A LOCAL, live like a local, learn from local, with a humble attitude Nommensen served the Batak people, never in his mind to change the Batak tribe but Nommensen became a Batak person with the title of the Tobing clan.**

In 2010 My family and I brought the Melayu Bersinar Ministry organization to Tanjung Pinang and became local people to be able to reach the Malay people. We learned Malay culture and became the same as the Malay people. There are several approaches that we take to be accepted as local people, including providing free education in our community and also distributing basic necessities regularly. Praise God, we are not considered as foreigners but as family in the community. Praise God through the approach we took, there were already mission points that were established such as Lembah Purnama, Tanjung Unggat, Hang Tuah and Senggarang.

Love will lead to humility, sacrifice and perseverance in carrying out the Great Commission. **Philippians 2:7-11 explains to us how Jesus loved, sacrificed, was faithful and became a local person to save humanity.** Let us carry out the Great Commission with the spirit of being a local person. Amen.

by Bro Johan Siringo



Karimun

INDONESIA



Youths serving in the Sunday Service

Shalom.

Praise God for His presence in our lives. Here I want to witness how God continues to work in the ministry in Karimun.

Karimun is one of the islands in the Riau Islands Province. With a population of 273,946 people. The majority of the population is Muslim with a percentage of 86.06%. Buddhism ranks second with 8.89%, followed by Christianity (4.72%) consisting of Protestants (3.69%) and Catholics (1.03%), and Confucianism (0.33%).

The ministry in Karimun has been working with COS since 2010. Currently we can see the fruits of the ministry that we do together with the COS team, especially those who used to start from children's ministry but they have grown into young teenagers. Praise God (young teenagers) have helped the ministry today. Although at first it was not easy to guide them because of various factors such as the environment in which they live, also the traditions that are inherent in them, such as those who drop out of school will marry at a young age and have no dreams or aspirations in life. But through the approach and guidance they can have dreams and aspirations in life and even give themselves to serve God.

Some of the activities we do to build the spirituality of these young people are:

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INDONESIA • KARIMUN

1.

Holding a Youth Camp

We hold this Camp activity to be able to approach them more and provide new things for them to motivate them to continue to have a longing to continue to grow and serve God in their youth. In this Camp activity we teach them how important it is for us to experience God personally and build a more intimate relationship with God.



Youth Camp 2024



2.

Bible Study

In the youth worship activities held every Saturday, we also hold Bible study for young teenagers, to build their understanding of God's word and to have discussions about the Word that has been shared.

Praise God at this time some of the youth have begun to participate in Sunday services, such as worship leaders, singers, tambourine dancers, multimedia and even for ministry in Sunday School and also children's services in Teluk Stimbul. We provide training and also mentoring for them to be able to be involved in each of these activities. The way of training and mentoring that we do is by providing models or examples of ways to teach Sunday school children and providing guidebooks to be studied first. Regarding the worship praise service, we will first observe those who have the desire to be involved in the praise team, and we also do exercises with them.



Youth ministry in Teluk Setimbul

What we do to make them feel burdened to be involved in ministry is by providing motivation and understanding about how to be a person who can grow and bear fruit in God, just like our Church's vision, which is to grow and bear fruit in Christ.

There are some obstacles that we experience in this ministry, namely there are some families who are still Buddhists who forbid their children from joining us, even though their children have started to want to be guided and taught about the Word of God, but unfortunately they can no longer freely join us. Please uphold in prayer that one day God will bring them back to be able to experience Jesus and commit to Him.

Our longing for the young people here is that in the future they will become church leaders and continue the current ministry.

Another growth in the ministry is the enthusiasm of the congregation in attending worship. Even now the total number of congregations who actively worship on Sundays is around 60 to 70 people, every Sunday we have to rent 1 bus and 1 public transportation to pick up and drop off the congregation because most of them do not have transportation to come to worship.

The visit from the COS TEAM is routinely carried out in June and December and has a great impact on each congregation, because during their visit the team that comes to Karimun continues to motivate the congregation to continue to grow and be strong in the Lord. Not only spiritual support but physical support from COS is also very helpful for the people we serve. Such as providing assistance to school children in the form of school needs for children who excel, basic necessities (groceries) and also other services carried out when COS makes a mission trip to Karimun.

We are very grateful to COS who continue to support the ministry in Karimun both in prayer and funds.

Jesus bless you.

by Bro Hendrikus Apolos



Youth ministry at Pongkar



Ilocos

PHILIPPINES



Reflecting God's Love and Light in Ilocos Mission Points in the Philippines

From 14-17 February 2025, a team of six from the Filipino Service embarked on a mission trip to the Ilocos Region, Philippines. Our goal: to share God's love through sharing of God's word, marriage rededication, outreach visits, and encouragement of local churches. We thank all who supported through prayer, giving, and participation—God works powerfully through His church!

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Celebrating Love and Commitment



A mission highlight was the Rededication of Wedding Vows for 43 couples at Church of Pinili. The event, filled with joy and celebration, featured worship, a message by Bro. Jong Guangco, and a time of recommitment led by local pastors. Thirty individuals also received Christ—glory to God!

Strengthening the Church

The team visited several churches to minister, encourage leaders, and pray. Around 90 people responded to altar calls throughout the trip. We praise God for this fruitful and Spirit-filled mission.



Reflections from the Team

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It's a great privilege to be part of Ilocos mission team, as it is a new experience for me. I am blessed and encouraged with the commitment to the ministry of all pastors, workers and members. Glory to God!! Hope to be able to join missions again.

~ Sis Belinda Tubera ~

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We are happy we were able to create meaningful connections with the people in Ilocos despite individuals' life situations. To God be the glory.

~ Bro Jong and Lilia Guangco ~

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This first mission experience definitely has had a great impact in my Christian life.

~ Sis Joycelyn Vicente ~

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This has been our third mission trip to the Ilocos region, and we are thankful to God for the friendships we have established with the pastors over the years. We are so grateful to God for empowering us to serve in the mission field together. To Him be the glory.

~ Bro Janzen and Sis Carol Bersalona ~

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Visayas

P H I L I P P I N E S

Andagaw, Kalibo, Aklan

The greatest achievement I had in my life was when God started to use us, me and the late Ps. Jun, my husband, to reach the people out there, extending God's Kingdom and salvation to His people.



God says in Luke 1:37 **"nothing is impossible with God"** and His assurance in Matthew 28:20 **"surely I am with you always to the very end of the ages."**

Such encouraging verses, although it is not easy, but the reward of one soul for His kingdom, brings great joy in our lives and glory to our God!



Now, through hard work, perseverance, sacrifices, prayers of course, discipling, and with the help of Church of Singapore, Church of Visayas was born at the center part of Visayas, Kalibo, Aklan. From zero to hundreds now, from nothing in the Leadership, now with Leaders, co-workers, Deacons and Deaconess, Ministry Coordinators and some volunteer workers, God's ministry started at Andagaw (main), then, Baybay-Pook, Cajilo, Makato, where there is a church building to gather the flocks not only during Sunday Worship but in other church activities such as: Youth, Music, Prayer meeting, Women's, Men's, Children's, seminars/trainings and others. We have

one place, in Tangalan, that there is still no church building, so they gather underneath the trees. Praying that one of these days, God will provide a place for us in that area.

Since March 2025, we started to reach more places outside Kalibo, such as: **Agcawilan, Libang at Lezo, Balete, Aklan.** As of now, in all areas, we have a total of 18 Home Bible Studies (more are coming), 300 children in the Children's ministry where we feed one meal once a week and snacks, 70-80 Young People, 40-50 Women's, 20-30 Men's. In the Leadership, we have now, 3 Pastors together with their wives/husband, 6 Deacons & Deaconess, 16 co-workers and some volunteers serving in God's ministry here.



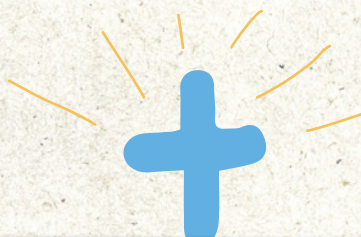
As this year's theme **"REACH THE UNREACHED"** from Romans 15:20-21, we are encouraging the church to play their roles to be a part of reaching others in several ways.

I am also continuously anticipating and praying that more leaders be raised through training, discipleship, and seminars that I do every Wednesday for SOM (School of Ministry) and SOL (School of Leadership) once a month (Tuesday). We are not only praying but aiming to reach more people anywhere, to declare God's glory and honor and receive the Salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Church of Singapore has a very special part in God's ministry here at Kalibo, Aklan. Without their continuous support not only financially but during Missions and other needs, it's hard for us to do such a great ministry like this.

The Church of Visayas from Leadership and Brethren would like to express our never-ending gratitude to all of you and may our Almighty God be glorified. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY AND HONOR!**



by Sis Annie Salayon





Ho Chi Minh

VIETNAM

Govap New Life Church

Dear brothers/ sisters in Christ,

We are thankful to the Lord for His blessings and protection in our ministry in Vietnam.

Praise the Lord that Govap New Life Church in HCM city (NL1) keeps growing physically and spiritually in the past few years. The Light House Center (NL2) has been set up as a venue to reach out to people at a strategic area with 7 universities where there are hundred thousand students and young professional workers who are studying and working in the nearby neighborhood.

The situation around has changed a lot since after the Covid 19, so we also have to change our way of reaching out to friends and colleagues for evangelism through playing badminton, football in order to build relationships to share the Gospel. We also keep the English Club operating as usual.

Small group activities on Thursdays weekly is a channel to build up relationship and discipleship for members and new believers through bible study. Besides that there are courses/ classes to equip leaders and key members for ministry through curriculum of the ISOM (International School of Ministry), or the Jesus Life course.

Vietnam has just celebrated the 50th anniversary of the reunification of the North and South. There have been many changes in government policies and organization for various reasons. Ho Chi Minh City has expanded into the economic center of the south of the country through the merger of two neighboring provinces, which will increase the population of the city from 10 million to 14 million. This is truly a vast harvest field. As Jesus said to his disciples in **Matthew 9:37-38**, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Pray and join us in this field.

May God bless you.



by Pastor Man



Siliguri

I N D I A

The team embarked on a week-long mission trip to Siliguri, India, where they brought the love of Christ through village outreach, teens ministry, and community engagement.

INDIA MISSION TRIP

Sharing God's Love through Word and Action

30 OCT - 5 NOV 2024



Bringing Light and Love to Siliguri, India

The fruit of Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

The trip was marked by rich encounters, deepened faith, and clear signs of God's presence.

The journey began with logistical preparations for village outreach and a Teens' Camp, following a shared 40-day prayer journey. The team was also privileged to witness the graduation ceremony at Theos Missiological Training Centre (TMTC), where four dedicated students, including the first female graduate, had successfully completed their training. A heartfelt time of prayer and blessing followed, reminding the team of the ongoing work God is doing in India through local believers.

During village visitations, the team split into two groups and ministered in Moti Dhar and Batasi. They shared the Gospel through worship, storytelling, skits, and games, building heartfelt connections with the villagers and bringing joy to many.

The Teens' Camp welcomed 26 youths and focused on the theme "Fruit of the Spirit." Over

three days, campers engaged in interactive Bible lessons, crafts, group reflections, skit performances, and a moving campfire session. Many teens shared testimonies of how the experience impacted their faith journey.

Another highlight was the Youth Football Tournament held in Sastu Jote village. Youths from nearby villages competed enthusiastically, and a short gospel message powerfully illustrated how our relationship with God is like teamwork on the field. It was a day of joyful unity, sportsmanship, and connection.

As the mission trip came to a close, the team gave thanks for the spiritual harvest and the bonds formed. We thank everyone who supported this mission in prayer, giving, and encouragement. May God continue to move in India, raising up workers and drawing hearts to Him.

by Sis Sabrina Kirk

Child responding to altar call
after hearing the gospel message



Cambodia

Testimony: The Goodness of God

This December 2024 trip was truly an amazing experience where we witnessed God's provision and were blessed to partner in His work. Though it was a challenging journey covering three separate mission points across Cambodia, namely Siem Reap, Kampong Thom and Kandal, God faithfully preserved every one of us, keeping us in good health and strength to serve the communities effectively.

I would like to testify how God always goes before us in all things. Throughout this mission trip, I saw God's hand clearly at work even before we arrived. Doors that were previously closed were reopened – allowing us to minister in three local schools (2 at Kampong Thom and 1 at Kandal) and reach many children. We were also able to visit a new settlement area where our co-workers from the Church of Siem Reap are actively reaching out.

God exceeded our expectations. The number of people we reached and were able to bless far surpassed what we had initially anticipated. From the very beginning, God was in control. As we prepared, our team collected donated clothing to bless the local communities. God stirred hearts, and we received an overwhelming amount. These clothes became a timely provision when we reached the new settlement, where a large crowd had gathered – and we had just enough to bless everyone without any surplus.

The school outreaches were also filled with an unexpected number of students. What made it more special was the provision of Christian children's resources in the local language – prepared by the local Christian community. These materials will continue to bless the children long after our visit.

Seeing how God prepared the way reminded me of the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night during the exodus. Truly, God went before us. **We are humbled to see His hand in every step and continue to pray for our co-workers in Cambodia – that God will strengthen them and prepare the hearts of many to receive the Good News.**

by Bro Joseph Tiew



Youths at Church of Kampong Thom
Christmas outreach



COS and COSR co-workers at CO Run Ta Ek
(new settlement area)



Myanmar



On 28 March 2025 at 12:50, an earthquake struck the Sagaing Region of Myanmar, with an epicenter close to Mandalay, the country's second-largest city.

After an initial aid and relief effort, the support and supply of relief has slowed down. It is especially important now that we as a church that has mission work in Myanmar should step up our support to this country and her people especially many of the people groups who are least reached.

Some main needs include temporary shelter, clean water, medical supplies and Ready-To-Eat (RTE) food that are high in protein.

Let's pray for Myanmar

- ✦ Supplies that are meant for relief work reach those who need it.
- ✦ Church of Singapore (COS) to support Calvary Christian Centre led by pastor Khaing Min to reach out to the refugees both physically and spiritually.
- ✦ People of Myanmar would turn to Christ and salvation be upon Myanmar.
- ✦ Safety of Children from Home of Shelter (COS mission point) and their spiritual growth and for their education to continue with minimum disruption.
- ✦ That the data connection is stable so that COS can maintain a constant communication with Pastor Khaing Min for us to be notified first hand of needs and be swift in supplying them for him to proceed with the relief work.



Food distribution to earthquake survivors



Earthquake

China



Mission to China

As a church with mainly Chinese members, we have been focusing on missions to China since the very beginning!

The church also responds to the situation and needs of the China church over different eras. The church's China missionary strategy and focus adapt to China's regulations and controls on foreign visitors.

In the 1970s to 1990s

At that time, China was still very closed to the outside world, but the local churches in China had grown rapidly. They needed a large number of Bibles and spiritual books. Therefore, the church sent people to Hong Kong before the 1997 handover to assist international missionary organizations to bring Bibles and spiritual books to mainland China, so that more Chinese believers could have precious Bibles in their hands.

After 1990s

China began to open gradually. A lot of foreign capital entered China. Entrepreneurs were able to invest and set up factories there. Foreigners were able to study in Chinese universities or serve as lecturers/professors. Overseas professionals and executives were able to work in China. The door to Chinese missions was opened. Although they could not enter China as professional missionaries, they could come to China as "tent-making" missionaries. Our church are involved in the following 3 areas of mission work in China.

A. Mission to the Unreached People Groups

The gospel has been widely preached among the Han ethnic group, but there are many ethnic minorities who are “unreached” (less than 2% of them are Christians). After exploration and prayer, our Church Mission committee adopted the “Zhuang” unreached people group. The Zhuangs mainly live in Guangxi Province. The church arranged for missionaries to study in universities in Guangxi as students, so that they could come in contact with the Zhuang people and preach the gospel to them. The Zhuang believers were arranged to go to Guangzhou for training to become co-workers and continue to preach the gospel to their own people.



In 2000, the church began to establish meeting points in Guangxi. So far, five or six meeting points have been established. It is estimated that in the past twenty years, more than 400 people have been baptized into the name of the Lord. These meeting points are currently led by a team of co-workers who have been raised up and trained locally. Our church continue to send three to four mission teams yearly to follow up, train or hold special meetings to assist them.



B. Preach the gospel to Chinese migrant workers in Singapore and equip them

Twenty or thirty years ago, there were many China migrant workers in Singapore. This was like God bringing the China mission field to our doorstep. The church preached the gospel to these migrant workers, arranged transport to fetch them from their dormitory to the church, and provided dinner. After they believed in the Lord and were baptized, they were taught how to preach the gospel and serve God. When they completed their work contracts in Singapore and return to their respective hometowns, they were encouraged to witness and preach the gospel, lead people to Christ and establish meeting points. So far, more than ten meeting points have been established. Every year, the church send mission teams to these meeting points to give training.

C ■ Help Chinese house church leaders with training and theological teaching

Thirty years ago, an elder of the church was working in Shandong Province and got to know a house church setup. He provided training for their leaders according to their needs. The church arranged pastors and leaders from Singapore and Malaysia churches to go there 4 or 5 times a year to provide training. At that time, they had one hundred meeting points and a total of more than ten thousand believers. Each training session lasted about eight days, with about one hundred to two hundred people participating. Twenty years ago, they asked our church to help them to set up a Bible school to accelerate the training to raise up more co-workers which they desperately needed. In the past twenty years, there have been six batches of graduates, that is four hundred trained co-workers to serve the needs of about one thousand meeting points of more than one hundred thousand believers. Currently the Bible school has three branches in different regions to equip believers to serve God and start new meeting points



Conclusion

We want to thank God for opening the door for mission work in China. The brothers and sisters in the church also seized the opportunity given by God to be involved in mission work in China, lead people to Christ and build up the meeting points! Glory to the Lord!

by Bro Chao Tian Kong



Simpang Renggam

M A L A Y S I A

Johor



Peace to all my brothers and sisters in Christ,

We would like to offer up our thanksgivings to God. We thank God for His protection and care all these years. After experiencing the pandemic, praise God that our church's brothers and sisters continue to hold on to Him.

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May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

~ 2 Corinthians 13:14 ~

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God has also added the number of saved souls to the church. May the Lord grant us the Spirit of revelation, so that we can understand God's truth, the blessings of Christ and our position in Him, and be willing and committed to serve, to preach the gospel fervently and to testify of God's mighty power.

Church of Singapore sends short-term mission teams to us every month. Through their pastoral visits, sharing of God's word and testimonies, the faith of our church members has been stirred up. Physical and online Life Group meetings have also helped them to be rooted in God's Word and build up one another. **The church is currently using the “Spiritual Milk” course to help new believers to stabilise the foundation of their salvation and faith.**



A lot of information from the internet and social media has a negative impact on teenagers and children. Due to their exposure to undesirable contents, they have developed misperceptions, psychological problems and addiction. This has brought us many challenges. We pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in guiding them to have the right values and attitudes, and also raise up more committed brothers and sisters-in-Christ to help them.

by Sis Leyu Meng Fong



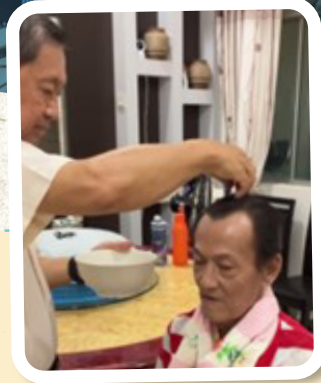
Melaka

M A L A Y S I A

Malacca Christian Fellowship

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Testimony:
He hears prayer and accomplishes the impossible!



When registration for the baptismal service on 25 May 2025 started in early April, only one person signed up to be baptised. Despite the small number, we prayed in faith that the Lord will bless us with five people to be baptised on 25 May. We believed that He will accomplish it. In late April, a sister, who was a believer for many years but had not been baptized, contacted the church to express her desire to do so. We were very touched; we knew that the Lord is at work!

On the morning of 24 May, there were only two baptismal applicants. However, we were not discouraged and continued to pray! That afternoon, together with the Singapore missions team, we went out for visitation in small groups. A sister, who was a believer for only three weeks, was touched by the Holy Spirit during our visit and decided to be baptized! We were delighted and thanked the Lord for His grace! **On our way back, we were talking amongst ourselves, asking, “Lord, where are the fourth and fifth persons?”** At that moment, we received a text message on

the phone, informing us that Bro. Tian Kong (one of the church elders of Church of Singapore) had just baptized a sick elderly man and his son during another group visit! As we read the text message and watched the video of their baptism, we were overjoyed! We could not stop praising the Lord—He truly hears and answers our prayer! He is a faithful God, worthy of all glory!



by Sis Mary Chong



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