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## RE News from TJC Melbourne

By: Daniel Vun, RE Coordinator, Melbourne Church, Australia

Hallelujah! Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ. My name is Daniel Vun and I am the current RE Coordinator of Melbourne church in Australia.

I give thanks and praises to the Lord that I can share a little about our RE in Melbourne church.

In Australia, our RE classes start from Kindergarten which then progresses to Lower Primary, Upper Primary, Junior Youth, Intermediate Youth and finally, Senior Youth. Currently we have about 40 RE teachers and 95 RE students.

Praise the Lord, the RE teachers are diligent in their service and labouring to serve in the church. We are also blessed to have the support of the parents who are actively bringing their children to attend the RE classes. The RE classes typically run during the afternoon after the main church service (except the Kindergarten Class).

When the Covid pandemic hit worldwide, our RE classes had to switch to the new online format. It was a challenging period of time and the RE teachers had to quickly adapt to a new way of teaching. Thanks to the grace of the Lord, the teachers and students adjusted remarkably well. Of course this could not have been possible without the support of parents who were involved in setting up the computers or devices so that the children could log in and participate.

As a parent myself, I have watched some of the RE videos prepared by the teachers and I can appreciate

the amount of hard work and time put in to prepare each lesson. I was also able to learn a thing or two from watching the videos myself, praise the Lord!

Before the Covid pandemic, the RE teachers would also organise outdoor excursions with the students (such as visiting the zoo). This was a valuable opportunity for the teachers and students to have fellowship together outside of a classroom setting. The children would enjoy these outings and spend time together.

We do face challenges in RE at certain times. Some classes have a high number of children; therefore, classroom size became a problem. But the teachers were able to work together to find a workable arrangement so that classes could continue in a comfortable setting.

There is also a focus on leading the children to pray for the Holy Spirit. Once a month there is a prayer for the Holy Spirit led by the RE teachers. The children from kindergarten all the way to SYC join in the prayers. The ministers assist to lay hands and help the children to pray. A student RE camp is also organised to teach the children the words of God and the importance of praying for the Holy Spirit. This is an opportunity for the children and teachers to travel to a remote camp facility away from the distractions of the world and to draw near to God.

Praise the Lord, we are very blessed to have diligent and loving teachers in the REU. May the Lord continue to remember their love and labour.

## Be Still and Know that I Am God

By: Kathrina Chair, TJC Church, London

**“Be still and know that I Am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!”**

### Psalms 46:10

#### Act 1: Adapting and Acclimatising

Growing up in the TJC environment in Malaysia (and in particular the Central Region) was such a blessing to me, because that meant that I was consistently surrounded by people of the same faith; my closest friends back home were those that either grew up with me in TJC or people I had met through YTTC or bible camps.

It gave me the constant encouragement and enrichment of my faith which was much needed, and also the physical, emotional and spiritual reasons to look forward to going to church. This community that we built up together

to help each other's spirituality was obviously not as available to me when I moved to the London UK for my tertiary education. I had but to adapt to the changing environment and circumstances.

In the UK, although we are the same faith rooted in the TJC, there is still a different culture of worship in London. I was honestly at a slight loss when I got there because the little habits and worship procedures that I had been accustomed to and had come to appreciate in my home church, TJC Botanic was no longer the comforting balm which I could draw upon.

It felt as if we sang less hymns, had different choir practice methods, and the youths and adults were very much engaged in their own activities and programs as opposed to the integrated community feel in Botanic. Further, we did not partake in holy communion as often. However, there was a great amount of sharing involved



and constant encouragement from the youths, long text messages about solving the problems in one's faith and doctrinal comparisons and discussions.

This comparison is to be a lesson in my spiritual upbringing so as to break down my own pre-conceived ideal of what worship should be. Most importantly, I am beyond glad that I am part of and serve in both TJC communities and am blessed that I can worship and continue experiencing God through different worship cultures.

### Act 2: Accepting the differences and loving them

I think many people who have moved from their "home" TJC to be a part of a different TJC community will be able to relate to this. Many a time, the decisions of going to church, participating in the activities, talking to the other members, are all subconsciously made for us. Brothers and sisters who have grown up with us in our home communities would like to know about our week, our experiences, and any new updates in our lives.

However, by moving to another church, there is a difference in the interactions, as you are trying to get to know everyone else, while they are trying to get to know you. You are expected to share more, to be more proactive because the members there don't want to overstep by simply placing you into roles that you may not be willing to do. It's like learning how to be in a community all over again, and whilst I am grateful to have this experience of gradually adapting into the new community, this transition took time.

The London youths have been immeasurably patient with my fumbling about and so have the London adults with my confused mandarin speaking. My own personal fault for paying less attention to Chinese lessons in Malaysia. I cannot thank them enough for how much care and concern that everyone showed when I did not turn up when I got sick (which was pretty often because I got caught in the spring showers a lot) and when I had to complete extra-curriculars in university. They were always slightly worried about my long walk home and would often offer to give me a ride home, although I generally declined.

They brought me leafletting and allowed me to participate in their weddings, and baptisms. They rostered me to play during their spiritual convocation and entertained my random questions and on faith and doctrinal matters at the most inconvenient times, like when they were



vacuuming the floor. They never failed to ask me to stay back for dinner by tempting me with curry and boba (although I don't even like boba much to their horror) and always encouraged me to speak to any visiting Malaysian.

By doing so, I grew to love communicating with them and their culture of worship. It was different, and took some acclimatisation and effort in the beginning, but at the same time, I experienced the identical warmth and love that every TJC would have through the worship of the same one true God. I am grateful for their love and encouragement and can't wait to experience the theological training in UK this summer, hence my returning early to the UK (with the support of my parents).

### Act 3: Conclusion

"Be still and know that I am God." It turns out the only thing I ever needed to do in my doubts was to be still and remember that God was there for me, and for us. To know that His love had not changed, just manifested in a different way. It provided me with immeasurable comfort to know that no matter where I will go, so long as there is a TJC there, I would be able to continuously experience His love through worship. It is not as if the people and communities we build are immaterial, but it is comforting to understand that no matter the cultural differences, God will always be there.

P.S. A little letter to God:

Hallelujah, my heavenly Father, and Almighty God, My favourite phrase to use in all my speeches when I talk about my experiences in TJC Malaysia was how each memory, each Sabbath was a 'little piece of heaven'. I never expected I would come to describe my experiences in TJC London to be exactly that as well, after less than a year of servitude.

You have granted me the guidance and love that I requested through many prayers. You reminded me that I am not alone and renewed my faith many a time when I started to question my beliefs. You gave me a new support system when I was confused and stressed. Thank you for your love, and consistent teachings. I apologise for all the doubts, the questioning, and the inconsistencies. Thank you, Lord, for still allowing me to worship, and giving me a chance at having this experience.

In this manner I pray with gratitude and love, Amen.



# The Grace of God across the Borders

By: Reuel Chang and Dn. Ho Sen Kee, Sembawang Church, Singapore

When Covid-19 struck the world, the world came to a standstill. Governments worldwide implemented lockdowns across their cities and closed borders to prevent the virus from spreading to their citizens. It was on a scale which I have not experienced before. Due to the lockdowns and safe distancing measures, people could not travel and gather. Many could not travel back home to be with their loved ones, and many missed beautiful moments such as witnessing the birth of their new-born or attending family reunions. At the same time, others did not have a chance to say goodbye to their loved ones who were dying. During this time, our members from Malaysia residing in Singapore could not return home to be with family members and attend church services. Instead, they attended services in Singapore church, which allowed me to get to know them better and teach the students RE. It was a refreshing and enjoyable journey! Though all seemed down and depressing, the grace of God is great and bountiful. He continues to shower His blessing and Bro. Reuel Chang from JB church would like to relate how he received the Holy Spirit during the year-end short-term student theological seminar, and here is his testimony:

I am brother Reuel Chang from Johore Bahru and currently attending intermediate youth RE class in Sembawang Church, Singapore. During last year's year-end short-term student theological seminar held in Singapore, I received the Holy Spirit.

Before receiving the Holy Spirit, I found prayers for the Holy Spirit tiring because they were usually long, and I had difficulty concentrating during the prayers. In addition, I often had to walk to the front of the church to receive the laying on of hands by the ministers and I frequently opened my eyes during prayer to see when it would end. (Not sure how many of you do this, but I did.) With this mindset, I occasionally felt discouraged because I didn't think I would receive the Holy Spirit, and that this was just another prayer session.

Regarding prayers for the Holy Spirit, my parents always told me that it was easier to pray for the Holy Spirit during the theological course as there are more prayer sessions, and it will be easier to concentrate as there are hardly any distractions. So, whenever I attended the

short-term student theological seminar, I put in more effort to pray for the Holy Spirit.

Before going further, allow me to give you a bit of background about myself. I am from Johor Bahru "JB", Malaysia but currently staying and studying in Singapore. I usually attended RE class in JB but due to Covid-19, my family and I could not return to Malaysia for Sabbath services hence we attended services online and went to Sembawang church in Singapore whenever permitted. This applied to the year-end short-term theological seminar too. I attended my first-year short-term student theological



seminar in Port Dickson before the outbreak of Covid-19. It was far from where I lived. So, being away from the comfort of my home, there were far fewer distractions. No phones and no computers, and we spent most of our time learning the words of God; during this time, we were in the right frame of mind to pursue the Holy Spirit. I recall that I was not used to this arrangement of being away from home and spending the entire day learning the words of God and praying. For the first week, I was counting the days when it would end, and I did not concentrate. But as time passed, in the second and third week, I started to put in more effort to study the words of God and to pray but I did not receive the Holy Spirit.

The second-year short-term theological seminar in Singapore was conducted online and I found it challenging to

concentrate during classes and prayers, with all the comforts of home and all the distractions around me, with my computer and phone. It was uneventful and this was how I passed my second year of theology class.

Came the third year, which was the last year. It was slightly different because the classes were conducted in a hybrid manner. We met in church to study the words of God together while some lessons were taught online, it was like listening to lectures via live streaming while others were in-person classes. I made an effort to travel down to Adam Road church, Singapore, to attend the theology seminar. Although we were using our laptops, a brother sitting beside me helped me to be less distracted. The same distraction was there, but I tried not to give in and restrained myself by typing notes during the lectures, which helped me focus too.

As this was my last year, my dad told me to put in my best effort to pray for the Holy Spirit. I took that to heart and decided to give it a try. I started praying right from the start of the course. On the ninth or tenth day, I began speaking in tongues, but I did not feel anything when I first spoke in tongues. After one of the morning prayers, a brother who was praying either in front or behind me asked if I had received the Holy Spirit. I denied it as I thought it may have been myself controlling my tongue. After the following day's morning prayer, the brother asked again, and I still denied it until the preachers approached me to clarify if I had felt my tongue moving during prayers. I replied that I wasn't sure, and Pr. Elisha Shim told me to observe it the next day. I had doubts during prayer as I did not know if I was speaking in tongues or if I was controlling my tongue. After the weekend, Pr. Silas Kong approached me to clarify my doubts about whether I have the Holy Spirit or not. So, I prayed to God to help me overcome my doubts, and indeed I did receive the Holy Spirit.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". (Romans 15:13)

Indeed, it is His grace and blessings for bestowing me with the Holy Spirit. May all glory be given to his name. Hallelujah. Amen.



## Growth in Faith through Parenting

By: Jenny Saito, TJC Christchurch, New Zealand



Family trip to Yatsugatake, Japan

My mother passed away, and as I was grieving, I penned down my thoughts of her in a eulogy. As I wrote, I realised that she is still very much alive in me, and I am who I am because of her. She taught me to be who I am by showing me who she is.

This made me reflect about myself. Just as my mother had passed on to me her values, what have I passed on to my children.

What is most important to me is my faith and I hope that I can pass that on. However, in the process of wanting to pass on my faith, I am the one who benefits the most. I am thankful for my children as having them in my life has helped me to understand more about the love of God and build my faith. I will share some examples.

One way of passing on my faith would be to hold family altar. When they were young, I would read bible, pray and sing hymns together with them. By doing so, this has helped me the most as it instilled a habit of bible reading, prayers and hymn singing for me.

Often when I noticed behaviours that I did not approve of in my children, I realised that they are mirroring my weaknesses. For me to pass on the values that I desire, I need to possess the values myself. Seeing the speck in their eyes is mirroring the plank in my eyes and that enabled me to change to be a better person.

I also understood the love of God better once I become a parent. As a parent, you parent with love based on what is best for your child. You will not give your child lolly before dinner even though your child may desire it. I feel that this parallels with God's love for us. At times, God will let us face hard times, but I do not need to worry as God is always watching over us. We may not understand but God knows what is best for us.

**Children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward (Psalm 127:3).**

Even though my initial focus was to pass on my faith, but children are indeed a gift from God as they helped me understand God better and made me grow in my faith.

I am thankful for lessons learned as a parent from my children.

I am thankful for the joy that they bring into my life. Above all, I feel really thankful and lucky that I have a family in Christ. I treat the kids in church as my own children and often felt the care of the elderly members for me as if they were my parents.

### LEARNING FROM STUDENTS

I was teaching bible stories on one Saturday to students aged 6 to 9 at church. For activities, I prepared a bookmark craft for them. One of my students finished her bookmark and then started making another one. At the end of the class, she passed me a bookmark with the message "I Love You." When she passed it to me, she was smiling from ear to ear and said, "I even put stamps on it for you." She was clearly not afraid that others might not like her gift, and she gave her best in making the card.

I like to spend time with children. They are so pure. So authentic and express their feelings so openly. I am so blessed to be able to spend time with the children and learn from them.

### KEEP THE CLASS CLEAN

On one Sabbath morning, I was teaching 8 children aged 6 to 9 at church. We did some crafts for activity and many of the kids left the class without tidying up the classroom. I saw the mess and I was quite disheartened as just the week before, one of our lesson objectives was "To show respect for the church and keep it clean and beautiful."

There were lots of thoughts racing through my mind. I should not clean up the mess. I will wait for the students to come back after their lunch, and they should clean up their own mess.

There was one student who stayed back. She started picking up all the pieces of paper on the floor. She smiled at me and said, "We learned at class that we must keep the church clean." She was not thinking about how unfair it was that she had to clean up other's mess. She only saw that the classroom was messy, and we need to keep it clean and acted on it. I must learn to be as pure as her. I must learn to be simple and do what is pleasing to God.

### LEARNING EMPATHY FROM A CHILD

A good church friend of mine just delivered a baby boy and I was helping her to send her 8 year old son to school. The day before, my family and myself just did a "Fit to Fly" COVID test. I was really nervous about the results as there were many people around my two daughters who had contracted COVID just the week before we were flying.

As I was driving this 8-year-old boy to school, I casually expressed my anxiety and requested him to pray for my family to get negative results so that we could fly back to visit my family in Malaysia. He was sitting at the back of the car, and he closed his eyes and prayed for almost a full minute before saying "Amen."

When I picked him up at school to take him home, I told him that I got my results, and it was negative, and we could fly. He told me, "I was praying for you during my lunch break."

I was deeply touched. I really need to learn from him as how many times have I forgotten to intercede for others because my mind was just too busy with other things. Kids have such great empathy and will remember. It is no wonder that God loves little children. May all glory be given to God. Amen.

### How God cured me of asthma

My first testimony relates to the time when I was very young and in Japan, my home country. In Japan, we have 4 days of spiritual convocation. My family and I would go together and my dad would drive us to church. It took two and a half hours to get to church. On the first day of the Spiritual Convocation, we went together. However, that night after the Spiritual Convocation, my asthma became quite bad and I had difficulty breathing. It was a lot worse than the previous asthma attacks. It was so bad that my dad thought it would be better if I rested at home the next day. So, my dad stayed home with me while my mum took my sister to church by train. My dad was worried about me and bought a humidifier to help me breathe better. My mum was sad because my dad and I could not attend the Spiritual Convocation. She kept thinking and praying that we could go to church the next day. By the time she came home from the Spiritual Convocation, I was much better and did not have any difficulty breathing. I did not need to use the humidifier. From that day onwards, I did not have an asthma attack. I thank my parents for trying their hardest to make me better and I also thank God for healing me.



Tiny- My pet frog

### God cares for every little creature

My second testimony is very interesting, and I did not expect this to happen. From this experience, I realised that God takes care of everything, even small matters. This happened in 2017. At church, we had to memorize all the books of the Bible and were told that we would get a prize if we did. So, I memorized all the books in the Bible and received a tadpole as a prize. I was very happy because this was my first pet. After a while, the tadpole turned into a frog, and I started feeding it flies. There were not many flies around and I was worried that my frog would be hungry. So, I searched hard for flies

## My Testimonies

By: Yuki Saito, TJC Christchurch, New Zealand

and I found one, but it would not stop moving and I could not catch it. At that moment, it reminded me of hymn number 382 – 'Be still my soul'. I started singing the hymn in my head and suddenly, the fly stopped moving and I could easily catch it!

From this experience, I realised that even if we do not ask God for anything in particular, God already knows what we need and He will provide for us.

### God sees all things

The third testimony involved an incident in 2021, while I was at another True Jesus Church. I had planned to offer to that church, but I felt uncomfortable offering money in public, so I decided to offer when nobody was around. Unfortunately, I forgot about it. Just before I left for home, I could not find my wallet. I knew that it must be somewhere in my bag; then, I headed off to the airport. At the airport, I looked into my bag and found my wallet.

After I returned home to Christchurch, I got ready to go to the mall with my friend the next day. I was looking through my bag and suitcase for my wallet but could not find it anywhere. I thought that I might have left it at the airport while going through customs. So, I called the airport twice, but the officers said that they did not have it. The next day, I borrowed some money from my mum and went to the mall. When I returned home, I regretted that I did not offer to church. I started praying about it. Soon after that, my mum received an email from my school saying that Christchurch Airport had found my wallet. They called the school as my school ID was in my wallet. When I got my wallet back, I immediately offered to church. I learnt that God is watching us all the time, and this also taught me the importance of offering.

### His words are powerful

The fourth testimony is related to my arm surgery. In 2014, I broke my arm at my elbow joint. I was placed under general anaesthesia and underwent surgery to put my bones back together. Three years later, in 2017, I still could not fully straighten my arm. I went to see my doctor and did an X-ray. The X-ray showed that a bone was growing at my elbow joint and this prevented me

from straightening my arm. Another surgery was needed to correct this. The surgeon explained that they had to cut through the tendon and ligament and would need to get a replacement ligament from my wrist in order to repair the ligament on my arm. I was quite terrified because this surgery was going to be a lot more complicated. Suddenly, I thought of a song based on a memory verse that I learnt from a church member in the USA. I sang the song before the operation while the doctors were putting me to sleep. The verse was Deuteronomy 20:4 "For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory". After I sang that song, I felt really comforted. I thanked God that the operation went smoothly. This taught me that God will always be there to comfort me with His words.

### Hallelujah!

The fifth testimony relates to an accident. It was a dark rainy day. Preacher Lai had come to our house to have dinner with us. We had dumplings and okonomiyaki, a Japanese pancake. We wanted to be in church by 7:00pm to pray before the Monday night service, so we left our house at 6:30pm, even though it only takes about 5 minutes to get to church. On the way, we came to an intersection. While we were going past the intersection, suddenly a car came towards us and crashed onto the front left side of our car, where Pr. Lai was sitting. Instantly, Pr. Lai shouted "Hallelujah" very loudly! Thank God, everyone was safe and we were surprised that we could still make it to church on time. The only minor damage was a tiny crack on the car door on the passenger side. It was not too difficult to repair the car at the mechanic shop.

After this incident, I reflected on what had happened and what the preacher had said. When the accident occurred, I did not have God on my mind. But I could tell that even without much thinking or hesitation, the preacher instantly shouted "Hallelujah" loudly. This was quite impactful on me as everyone else in the car was just shocked during the car accident. From this, I reflected on the difference in faith between the preacher and me. It made me realise that I was not as close to God as this preacher, and it motivated me to build up my faith.



### How divine work helped me with confidence

The sixth testimony is about how God helped me with my confidence. Since I was little, I do not like public speaking. For example, I would not be able to sleep at night when I had to give speeches, or when I found it very difficult to answer questions in class as my mind could not really think straight! When I was around 5 years old, I started hymn leading during home services in Japan. At that time, I was not very nervous because it

was held at my home and I did not care about what others thought of me. However, as I grew older and led hymns in front of lots of people in church, I started to get quite nervous. I would always double check with my parents while in the car as to whether my Chinese was right or not when I had to lead the hymn singing. I wanted to ensure that the whole hymn leading went smoothly. At that time, it was quite stressful, but I was glad that I persevered because now it is not as difficult. I thank God that it has not just improved my confidence doing church work but also improved

my confidence in answering questions at school. Not only has it improved my confidence in public speaking, but I realised that it is also a bonus in serving God and being a Christian, I can take notes quite well and stay focused for a long period of time. This habit probably was developed from years of practice sitting in church and taking notes. From this experience, I learnt that although things were stressful at first, I should persevere and do my best if it is the right thing to do.

May all glory be given to God. Amen.

## My Experience with the Holy Spirit

By: Yuyu Saito, TJC Christchurch, New Zealand

Hallelujah, in the name of Lord Jesus, I share my testimony.

When I was 5 years old, I received the Holy Spirit. However, when I was 9 years old, I lost the Holy Spirit. I would like to share with you my experience of losing and receiving the Holy Spirit.

When I was young, I felt like I needed to be the perfect older sister, and I tried my very best to please my parents. When I did something wrong, I lied to my parents to cover up. For example, when I lost my rain jacket at school, I did not look for it, as I could not be bothered. When my parents asked me if I had looked for my rain jacket, I kept on lying to them that I was looking for it every day, when in fact, I was not!

There were many scenarios like this, and it got to the point where I did not think twice before lying. It was around that time when I realized that I had lost the Holy Spirit. I felt sad and lost. However, because of my pride, I just brushed it off and refused to face the fact.

During one Spiritual Convocation, the preacher who had confirmed that I had received the Holy Spirit, came to New

Zealand to pastor our church. When the preacher told me that I prayed differently, I started to feel ashamed and embarrassed.

On reflection, I realized that I had to stop lying. I started to remember all those lies I had told in the past and I could not stop thinking about how bad I had been. I realized that I could not be the perfect older sister all the time, and I started to understand why my parents were angry when they found out that I had lied. I started to regret all the lies that I had told.

I started asking for mercy from God to let me experience the Holy Spirit again. When I did receive the Holy Spirit again at the end of the Student Spiritual Convocation in 2016, I felt that I did not deserve the Holy Spirit and the mercy of God. I felt very joyful to receive again the Holy Spirit that I had once lost.

This experience with the Holy Spirit was a good reminder for me that I can lose the Holy Spirit if I do many bad deeds. I thank God for His unconditional love.

May all the glory be given to our Father in heaven.



## REU Newsletter Writing Workshop in PJ Church

By: Chuang Xin Ee and Wang Caitlin, Petaling Jaya Church

On 29 May 2022, TJC Petaling Jaya conducted a "Newsletter Writing Workshop" for students from Upper Primary, Junior Youth, Intermediate Youth ('IY') and Tertiary Youth classes. Held after the Emmanuel and Rejoice groups' services (including activities every Sunday after the morning prayer service), its purpose was to encourage students to take part in the literary ministry by writing and sharing their experiences with God. It was organised by Sis. Wai Han and Sis. Caitlin, with the help of Sis. Alice, Sis. En Ni and Sis. Xin Yee from IY, and some youths from the Emmanuel Group. Held at the ground floor of the main hall at True Jesus Church, Petaling Jaya, the students were divided into six groups; each group had a facilitator (who are teachers from the respective classes and the Emmanuel Group) to personally encourage and assist the students in their writing.

The workshop commenced with a prayer and words of encouragement from Dn. Paul Wong. Dn. Paul shared that the tablets of the Ten Commandments were written by God's finger. Indeed, the Ten Commandments were of significant importance in God's eyes, hence He wrote it Himself! He further stated that students of this age are very blessed with advanced technologies and they as students, should utilise the technology well to serve God and write testimonies to preach to others about our wonderful God. After that, Sis Huey Fen shared on how to start and develop the skills of writing based on her own experience. Following that, Sis Wai Han shared a personal testimony of her own to emphasise the effectiveness of writing during times of trials and tribulations. Sis. Caitlin then shared 3 easy steps in writing, so the students could have a smooth writing process without encountering a "writer's block". A mystery bag was prepared to make things more exciting! Students were able to claim a prize from the bag if they managed to answer a question or if they asked questions during the workshop.

Most students who attended did not have any prior experience of writing in the literary ministry because it seemed like an intimidating task. At times, they were busy with school assignments. Moreover, they felt embarrassed by their limited vocabulary and grammar mistakes made in their writing. Nevertheless, thank the grace of God, the students were able to brainstorm their ideas with great creativity during the workshop. They took the time to reflect on incidents, miracles and grace of God that they had experienced throughout their lives. Some even drafted factual essays about the Ten Basic Beliefs such as the Holy Spirit and Baptism. We thank God for moving their hearts and inspiring them to pen down their experiences to glorify our Heavenly Father, who is worthy of honour and praises.

The workshop concluded with a prayer. The students and teachers then worked together to clean the hall to help keep the place spick and span. We truly thank God that the students and teachers who participated in this Writing Workshop all did their best to serve God. May God remember their labour. We look forward to having similar workshops in the future, so that the young children of the Lord can continue to learn and devote their time to divine work in the house of God. All glory be given to His name. Amen.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- We must not overlook the literary ministry because it is written in Exodus 34:1, God deemed His commandments important and wrote them using His own finger on the tablet.
- The Bible was written by 40 authors who were all inspired by God. Similarly, we should acknowledge the moving of the Holy Spirit and the inspiration from God by writing down and testifying our experiences with God.
- Writing down our experiences with God can edify not just us but the future generations to come because these materials can be preserved over time, unlike word of mouth.
- Not all of us are born with talent to write, but that does not mean that we should not write at all. As we practise writing consistently, our skills will develop and improve.
- Writing is, in fact, not a complicated process. If we identify the purpose of writing and plan, it will be a smooth process.

In conclusion, let us continue to practise and hone our writing skills to contribute to the literary ministry! We pray that our service to the LORD may be pleasing to Him.







## Central Region Upper Primary Bible Camp 2022

(30 April 2022 – 3 May 2022)



In the name of the Lord Jesus, I share. 30 April 2022 started early. By 7am, members who volunteered to be camp helpers were already at their respective stations. Several camp helpers were stationed at the Petaling Jaya church entrance and were responsible for welcoming the Upper Primary Bible Camp participants, while others were busy at the registration, meals and the SOP stations. Participants started trickling in with nervous yet expectant faces. At 8:30am, there were already 59 in-presence participants and 7 online participants (from Kajang Utama and Kepong) registered and waiting for the start of the Bible Camp.

This camp was an extra special one for all the participants and helpers as it has been 2 long years since the last in-presence camp. The 2-year break resulted in the camp being organized slightly differently. Firstly, since Covid restrictions were still being imposed, it was not a stay-in camp. Secondly, the participants were aged between 10-13 years old, giving the 13-year-olds a final opportunity to join the Upper Primary Bible Camp.

During the Opening Ceremony, participants and helpers were told of the potential gifts that they could bring back home after the end of the camp. The first gift would be the understanding of our Bible's 1 to 10s— 1 True God, 2 Commissions, 3 Sacraments, 4 Forbidden, 5 Loaves and 2 Fish, 6 Days of Creation, 7th Day of Rest, 8 Beatitudes, 9 Fruit of the Spirit and the 10 Commandments. The second gift is the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the third, a good spiritual life supported by Faith, Unity, Endurance and Love (F. U. E. L.). The verse, 'Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity' (1 Timothy 4:12– ESV), was used to remind the participants that their behaviour and actions are important as we are God's little lights. Hence, a scoreboard was set up to encourage good behaviour while discouraging bad behaviour.

Considering that most of the camp participants were technologically savvy, the participants were exposed to 2 projects that required them to make use of their creative juices. The participants were grouped and were required to create both an infographic and an animation piece on their selected Bible's 1 to 10s. It was a springboard for the participants to be exposed to our church's internet ministry. Other forms of church work that the participants were exposed to were hymnal leading, leading of prayers, piano playing, intercessory prayer as well as cleaning of the church.

Throughout the duration of the camp, several interesting and touching incidences happened—

- Learning the bible became more interesting as Trainee Preacher Isaac took extra care and effort in making the lessons interesting. His teasing of his interpreter and participants and making them comedic examples also made learning fun and easy.
- The most popular place in the camp was the Camp's Scoreboard area. The scoreboard had colourful popsicle sticks, wordsearch puzzles and most importantly, large numbers indicating each group's scores. Whenever participants passed the scoreboard, they stopped and reviewed their respective team's scores. There would always be surprises as some groups would have yoyo-like scores. Hence, the competitive spirit of doing good and being good was admirable. Even though it may have reduced their leisure time (after lunch), many participants still went around asking if they could help in the unfinished chores of the other groups to earn additional brownie points.
- After lunch and before the afternoon lessons, it was rest and relaxation time

for the participants. There were many card and board games available for the participants to choose from. For those that wanted to rest, there were also dorms prepared. As many of the participants attended had not received the Holy Spirit, several brothers also took the opportunity to pray together hoping to receive the Holy Spirit.

- Many participants were not able to sing their best during the choir session as many had lost their voices due to them praying fervently for the Holy Spirit. Yet, when they gathered and sang, they sang from their hearts. Their melodic voices and clear intonation of the words was balm to the soul of the helpers. Every time they sang, all weariness was swept away by the joy that entered the heart of the helpers.
- The participants' exertions in praying for the Holy Spirit was truly moving. Many cried wholeheartedly with intent voices till the end of the prayer. The floor would be partly wet from both tears and sweat. Some needed to change their masks while others had to wipe their spectacles due to the accumulated moisture. After each prayer session, the participants would always open their eyes in expectation of a yellow sticker on their clothes (indicating that they have either received the Holy Spirit or were moved by the Holy Spirit). For those who did not receive the sticker, they seemed to pray with greater fervour in the next prayer session.
- A friendship that was previously severed due to some misunderstanding was rebuilt. A brother, after a prayer for the Holy Spirit session send a note (as part of the mini activities to encourage unity in F. U. E. L— to be united in the Lord via friendship and fellowship) to apologize for avoiding his friend. Through that prayer and God's guidance, he realised that his act of avoidance was unwise, and it had also hurt his friend in the process.



Camp Briefing



Meal Time



Fellowship Time



Prayer



• One of the hymns that was sung by the participants was, 'Prayer changes everything'. A brother was frustrated that his group's points were to be deducted due to some wrong actions and he started to throw a tantrum. A senior member advised him not to lose his temper on others, so he decided to punch a white board instead. When several camp helpers saw that, they advised him to pray for the Holy Spirit so that the spirit will help and guide him to control his temper and that prayer changes everything. The next day, he prayed earnestly, and thanks to the mercy of the Lord, he received the Holy Spirit!

• The above-mentioned brother was put in a group with another brother (Brother B), who really thirsted for the Holy Spirit. However, since Brother B saw that his friend was troubled, he decided that he would concentrate praying for his friend to receive the Holy Spirit instead. When Brother B's friend received the Holy Spirit, some

camp helpers came and showed concern, wanting to know how he was feeling. Brother B answered innocently and simply 'I am happy that my friend received the Holy Spirit as this proves that God listens to my prayer'.

There were so many more such little stories throughout the 4 days of this camp, but one thing remained consistent- this camp has truly shown the grace, mercy and abundance of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was an amazing and unforgettable experience for the participants with several of them returning home with the precious Holy Spirit and all of them forming new bonds and friendships. They also returned home with inculcated good habits and attitudes of worship and service to the Lord. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue blessing and guiding all these little lambs in their spiritual journey and for them to be our church's future pillars and rocks. Amen.



Cooking Team



Saying Grace



Bible Teaching



Taking Sermon Notes



Choir Group

## RE BIBLE QUIZ

By: Mary Yong, RE Chairperson, Botanic Church

Thank the grace of God that on the 7th of July 2021 (Sunday), the Central Region online RE bible quiz was conducted by the Religious Education Unit. This activity was conducted via Google Meet from 9am to 12 pm. There was a total of 152 participants, 16 of whom were Botanic Church RE students. This was the first bible quiz organized by the Religious Education Unit, as the children were not able to have fellowship with their peers. Not only was this an opportunity for the participants to boost and enhance their bible knowledge, but they were able to meet up with their friends, how exciting it was!

First off, Dn. Matthias Ho gave his exhortation to all the participants, encouraging them to thirst for and to learn the Words of God. He also thanked God that with the advancement of technology, everyone was able to break through the barrier of space to gather online. Dn. Ho reminded us of how God had commanded the Israelites to use various forms of teaching to educate their children, using wisdom to keep God's teachings in our hearts. We hope that everyone enjoyed the fun of learning and was edified to glorify God.

Following that, our emcee, Sis. Jenny, briefly introduced the rules of the game and the quiz began. For this bible quiz, there were five categories, ranging from the kindergarten classes to the intermediate youth classes. Participants entered their respective breakout room according to the category they belonged to. There were 10 prizes for each category. All participants had to complete 50 questions within the time given. Kahoot was used to carry out this bible quiz.

After the quiz ended, Dn. Jeremiah Chang shared two testimonies.

### Testimony 1

A young girl went on a waterfall excursion with her family. As she was helping her mother to fetch water beside a small stream, she accidentally fell in and was quickly swept away due to the current. When her mother couldn't find her, she called both the girl's father and brother who were fishing upstream to search for her together. While her brother was panicking because she was nowhere to be seen, a sentence came to his mind—rely on God when you face difficulties. He immediately shouted "Hallelujah" and gathered his family to pray. At this time, the young girl was carried away in the waters and in great fear when she remembered a verse from her RE class, Psalm 56:3, which reads, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You". Then, she saw a bright light and was swept ashore by the waters. Hearing the voice of prayers, she realised that it was her family praying. When her mother saw her, she ran up and embraced her. Miraculously, the young girl's body wasn't cold, but was even warm. We should love God's words, for they are our ever-present help.

One of the Central Region churches conducts an Upper Primary class bible study session together with their teachers and students every Thursday evening. Another Intermediate Youth class has a daily prayer scheduled for 7am to pray together. There is also a Junior Youth class that has Bible reading and prayer sessions every day. We hope that more churches can learn from their good examples.

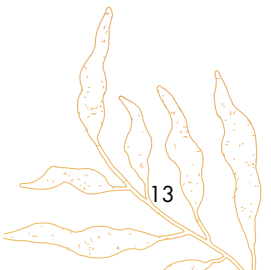
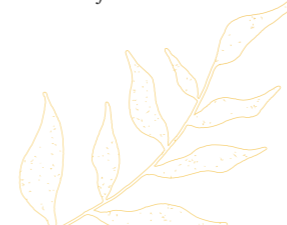
### Testimony 2

A 4 year old boy was unhappy with his family situation and church friends. One day, he was scolded by his mother after a wrongdoing. He talked back and asked why God had placed him in his family. He ran out and was knocked down by a passing motorcycle and was admitted to hospital.

Aside from a concussion and being in a coma for 5 days, the boy did not suffer from other injuries. While in a coma, an angel came to him and brought him out of the hospital. He saw people giving out tracts near the entrance of the True Jesus Church, one person was shouting that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and there were even others singing hymns. Yet, not even one passerby stopped to look. He also saw many people listening to a sermon in the church chapel. Then, the angel brought the boy to another place. There he saw many who looked hungry and thirsty. They were being tormented by demons in black, the ground was filled with flesh-eating worms and overwhelming flames. He was reminded of the description written in Revelations. There he also saw neighbours and friends, even new friends, who had recently passed away.

He was frightened and asked the angel to bring him back. The angel advised him to cherish life, for God loved him. He was instructed to read Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path". When we face difficulties, we should remember this verse. After he woke up from his coma, he apologized to his mother. The boy changed completely. Now, he is a deacon in Taiwan. Therefore, we should always put God's words in our heart.

Thank God, Botanic church had four students that won prizes: Gareth Chair (Upper Primary 3rd Place), Caleb Chan (Upper Primary 6th Place), Ewan Chair (Junior Youth 7th Place) and Adam Chee (Intermediate Youth 10th Place). Thank the guidance of God, the RE Bible quiz ended successfully. May God remember the labour of the working committee. It is hoped that all the students enjoyed the short online gathering and were edified by the ministers' exhortation.





# Cheras and Kajang Utama REU Annual Presentation 2022

By: Marybeth Chang, Cheras Church

Hallelujah. In the name of Jesus, I will share on the Cheras and Kajang Utama REU Annual Presentation.

On the 28th of May 2022, the Cheras Religious Education Unit held their Annual Presentation at Cheras church. After 2 years of the pandemic, we were blessed with a physical event instead of an online one. The hall was bustling with the excited chattering of the children as they were finally reunited physically for this fun occasion as opposed to virtual. It was truly wonderful to witness God's grace toward the Cheras and Kajang Utama REU for granting us this blessing we had previously taken for granted. It was also lovely to see the efforts and love of the children, parents and teachers who had come together to prepare presentations praising and glorifying God.

The MC for this event was Sis Marybeth. The REU Presentation commenced with a short encouragement by Dn James Tan. His topic for everyone's mutual encouragement was based on Jesus' instruction to "let the children come to Me". 'Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.' Mark 10:13-16

Dn James raised two questions for the parents and children to ponder:

- Why did the disciples forbid the parents from bringing the children to the Lord Jesus?
- Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples for their action?

From the first question, he talked about how the parents in church today may also share the same thoughts as the disciples that the children were not significant to Jesus. We may feel there is no need to focus on the children's spiritual faith but more so for the adults. However, in v14,

**Jesus said "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."**

We were reminded that salvation is not exclusively for adults but for the children too.

Jesus instructed the disciples to bring the children to Him. On how to do so as parents, Dn James mentioned bringing the children to church and allowing them to attend REU classes was one way. Another important way is to also bring up the children in the faith at home, and to lead them to have a personal relationship with God. V5:



**"Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."**

Jesus' instruction did not just apply to only the children, but to everyone. Jesus wants us to be like a child in order to enter the kingdom of God. This means we would need to have child-like characteristics, such as sincerity and humility.

Dn James ended his encouragement by hoping for both parents and teachers alike to obey the Lord as the children obey their parents, so that we may all receive salvation.

Next, was a sharing by Bro Tay Eng Keat, who spoke on behalf of the REU teachers in Cheras church. His topic was based on John 3:10.

'Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?' John 3:10

His message was directed to the REU teachers to remind us of our role as the teachers of spiritual Israel. Nicodemus had come to Jesus in the night to seek the truth but was also questioning it (John 3:4,9). Jesus responded by asking him how he would not know these things?

The lesson from this is that we should not question the word of God. It is important to know the will of God and not question His words. Through the knowledge of His will, as REU teachers, we must dispense the will of God to the children during our REU lessons. The message in his sharing was a motivating and valuable reminder for teachers indeed.

The presentations by the children kicked off with the adorable Kindergarten class. The 3 little ones presented 2 hymns and sang and danced so well together. The next presentation was by the Kajang Utama students. It was a choir presentation consisting of the students in Upper Primary, Junior Youth and Intermediate Youth classes. They presented 2 hymns, one in English and the other in Tamil. As it had been 2 years since the lockdowns had begun, it was touching to see how beautifully they had grown up as children of God. The third presentation was a combined choir by the Lower and Upper Primary students of Cheras. They presented 3 hymns and it was delightful to see their lively singing and dancing to praise and worship the Lord.

Next on the agenda was a speech by the graduating REU student, Bro Gideon. He started his sharing by thanking the REU teachers and then proceeded with his topic. He had recently assisted at the Upper Primary Bible Camp and an acrostic of the word "FUEL" was introduced to encourage the students in the camp. Bro Gideon decided to use this

as the topic of his sharing to mutually exhort the other students. "F" stood for "faith", "U" stood for "unity", "E" stood for "endurance" and "L" stood for "love". With examples from the Bible, Bro Gideon prompted the REU students to achieve these qualities as children of God.

Following this was a short skit and sing-along by the combined Lower and Upper Primary classes. The scenario of the skit was in school and how a fellow TJC child was able to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and this was noticed by a non-believer classmate. The sing-along was on the 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit' and the congregation was invited to join in. The final presentation was a combined choir presentation by the Junior and Intermediate Youth students. They presented 3 hymns with narrations in between. The hymns of worship that they presented were edifying and a great way to conclude the students' presentations.

The final segment was the long-awaited presentation of the souvenirs. The children were beaming whilst receiving their presents and having their pictures taken. Although this was an annual practice, the pandemic prevented this gift-giving, but thanks to the grace of God, the children



were able to happily receive their presents this year! Thank the grace and guidance of God that the Cheras and Kajang Utama REU Annual Cheras Presentation went smoothly, and everyone was able to gather together physically. Everyone in attendance was edified by the presentations as children and teachers truly gave their best to the Lord and this event would not have been possible if it were not for everyone's love for God.

This pandemic has taught us many lessons, and one of them is how blessed we are to be able to gather physically at church. As much as it was nice to still be able to conduct the event online, nothing beats the fellowship we have in person as fellow brothers and sisters. The children



especially loved to be reunited, not through their screens but face-to-face. With this in mind, we can see that God has shown us how something we took for granted in the past, was a blessing He had given to us.

But as we finally step out of our homes and into school, church or anywhere out in the world, are we still going to take for granted this blessing God has given us? How shall we, as children of God, show our gratitude?

**'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16**

The Bible tells us how we must glorify our Lord Jesus through our deeds. We can show our good works through many ways, such as bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and most importantly, loving and being a blessing to one another (1 Peter 3:8-9).

Therefore, may the children, teachers, and parents, remember to shine for Jesus through our good works by being blessings to everyone around us.

All glory to God. Amen.







# RE Teachers' Spiritual Nurture

By: Mary Yong, RE Chairperson, Botanic Church

Thank God for His guidance and arrangement that on the 1st of August 2021 (Sunday), the Klang and Botanic Church RE Teachers' Spiritual Nurture was held online from 9am to 12:30pm. The theme for this Spiritual Nurture was "A Zealous Heart", with Pr. Habakkuk as the main speaker. A total of 35 teachers attended the Spiritual Nurture (14 teachers from Botanic church and 11 teachers from Klang church).

### Opening exhortation – Dn. Timothy Kwek

Dn. Kwek thanked the teachers for their hard work during the MCO period and concluded that all the teachers had gotten used to teaching online. With the pandemic, we were not able to attend church services physically, and most of our services, activities and fellowships were conducted online. We could sit comfortably at home and listen to sermons delivered in our local church or from churches across the seas and this new norm has made everyone complacent. We cannot deny the fact that attending services at home is more comfortable than being in church, and within this comfort zone we are more prone to slacking. Should this situation be prolonged, it would take a heavy toll on our spirituality, extinguishing the zeal in our hearts.

### We have to rekindle the fire within us frequently

This is a necessary process in life, especially on our journey of faith. Even on the field, athletes need to take a rest during halftime and stay hydrated. High performance F1 cars need pit stops for minor repairs and changes to be made to ensure the safety of the drivers. We are just like these F1 cars and need the word of God to keep us running on the track of our journey of faith. As Christians, we understand the importance of prayer and the word of God in finishing our race. Not only do we need to rekindle our fire, but we also need to ensure that the fire is burning brightly as ever.

The parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 reminds us to stay vigilant, and to make sure that our lamp is never extinguished. Dn. Kwek used 1 Thes 5:11, "Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing" as an exhortation. Lastly, Isa 58:11, "And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail", was cited as the concluding bible verse.

### Exhortation (1) – Pr. Habakkuk Hee

The phrase "zealous heart" was mentioned from 2 Kings in the Old Testament up to Philippians in the New Testament. "Zeal" is defined as intense enthusiasm for something, for example zeal for our Lord Jesus and salvation, and how teachers are zealous in the work of religious education. In Rom 12:11, Paul encourages us: "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord".

The bible also mentions the word 'teacher' multiple times. In 1 Cor 12:28, the word "teacher" refers to the present religious education teacher. Like the teachers in the Antioch church mentioned in Acts 13:1-2, they are appointed by God to do His work. Teachers interpret the word of God and have the skill to teach with patience. Eph 4:11: "He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers". Rom 12:7: "If service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching".

Heed the words of Paul: "And what you have heard from

me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2).

Teaching is tough work. Since the teachers heard the teachings of the Lord, they were entrusted by Jesus with the commission of bearing this responsibility to teach with all their heart and mind, and to pass on the truth. And, just as written in 1 Tim 1:13 and Jude 1:3, to follow the pattern of sound words and contend for the faith.

What do we teach our younger generation today? Deut 6:4-9 tells us to grab hold of the opportunity to teach, whether it is teaching by example, verbal teaching, opportunistic teaching or situational teaching.

### Zeal and teachers

**Before class**  
Prov 27:23, "Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds". Before teaching your students, you first have to understand and know each of them, their backgrounds and their capabilities. This is how to prepare well before class.

**During class**  
Teachers need to deliver the right message and teachings during the lesson.

1 Cor 15:1-4, "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures".

Teachers need to have the qualities of a good shepherd; we need to take note of our dress code, conduct, and speech so that we can be an example in the aspects of love and faith for our students.

**After class**  
The work of a RE teacher does not end after the class ends, we have to pastor and show concern for our students. 1 Tim 4:11-16, "Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these

things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers".

### Exhortation (2) – Pr. Habakkuk Hee Zeal and the cave

Pr. Habakkuk used 1 Kings 19:9-18 when the prophet Elijah was lodging in a cave as an example for us teachers to examine our service to God. All teachers should avoid the following:

#### Zeal to be self-centered

When one is zealous in serving, but does not pursue the knowledge of God, he will be like Elijah, spiritually self-centered. He can only see his own zeal but is oblivious to the works of God and the people around him. From verses 10 to 14, Elijah mentioned how zealous he was for the Lord, which should lead us to rethink our role as a religious educator. This problem usually results from a lack of communication and proactiveness among the teachers. As mentioned in Isa 53:6, all of us, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way. As teachers, we should prioritize God instead of self in everything that we do.

#### Zeal to compare yourself with others

Elijah compared himself with other Israelites, why are they not doing anything while I'm doing all this alone? As teachers, we have to constantly examine ourselves. When we serve, we should not compare our service with that of others, or comment on our co-workers' performance.

#### Zeal to brag about one's work

When we are zealous in serving, but not cautious, it will be easy to get the notion that we are doing more and doing better than others.

#### Discussion

Teachers were assigned to their respective classes to discuss:

1. The challenges of online lessons and ways to overcome such challenges.
2. Teacher-parents day in October, other topics for discussion, and sharing.

The RE Teachers' Spiritual Nurture ended at 12:45 pm. May God remember the labour of Pr. Habakkuk, Dn. Kwek, emcee Bro. Victor, interpreters Sis. Li Ping and Sis. Rachel. It is hoped that all participants were edified by this spiritual nurture.





# RE Open Day 2022- Botanic Church

By: Brandon Yong, Tertiary Youth , Botanic Church

Following the end of the Sabbath service on 15 January 2022, parents and their children stayed back in church instead of moving over to the dining area, looking forward to celebrating the once-in-a-year event-the REU Open Day. This year's REU Open Day has been long awaited, for the last REU Open Day was conducted online. Much preparation and practice have led to this very day, from singing to reciting to learning the words of God. This year's theme was "We Are Salt", reminding every member especially the young Christian soldiers about their responsibility in this world to shed light in the corners of darkness, to let those who have yet to know Jesus understand Him better.

The emcees first commenced the event by starting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sis. Mary Yong was then invited to give a speech and a brief report regarding the events that were held in the past year. She proudly praised our children for being fervent in faith, not forgetting to mention the struggle that parents and teachers had to go through due to the pandemic, by stepping out of their comfort zones and familiarizing themselves with modern technology, all in the hope of providing our children with an ideal learning environment.

Then, the lower primary class was called upon for their presentation. This year, they recited a few bible verses, focusing on Psalm 23 to highlight the protection of God and the guidance He offers. Oftentimes, we forget the shelter that is given to us when we are focusing too hard on the things that we don't have. Following

that, a short prize-giving session was held to award the students for their outstanding performance. Moving on, Sis. Lim See Urn, as the parents' representative, was welcomed to share her thoughts.

Next up was the upper primary class, where they presented two hymns-"The Sun Above the Cloud" and a combination of "Seeking for Me" and "Jesus Loves Me". Their voices were beautiful as they sung their hearts out, embracing the love of God that has been with us all this time. They also recited Psalm 121 followed by a prize-giving session by their respective teachers.

Before the next presentation, a graduation ceremony was held for two students who were stepping into the next phase of their life, also graduating from Religious Education. This year, Training Preacher Isaac Pang handed out the certificates to the graduates and congratulated them on their zeal in their spiritual life. The graduates then gave their graduation speeches, where Bro. Brandon Yong shared a few lessons that he learned throughout his time in REU, and Bro. Adam Chee expressed his gratitude to his spiritual companions and for the support from his parents to pursue this faith and allowing him to get baptised.

Additionally, a prize-giving session for the 2021 Bible Quiz and Bible Camp was carried out. Our students from both Upper Primary and Junior Youth received honourable mentions for their performance. Bro. Jonathan Loo was invited to present the prizes

to these young wonders in recognition of their efforts in the Bible quiz while Mrs. Eld. Chair handed out the prizes to the winning teams for good conduct throughout the Bible Camp.

Subsequently, Ashley from Junior Youth kicked off their presentation by sharing her experience from the Youth Theological Training Course that she participated in. Then, the Junior Youth students presented a hymnal medley, consisting of hymns 500, 11, 485 and 409. They portrayed the oneness of the members in church with their voices, and the constant safety and assurance that God gives us every year.

Finally, it was time for the Intermediate Youth to present what they had prepared. They sang "The Lord is by My Side" and "The Song of Ascents". The Song of Ascents was sung as a call of victory as the Lord walks by our side in our daily lives. Of course, a prize-giving session was also held for the Intermediate Youth students.

Finally, each teacher and student from every age group was introduced, and the day was wrapped up with a hymn and closing prayer. The emcees concluded by asking God to guide all the teachers and students, so that they may have the wisdom to better understand His words, and to remember the love and labour of the teachers, that they may gain strength to do His work. By the guidance of God, the RE Open Day of 2022 came to an end. Amen.



# My Journey to Becoming a Preacher

By: Trainee Preacher Isaac Pang  
Cheras Church

After three years of study, I returned to Malaysia, excited and nervous, to begin a one-year internship. This time, instead of returning as usual to No. 180, Section 2, Song Zhu Road, I travelled to cities, counties, and villages across the Malay Peninsula. There is no greater joy than seeing former brothers and sisters, as well as coworkers, preserved in the Lord. Looking back, before embarking on the path of becoming a full-time preacher, I had felt a sense of mission and urging in my heart, which was formed by perceptions and events in my life, and I still remember these deep feelings. Allow me to share my impressions of the three-year theological seminary and present internship with you through a brief article.

I've observed how God's work has progressed in Taiwan during the last three years. It is not difficult to find the True Jesus Church in any city or tribe in Taiwan. Not only have I gained biblical knowledge throughout my three years of study in Taiwan, but I have also learnt about seminary life from teachers and preachers, and by interacting with church members. Despite its small size, the island is alive with God's grace and actions. Although the territory is only one-ninth the size of Malaysia, the number of believers of the True Jesus Church is more than double that of Malaysia's two general assemblies. I've learnt a lot about church administration and various church projects at various scales. What we all have in common is that we are all the devil's prey. As a result, despite being thousands of miles apart, brothers and sisters across the world continue to stand firm against him (1 Peter 5:9). This has always been the case for the brethren in the apostolic church, and it continues to be so now. Society's moral standards are continuously being degraded, but the church has demonstrated a tenacious desire to preserve the truth until the end. Thank God, in just three years, I've visited the majority of Taiwan's churches and a few prayer houses.

I've gain numerous impressions, which I find difficult to pin down. Every time I visit a new region, the brothers and sisters of the local church inspire me and convince me of the importance and value of my ministry.

May God continue to bless the elders, deacons, preachers, brothers and sisters in the Taiwan churches with His grace.

Now that I've seen my seniors and gospel co-workers return to their foreign aid work one by one, as well as the needs and plans for the local church's missionary work, I'm even more convinced of the church's two main commissions: evangelism and pastoral work. I believe that much effort is required to return a lost sheep to the fold or to seek sheep that have yet to enter the fold. We are at battle with spiritual demons, "to destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God and take every thought captive to obey Christ". (2 Corinthians 10:5) Don't expect to be able to convince the devil to unclasp his hands and relinquish the souls of those who should have died by depending on your own talent or eloquence. Whether it's during the three years of seminary or on my current internship, I've seen how God's church relies on the Holy Spirit to make things happen. Furthermore, I believe that the company and unity of coworkers is an important aspect in this spiritual battlefield. I recall there being around 25 seminary students in the academy, and they all shared a common belief, spiritual motivation, and devotion. Finding such coworkers in a local church is also a blessing because we can support and share with one another. May God continue to bless the church's work and growth.

Finally, may peace be with the church and glory be to the Most High God, the Lord Jesus Christ, now and forevermore.



Photo 1: Participated in evangelism at Matsu Island Prison alongside Preacher Yuan and other evangelical coworkers in December 2020.



Photo 2: Before graduation in 2019, a group photo with the seminary's fourth-year seniors was taken.





# God's Wonderful Grace, Mercy and Love

By: Seth Chong, Petaling Jaya Church

In the name of Jesus Christ, I bear testimony. I am Seth Chong from Petaling Jaya True Jesus Church. I would like to testify to God's mercy and grace in healing me when I contracted Covid-19 stage 4 in 2021. I would like to thank everyone - all family members, relatives, brothers, sisters, Elders, Deacons and Preachers - for your care, concern and prayers for me and my family.

## Chronology of My Covid-19 battle (July-August 2021)

14th to 17th July– Symptoms appeared, and I took the RT-PCR test.

18th to 22nd July– RT-PCR result was positive, and I was asked to follow Home Quarantine guidelines.

22nd July (midnight; or 23rd early morning) to 2nd August– I was hospitalized for 11 days (1 day in Normal Isolation ward; 1 day in HDU; 3 days in ICU and 6 days in Normal Isolation ward).

3rd August– I was discharged.

From the months of August to October- Had follow-up checks.

## My Symptoms, Quarantine and God's Grace on My Mother.

On the morning of 14th July, I accompanied my mother to the Vaccination Centre for her Covid-19 vaccination. Due to the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO), only the person to be vaccinated was allowed entry. Thus, I waited outside the vaccination centre. It so happened that a church brother was also there as he too could not enter. So, we stood outside and chatted for some time. I went home after my mom got her vaccination. However, a few hours later, I had an uncomfortable feeling and started to feel tired and cold. My mother checked my temperature, I had a slight fever. I took some Panadol (pain killer) and slept.

The next day (15th July), I was still feverish with body temperature ranging from 37.0 to 38.0. On the 16th, my fever started to subside a little and I was feeling better. On the 17th, I was able to join the Sabbath services as well as interpret during the Youth Service. After the service, I had my dinner, but I felt uneasy again during the meal. My fever came back in the course of the evening and my body temperature kept rising. Around midnight, I was unable to tolerate the high fever, and I went with

my mom to the Sunway Medical Centre for a check-up as all my past medical records were kept there. We went to the Emergency Unit and told the doctor about the fever. Until then, my mother and I only assumed that the cause of my fever was an inflammation of my tonsils since I had tonsillitis issues from a young age. We thought it was probably a case of severe tonsillitis. The doctor checked my throat and found no swelling of the tonsils and a blood test was conducted to confirm the diagnosis. We waited for 30 minutes, and the result indicated a viral infection. Because it was a viral infection, and not just a bacterial infection, the doctor requested a swab test to be done to determine the cause of the viral infection. So, we went home to wait for the RT-PCR test report.

On the afternoon of 18th July, we received a call from the Sunway Medical Centre and it was confirmed that the viral infection was caused by the Covid-19 virus. We were told to observe Home Quarantine protocols and to have my condition monitored frequently. My condition only got worse. My temperature went up to 39°C with the highest being 39.9°C. I needed icepacks every few hours to keep my temperature down. At that point I had no appetite to eat, was lethargic and used whatever energy I had only to drink water to keep hydrated. I also had mild diarrhoea but was vomiting a lot.

I thank God for His love and mercy and His preservation of my mother. Before I was quarantined in my room, my mother was in very close contact with me as she took care of me without wearing a face mask, and we ate at the same table. Thank God her two RT-PCR tests were negative. I also thank God that the church brother whom I chatted with on 14th July was cleared from Covid-19 (as a close contact).

## My Admission to the Hospital and God's Providence

**God provided an advisor in times of panic and anxiety–** Late in the night of 22nd July, my oxygen level dropped to only 91% Spo2 and I was gasping for air. All this while, we had been consulting a deacon (who is also a medical doctor) for advice. But that night, due to the tense situation, I did not call him. But thank God, that deacon unexpectedly called my mom and video-called me (after being informed of my condition by my aunty). Taking note of my condition, he advised that I should be taken to the nearest hospital immediately for oxygen supply.

**God provided a hospital for me to be admitted to–** While my mother was driving me to the Sunway Medical Centre, my dad and the deacon telephoned four different hospitals (3 government hospitals and 1 private hospital) to enquire about the availability of beds for Covid-19 patients, but all the hospital beds were occupied.

Upon arrival at the Sunway Medical Centre, I was pushed into the Isolation Room just outside the Emergency room. The nurses gave me oxygen support, Panadol and IV drip for the fever. Twice, a staff member told my parents that there was no available bed. Then, a doctor came in, saw my condition and told us that she would try her best to find an unoccupied bed. After about 2 hours, by the grace of God and prayers of brothers, sisters and ministers, there was a bed available, and it was reserved for me pending payment of the deposit.

**God provided the deposit–** It was indeed a huge sum of money for the deposit. As I needed oxygen supply urgently and it was so early in the morning, how were we to get money for the deposit? Furthermore, my parents were asked whether they could come up with the deposit. Thank God, an Elder who was in Ipoh at that time communicated with my dad and he arranged for his wife and son to come to the hospital (some distance away and around 2am in the morning) to pay the deposit money so that I could be admitted.

**God provided the strength to endure the pain and discomfort–** I was in the Isolation Ward in the early hours of the 23rd and I was fine all through the day. In the evening, the doctor came and told me he needed to draw blood from an artery in my hand. However, he failed to draw any blood due to excessive bleeding. It was very painful indeed and I even felt the needle scrapping my bones a few times! The doctor then asked a phlebotomist (a person trained specifically to draw blood from a patient) to draw my blood and finally, after many painful tries, he succeeded.

On 24th July, my condition had still not improved, and I was put in a prone position despite my slip disc problem. I went for a CT scan and was admitted to the High Dependency Unit (HDU) for higher oxygen flow. At the HDU, the healthcare personnel opened a central line in an artery in my arm for blood work every day. It was a procedure which required local anaesthesia while an 8-10cm long tube was inserted into my arm. Thank God, despite all these procedures, I was still able to join the afternoon online Sabbath service. Although things appeared blurry, I was able to attend the Sabbath service from start to finish. During dinner, the nurses tried to get me to eat. I had to turn from a prone position to lie on my back, and this action literally took all my strength, and I was gasping for air even with that very simple movement. I still had no appetite. Similarly, of course, turning back to the prone position took all my breath and energy away!

**God provided a church sister to encourage and care for me–** From 25th to 27th, I was admitted to ICU from HDU because the condition of my lungs was not getting better (pneumonia). I was indeed worried and scared at that point. I was crying and praying because I was afraid that I had to be intubated. Thank God, a nurse came in and walked me through the procedure on what was going to happen; I would not be intubated but a respirator machine would be used to assist with pressurized air. I was then given two types of medication, steroids as well as a special drug. Thank God my body responded to these medications and the CRP reading (to check the level of inflammation and

infection in the body) continued to decrease day by day. However, I still could not eat nor drink; to the extent that I did not urinate the whole day (which was not good for the kidneys).

On 26th July, everything was blurry, and I was not aware of things as I was stuck to the respirator machine with a huge mask. I heard someone calling me, "Seth", and I did wonder for a while. I realised that no one in the hospital would call me by that name as it is not on my Identification Card. At first, I thought I might have been dreaming. I was turned from prone to supine position to have my meal and then back again. Then a staff nurse told me that she a sister from the Subang Jaya TJC. She normally does not work in the ICU; but for those few days, wonderfully, she was transferred to the ICU to replace another staff nurse (it was indeed God's wonderful arrangement!). Only then did I realize that it was not a dream, but it was this sister who had called my name.

Thank God, she encouraged me to eat and drink and even placed food orders on my behalf. Thank God for sending her because she was someone I know, and it was comforting and encouraging compared to many other good nurses who were strangers to me.

## My Recovery and God's Continual Healing

Thank God, I was transferred on 28th July to the Normal Isolation Ward, and I remained there till my discharge on 3rd August. My recovery was good. My appetite had improved. I was given a portable oxygen tank so that I could walk around the room to strengthen my legs and go to the toilet. I was put on a physiotherapy program to speed up the healing process for my lungs. I needed to breathe slowly to reach a specific capacity. Slowly, but surely, I was better and was able to talk despite coughing, and in spite of an irritated and itchy throat when I talked more or breathed too deeply. My medication of liquid steroids was changed to tablets and the time of intake was changed from night (that caused sleeplessness at night) to afternoon. Thank God I was able to attend most of the live-broadcasted church services.

On 30th July, I was taken off the oxygen tube at around 2pm in the afternoon. The doctor even asked me to switch it off myself. On 1st August, I had an X-ray taken and it showed that my pneumonia was improving and was told that I could be discharged on 3rd August. I finally returned home and had the pleasure to finally read all the messages from brothers and sisters, and the time to reply to all their encouraging messages of love and concern.

I truly thank God that I can give this testimony to praise Him for His amazing healing work. Throughout this experience, I truly felt the love and concern of family members, relatives, church brothers, sisters, Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and especially God's love. He took care of me, healed me, and preserved my life. Indeed, it is a great blessing. Everything works out for the best and I am stronger than before.

All glory and praise be given unto our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



### The Establishment of My Faith

I am born a Christian. My parents played an important role with regards to my faith development as they brought me up. At a young age, they instilled in me that I have to go to church no matter rain or shine, or how busy the schedule may be. They actively participated in divine work and would bring their children along with them to church meetings, visiting members, attending memorial services and many other church activities. My parents would often testify to my siblings and I about how God showered His grace upon them in their generation. I have experienced the help, abidance and care of God as early as my primary school days. My parents were busy with work. My father would send me to school in the morning and I would have to walk home after school. Since Primary 4, I walked home after school in the afternoon. My parents did not seem worried about me walking home by myself. I once asked them if they were ever worried about me encountering a situation of bumping into person with bad motives or intentions or getting knocked over by a car. Their reply of assurance to me was that God would take care of me. I just need to be careful and to pray to God if anything were to happen. I have since learned to rely on God and have also experienced the abidance of God. Henceforth, I established my own faith in God and my faith was no longer just "my parents' faith".

When the church announced a new implementation that brothers and sisters who have yet to receive the Holy Spirit are not encouraged to participate in frontline divine work. I began to pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit because I wanted to participate in divine work such as hymnal leading. When I was in Primary 6, I participated in the Upper Primary Bible Camp at which I received the Holy Spirit. I remembered that my father was the only one left in the family who has yet to receive the Holy Spirit. Hence, I quickly called him and shared the good news to him and expressed that he too would receive the Holy Spirit soon.

From my parents, I have truly learned that "If you draw near to God, God will draw near to you", and "Your labour in God is never in vain". My parents love for Jesus has influenced us much indeed, and we thank God that up till this very moment, my siblings and I are still serving God in the church.

## The Establishment of My Faith

By: Chen Meiqi, Kajang Church

### My two calling of God

In my Secondary school years, I was determined to be a teacher as this would allow me to be able to assist in the Bible Camps or the National Youth Theological Training Course during the school holidays. Upon graduating high school, I went to work in a kindergarten as an assistant teacher while waiting for my results. Soon after I realised that being a teacher is not an easy task and I was worried that I might not match up in expounding the students with the right and appropriate knowledge. Hence, I gave up on my ambition on becoming a teacher. After that, I had plans to be a manager of a company so that I will be able to obtain better income so that I can offer more to the church. With that in mind, I enrolled myself into a Bachelor of Business and Management course. Upon nearing the completion of my course, the church announced intercessory prayers for the General Assembly in search for a full-time worker. Every time I saw that on the intercessory list, I would be reminded of this Bible verse "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Haggai 1:4". I told myself that I would take up this job if the position was still vacant after my graduation. Subsequently, two persons approached me and encouraged me to work in the General Assembly. It was obvious that this was the calling of God and it was then I decided to work with the General Assembly.

During the course of my work at the General Assembly, there were deacons and preachers who asked me if I want to be a preacher. My answer was always "no", and I have given myself as well as to other people many reasons as to why I said no. November 2020, the General Assembly has decided to conduct a Preacher Theological Seminary Course in the year 2021. Pr. Nahum approached me and asked me the same question. This time my reply was "I will think about it". I decided to put this matter seriously into prayer to ask Him if this is what He wants me to do, and if this is His will. If it is so, another preacher will approach me again. Earlier of the year 2021, I received a call from Pr. Ezra. He asked me if I have come to a decision, and my reply to him at that time was "50%". Pr. Ezra mentioned that there is still time and that I should consider further. After the call, I asked myself how I came about with the answer of 50%? All along, my answer was "no". As it's 50% now, I will agree to do it! Upon the decision, I realised all the reasons for my previous refusals were mere excuses. Although I do not know what lies ahead, I will entrust everything to the Lord; may the Lord guide me. The most important thing is to be useful to the master of the house. Let the will of the Lord be done. Please pray for me. Thank you.

# Children of the Kingdom of God

By: Bro. Jonathan Liew, Air Itam Church, Penang

When the topic of religious education is discussed, more often than not, the first thought that comes to mind is religious education teachers as well as religious education classes. Religious education teachers have been entrusted with the duty to educate children about God and the faith. It is indeed important for teachers to play their role well as it is one of the spiritual gifts and responsibilities given by God to build up the church. However, children spend most of their time at home with their families. Therefore, God greatly emphasized on religious education by parents. This kind of religious education is different from religious education taught by teachers in a classroom. It is religious education instilled in the everyday life of children. It is assimilated into their daily activities and ought to become part of their life. This kind of religious education can only be provided by the family, mainly the parents. We need to make them the children of the kingdom of God.

### The Kingdom of God and My Family

For most people, family time means spending time with family members and having activities together; such as going on a vacation, having a picnic, playing sports, etc. A family may refer to the members in the family and the things we do together. However, the church or the kingdom of God is very rarely thought to be related to a family. What is the relationship between the kingdom of God and my family?

When God chose His people to be saved, He did not choose each person individually. Instead, he chose them as a family. In 1 Chronicles 17:13-14, God told David, "I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever." God told David that the relationship between Him and David's son is a father-son relationship. This is a relationship in a family. God said that His son will be in God's house and God's kingdom forever. God chose David and his descendants to be His children and they will be in God's kingdom forever. From the genealogy of Jesus recorded in Matthew 1, we know that this kingdom or household of God begins from Abraham. When God chose Abraham, God did not only choose him but his entire family and his descendants.

For us today, God has chosen and redeemed us through the death of the Lord Jesus and the shedding of His blood. After baptism, we have clothed ourselves with Christ and become the spiritual descendants of Abraham (Galatians

3:27-29). Therefore, through Jesus Christ, we have all entered into this family or household of God, in which we call each other brothers and sisters. From Ephesians 1:45, we know that God already had this plan for His Kingdom since before the foundation of the world, in which He has chosen and predestined us for adoption as sons. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph 1:7). This was how we were able to be brought into this household of God. In Ephesians 1:10, the word 'plan' (in ESV) or 'dispensation' (in NKJV) in the original Greek text is 'oikonomia', which comes from the word 'oikos', which means a house or family and 'nómos', which means law or regulation. From here, we can understand that God uses a house or family to carry out His salvation plan.

### Family in the Kingdom of God

Since we have understood that God's salvation plan is based on a house or family, what is its significance in relation to religious education today? After God chose Abraham, He expressed the reason for His selection. In Genesis 18:19, God said, "For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice..." When God chooses a person, God expects His chosen ones to command their children and their families to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice. This was the purpose that God chose Abraham since the

beginning of His salvation plan. This salvation plan will continue to be carried out by the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, this is also the purpose God has chosen each and every family in the Kingdom of God today. Each and every family unit that is chosen to be in the Kingdom of God, is a part of His salvation plan. Through each family unit, God wants us to manifest His righteousness and justice from generation to generation so that His kingdom can be firmly established and seen by man.

Since God has already chosen our family to be in this household of God and has instructed us to command our children and families to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, this is a very important work for us in the family. In other words, parents must ensure that they provide proper religious education in their family, which has been chosen by God in His Kingdom, so that the faith can be passed on in the family from generation to generation. This is in accordance with the salvation plan of God.





# His Grace is Sufficient for You

By: Phoong Huei Ling, Gombak Church

## His Grace is Sufficient for You 2 Cor 12:9

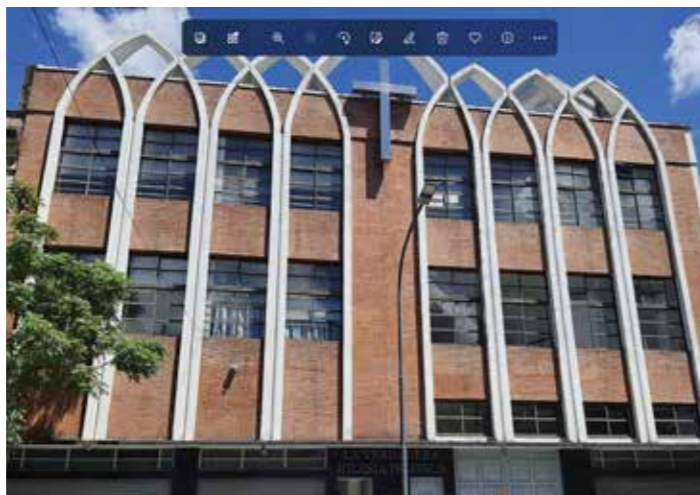
Covid-19 swept through the globe in 2020, inflicting millions. The pandemic caused many to pause and reflect upon the many challenges before them; job security, mode of study, sustainable livelihood as well as their life of faith.

During the pandemic, travel overseas to assist in the evangelistic and pastoral work came to a halt. Travelling overseas was made impossible due the

various “lockdowns” and “movement controls” imposed by governments of different countries.

### Travel to Argentina

In October 2021, the International Assembly (IA) decided to second Pr Daniel Chin to assist in the evangelistic and pastoral work in Argentina as well as missionary work in other countries in Central and South America, for a period of one year (2022).



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Preparations were made in November and December 2021. I travelled to Argentina with Pr Chin in January 2022. There was much concern among family members, friends and church members of our need to travel to such a far-off place during time of pandemic. With the emergence of the new covid variant “Omicron” in December 2021, the number of covid cases in many countries surged. The infectability rate of Omicron was said to be many times more than earlier covid variants.

### Boundless Love of Jesus

In compliance with the Malaysian Covid-19 Immunisation Programme, we took our booster shots in early January 2022. After securing negative results for our PCR tests, Pr Chin and myself departed for Argentina on 8 January 2022 by Turkish Airlines. The flight from Kuala Lumpur to Istanbul took about 11 hours and 40 minutes and from Istanbul to Buenos Aires, Argentina, another 16 hours and 30 minutes (transit at Istanbul). Total time on board the plane and transit at Istanbul was about 56 hours not including waiting time at airports. We arrived in Argentina late at night on 9 January 2022 (Argentina time).

Although all passengers were required to wear masks at airports and on the plane, there was no social distancing on board the plane. The flights were full with practically all seats occupied.

The daily covid cases in Argentina rose from a few thousand in December 2021 to over one hundred thousand by early January 2022. When we arrived in Argentina, the Government had imposed mandatory quarantine for all foreigners entering the country. After 3 days of quarantine, we both took our PCR tests, the results were negative.

For my return journey, I took another PCR test prior to departure from Argentina. It was negative. When I arrived at Istanbul for my transit flight, there was a snow storm and the airport was closed. I was stranded there for 3 days. Due to the delay of my departure from Istanbul for Kuala Lumpur, I had to repeat my PCR test in Turkey. The result was negative. Upon arrival at KLIA, a PCR test was done, again the result

was negative. After a period of 5 days quarantine, PCR test done also showed negative result. Within a period of one month, I underwent 6 PCR tests, all results were negative.

Was it coincidence, luck, effectiveness of the masks, vaccines or the grace of God? When we say we have faith in God, do we entrust our life into His hands?

### Proverbs 3:5–6

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and He shall direct your path.**

Our God is faithful and good. He is real, He is loving and all powerful. We can put our trust in Him with all our heart. Do not be unduly worried of what is before us but acknowledge Him in all your ways, He will direct our way.

We thank the boundless love and grace of our Lord God in heaven for having protected us in our journey to the

far-off land of Argentina. We also thank all the brothers and sisters from around the world for their intercessory prayers. The Lord God hears the prayers of the saints.

### The Lord God is in Control

The divine work in Argentina commenced on 9 January 2022 with the Student Spiritual Convocation (9–14 January), followed by RE Teachers Seminar and Workshop (15–16 January) and Youth Theological Course (23 January–5 February 2022). Pr Raymond Chou from US was also in Argentina to assist in the work during this period of time. The Student Spiritual Convocation was conducted online by the preachers due to quarantine requirements imposed by the Government. The students who were registered for the Spiritual Convocation stayed in church and attended the Spiritual Convocation in church. On the second day of the Spiritual Convocation, one of the sisters came down with fever. She was tested covid positive. She was sent home and she continued attending the Spiritual Convocation online. After the Spiritual Convocation, all students who were staying in church for the one week underwent PCR tests and all results were negative.

One young brother who registered for the Student Spiritual Convocation wanted to stay in church. However, his parents did not agree. They were worried that he might contract covid if he stayed with the other students in church. They held a family meeting over this matter. He questioned as to why he could not stay in church when it was the house of God. Surely God would protect those who dwell in His house. Eventually, his parents agreed for him to stay in church for the Spiritual Convocation. He was healthy and safe from covid throughout his stay in church. However, some of his family members at home contracted covid.

The RE Teachers Seminar and Workshop was conducted online. The Youth Theological Course was conducted in church and streamed live for all those who could not attend the course physically in church. We thank the Lord God for His protection and with His guidance, the course was conducted in church with no disruption.

### Trust in the Lord

Many of the members in Argentina operate mini markets and they open their shops for business daily throughout the period of pandemic. They meet with hundreds of customers daily and do not seem to worry too much about contracting covid. However, when the church re-opened for physical attendance of services, many gave excuses and expressed their concern and fear of contracting covid in church. They preferred to attend services online.

One of the sisters mentioned that when the church was re-opened for physical attendance, she too opted to continue to attend online services. The number of covid cases was very high then. It was also convenient for her as she need not close her shop and rush to church for services. She put her business and livelihood before God.

When she heard the preacher speaking a sermon on the true love of God, the need to trust and have faith in Him, she felt ashamed. She did not put her trust in God and felt unworthy of the love and salvation grace of the Lord Jesus. Thereafter, she returned to church and attended the physical services on Sabbath.

**Isaiah 41:10 Fear not for I am with you. Do not be afraid for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my virtuous right hand.**

We may be facing some difficulties in our daily lives and do not know when the pandemic will be over. But we know that Jesus has overcome the world and all things are within His control. Trust in Him who is above, entrust our lives to Him and embrace whatever He has planned for us. Let us all pray, re-establish our faith in the Lord God and devote more time to Him. His grace is sufficient for us.





## Little Soldiers of Christ

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This article shares my experience with the Little Soldiers of Christ in Dublin. The True Jesus Church Worship Centre in Dublin began in June 2002. She has grown from only six members to 104 members at present. The church members in the worship centre comprise believers from different parts of the world including China and Malaysia. As the church grew, so did the number of children, and so Religious Education commenced in 2015. The very start of RE classes in the worship centre was the key to building these little soldiers in Christ.

Soldiers need to be courageous and passionate enough to fight for their home country. Soldiers in Christ are the same when defending their faith. What about little soldiers in Christ? How equipped and brave do they need to be to defend their faith? Growing up as a Christian could be challenging for some. This article focuses on some challenges that the children growing up in Ireland could face in their journey of faith.

The very first challenge that these children may face could be language barrier. Although these children are mainly raised with their mother tongue- Chinese language, they are also educated in Irish schools, and surrounded by Irish culture and friends who speak mainly English. They study, play and chit-chat with their friends mainly in English every day. English could turn out to be a language that they are more fluent in compared to their mother tongue. On the other hand, due to a lack of human resources, RE classes are mainly conducted in Chinese. It could be difficult for them to process information in a non-dominant language, making it harder for them to fully comprehend the words of God.

Ireland is a country with a strong Celtic background and it is also the birthplace of Halloween. The Irish believe that some of their notorious caves are gates to hell, separated by invisible walls. The living and the dead meet when the walls are dissolved, causing the souls of the dead to return and appear again. On 1 November, pagan Celts would gather to perform rituals while waiting for the invisible wall between the spiritual and physical worlds to dissolve. This moment marked the Celtic New Year which later turned into Halloween. With such a strong Celtic background, it is normal to see students dressing up in costumes for school during Halloween. It is never strange to see a primary school boy covered in 'blood' while riding a bike to school. Moreover, students are encouraged to celebrate Christmas and exchange gifts in school. Any student who opts out of the celebrations could be separated in another room where they may feel left out and be seen as weird.

Such are the challenges present in the everyday life of the children in Dublin. Yet, by the grace of God, they continue to observe the Sabbath, pray for the Holy Spirit, and participate in children's choir. Some of them would even distribute church pamphlets together with the adults after church services every Saturday. To be a good soldier of Christ, the children need a strong foundation in Christ and to be equipped enough to discern between the teachings of the Bible and that of the world. I hope that these little children will continue to be nurtured in the grace of God, growing up strong physically and spiritually together with the worship centre in Dublin, to become excellent soldiers.

## Some Thoughts on the RE Ministry

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Religious Education or RE is an equally important area of church ministry as the pastoral and evangelical ministries.

A church with no children, teens and youths with strong RE background will have no progress and in a more acute situation, the church may face the dire consequence of being forced to close down as the elderly members depart to be with Christ, one after another. Such a stark scenario happens more with churches in the rural areas or in small, semi-urban towns. The reason being, the youths migrate to bigger towns or cities or overseas for studies and eventually end up working there and settling down there. As for young couples, they relocate to larger cities for bigger job opportunities while not a few migrate overseas for greener pastures. Another reason is, young couples do not like to have more than 1 or 2 children while not a few do not want to have children at all, unlike forty to fifty years ago, when a couple might have 8 to 12 children!

Hence, in many churches the number of RE students in the different age groups has been dwindling through the years. From double digits to just a handful in each class. If the RE teacher has 4 to 5 students, he should be happy. However, Elder John Yang, the first RE Teacher Trainer for Singapore and Malaysia, once said that even with a single student, the RE Unit must still open a class for the lone student because whether the class has 20 students or 1 student, spiritual food is needed for every child and is to be given a morsel at a time till he/they reach spiritual maturity. When does an RE student attain spiritual maturity, is another area of discourse worth discussing, which will not be delved into here, as it will be discussed in a different article.

Though the present "graduated" RE students have undergone 15 years of RE, we find many of them have not even grasped the most basic Bible knowledge. This is sadly deplorable. Just to attempt to understand why, we may need to go back to our understanding of the major factors of RE: the student, the RE teacher, the teaching materials and the teaching approach.

The RE student of the 21st century is far more knowledgeable, sophisticated, smarter and more "polluted" than the student in the past century. There is hardly a student now who does not have access to a smart phone. In fact, a child as young as 4 years old knows how to search for his favourite cartoon movie on the mobile phone and in the course of searching may well stumble upon some scenes not supposed to be seen by kids. By the upper primary stage, the student is smarter than his grandma or aunts in using social media and search engines. Hence, our present RE student lives in an age of wickedness, evilness and diabolical influences and temptations far more unimaginable than the RE student we taught 30 or 40 years ago would ever experience! He is surrounded by a whirlpool of social decadence, caught in very challenging times of degrading sense of immorality, crime, violence, fraudulent behaviour, falsehood, greed; among lovers of luxury and pleasure, and people who lie and boast as their second nature and who mock at honesty, integrity and straight living!

Are we aware of the burden of our RE student who finds himself constantly under the pressure and influence of his unbelieving peers? Or do we wait till he is being carried away by the tide of such peer pressure before we wake up and find our student not with us anymore? Some of them have gone beyond salvage, lost in the thistles of the world, no more to be seen in church. How often have we heard so-and-so is married to an unbeliever after years of rendezvous with a few gentile girlfriends? As his RE teacher, how we sigh with grief over the loss of a youth who otherwise could have been a fine sheep of Christ, serving Him alongside his wife and children in church! It pains our heart, as RE teachers, each time we hear of a young sheep straying from the fold!

We shall now attempt to refresh our understanding of the four factors of RE teaching- the RE student, the RE teacher, the teaching materials and the teaching approach.

In our meagre effort to address the problems of the straying student/youth, we may start with looking first into the RE teacher. We would like to make sure the RE teacher is well trained and competent to teach that class/age group and he/she has to understand the different areas of the student's development- physical, psychological, intellectual, social and spiritual; his ability and disability, strengths and weaknesses while bearing in mind the to cater for individual needs according to individual differences. Half the battle is won if the student is willing to share his inner thoughts and feelings with the teacher, who must essentially be competent to counsel the student's problems. Prayers for him help a lot!

Next, the teaching materials: the syllabus and aids should be relevant to the student's age. Lessons should be on matters he can relate to. He will turn away or "switch off" if the teaching materials are too easy or too difficult. It is best for lessons not to be taught in merely the lecture style, especially for the lower classes. Using pictorial aids, models, maps and real objects will whet his interest in the lesson. However, such lessons will entail adequate preparations on the part of the RE teacher. We, as RE teachers, have to sacrifice some of our time preparing the aids for this little flock of the Lord. The Lord will remember our sacrifice and give us the time back in many other ways! The use of teaching aids will enhance the effectiveness of the lesson to make a lasting impression on the student, which is what teaching is all about.

The teaching approach is just as important. In a competent Intermediate Class, the teacher may adopt a discussion approach instead of resorting to merely the lecture approach. The student may be requested to prepare the relevant maps, pictures or other aids for a particular lesson that he needs to discuss in class. The teacher may just opt to be a facilitator. This is just an example on how to vary the teaching approach to make the lesson more student-centred and hence would be more appealing to the students.

To this end, we believe the RE Unit and the RE teachers may have tried their level best to do what needs to be done for the student. However, more often than not, the result does not meet the expectation.

In this matter, let us bear in mind that the RE teacher only gets to meet the student 1 to 2 hours a week, hardly enough to make any lasting Impact of RE in the student's life. A conscientious teacher would pray for the spiritual wellbeing of the student, more so if he is an Intermediate Class student because peer influence is at its strongest point and we do not wish to see him being influenced by the concepts and values of his secular, non-believer friends. Contact through phone and prayers to ask the Lord, the Chief shepherd, to be with him and guide him are some of the ways to help make up for some inadequacy of the teacher's interaction with the student.

As the student spends most of his time with his family, parental influence on him is the most important to help shape his spiritual character. Hence, the success of RE on the student largely depends on the faith of his parents and family.

It is well known that the very reason the Jews have been able to keep up with their age-old traditions for thousands of years is due to the strict family traditions and adherence to their religious beliefs. They carry out the teachings in Deut 6:4-9 and other Biblical verses literally to the letter! Today we can still see Jewish zealots wearing a tefillin box containing tiny scrolls of parchments inscribed with verses from the Torah, their Jewish Bible, tied to the frontals of their foreheads and also on their upper arms to remind them of their God and their religion (The Biblical verses are Ex 13:1-10, 13:11-16; Deut 6:4-9, 11:12-21). Besides such measures, the Jewish parents teach their religious beliefs to their children from a very young age. They practise family worship and religious rites like observing the Passover and Sabbath together as a family; in addition to sending them for further religious lessons with the rabbi.

In the same vein, if TJC parents can emulate the Jewish parents in setting up a Family Altar time in addition to sending their children for RE classes in church, we believe





# Christian Parents in a Secular World

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Raising children in today's world is more unnerving than ever before. Financial woes take up most of parents' attention amidst the many other struggles they must go through in this fast-changing and demanding world. As children of God, we are fortunate to cast all our cares to our heavenly Father. Yet, many Christian parents do not take up this privilege and find themselves often in conflicts with worldly expectations.

We are entrusted by God to bring up our children to respect, revere and honour God. When should we start doing so? Well, from the moment, they are born. I knew that, as a Child Developmentalist, I may only know how to guide my children developmentally. Having the skills and capabilities, without God's guidance, I am helpless. When my children were born, I asked God to take charge. Only through His truth and by His hand, my children will be led to salvation.

There is more to raising good children who are successful in their studies, the arts, and having many friends. These are merely meeting expectations of the secular society and pleasing in men's eyes. But are they acceptable to God? Can they be successful in the path of Our Lord Jesus Christ?

Parents get much unwarranted advice from everywhere. They also suffer from the fear of losing out. They want to give their children the best of all money can buy. There are parents who would start making comparisons of the schools their children attend and how many A's they were getting in their tests. None of these really mattered.

**2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

As God's children, we are not lacking in anything. Christian parents who seek God's guidance have been blessed.

**Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you".**

For many parents in our society, the weekend is allocated for their children's extracurricular activities. Many children miss attending Sabbath services and REU lessons because they have to attend tuition classes. Instead of paying attention to the sermon during church service, we often find preschool and primary age children doing their homework.

All parents make mistakes. That is how we learn to do better as parents. What should we do when we do wrong? We ask God for His forgiveness. We should let God be our guide. From Romans 8:31 it says, "if God is for me, who can be against me?" It was indeed His amazing love and grace that supported them through their childhood and into their adulthood. God would put us back on the right path when we seek His help. Once we let him take control of our lives, we are assured to be in good hands.

True measure of Christian parents is the parent's own character. To the degree that we have followed God's design for parenting, we have succeeded as parents before God. When the world measures our success as parents by our children's success, they are inevitably making parents follow the ways of the world. By sending them to every lesson that will prepare them to gain the world's knowledge and be rewarded by material gains in titles and money. The word of God reminds us that we will gain the world but lose our souls (Mark 8:36).

When children are in their early childhood years, parents can start talking to them about Our Lord God, our heavenly Father, the creator of this world we live in. In everything they do in their daily tasks, parents can remind them to give thanks because everything comes from God (1 Chronicles 16:34-35, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). When children learn gratitude to God in their early age, they will develop a relationship with God that is filled with steadfast love.

Parents should also be good examples to their children since they are considered as their first teachers. They are to emulate and demonstrate Christ's compassion and love towards family and others. Children would learn from their parents' good examples. We who fear God will also constantly remind their children to do the same.

**Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, fools, despise wisdom and instruction."**

God's way is always the right way. Children need consistency. Jesus is the same, today; yesterday and tomorrow.

What children get from TV or the social media, authority figures are evil, and rebellion is a virtue. These messages they get glamorize sexual immorality, murder and drug abuse. Evil misdeeds are no longer shocking. In fact, these young minds are influenced by the stories that depict children as superheroes who disobey parents.

Christian parents are charged with the task of teaching their children to obey and respect authority starting from the home. We cannot approach this task half-heartedly. Children from a very young age must know that listening and obeying their

elderly is important because this is how we obey and fear God. Parents must press on until their children are grown adults.

**Psalm 19:8 "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart."**

God rewards us, parents and children when we obey, with happiness and peace.

Children thrive on trust between people. But the virtue of being honest is often regarded as weakness. Primary school age children discover that lying and deceit are ways of the world that people tend to pander. Their friends in school tell them, "It's ok to lie as long as you don't get caught." Sadly, this sentiment is shared by many parents who have often told their children to lie or lied for their children. This will lead to children losing faith in themselves and in their parents. They will grow up thinking that lying is acceptable as long they are not caught.

We must trust God in all situations, and at all times.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your path."**

There is nothing more wonderful than putting your trust in God. Children need to hear their parents say, "Praise God and thank Him for His Grace and Love. He has provided for us." and they need to see their parents seeking God's help, "Let us pray together to ask God for His Will."

## "A family that prays together stays together."



Prayers encourage children to be close to God and turn to Him for everything. Children who pray constantly are not afraid and have more self-control. Parents should remind children to submit completely to God and let Him take control of everything in the family.

**Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain."**

If the family is prayerful, God's love will always be there to protect, trust, hope and persevere (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). As children face more challenges in the world, they realize that their parents are not around all the time to be there physically. Knowing how to pray to God helps them to overcome their fears and make the right decision. Like the psalmist in

**Psalm 141:1-3 your children can also say "Lord, I cry out to You. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips."**

God has assured us, His children, will succeed in our God-given task in bringing up our children in Christ for it is written

**Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**



# God's Mercy

By: Dns Ruth Chin, Petaling Jaya Church

Hallelujah, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bear testimony.

I am Dns. Ruth Chin from True Jesus Church Petaling Jaya, my husband is Pr. Ezra Chong, and my son is Bro. Seth Chong.

On the morning of 14th July 2021, my 23 year old son, Seth, took me to a vaccination center to receive my second shot. On that same night, Seth had a high fever and suffered from a sore throat. However, I did not think much of it, because he has had tonsillitis ever since he was young. Whenever he has tonsillitis, he will usually experience a high fever and will be unable to eat or drink for about three to four days. This time round, I thought that it was tonsillitis that had triggered the high fever, so we took care of him at home, based on experience, and did not immediately seek medical treatment.

At that time, other than taking care of Seth, I was also busy assisting the online Senior Class New Teachers Training for new teachers in New Zealand. From the time Seth came down with a fever until 16th July, his condition showed signs of improvement, but on 17th July it became more severe, and he was suffering. At night, Seth asked me to take him to the hospital. Since it was already very late, we went to the one that was nearest to our house, Sunway Medical Centre Emergency Department. The doctor there advised Seth to do a blood test and a COVID-19 test, thereafter we went home.

On 18th July, I continued what I had been doing the past few days, that is, I took care of Seth and taught lessons online. Shortly past two o'clock in the afternoon, I received a call from the staff of the Sunway Medical Centre, informing us that Seth has been diagnosed with pneumonia that was linked to COVID-19, and I was asked to do a COVID-19 test as soon as possible because I was in close contact with him. Seth then quarantined himself at home. While waiting for my COVID-19 test results, I took care of my son, and self-monitored for symptoms. The mental stress and physical exhaustion that I was experiencing was indescribable. Thank God, He sent an angel. A deacon, who is a doctor by profession, helped us by addressing our concerns at the time. I also relayed my observation of my son's condition to the deacon. In this manner, the deacon was able to help attend to Seth's medical condition. At this point in time, Seth's blood oxygen level was still normal.

My COVID-19 test results were out the next day (19th July). Thank God, my test was finally confirmed negative. However, I still had to face the risk of being infected because I had to stay with Seth to take care of him. At that time, I began to worry if Seth's medical condition and my risk of being infected would affect the New Teachers Training in New Zealand. I then discussed alternative arrangements with the elder in charge. Thank God, He again sent angels to replace me in class. May God remember these two members who were willing to lend a hand of love and labour.

From 19th to 21st July, Seth was suffering more. He was not able to eat, was coughing, vomiting and experiencing dizziness. However, thank God that his blood oxygen level was still within the normal range. Ever since the church members learned that Seth was diagnosed with COVID-19, they showed us concern and care, which really moved us. Some of them sent meals to our house, while others sent medication and tonic (some were delivered personally, while others were delivered by courier services). We experienced the spirit of family in God's house,

and are extremely grateful. May God remember the brethren's love. This kind of love is a lesson that we learn, as a family, to keep in our hearts and minds.

On 22nd July, Pr. Ezra returned to the Central Region because he was to get his second vaccination shot the next day. Even though he was in the Central Region, he could not return home because Seth and I were under quarantine at home. Thus, Preacher Ezra stayed in the church in Petaling Jaya. From this day onwards, our household matters were handled by the preacher. Before this, it was my younger sister who managed it. Thank God that in this way, He made the most suitable arrangement for us. Shortly past 9 at night, Seth's blood oxygen level began to slowly decline. Within an hour, his blood oxygen level had dropped from 96 to 90. After a video call from the deacon to Seth, I was asked to send Seth to the hospital immediately.

When we arrived at the Emergency Department in Sunway Medical Centre, the paramedics told us that when Seth's condition is stable, we should return and quarantine at home because the hospital was already full and there were no more beds available. After Seth entered the emergency ward, I quickly asked my family members and church members to intercede for Seth. Not long after, I saw the same message in our various church group chats - church members who had not yet gone to bed were requested to pray for Seth. I realized from this message how good it was to be a part of God's family! It also provided us with a lot of comfort, knowing that we had many members who were accompanying us through intercessory prayer.

In addition, my younger sister, deacons and some of the church members took the initiative to call other government hospitals and private hospitals at that time, to see whether they could accept Seth or not. But at that time, no hospital was willing to accept Seth because there were no more beds available. After about 15 minutes, a doctor from the Accident and Emergency ward came and informed Pr. Ezra and me that Seth's covid had deteriorated from the second stage to the third stage, and he needed equipment to assist him in breathing. The doctor immediately asked us whether we wanted Seth to be admitted. There was no other choice so we just agreed; and the doctor also said she will try to help us to find a bed. Thank God, after about 30 minutes, a medical staff member came and informed us that they had found a bed for Seth. It was already shortly past midnight, and morning of 23rd July.

After the admission procedures were completed, Seth was placed in an isolated 4-bed room in the normal ward. Because Seth's condition was becoming more severe, he was transferred to High Dependency Unit on the same day, because he needed a high-flow nasal cannula to assist him in his breathing.

On the morning of 24th July, the hospital informed us that Seth's condition had deteriorated again (entered stage four), and he needed to be transferred to the Intensive Care Unit because Seth needed the ventilator. Upon hearing this, both my husband and I shed tears as we prayed for Seth. From his prayer, Pr. Ezra realized the following:

1. No special treatment is given for preachers' families.
2. God's love for Seth exceeds that of his biological parents.
3. Whatever happens next will be God's arrangement, which is the best for our family.
4. We should reflect on ourselves.

Already, we thought that we will lose Seth. We were really scared, but understood that there was nothing we could do in a situation like this. The Bible states that worrying does not change anything. In our hearts, we knew very well that when there is a fog all around us and we can't see anything at the moment, we can only pray and entrust everything to our Heavenly Father. Thus, in my prayer, I started to plan on what I had to do after Seth leaves us. In my prayer, I told God, "When you take Seth back to Heaven, then I will follow the preacher. No matter where he is sent, I will serve You there." Thereafter, my brother-in-law, Pr. Joel Chong, wrote a message of encouragement in our family's WhatsApp group chat. One of the phrases that caught my attention was "Glorify God in All Things".

I told Seth about what Pr. Ezra had learned from his prayer as well as the message sent by Pr. Joel in the WhatsApp group chat so that Seth will know that Jesus Christ loves him more than we do, and that God's arrangement is the best. Seth needed to self-reflect and most importantly, to glorify God. What we needed to do next was to continue to ask God for His mercy.

On the afternoon of 24th July, I cried while praying for Seth and I asked God for His mercy. Not knowing how much time had passed during prayer, I suddenly remembered that two church members were also infected with COVID-19, and I started to cry and pray for them. Miraculously, shortly after, the Holy Spirit filled me, I spoke more fluently in tongues, my heart was no longer troubled and anxious, and I felt calm. It was as if I was being hugged. After the prayer, I felt as if the rock on my shoulders had been lifted, and I felt very comforted. My worries were also gone. I was thinking about how miraculous it was, when suddenly a Bible verse popped into my head- Philippians 2:4, "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests for others".

I quickly told Pr. Ezra about my experience. It turned out that he too was praying for a family member who was diagnosed with COVID-19 at that time. That was when we both understood that in future we will pray not just for Seth's medical condition, but also for church members who were diagnosed with the disease. Thank God for His mercy because Seth's condition improved day by day after 25th July.

On 25th July, Pr. Ezra called the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital to ask about Seth's condition. The medical staff member who answered the call told the preacher that she was a True Jesus Church member; she was just sent from the Pediatric department to the ICU on the 23rd. Thank the Lord Jesus Christ for sending us an angel once again and I was full of gratitude for God's mercy for such a beautiful arrangement, which gave us a lot of comfort as parents. It also enabled Seth to feel at ease, because there was the presence of the church brethren in this situation.

On 26th July, a church member sent a message to me which said that whenever she prayed for our family, a message would appear in her mind. The message was "grasp, do not let go... hold fast, hold tightly onto God's love and mercy; hold fast... and don't let it go" Moreover, she felt impelled by the spirit to pass that message to us. After receiving this message, although Seth's medical condition was improving, we, as a family, continued to persistently pray daily for God's mercy.

Thank the Lord Jesus Christ for His mercy, and brethren from all

over West Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, New Zealand, Germany for praying for our family, as well as my family members who met on Zoom every night to pray together. Seth's medical condition continued to stabilize, and the doctor transferred him to a normal ward on 28th July for continued treatment and observation.

Thank God, from 29th July until 2nd August, Seth's condition improved as the days went by. On 30th July, I did my second COVID-19 test, and thanks to God's mercy, my results were negative. During those few days, I was really afraid that I would be infected because I have severe and life-threatening allergies to various painkillers that could cause my internal organs to swell and hinder my breathing.

I remember in 2018, I took a nerve pill for my elbow pain. After I took the medicine at night, I woke up the next day and felt itching around my eyes, but I did not care too much about it. It was only when I was about to leave for work, that I realized that I could not talk. Seth knew that something was wrong and immediately took me to the nearest hospital. The moment I stepped foot into the emergency room, I had trouble breathing.



Therefore, the commonly available medicine, Panadol, which was also the only medication available then for Covid-19 patients, is a deadly drug to me. That is why I was afraid of contracting COVID-19. I was afraid from the time Seth was admitted to the hospital and I was the only one at home, and this fear weakened me. I locked myself in the room, wore a mask day and night, did not dare to open Seth's room door and tried to avoid walking in the living room. I still felt that the virus was in every corner of the house. The thought of taking off my mask at home and the possibility of inhaling the virus really put me under a lot of stress. Even though my family members constantly reassured me that everything will turn out fine, I was struggling in my heart because I could not overcome my fear. I knew that this was psychological, but I did not know why, and I could not do it.

On 2nd August, while I was praying, I had a sudden thought, "if I continue this way, and not try to take the first step in taking action, then I will not be able to glorify God". I felt ashamed during prayer. Why was I so weak? I continued praying to God to have mercy on me, to help me. After that prayer ended, I built up my courage and decided not to focus on my fears. What I needed to do was to take the first step and entrust all the following steps to God. I took off my mask, and it was amazing because when I did, the fear in my heart slowly subsided. Thank Jesus Christ for His mercy on me and providing me with strength. Only then, could I return to my normal routine.

Thank God, Seth was discharged from the hospital on 3rd August. The day he left the hospital marked his 21st day of illness. This meant that he could no longer infect others. Thank God for everything that He had arranged for us.

For the duration of this entire event, we, as a family, experienced the power of prayer, the spirit of God's family and God's great love and mercy. We learnt that in tribulation, we must not just care for our own selves, but to have faith and trust. The deepest insight is: Hold firmly onto God's love and mercy.

May all glory and praises be given to the one true God, who is worthy of honor and praise, our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen!



# Exhortation: The Barnabas in Our Lives

By: Dn Aaron Tan, Botanic Church

In just the blink of an eye, we have entered the 18th month of the pandemic. Despite the availability of vaccines, the virus continues to destroy healthy lives each day as well as the livelihood of many. However, we are comforted by news of Good Samaritans helping those who are in need. These Good Samaritans who have offered up their love will forever be etched in the minds of those who are in dire need.

Barnabas was a good man filled with the Holy Spirit and strong in faith, leading many back to the Lord (Acts 11: 24). He once sold his field and brought the money to the apostles. Barnabas (which means 'Son of Encouragement') was the name given to him by the apostles (Acts 4:36- 37). He had a high level of spirituality and spiritual virtues, doing what he did best- comforting and encouraging. Prior to being called into the Lord's light, Paul made a name for himself by killing many Christians. Even though he repented, the disciples were still afraid of him and kept their guard up against him. However, it was only Barnabas who received him as well as opened the bridge between Paul and the other apostles, thus, also paving the way for his further ministry (Acts 9:26-27).

Mark joined Paul in his first missionary trip up to the 2nd location before abandoning him, which was the reason why Paul rejected Barnabas' suggestion of bringing Mark along for his second missionary journey. In the end, Barnabas took Mark and Paul brought Silas, which let to them undertaking two separate missionary journeys (Acts 15:36- 39). If it wasn't for Barnabas' support for Mark, as well as his patience and encouragement, the Mark, who was warmly acknowledged by Paul later in the ministry, would not have existed (Tit 4:11).

Think of it, has a Barnabas ever appeared in our lives? His appearance would have lighted up your life and lead it towards eternity, completed your faith, changed your view towards life and its values, it would have brought joy, peace, love and hope to your life. Or perhaps when you were disappointed or in despair on this journey of faith, when your faith had fallen into the lowest pit, he was there to extend a helping hand to pull you out, left a deep influence in your faith, moved the innermost part of your heart, and became the one who aided you on your spiritual journey. With this help and support, we are able to be better than before, and grow in our spirituality. This is the sole reason for his appearance.

Amidst this pandemic, philanthropists have brought hope to those who are below the poverty line; and in comparison, Barnabas brought light to Mark and Paul so that they could serve the church. Have you ever wondered while giving thanks to God for the emergence of a Barnabas who transformed your whole life, that you can also be the Barnabas in someone else's life? To be the messenger of the gospel in society, to preach to those who have yet to listen to the truth, to fill their lives with the abundance of God's words and lead them onto the pathway to Heaven. To be the one who comforts your fellow brethren, to encourage and rekindle the smouldering fire of others' spiritual lives with the love of God, so that they can regain the faith that they first had. If everyone in church is a Barnabas, there will be more warmth among the brethren.

# Count the Grace of God

By: Rika Tsukada, Junior Youth Class, Gombak Church

From the day we were born... no, right from the day we were in our mother's womb, we have lived under God's grace and care. Even so, we often grow weary walking on this path of grace that God has prepared for us and we take everything that happens in our life for granted.

I once watched such a video clip in a Junior Youth Bible Camp that touched me deeply. The video showed an old man who was hospitalized, crying after being told that he needs to pay for the ventilator charges. The doctors thought that the old man was crying because of the high charges. But the old man said, 'I cried, not because of the high charges; I am financially able. I cried because I have been breathing in air given by God for 70 years, and I have never paid a single cent for it.'

From the moment we were born into this world to the moment we learn to walk on our feet; from the moment we open our eyes in the morning to the moment we close our eyes to sleep soundly at night; all our senses-sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing, and many other things that we possess in life, only come by because of the abundant, generous and selfless love and grace of God.

The grace that God has given us is innumerable, yet all that we can ever do for God are as little as the morning stars. Therefore, as God's children, we should fear and repay God, the way we honour our parents. To be a child who pleases God, we should act as told in Deuteronomy 11:13, *"And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."* To reassure our God that we are His good children, we should also practise what is said in Deuteronomy 11:16, *"Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them"*.

Finally, we should *"rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (1 Thess 5:16-18).

Have you, counted the grace of God today?

# It's so Good to Be in the House of the Lord

By: Ching En Kai, Intermediate Youth Class, Klang Church

Last year, the RE Day was cancelled due to the covid. This year, finally we had the chance to hold it physically. Students from every level had to prepare for their class performances which included: singing, role-playing and dancing. The Nursery, Lower Primary, and Upper Primary classes sang and danced. They looked adorable and delightful.



As for the Junior Youth class, their role-play was funny. They role-played the characters of Esau and Jacob, and Daniel with his 3 friends. It was hilarious and entertaining to watch. The Intermediate youths sang and presented their item on the screen in a slide presentation. Certificates were then presented to those who were graduating. Lastly, came the final item on the programme; goody bags were given to all the students.

Overall, it was a fun and happy programme; it was also an opportunity to congratulate the graduated students and end the REU for the year.





# My Long-Awaited Baptism

By: Vianne Loke, Intermediate Youth Class, Klang Church

Hallelujah, in Jesus' name I share my experience of my recent baptism in February. This sharing is a continuation of my previous article in last year's REU newsletter, titled "Journey of a Long-time Truth-Seeker".

Thank God that I have already been baptised into the True Jesus Church for around three months (at the time of the writing this article), and finally became an official member of the one True Church of God. I have been waiting for this moment ever since I was a young girl, and right now I have achieved this "dream" that had seemed ever so far away from me.

I was supposed to be baptised on the 1st

of January 2022 along with a few others from Klang Church and Botanic Church. However, by the time I was informed of the baptism date, my flight to Singapore had already been booked. My father had bought tickets for my second sister and me to spend our December holidays (28/12/2021-2/1/2022) with him in Singapore. I was utterly disappointed at the timing and was contemplating on whether to just "burn" the tickets and not go to Singapore. After being upset and struggling to make a decision for a week, I just prayed to God. I knew that He would arrange everything properly, because I knew He definitely would not prevent my sisters and me from getting baptised.

In the end, I made the trip to Singapore as my father would have been very upset if his money and the tickets were wasted. When I came back, my mother told me that Dn Matthias Ho had informed her that our baptism could be held during the first week of February, since it was Chinese New Year and my father would be back to witness it. I was super thrilled and was thanking God from the bottom of my heart. One month countdown to my baptism!

On the 5th of February 2022, my father was finally back in Malaysia for the Chinese New Year holidays, and to witness the sacrament as planned. We woke up really early in the morning to prepare, and before we left our house,

My second sister, Valen, was the first to go into the water. Then my youngest sister, Vanya, and lastly, me. When it was my turn, I stepped into the freezing water and walked towards the two deacons. I knelt down, and they briefed me on how they were going to baptise me. I then started praying and repenting for everything I've done, thinking about all the bad things I did, such as lying and having a super bad temper. While repenting, I started crying uncontrollably. The emotions I felt during that short amount of time were overwhelming, and it all just happened so quickly. As I heard the deacon say, "In the name of Jesus Christ I baptise you for the remission of your sins!", I was plunged into the cold river waters. I came back up to the surface to catch my breath, and I had never felt so refreshed, so relieved, so joyful in my entire life. I actually felt like I was clean! It is true that true joy and eternal happiness only comes from God and God alone. My aunt and mother were crying while recording our baptism, and my aunt hugged me after we were baptised, saying "Thank God, Thank God..." It was over, and we all returned to prepare for the foot washing sacrament later in the afternoon.

After the afternoon Sabbath sermon, and before the commencement of Holy Communion, Dn Kwek gave a sermon about foot washing, and Dn Ho washed our feet. It is so unbelievable that I finally have a part with our Lord Jesus. When the unleavened bread was put in my palm during the Holy Communion sacrament, I prayed and started tearing up again. I was very thankful to God to be chosen out of 8 billion people in this entire world. Because I was crying, my nose was stuffed and I couldn't really taste the bread and juice. Hahaha!

Thank you, thank you so much Jesus for giving me this amazing memory and experience in my life. I've learnt how precious it is to be baptised into the True Church, and I really appreciate the moment a lot. Sometimes I wonder, maybe God wants me to realize that to be baptized into the TJC is not what many people would be able to experience, thus making me cherish it even more. I'll try my best to do more work for God and serve Him more, doing His divine work as there are now no restrictions for me. We should all strive to be better vessels for God, and live for Christ, not for ourselves. We are the chosen ones, so we should make use of the time we have to repay His wonderful love. I always remind myself, "Remember, you are chosen out of many people in this world. Don't give up this chance for worldly matters, and turn against God."

Lastly, here is a bible verse to motivate all of us to live for Christ because He died for us. Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV), "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this gift is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Let us all, TJC members, strive to work for God together!

My sharing ends here, may all glory be given unto our Lord Jesus Christ!



my mother reminded us to pray to God so that we can reach the site peacefully, as the devil would always try to stop us from doing the things willed by God. Hence, my sisters, mother and I prayed together, and left for the baptism site at Bukit Lagong, Batu Caves.

We reached the area at around 8 o'clock in the morning. I could feel the morning breeze and the chilly air around us as the area was up in the hills (as indicated by the name-

\*Bukit\* Haha!). Many of my church brethren came to assist in the baptism, and my mother was very touched as there were so many brothers and sisters who came to show support. My spiritual companions came as well (we grew up together) and were super happy for my sisters and me. The deacons went first into the water and prayed as preparation for the sacrament, and it was one of the deacon's (Dn Timothy Kwek) first time conducting a baptism as well!





## Making God Our Priority

By: Tee En Ni, Intermediate Youth Class, Petaling Jaya Church

Hallelujah, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I share.

I was to sit for a major examination on 22nd May 2022. A few months before the examination, other students like me were busy doing our revision. Thank God, I had my family members and church brethren to keep caring and encouraging me. I felt grateful for their care, and they became my happy pill for my preparation for the examination.

My previous results were not very good, so I really focused on revising for the exam. I did not realize that I was not praying as often as before and that I only prayed in church. I only prayed when my family members reminded me to. Every time I prayed, it was just a few minutes of kneeling down and I already felt tired. I did not care much about spiritual nurture and continued with my daily routine. Conversely, I began to find that my mood was always low. I could not keep my spirits up when working on the exam questions, and I did not even have the strength to pray. This continued until 9th April 2022 when I experienced something special at the Petaling Jaya Hymnal Evangelical Service.

I had invited my friend, who is a nonbeliever, to church for the Hymnal Evangelical Service. That was the first time I have tried to invite him to church to attend this service. However, he only found out a day before that he had something to do on the day of the service. I felt a bit lost, many thoughts flooded my head, "Do you not want to come?", "Have you no interest?", "Scared?".

I recorded the presentation by the Youth Choir on my handphone so that I could send it to my good friend for him to listen to. During the choir presentation, I got teary-eyed, and I felt remorse because the distance between God and me seemed to be increasingly greater, I also realized that prayer is something indispensable in our daily life. During prayer, I repented and hoped that God would forgive me. It seemed as if God was comforting me, and I was determined to do my best to preach the gospel to the people around me, even if I were rejected or ridiculed.

## How I Learned to Rely on God

By: Victor Tan, Tertiary Youth, Klang Church

I can clearly feel the huge difference between relying on myself and relying on God. In my daily life, as long as I pray, my prayers will be answered. While attending the theological course, there was a time when a lot of people were sick and had fever. During a prayer for Holy Spirit, I felt really uncomfortable and, hence, took my body temperature. My body temperature was 38+ degrees. I put on a fever cooling patch and continued praying. During my prayer, I did not feel uncomfortable and after my prayer, my temperature was back to normal.

Since then, I have deeply realized the importance of relying on God. Yet, as time passed, this reliance slowly diminished, and even my prayers did not include much of me asking for God's help in my life. Even though there were times when I needed help, I was only temporarily reminded to ask God for help; therefore, my competitions and events were not very smooth-sailing in 2021. For example, I have always nearly won all competitions. Similar



There was a prayer session after lunch at 1.15pm before the afternoon Sabbath service. The church members invited me to join them to pray together in the church hall. At first, I thought of declining, but as soon as I remembered that I had just asked for forgiveness, another thought came to me: "Do I still continue with not praying?" So, I joined them. During the 30 minute prayer, miraculously I prayed with more strength, and I felt all the fatigue go away.

I had always refused to join the Youth Choir, always looking for various excuses to decline the invitation, but I think it was God's doing when I was moved by the Youth Choir presentation, which made me want to sing with them. When there was Youth Choir practice in the evening, I took the initiative to participate in the choir practice and joyfully praised Him.

I would like to share what I learnt from this experience:

- To put God first, no matter what, and fully trust in Him. When one obtains material satisfaction, it only leads one to fall into despair.

**Mt 6:33: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you".**

- Be brave enough to preach the gospel to nonbelievers. Sometimes we will be rejected by others, but we should not give up preaching the gospel.

**Mk 16:15: 'And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"'.**

May all glory be given to God. Amen!

situations have even occurred in my exams too. Since then, I started to ask for God's help in all my activities. For example, I prayed for a month before appealing against my UEC results. In the end, I was the only student who appealed successfully, and for one of my subjects, my grade was changed from a B3 to A2.

The same thing happened when applying for the university scholarships as well. The scholarships are divided into three categories: 3000 pounds, 25% and 50%. To securing the scholarship, we had to compete with other international students where we had to write a self-introduction essay. The scholarship quota was pretty limited and was very important to me, as I would only get to study abroad if I manage to get the scholarship. Therefore, three months before knowing whether I would be able to secure a scholarship, I prayed for God's guidance. Yet, at the same time, I did not pray that God must give me the scholarship. The details of my prayer were quite long, but it was mostly about following God's will and whether this university was suitable for me. Thank God, that after three months, I was awarded a 50% scholarship, and the location of the university was also very convenient for me to go to church.

Thus, I am very grateful for God's guidance, and also the fact that He has always been helping me throughout the path of my growth.

## My New Experience in Serving God

By: Vanya Loke, Junior Youth Class, Klang Church

Hallelujah, in the name of Jesus, I share my experience. In 2021, there was this program called REES (Religious Education Evangelical Service). It was a major scale project, and there were many departments that were recruiting JY and IY members to help and assist; hence I took part in it so that I could serve God and help the church grow. My eldest sister helped me sign up and she put me in the song arrangement department. At first, I kept saying I couldn't do it because I had no experience whatsoever, and I doubted I could do it. I was the youngest in that department and we needed to engage with a song editing software that seemed very complicated to handle. Thank God, that my mentor was very patient with me. She taught me so many things and by September, we were able to finish 5 hymns for the choir presentation.

When I was done with the song arrangement team, my sister offered me a role; to be the MC for the REES Online Hymnal Evangelical Service. I agreed because I thought I would be speaking in English, while my partner in Mandarin, but when we had our MC meeting, they had a change of plans and told us that we both had to speak in Mandarin to communicate with each other while emceeing. I struggled a lot since I wasn't good

at Mandarin. There were lots of times when I wanted to give up but Sis. Sharon and the MC team were always there to guide and support me. Sis. Sharon, from Bandar Makhota Cheras church, saw how defeated I felt and gave me a very heartwarming encouragement of how God would be very happy to see how hard I was trying, and that she would NEVER give up on mentoring me. I was so touched that I teared up. The love I felt from the True Jesus Church brothers and sisters was so precious, and I know that true love comes from God. Therefore, I decided not to give up and continued recording for the next few months. Thank God, we were able to finish recording without many problems, and that I was able to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime project together with such amazing brothers and sisters!

In the name of Jesus, I share my experience. Due to the pandemic during 2020 and 2021, I couldn't physically attend my last year of Upper Primary Bible Camp, nor attend my first year of the Junior Youth Bible Camp. As we were confined in our homes for nearly two years, I was also forced to commence my Junior Youth classes online; not to mention that I had to attend youth classes online too. As far as online studies go, it's really easy to lose focus and think of something else. Because of the pandemic, we couldn't have any youth outings or evangelistic services. So, when we could finally go back to church physically, I was overjoyed! As everything was physical now, we had a wider variety of activities for us youths to do. Sure, we had our restrictions, but it was still better than having to do everything through Google Meet where sometimes the connection was intermittent or bad.



## Thoughts on My First Trip to Work for God

By: Joelle Seah, Junior Youth Class, Klang Church

When our youth chairperson announced that we were organizing a trip to Kuantan to help the church there during their evangelistic service, every single one of us youths was over the moon! When that day concluded, our mission was deemed a success! The choir performance was truly a heartfelt presentation. Those who taught the children had incredible patience and kindness. The rest who helped out in ushering, really made everyone feel welcome to the church. This evangelistic service in Kuantan is definitely something to look back on in the future. Even when the day was done, we still couldn't get enough of what a journey it had been. We were even more surprised when the brothers invited us to a bible reading session in the middle of the night in one of the rooms! Overall, it was fun for my first experience to work for God. I'm truly thankful to God, and hopefully, we will be out there soon again to work for Him once more!





## God's Big Bang

Throughout the years, the ongoing argument between science and Christianity has led to many controversies. However, the main spark that has ignited many debates and clashes is the Big Bang theory. This theory created by Edwin Hubble has raised many contests and questions about the book of Genesis and the way the universe was created. Christians have challenged scientists; both have fought long over the details of what really happened at the beginning of time.

The Big Bang theory describes the beginning of the universe and how the universe came to be. Through Edwin Hubble's description, we see that the universe was set in motion when all the matter trapped into a microscopic 'egg' (billions of times smaller than a proton) eventually exploded in a hot cascade. This eventually cooled down and the universe was formed. However, there are certain flaws to this theory. The theory states that the universe was formed by an explosion from a microscopic egg. However, where did this microscopic egg come from? For there to be an egg, there must have been matter before it. This fact creates skepticism of whether the Big Bang theory was legitimate or not.

Many Christian viewpoints have also been challenged because of the Big Bang theory. In Genesis, it is stated that God created the universe in 6 days:

**“And so the whole universe was completed. By the seventh day God finished what he had been doing and stopped working.” (Gen 2:1-2).**

However, the Big Bang theory requires eons of time to form the universe, thus contradicting the Bible. One could say that these 6 days are not literally 6 days, but 6 stages. After all, 1 day in God's eyes could be an eternity. Also, according to the Big Bang theory, it states that the sun was created before the Earth; but in the Bible, it is stated that God created Earth, then the sun, stars and moon (Gen 1:1-18). Such facts challenge the Bible, and we perceive the conflict between science and religion again.

In Dan Brown's renowned novel 'Angels and Demons', we see the ironic devout Christian in a scientist. This is incongruous due to the fact that a scientist should not be

able to be a potent believer in both subjects, since they are both contradictory of each other- or are they? The Big Bang theory can be explained by using both theories entwined. The microscopic egg that made the universe in the Big Bang theory needed something or a maker to have created it, and to make it explode. That instigator could be God Himself, using it to create the universe. The time factor has already been explained, so now, could there be a fusion of science and religion?

Altogether, the theory of religion and science is only one of many theories. However, it provides an insight into adopting a neutral stand between the two conflicting views. The conflict between science and religion will always go on but they are both as important as each other. Science has also helped to prove the reliability of God's scriptures on numerous occasions, (such as the fulfilment of prophecies, archeological findings related to Biblical facts etc.) and will overall, help us to attain a better understanding of God and His creation.

Although the foundation of our faith is not solely hinged on the Creation, but rather on other spectacles described in the Bible, the Creation proves to be a major point in our faith. Scientists who are skeptical on this topic would usually debate with us Christians on the Creation.

As man raises more engaging and believable theories, we Christians find that our faith is continuously being challenged. However, as Christians, it is vital that we must still hold steadfast in our beliefs. God will always reign superior, and our faith must not waver or be hampered by scientific breakthroughs because the solid foundation that God has laid cannot be shaken. In a way, science is another religion, as it diverts us Christians from the Truth written in the Bible, the author being no other than God Himself. God is far superior to human beings whose minds have their limitations. Science should not confuse you from the path that God has paved for us believers. Rather, Science and religion should complement each other.

As Albert Einstein, the great physicist said, **“Science without religion is lame; religion without Science is blind.”**

## Graduation Thoughts of an RE Student

By: Louis Thean, Intermediate Youth Class, Gombak Church

This is the last year I will be attending Religious Education classes. I'm grateful for the great amount of knowledge and wisdom of God that RE classes have fed me with. When I was a kid, I often played around during services. As a result, I learnt nothing about God except His name. Thankfully, RE classes allowed me to gradually know and understand God.

RE classes introduce God in interesting and attractive ways which are appropriate for children. RE lessons help me realize how important it is to be in heaven rather than hell and I learn not to sin against God.

To conclude, RE classes are very important for us and for every little child of God.

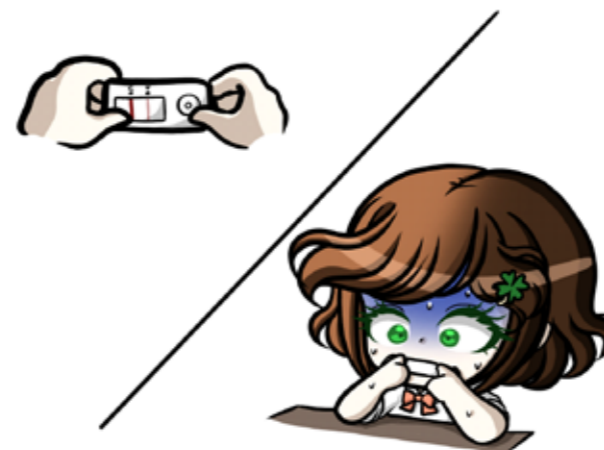
## The Lord Led Me through My Quarantine

By: Candace Seah Er Xuan, Intermediate Youth Class, Klang Church

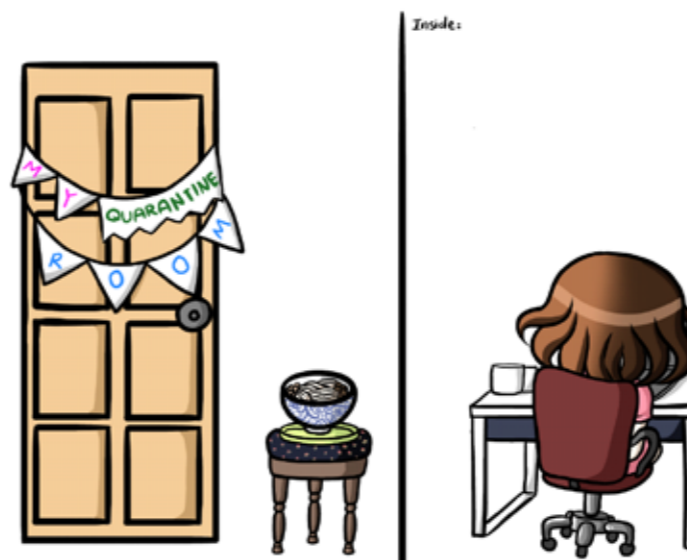
Hallelujah,

To start, I would love to thank God for making sure that I stayed safe while I was at home. For most of the time during the pandemic, none in my family was infected by the covid, especially during the year 2020 to 2021, when the virus seemed deadlier and with no vaccine available yet.

But of course, even with much protection and vaccines now, it is still possible to get infected by the virus. On the 11th May 2022, I got the covid-19 that made my skin jump. It was also a bit scary because it was the first time. I thank God that I was just having mild symptoms and a sore throat at school. But when I got home and did a quick covid test, I noticed that the test showed positive.



The moment this happened, my parents moved all my things, like my bed and clothes into the study room which was now called 'My Quarantine Room'. Thank God I was calm, and in fact looking forward to my one -week quarantine because I got to have some alone time and be away from my adorable yet slightly annoying sister (well I will miss her too).



This quarantine period also made me recall the time when apostle Paul wrote letters to Timothy while he was in prison. It might be dark and lonely in prison, but Paul still rejoiced in the name of God. This also reminded me to be positive and always count my blessings.

- I have my lovely family to pray for me and make sure I'm well taken care of while locked alone in the room.
- My friends and family members are showing concern and always checking if I'm alright.
- By the mercy of God, I experienced almost nothing discomforting during my days in quarantine.
- Since I wasn't so sick, I was able to join classes online even though I was absent from school
- I'm thankful and really happy that none of my family members was infected by me.
- I was able to eat and sleep well.



Thank God I was finally tested negative on the 6th day. It was also a miracle that I wasn't infected anytime later, because the day that I was able to go back to school after my quarantine period, was the day of the exams. If I had been infected a week later, I would be absent from many exams; thus I would have a tight schedule of replacements. God is truly amazing!

In conclusion, I would like to end this article with a bible verse:

**“Rejoice in the Lord always.” Philippians 4: 4**

May all glory be given to our Lord God.





**Ashley Won Xin Yi**  
Intermediate Youth Class

Hallelujah! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bear testimony.

When I was younger, I used to think that the church was a place for children to have fun and adults to converse. However, I specifically assumed it to be a place to gain more knowledge, a free gate into the land of fantasy within the enormous library.

Whenever I am alone at home, I will crave for the knowledge that I cannot grasp hold of. Furthermore, I go to church because my mom wants to. It is not that I believe that God is real.

One day, a tragedy happened. My grandfather fell and passed away the

**Yap Yiqian**  
Intermediate Youth Class

Hallelujah in Jesus name I bear testimony. I was baptised in April, 2019, together with my mother. Thank God that after the baptism, my mother received the Holy Spirit during the Central Region Fasting and Praying session while I received the Holy Spirit during the Short-Term Theological Course.

I still remember when I was in standard 5 and 6, I had my first experience of attending the True Jesus Church. I was afraid during the prayer before the service as I had never heard such a prayer. However, slowly I felt a warmth that cannot be described while they were praying; it was like a choir praising the Lord together. Unfortunately, after I had gone to church for a few times, I did not continue going, although during that time, I did attend a few truth-seeking classes but had stopped going to church for the whole year as I was still studying in Johor and didn't feel like going when my mother was not with me.

**Caleb Chan**  
Junior Youth Class

In the name of Jesus Christ, I bear testimony. I am Caleb Chan, 13 years old this year. I'm from Botanic Church. I would like to bear testimony of learning to play the piano.

Since I was 6 years old, my parents had sent me to a music centre to learn to play the piano to this day. I started to learn to play hymns when I was 10 years old. Since then, I have been diligently practising and learning hymns, and I seek for God's help too. Now, I've learned to play more than half of the hymns.

following day. I was very sad and I did not want the same thing to happen to my grandmother. The only thing I could think of is to pray to God.

As I was praying, I could feel the presence of someone listening to me. It was my earnest prayer for my grandmother that I started to believe in Jesus.

From then onwards, I willingly attend church services and activities e.g. REU class. It is amazing that my prayer for my grandmother had changed me to become a diligent truth seeker of the Lord Jesus Christ. All glory be given unto God. AMEN!

Coincidentally, when my mother came to visit me in Johor, she brought me along to the dedication of Skudai Church after attending Johor Bharu Church. After the dedication, I decided to transfer back to Klang and attended church services in Botanic. Thank God that He made this possible.

Before I was baptised, I would always get angry over small little things; including waking up and sometimes finding excuses not to keep the Sabbath. After I was baptised, I felt that my whole body was so light, as if all the stones that were pressing on me were lifted. I no longer get angry easily and like to go to church voluntarily. What I want to express is that, maybe there are many who say there isn't much change since going to church, but as long as you observe, you will realise that throughout your days in Christ, there is transformation every day. May all glory be given to God, Amen!

Thank God for His guidance, I was arranged to play the piano for church services. I am always nervous before I come to the front to play, so I pray to God every time during the prayer session that I will be able to play well.

Lastly, may God guide me so that I will be able to play all the hymns, and I also thank Him for giving me the opportunity to learn to play the piano since young so that I can serve Him now. May all glory be given unto God. Amen.

**Janice Ang Jia En**  
Intermediate Youth Class

Hallelujah! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bear testimony.

When I was young, I would just close my eyes and think about something else or sleep during prayer sessions in church. At that time, I did not really believe there was a God who would listen to our prayers. I also felt that going to church was like going to kindergarten. I went there just to listen to stories and play with my friends. When my mother wanted to go, I just followed.

One day, my mother fell sick and I was not allowed to sleep with her. I felt very sad because I have never slept alone,

**Sim Jing Kai**  
Intermediate Youth Class

Hallelujah! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bear testimony.

My mum told me of a miracle that happened to me. When I was one and a half years old, I accidentally choked on a fishbone while eating porridge. I was in so much pain that I couldn't eat or drink and just cried the whole day. It was a Sunday, so there were no paediatric clinics available.

Coincidentally, that night, there was a home service in Dn. Tan's house. When my mum saw my condition, she planned not to go out, but my daddy insisted that the whole family should attend and request the church members to pray for me. When we reached there, we met Dn Tan's wife at the doorway. When she learnt about my condition, she gave me a banana and asked me to eat it. My mum then took the banana and brought me to Sis. Sarah's room. There were many children playing there. My mother

**Ewan Thomas Chair Yu En**  
Intermediate Youth Class

Hallelujah! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bear testimony.

I used to dislike praying. It seemed to me like it took forever and my back would be aching. For me, there wasn't a need to pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit as I thought I had a lot of time to ask for it. But as time passed, I started to sin without even giving a second thought. I had no strength and faith to stop myself from being tempted. I always felt guilty but I couldn't stop myself.

During May 2019, I attended the Bible Camp in Port Dickson. I had an

without my mom. Coincidentally, it was a Friday. We went to church for night service, so my father encouraged my sisters and I to pray for my mother's recovery. That was the first time I really prayed to God earnestly for my mom to get better.

That night, when I got home, my mother said she was feeling better already. She could sleep with me again! I was elated. From then, I knew that God really listened to our prayers and I started to really have faith in God. Now, regardless of my emotions, in happiness or sadness, I have learnt to pray in all circumstances. All glory to God. AMEN!

gave me the banana, but I really didn't want to eat it.

Suddenly, a child turned off the light, and when the light was turned on, my mother realised that someone had taken a bite of the banana, and my facial expression indicated that I was hungry. My mother knew that the fishbone was no longer stuck in my throat. At that time, Dn. Tan wanted to intercede for me, but there wasn't a need anymore.

Thank God, although I didn't know what happened when the light was turned off, I knew it was the Lord's wonderful miracle. Throughout my life, I have been listening to testimonies told by my family and church members. These testimonies are like small stones that build my faith and allow Jesus to change me to be a better Christian. This miracle is definitely one of my spiritual building blocks. Thank the Lord! Amen!

aim - to receive the Holy Spirit, as I know that it will guide me and lead me away from sin. I continued to pray fervently. I pleaded to Jesus to help me change my life. Prayer after prayer, I grew stronger and prayed even more earnestly. Later, at the end of the camp, I was told I received the Holy Spirit as I was speaking in tongues. I was glad as now I know that God really does answer prayers.

Jesus has changed my life. I now strive to live for Him and to please Him in all that I do. I thank the Lord Jesus for his wonderful grace and mercy. AMEN!

# TESTIMONY

By: Students of Botanic Church





**By: Eunike Sarlene**  
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Hallelujah!  
I am Sis Eunike Sarlene from TJC Subang Jaya. I would like to share my testimony on what I experienced in December 2021. This incident happened after I came back from the online theolo course which was held in Subang Church.

After returning home, I listened to some secular songs while resting in my room because I was trying to calm my thoughts. While I was engrossed in listening to the music, I suddenly remembered the atmosphere during the theolo course held in Sg. Petani, Kedah in 2019,

which I had attended. At that time, it was pre-Covid-19 and everything was fine and peaceful. Then my heart was moved to listen to a hymn that we had sung during that theolo course, and out of the blue I felt so sad because I longed for and missed that feeling of being in theolo course, and I started to cry. I couldn't stop my tears and my chest felt so tight because I truly missed the atmosphere before Covid-19 struck. I missed being able to gather with other brothers and sisters to attend theolo course like in 2019. I also remembered all the sins that I had committed and realized that I have drawn so far away from God. The same goes for my faith, which has become so weak, and I started sighing to God, "Why has my life become like this? Why should I suffer this way?"

While I was crying, suddenly a voice called out my name in my heart. The voice called out my name twice and said, "Are you aware of your sins? Do you realise the wrongs you have

done? You have started to stray away from God." I was taken aback when the voice suddenly spoke in my heart because at that time, I wasn't thinking anything in my heart, so I thought that all this was just a figment of my imagination.

The voice came back and recited Romans 8:22. I totally ignored it but the voice kept repeating the verse, so I took the Bible and turned to Romans 8:22. I read from verses 22 to 30.

After reading those verses, I was so touched because it was as if God was answering me. My tears fell like rain, and I started bawling because I have never had such an experience in my life before.

I felt joyful in my heart because God had given me the answer to my question.

**Romans 8:26-27:**  
**V 26: Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

**V27: Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

Therefore, as true Christians, we should trust in God with our whole heart because He is our greatest reliance and awesome Saviour. God knows all our pains and sufferings. He will surely open a way for us and comfort us.

My testimony ends here. May all glory be given unto God. Amen.



### How God Healed Me

**By: Arween Lim Jerico**  
Upper Primary Class  
Petaling Jaya Church

Hallelujah, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I share my experience on how God healed me.

My name is Arween Lim Jerico. I am 11 years old, and I am from Petaling Jaya. When I was 9 years old, I shared a bedroom with my brother. Our beds were next to each other, side by side. One day, when I was sleeping, I was facing the right side of my brother's bed frame. I thought I was facing the other way, so when I woke up in the middle of the night, I hit my left eye on the side of my brother's bed, but I did not feel any pain. I just covered my left eye with my hand and went back to sleep.

The next day, when I woke up, my eye was very painful. I

saw that my hand and my pillow had a little drop of blood. I asked my brother if my left eye was swollen, and he said it was. I looked in the mirror of my wardrobe and saw that my left eye was swollen and there was dried blood on the side. I then went to tell my mum. She told me to wash it and she helped me put medicine on it.

For the next few days, I prayed to God for help to heal my eye. Thank the Lord Jesus, my eye was healed after a week. I am truly thankful also that I did not need to go to the doctor at that time, as it was during the COVID-19 MCO.

"The is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: 'I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you...' (2 Kings 20:5a)

May all glory be given to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Call upon God in Distress

**By: Enya Wong**  
Intermediate Youth Class  
Petaling Jaya Church.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bear testimony.

The first incident occurred in mid May 2014, when my mother was alone at home. It started to rain heavily, and the thunder rumbled with the flashing of lightning. An uncle who lives across the road noticed that the rooftop of my house had caught fire. He immediately called the elderly woman who lives next door to alert my mother. At that time, my mother was in the kitchen listening to music with earphones, so she did not know what was happening. The woman quickly made a phone call to my father, and he immediately called my mother. My mother opened the inner door as soon as she received the call; only then did she realized there were many people at the front of the automatic gate of my house. The lightning had damaged the gate, and the neighbours were mostly the elderly and children, so none was able to open the gate. At that time of crisis, a Malay motorcyclist passed by and helped to pry open the gate. The elderly woman's son who had just returned home, went over the wall to the roof of my house to check. He wanted to put out the fire but unfortunately, the water pressure was too weak. He went back to his house to check; only then did he find out his house was on fire too. The fire originated from his house; due to the raging fire, it spread to my house too. After the gate was opened, my mother quickly drove the car away from the fire to avoid an explosion. She parked the car opposite our house. When she looked up and saw the fire on the roof, she immediately prayed to God and shouted, "Lord Jesus Christ, put out the fire!" Less than a few minutes, when my mother opened her eyes, a fire engine appeared. Thank God, the fire engine arrived before the road was jammed with traffic. The house caught fire at around 4:45pm, and it arrived before 5pm. My house is located in a traffic- jam prone area, especially after office hours. If the fire had started later at 5pm, the fire engine would be delayed due to the traffic jam.

Thank God for his protection. After this incident, my family wanted to thank the Malay motorcyclist who helped to open the gate, but we just know that he does not live in the neighbourhood and was only a passer-by. We believe it was the Lord God who sent this angel to help us. The fire was put out in time because of the Lord's protection. Therefore, when we encounter dangers, remember to reach out to God.

From this incident, my mother was deeply moved by the verse in Psalm 127:1-2: "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives his beloved sleep."

I would like to share this verse,



**Psalm 145:19: "He fulfils the desire of those who fear Him; he also will hear their cry and save them."**

The second incident happened in the year 2016, when I was only 11 years old. On a Tuesday night, I returned home from tuition with a long face. I showed my temper to my parents because they forced me to attend Maths tuition class. When my mother wanted to speak to me, I talked back to her. After finishing my homework, my sister and I went into our room to read bedtime stories. When I lightly touched my nose, suddenly, it started to bleed. It was bleeding a lot, I spit blood and had difficulties in breathing, I felt like dying. When my parents came to know of my situation, my mother wanted to bring me to the hospital, but I cried and shouted! "Jesus Christ will save me! Jesus Christ save me! Jesus Christ will save me!" Then my father said, "Stop crying! Let us kneel down and pray!" Miraculously, my nose stopped bleeding. Hence, it seemed as if this incident was given by God to teach and to remind me to respect my parents and listen to their words. This incident also impressed on me that no matter what emergencies we face, we should always call upon God, to first seek Him instead of relying on physical help.

Lastly, I would like to conclude with two bible verses:

**Ephesians 6:1: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right," and Proverbs 3:11: "My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof."**

All glory and praise to His name. Amen

### God Protected Me

**By: Chan Hon Jie**  
Upper Primary Class,  
Petaling Jaya Church



Hallelujah, in the name of the LORD Jesus Christ, I share.

One day, I was playing with my older brother in the living room. All of a sudden, I tripped over my brother's leg and hit the corner of the cabinet. My forehead was bleeding a lot. My brother immediately called my mother; my father rushed back home too. When my mother was helping me to stop the bleeding, I told her, "Do not be afraid, God will protect us."

Then, we rushed to the hospital, and I received a few stitches on my forehead. Thank God, it turned out that I did not feel any pain. I know that God is always by my side to protect me, as is written in Hymn 44: "Jesus wept and died for me; Jesus suffered on the tree: Jesus waits to make me free; He alone can save me!"

May all glory be given to Jesus Christ, Amen.



## My Experience of Receiving the Holy Spirit

**By: Emily Yuen-Jin Jihol**  
Junior Youth Class  
Subang Jaya Church

Hallelujah, in the name of Jesus, I testify. My name is Emily Yuen-Jin Jihol. I am 13 years old and from Subang Jaya Church.

I would like to testify about my experience of receiving the Holy Spirit during the recent Upper Primary Bible Camp (UPBC) held on 30 April to 3 May 2022.

Before I attended the camp, I have already made a resolution that I must receive the Holy Spirit before I turn 14. My mother reminded me that the Holy Spirit is very important and is the key to heaven. If I don't have the seal of the Holy Spirit, I will not be able to enter heaven.

During the UPBC, I prayed hard for the Holy Spirit. However, on the first day, I was not able to concentrate on my prayers. I was nervous for I feared that I will not be able to receive the Holy Spirit. I could not focus as my mind was filled with other thoughts.

My mother continued to encourage me to focus during my prayer. So, on the second day, I really concentrated on my prayers. I prayed louder than I ever had before. During the past prayers, I would pray softly as I felt shy to pray loudly.

I said, "Hallelujah" and prayed hard to God for the Holy Spirit. I didn't think a lot and was just focused on my prayers. Unfortunately, I still didn't receive the Holy Spirit.

On the third day, 2 May 2022, I continued

to pray hard. I felt like giving up the hope that I will receive the Holy Spirit this time around. I still continued to persist in my prayers.

During this prayer, I felt my tongue moving but the bell rang. I didn't get any sticker. A sticker would be pinned on your name tag if the ministers feel that you have been moved by the Holy Spirit.

During lunch, I told my friend about my experience and she, in turn, told one of the facilitators.

After that, Sis Mabel, one of the facilitators, asked me about my experience and I told her that I felt my tongue moving. She asked me whether it was smooth, and I replied that it was not very. Later, the discipline teacher, Sis Jenny, gave me a sticker to indicate that I was moved by the Holy Spirit.

That night, when I reached home, my father (Dn Philip) told me that Pr Joel had messaged him to ask me to continue to pray at home.

Today is the final day of the UPBC. In the last prayer, I felt a difference in my prayer. I was praying in tongues. I felt warm, peaceful and comfortable. I did not even feel that the prayer was long.

After the prayer, I realized that my tag was missing and thought that I have lost it. In actual fact, my tag was taken away. If your name tag is removed, it means that you have received the Holy Spirit. (If you are moved, you will just receive a sticker).

So, imagine my surprise when my name was called by the teacher when she confirmed those who had received the Holy Spirit. I was so happy, and everybody

congratulated me. I have finally received the precious gift of the Holy Spirit.

I realized that there is a difference between before and after receiving the Holy Spirit. In the past, before I received the Holy Spirit, praying is like a routine. I would go in front to pray and sometimes, I would even open my eyes. I would quickly close my eyes when I see the deacons coming. I could not concentrate at all. I could not wait for the bell to ring.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, I no longer wait for the bell to ring. When I am sad, I pray to God; when I need help, I pray to God. I can feel that God really listens to my prayer. He will help me in my life, like how he helped me to get through a recent school interview. I really feel closer to God when I pray and tell him everything.

In fact, one of the facilitators, Sis Mabel, also commented to my mother that after receiving the Holy Spirit, I have become more talkative. In the past, I don't like to socialize or talk to people. I like to be alone. Now, I feel that I am friendlier and am able to open up and approach other people. Now, I have more friends.

This is the beginning of my journey with God. I truly praise God for giving me His precious Holy Spirit. My testimony ends here. All glory and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Receiving the Holy Spirit

**By: Celeste Chang**  
Intermediate Youth Class  
Petaling Jaya Church

In the name of the LORD Jesus Christ, I bear testimony. My topic of sharing today is "Interceding for my cousin to receive the Holy Spirit". My cousin is the same age as me. Her mother, who is my aunt, is a believer in our church. My uncle is a Buddhist. However, he has never stopped my aunt and cousin from attending church.

In 2019, my cousin and I participated for the first time in the Junior Youth Bible Camp. She did not want to participate, but my mother was persistently hoping that she would because she wished for my cousin to meet more church friends at the bible camp, as well as learn more about the teachings of the Bible to strengthen her faith. My cousin's father did not object to her attending the camp, so in the end, my mother managed to persuade her.

At the bible camp, we were assigned to the same group. My mother had advised me to take care of her and accompany her, because she was scared that my cousin would not be able to adapt to life in the bible camp. Throughout the duration of the bible camp, I learnt a lot of biblical teachings, and prayed hard for the Holy Spirit. I desperately wanted the Holy Spirit because I was afraid that the end days were near, and I was not prepared yet, neither did I have the guarantee of the inheritance of the Heavenly Kingdom. My cousin too understood the importance of the Holy Spirit, and prayed earnestly.

One day, during a lunch break, she told our group's facilitator that she had felt her tongue roll a little. At that time, I was

listening at the side and was pleasantly surprised. Initially, I did not specially pray for my cousin to receive the Holy Spirit. But from then on, I would intercede for her in every prayer session that she may receive the Holy Spirit. I told God that she truly needs the Holy Spirit's guidance more than me, and asked God to grant her the Holy Spirit first, because the Holy Spirit can change her. If her father sees the change in her, he will allow her to receive baptism, and might even be willing to go to church and listen to sermons.

As the days passed at bible camp, many people received the Holy Spirit, including my good friend and my cousin. When I asked my cousin how she prayed, she said that she had told God that if He granted her the Holy Spirit, she will receive baptism. Actually, I was a little bit worried, because her father had not consented to her being baptized.

On the last day of the bible camp, I had yet to receive the Holy Spirit and felt a bit lost, but thank God, my cousin received the Holy Spirit. After bible camp ended, everyone returned home and attended their respective churches. My cousin lived in Johor and attended the church in Johor Bahru. I continued to pray for her, hoping that God will strengthen her faith and move her father's heart so that he will allow her to be baptized. After all, she had already made a promise to God, so she cannot disappoint Him nor break her promise.

Of course, I continued to pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit, because I really wanted to experience it. The week after bible camp, I went to the front before the pulpit to receive the laying on of hands during prayer. When the prayer ended,

Deacon Paul Wong passed a message to my father to tell me that he had noticed my hands moving and that I had spoken a little in tongues. He told me to pray even harder for the Holy Spirit, perhaps just a little bit more and it will be granted to me.

On the following Saturday, after the Sabbath service, there was no laying on of hands during prayer. Thus, I tried to say "Hallelujah" slowly because I wanted to avoid controlling the movement of my tongue. I really was speaking in tongues, but I was unsure of it myself. It was good that that day fell in the second week of June when we had our REU Prayer for Holy Spirit session. I prayed with great faith and felt that I would definitely receive the Holy Spirit. Then, I really received it. During prayer, I felt that I was specially praying with strength, the Holy Spirit kept filling me. I was so joyful, and felt peace in my heart.

Thank God. He has heard my prayers and let me experience the fullness of His grace and love, as well as the presence of the Spirit in me. May all glory be given to God. Amen!



Celeste (left) and her cousin, Lim Kai Wen



## Receiving the Holy Spirit

**By: Greta Kong Jun Rong**  
Intermediate Youth Class,  
Bercham Church

In the name of the Lord Jesus, I bear testimony. I am Sis. Greta Kong Jun Rong from Bercham Church. This testimony is of my experience on receiving the Holy Spirit.

During the prayer for Holy Spirit session on the second last night of the Youth Theological Training Course, which was held on 23rd December 2021, I was attending lessons with my two younger cousins in my grandfather's house. Before praying for the Holy Spirit, I recalled a testimony about a sister who received the Holy Spirit during a prayer session after her friends got together to prepare their hearts before that prayer session. Therefore, before praying for the Holy Spirit, I prepared my heart by reflecting upon the grace of God and my wrongdoings. I first interceded for others, and prayed for those who have yet to receive the Holy Spirit. After that, I started praying for myself, repented to God, and counted the blessings He bestowed on me. I also mentioned in my prayer that I will be diligent in doing divine work. Halfway through my prayer, I started

speaking in tongues. I was unsure if I was moved by the Holy Spirit or if I had received the Holy Spirit. I told God in my prayer: 'O God, please let it not be just the movement of the Holy Spirit, please grant me the Holy Spirit'.

After that prayer, I felt that I had received the Holy Spirit, but I was uncertain about it. Since my grandfather is a deacon, I pulled him aside, seeking confirmation from him. Later, we knelt to pray once again. My elder brother, my younger cousins and my grandfather prayed for me too. After that prayer, my grandfather confirmed that I had received the Holy Spirit. Thank God for His help and grace. And thank the brothers and sisters who interceded for me. My testimony ends here; may all glory be given unto the Lord. Amen.



## Receiving the Holy Spirit

**By: Jael Caelyn Phan**  
Junior Youth Class  
Kulim Church

Hallelujah, in the name of the Lord Jesus I bear testimony. Thank God for His grace, enabling me to share my experience of receiving the Holy Spirit.

My name is Jael Caelyn Phan from Kulim Church and I received the precious Holy Spirit from God on 25th December 2021.

When my two cousins, who were attending lessons with me received the Holy Spirit during the online Youth Theological Training Course held in December, I was disappointed. I did not understand how they could receive the Holy Spirit that soon, while my prayers remained unheard. It was not until later that I understood that God has His time and all we have to do is to trust and obey. During most of the prayers, I was in tears, expressing my feelings to God, praying earnestly for the Holy Spirit and seeking His forgiveness for my wrongdoings. On the morning of the day that I received the Holy Spirit, I had an urge to pray. However, all the rooms were occupied, and I could only borrow a room from my uncle to pray alone. I only mentioned borrowing

the room but was too embarrassed to mention the fact that I was going to pray. I was pressured because my cousins had received the Holy Spirit. Despite that, I was, at that time, afraid of praying alone. Therefore, I went to another room to pray with my cousin. I was crying non-stop during that prayer. Even though I did pause for a while during that prayer, I continued praying persistently as I had the feeling that I might receive the Holy Spirit. Not long after I started the prayer interceding for others, I prayed for myself. It was during that unexpected moment that I received the Holy Spirit. Thank God and May His grace overflow!

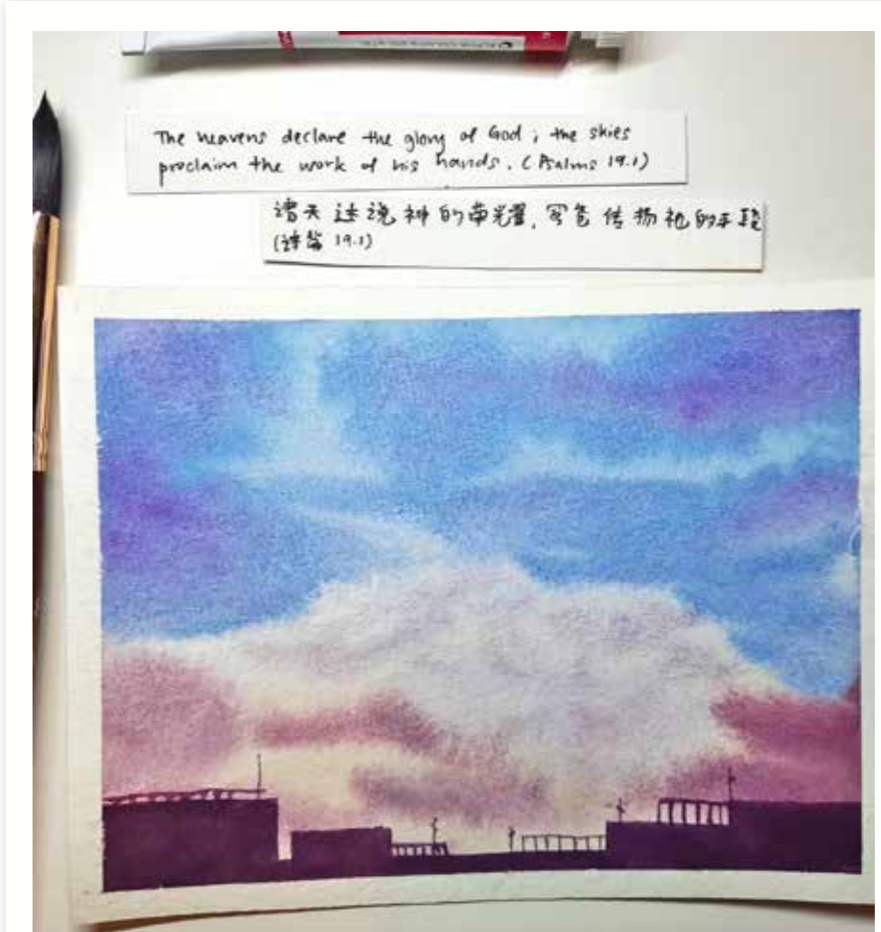
Thank God for His grace, for listening to my prayers and for giving me the Holy Spirit. And thank God for giving the Holy Spirit to my two cousins, Jun Rong and Guan Ni. My testimony ends here, may God bless all of you. Hallelujah, amen!





# God's Creation through My Eyes

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## 得圣灵的經歷

菀苾姐妹

少年班，梳邦再也教堂

哈利路亚奉耶稣的名作见证。我是来自梳邦再也教会的菀苾姐妹，今年13岁。

我想要分享我在少年班圣经营(2022年4月30日至5月3日)灵受圣灵的經歷。

参加圣经营之前，我已经立志要我14岁之前领受圣灵。我母亲常常提醒我圣灵的重要性，因为它是通往天堂的钥匙。若我没有圣灵的印记，就无法进入天堂。

在少年班圣经营期间，我努力祈求圣灵。第一天我无法集中精神祈祷，也忧虑自己不能接受圣灵。我的脑海浮出种种心思，导致我无法专心。

母亲鼓励我在祷告中要专心。因此，第二天祷告，我专心祈祷。我不曾那么大声地祈祷。在过去，我因害羞而轻声祈祷。

我努力念着“哈利路亚”，向神祈求圣灵。我没有想太多，只是专心祈祷。然而，我依然还未得圣灵。

第三天，我继续努力祷告但内心同时

想放弃。这次的祷告中，我的舌头开始跳动。若传道发现学生已被圣灵感动，他们会在名牌贴上贴纸。但是铃声响起时，我没得到贴纸。午餐时，我把祷告经历告诉朋友，朋友又转告诉了辅导员。

之后，一位辅导员问我我的经历，我告诉她我舌头在跳动。她问是否跳动得流利，我回答不是很流利。后来，纪律老师给了我一张贴纸，表示我被圣灵感动了。

晚上回到家时，我父亲(腓力执事)告诉我，约耳传道发短讯给他，要我继续在家祈祷。

少年班圣经营最后一天的祈祷会，我感到自己的祷告不一样：我开始用灵言祷告。内心感到温暖，平静和舒适，也不觉得祷告时间很长。

祷告后，我发现我名牌不见了。我以为我把它弄丢了，其实是被拿走了。如果学生名牌被拿走，就是说已经得了圣灵。(如果被圣灵感动，只会收到一张贴纸)。

我的名字被列入得了圣灵的名单中，我非常高兴与惊喜。大家祝贺我。我终于得到了宝贵圣灵。

我发觉得圣灵前后得区别。之前，祷告是我生活中常规。虽在台前祈祷，

但有时我会睁开眼睛。看到执事来按手，就迅速闭上眼睛。我根本无法集中注意力，也盼望铃声响起。

得到圣灵后，我不再等候铃声响起。当我难过时，我会向神祈祷。当我需要帮助时，我会向神祈祷。神一直听我祷告；他帮助我，就像他陪伴我通过最近的学校面试一样。祈祷时，我感觉与祂亲密多了，一切都可以告诉他。

之前的辅导员也告诉我妈妈我得圣灵后比较健谈。过去，我不喜欢与人交谈，我宁可自己一个人。现在我觉得我变得开朗，能够敞开心扉，亲近其他人，交更多的朋友。

这是我与神旅程的开始。我真心赞美神赐给我宝贵的圣灵。我的见证到此结束，一切荣耀赞美归于天上主耶稣基督。



## 领受圣灵的见证

江俊蓉  
巴占教会

奉主耶稣圣名作见证，我是来自巴占教会的江俊蓉姐妹，这是一个关于我得圣灵的经过的见证。在神学班的最后第二天晚上(23/12/2021)的祈求圣灵祷告，我在我爷爷家跟我的两个表妹一起上课，在还没有开始祈求圣灵之前，我想起我曾经听过一个见证是关于一个姐妹她在得圣灵前的那个祷告跟朋友一起预备心来祈求，我就在还没有开始祈求圣灵时也预备心，思想主的恩典和我所犯的过错。在祷告时，我先是为人家代祷，也帮没有得圣灵的人祈求。过后我就开始为我自己祷告，跟神悔改，数算主给我的恩典并说会勤做圣工。当我祷告到一半的时候，

我突然感觉到我的舌头开始讲灵言，我不知道那是圣灵感动还是得到了圣灵，就在祷告的时候跟神说：求主让这个不单单只是圣灵感动，求主降下圣灵给我。在祷告完毕后，我感觉我得到圣灵了，但是我不太确定，也因为我爷爷是执事，我就拉着他帮我确认。接着，我们又再一次地跪下，我的哥哥，表妹，爷爷也在帮我祷告，在那次的祷告爷爷帮我确认我得了圣灵。感谢神的帮助和恩典，也感谢帮我代祷的兄弟姐妹，我的见证到此，愿一切荣耀归于主，阿门。



## 得圣灵的见证

张语芯

中级班，八打灵教会

奉主耶稣圣名作见证。今天我将分享的是关于我为表妹代祷，自己得到圣灵的见证。我的表妹和我同岁。她的妈妈，即我的阿姨是我们教会的信徒。姨丈是个佛教徒；只是，他从来不会阻止我的阿姨和表妹去教会。

2019年是我和表妹第一年的初级班圣经营。她不想参加，但我的妈妈坚持希望她去参加，因为妈妈希望她在圣经营能够认识到更多教会的朋友，也能够学习更多圣经的教导来坚定信心。他的爸爸不反对她参加。最终，她被我的妈妈说服了。

在圣经营里，我们被分派到同一组。我的妈妈吩咐我要照顾她，多多陪着她，怕她不适应圣经营的生活。在圣经营期间，我学习到很多道理，也很努力地祈求圣灵。我想赶快得到圣灵，恐怕末日来了，我还没预备好，也没有进天国的凭据。我的表妹也晓得圣灵的重要性，并很努力地求。

有一次午休时，她告诉我们组的协调员说她感觉到舌头在一点一点地跳动。我当时就在旁边听，有点惊喜。我原先没有特别为她求圣灵的。在那

之后，我在每次的祷告中都会为她代祷求圣灵。我告诉神，她真的比我更需要圣灵的带领，求神先赐给她圣灵，因为圣灵能够改变她。当她的爸爸看到她的改变时，就能够让她去接受洗礼，她的爸爸或许也会愿意去教会听道理。

圣经营一天天过去，好几个人都得到圣灵，我的好朋友包括我的表妹也得到了。当我问她怎么祷告的时候，她说她告诉神，如果神赐给她圣灵，她就会去受洗。其实我有点担心，因为她的爸爸不同意她受洗。

到圣经营的最后一天，我自己还没得到圣灵，有一点失落；但是感谢神，我的表妹得到了圣灵。圣经营结束后，大家回到各自的教会。我的表妹住在柔佛，在新山教会参加聚会。我持续为她祷告，希望神坚固她的信仰，感动她爸爸的心让她尽快受洗；毕竟她已经和神做了一个承诺，不能让神失望，也不能违背诺言。

当然，我还是继续很迫切地求圣灵，因为我真的很想体验圣灵。在圣经营后的那个星期，我到讲台前面接受按手祷告。祷告结束后，黄保罗执事通过我的爸爸告诉我，他发现我的手在摇动，舌头也有一点跳动。他鼓励我要更努力地求圣灵，或许差一点就能得到了。

接下来的那个星期六，安息日聚会后没有长执按手帮助祷告。于是，我自己尝试慢慢地说“哈利路亚”，慢慢地说是因为我要避免是自己翘舌所发出的声音。我的舌头真的有在跳动，不过我不确定。刚好那天是6月的第二个星期，有宗教教育的祈求圣灵祷告会。我充满信心地祷告，并觉得一定能得到圣灵。我真的得到了！我感觉到那次祷告时特别有力量，圣灵一直充满我。我欢喜若狂，心里觉得很平安。

感谢神，祂垂听了我的祷告，让我感受到祂满满的恩典和慈爱，也让我体验到圣灵的同在。愿一切荣耀归于神的名。阿们！



语芯(左)与表妹, 林凯雯

我是来自居林教会的潘凯宁，于2021年12月25日蒙主耶稣赐我宝贵的圣灵。

在12月的线上神学班,当两个和我一起上神学班的表姐都得了圣灵,我感到非常失落,不明白为什么他们那么快就领受圣灵,而我的祷告却不蒙垂听。后来我才明白, 神有他的时间,我们只须信靠顺服。在大部分的祷告会中,我都泪流满面,向神倾诉我心中的感受,迫切地求圣灵并求神的原谅,赦免我的过犯。受圣灵那天早上,我心里很想祷告,但是房间都被占用,我唯有向舅舅借房间,独自祷告。我只说要借用房间,却不好意思说我是要去祷告,因为我的表哥表姐们都得到圣灵

了,我感到压力。虽然如此,那时候的我仍害怕自己一个人祷告,所以去了另一个房间跟我的表姐一起祷告。祷告的时候我不断的哭。间中我停了一停,但是我感觉我可能会得到圣灵,我就坚持继续祷告。祷告了不久,我为其他人祷告,再为我自己祷告.在出乎意料的时候,我就得到圣灵了,感谢主,主恩满溢!

感谢主耶稣的恩典,垂听我的祷告,赐给我圣灵。也感谢主赐圣灵给我两位表姐,俊蓉与冠霓。我的见证到此,愿主耶稣赐福给大家。

哈利路亚,阿们!



## 得圣灵的见证

潘凯宁

居林教会

哈利路亚,奉主耶稣圣名作见证。感谢主的恩典,让我有幸在这里分享我得圣灵的經歷。





Eunike Sarlene

中级班  
梳邦再也教会

哈利路亚！我是来自梳邦再也真耶稣教会的 Eunike Sarlene 姐妹。我想分享我在2021年12月所经历的见证。这件事是发生在我从梳邦教会线上神学训练班回家的路途中。

回到家后，我在房间休息时以听一些流行歌曲来放松心情。当我全神贯注地听着音乐，我想起了2019年时在吉打州双溪大年教会的神学训练班的氛围和感受。那时疫情还未发生，生活也都平安。当下内心有感动听着曾经我们在神学训练班期间唱的一首赞美诗。我开始怀念神学训练班的感觉，一股悲伤就涌入了我内心。一会儿，我开始哭泣了。我眼泪不停的掉落，我胸口也感到紧绷，因为我真的太想念疫情之前的神学训练班与其他兄弟姐妹一同聚会，一同参加神学训练班。当时，我犯的一切罪过与错误涌入我脑海。我知道我已经疏远神了，我的信心也软弱了。因此，我向神哀叹：“为什么我的生活会变成这样？我为什么要这样受苦？”

在我哭泣的时候，一阵声音在我心里呼唤着我的名字。一共两次后，那声音问道：“你知道自己的罪吗？你知道自己做错了什么吗？你已经开始远离神了。”当那声音突然在我心里回荡着，我吓了一跳，以为那是自己在幻想。

然而那声音并没离开，而继续说道：“罗马书8章22节”。虽然我不理会，这声音却一直重复地催促我去拿起圣经。翻到罗马书8章22节后，我读了第22到30节。

我非常感动，因为这经文就如神在回答我的祷告。我的泪如雨落，不久后也开始嚎啕大哭，因为我从未有这样的经历。

我很高兴，因神回答了我的问题。

<<罗马书 8:26-27>>

26 况且我们的软弱有灵帮助，我们本不晓得当怎样祷告，只是圣灵亲自用说不出的叹息替我们祷告。

27 鉴察人心的，晓得圣灵的意思，因为圣灵照着神的旨意替圣徒祈求。

因此，身为真正的基督徒，我们应当全心相信神，因为祂是我们最大的依靠和可畏的救主。神知道我们所有的痛苦与烦恼。他一定会为我们开路，一定会安慰我们。我的见证到此结束。愿一切荣耀归于神。阿门。

## 神保护我

郑翰杰  
少年班，八打灵教会



哈利路亚，奉主耶稣圣名做见证。有一天，我和哥哥在客厅玩耍。突然，我勾到哥哥的脚跌倒时撞到柜子的角落。我的额头流了很多血。哥哥立刻去叫妈妈，爸爸也赶回家。妈妈简单的帮我止血时，我告诉妈妈，“不要怕，神会保护。”

我们过后赶去医院，我的额头上被缝了几针。感谢神，我却并没有感觉到丝毫疼痛。我知道神时刻在身旁保护我，就像赞美诗第 44 首唱道：“幸耶稣怜我苦况，为我钉死十架上；耶稣今把我释放，唯有主能救我。”

一切荣耀归给主耶稣基督，阿们。

## 神如何医治我

林媛雯  
少年班，八打灵教会



哈利路亚，奉主耶稣基督圣名分享一个神如何医治我的见证。

我是来自八打灵教会的林媛雯，今年11岁。当我9岁时，我和哥哥共用一间卧房。我们的床是并排紧挨着的。有一天睡觉时，我对着哥哥床架的右边，我却以为我对着的是另一个方向。当半夜起来时，我的左眼撞到哥哥的床，但我没有感觉到任何疼痛。我当时只是用手盖着左眼，过后继续睡觉。

## 急难中呼求神

黄恩雅  
中级班，八打灵教会

奉主耶稣圣名做见证。

2014年5月中的某一天，妈妈放假一个人在家。突然下起了大雨，雷声轰隆隆地响。

瞬间，一位住在对面的叔叔发现我家屋顶着火了，就马上呼叫住在我家隔壁的老太太。当时妈妈正在厨房带着耳机听歌，根本不知道屋子出了状况。在邻居老太太急忙地打电话通知爸爸后，他就马上致电给妈妈，妈妈才知道屋子失火。接了电话，妈妈打开大门，才发现很多人已围在屋子的自动铁门前。然而铁门已被雷劈坏了。那时周围邻居留在家里的只有老人和小孩，没有人可以帮忙打开铁门。

在这危急时刻，刚好有位巫裔骑士路过，他非常用力地将铁门拨上来，门因此开了。邻居老太太刚回家的儿子很快地翻墙到我家楼顶看，想用水来救火。可惜水势太小，无法把火扑灭。他过后跑回家看看，竟然发现自己的家也着火了。原来火势源于他家，火势太猛，所以烧到我家了。铁门被打开后，妈妈赶紧把车子开出去，以免车子着火燃烧、再引发爆炸。

妈妈把车停在我家对面，向上一望看到屋顶的火势，急得马上祷告，大声喊：“主耶稣，救火！”不消几分钟，妈妈睁开眼睛一看，眼前就出现了一辆消防车。

非常感谢主，消防车在还没开始堵车前，就来到我家。起火时大概是4时45分左右，消防车在5点前到达。我家周边的道路在放工时间有严重堵车的问题。如果火灾在5点发生，交通阻塞必耽误救火的时间。

感谢主的保护与看顾！过后，我们想去谢谢帮忙拔起家里铁门的巫裔先生，才发现其实他并不是一个住在我家附近的邻居，只是经过的一位路人。我们相信他是神派来帮助我们的天使。这火得以即时扑灭是主的看顾。所以，当我们遇到危险的时候要记得先呼求神。

这件事情的发生，让妈妈对诗篇127篇1-2节的经文感触良深，“若不是耶和华建造房屋，建造的人就枉然劳力；若

第二天起来时，我眼睛非常的痛。我看到手上和枕头有几滴血。我就问哥哥我的左眼是肿了吗，他答说是。我往衣橱的镜子一照，看到左眼肿上来了；旁边也有干枯的血迹。我就去找妈妈。她嘱咐我清洗眼睛，也帮我眼睛那涂了一点药。

接下来的那几天，我向神祈求祂医治我的眼睛。感谢主耶稣，我的左眼过了一个星期后好了。非常感谢主，因为那时正值2019-冠状病毒疫情下的行动管制令期间，我不需要因此去看医生。

“你回去，告诉我民的君希西家说：‘耶和華你祖大衛的神如此說：我聽見了你的禱告，看見了你的眼淚，我必醫治你...’(列王紀下20:5a)

愿一切荣耀归于我们的主耶稣基督。阿们。



不是耶和華看守城池，看守的人就枉然警醒。你们清晨早起，夜晚安歇，吃劳碌得来的饭，本是枉然；惟有耶和華所亲爱的，必叫他安然睡觉。你们清晨早起，夜晚安歇，吃劳碌得来的饭，本是枉然；惟有耶和華所亲爱的，必叫他安然睡觉。”我想分享的是诗篇145篇19节，“敬畏祂的，祂必成就他们的心愿，也必听他们的呼求，拯救他们。”

### 第二个见证

这发生在2016年，当时我仅11岁。有一晚，我摆着臭脸回家，对父母发脾气；因为他们硬要我上数学补习班。妈妈和我说话时，我和妈妈顶嘴了。

功课做完后，我和妹妹进入睡房，在临睡前看故事书。当我轻轻摸着鼻子时，突然开始流鼻血。瞬间流了不少血，还吐血，又呼吸困难；感觉就好像快死了。

父母知道后，妈妈说要送我去医院，但是我边哭泣边喊叫：“主耶稣救我！主耶稣救我！主耶稣会救我的！”爸爸接着说：“不要哭了！我们跪下来祷告！”祷告结束后，很奇妙的，我的鼻血止了。

这是神给我的一个教训，要我记住，必须尊敬父母，听他们的话。这事也提醒我，不管遇到什么紧急事件都要记得先呼求神、寻找神，而不是依靠物质的东西。

以两个圣经章节来做结束：

以弗所书6章1节：“你们作儿女的，要在主里听从父母，这是理所当然的。”

箴言3章11节：“我儿，你不可轻看耶和華的管教，也不可厌烦祂的责备。”

一切荣耀，赞美都归给主耶稣，阿们！



**谢予恩, 中级班**

哈利路亚! 奉主耶稣圣名我做见证。

我曾经不喜欢祷告, 我感觉祷告要很久并且让我的背部感到疼痛。对我来说, 我不需要虔诚地求圣灵因为我认为我还有很多时间去求。

但随着时间流逝, 我想也没想地开始犯罪。我很愧疚但是我没有足够的力量和信仰阻止自己被诱惑。

在2019年的五月份, 我参加了在波德申教会的圣经营。我下定决心要求到圣灵因为我知道圣灵会带我远离犯罪的道路。

我继续迫切地祷告。我求神改变我的生命。几次的祷告后, 我更加的信心和迫切地祷告。

之后, 在圣经营的尾声, 我被告知我得到圣灵了。我很开心因为我知道神真的会回应祷告。

神改变了我的生活。我现在竭尽全力地要活出一个得神喜悦的生活, 为神而活。阿门。

**温婵妤, 中级班**

哈利路亚! 奉主耶稣圣名我做见证。

小时候, 我曾经以为教会是孩子们玩耍和成年人交谈的地方。但是我觉得是个获得更多知识的地方, 一个免费通往幻想之地的庞大图书馆的入口。

每当我一个人在家时, 我都会渴望我无法获得的知识。此外, 我之所以去教会也是因为我的妈妈想要我去教会。不是因为我相信神是真的。

一天, 我们家发生了一场悲剧。我的祖父跌倒, 第二天逝世。我非常难过, 我不希望同样事件发生在我祖母身上, 于是我向神祷告。当我在祷告的时候, 我能感觉到好像有人在听我说话。正是由于我为祖母的认真祷告, 我才开始相信耶稣。

从那时起, 我开始愿意参加教会的聚会和活动例如宗教教育课。令人惊奇的是, 我为祖母的祷告改变了我, 成为一位认真寻求耶稣基督真理的慕道者。一切的荣耀都归于主, 阿门。

**叶于蒨, 中级班**

奉主耶稣圣名作见证。我是在去年四月才和我的母亲一起洗礼的。感谢主, 我妈妈在洗礼后不久的中区禁食祷告会得圣灵, 而我也在这短期神学班当中得到圣灵。

我还记得在五, 六年级的时候第一次来到真耶稣教会, 在会前祷告的时候是很害怕的, 因为我从来没有听过这样的祷告。可渐渐的, 我发现在他们的祷告中有一种说不出的亲切感, 他们也像是个合唱团一样正在赞美神。可惜我去了一, 两次教会后就没有在去了。那时候我也上了一, 两堂慕道者班。然后就几乎停了一整年没去教会, 因为那时候我在柔佛读书, 母亲不在身旁, 所以就不想去教会。

刚巧, 我妈妈请假来柔佛找我的那时, 士古来教会有献堂礼。她就带我去一次新山教会, 过后才带我去献堂礼。参加了那一次献堂礼之后, 我就决定转校回巴生, 再次去博大宁教会。感谢主, 这些都真的实现了。

我在洗礼之前, 我会因为一些小事而发脾气, 也会有起床气, 偶尔找借口不去守安息日。洗礼之后, 我感觉身体很轻盈, 仿佛压在我身上的石头都被拿走了一样。我没有了起床气, 也会自动去参加教会的活动。在这里, 我想说的是, 或有些人觉得教会给自己的改变不大, 但是只要你仔细的观察, 你会发现在主里的日子, 每一天都会有改变。见证到此, 愿一切荣耀归于天上的真神, 阿门!

**见证****郑嘉乐, 初级班**

奉主耶稣圣名做见证。我是郑嘉乐, 今年13岁, 来自博大宁教会。我要做的见证是钢琴之路。

在我6岁的时候, 我的父母就把我送去钢琴中心学钢琴, 直到现在。在我10岁的时候, 我就开始学教会的赞美诗。在这些年, 我一直努力地学教会诗歌, 也求主耶稣帮助我。现在, 我已经学会弹超过一半的诗歌。

感谢主耶稣的带领, 让我在聚会前能够安排我弹钢琴。每当我还没上去弹钢琴的时候, 我都特别紧张, 所以每次在祷告环节时都求主耶稣能够让我顺利地弹完。

最后, 求主耶稣让我能够学会弹完所有的诗歌, 也感谢主耶稣让我能够从小就开始学钢琴来为主作事奉。将一切荣耀颂赞归于主, 阿们。

**洪佳恩, 中级班**

哈利路亚! 奉主耶稣圣名我做见证。

我小时候, 在教会的祷告时间我只会闭上眼睛, 想东想西或者睡觉。那时的我并不相信真的有神会听我们祷告。我也觉得去教会就像去幼儿园一样。我只是去哪里听故事, 和朋友玩耍。当妈妈要去找我就跟着去。

一天, 因为我妈妈生病了, 因此我不被允许和妈妈一起睡。当时我感到十分伤心, 因为当时的我不曾离开妈妈, 独自睡觉。碰巧当天是星期五, 所以我爸爸便让我和姐姐帮妈妈祷告。那是我第一次真诚地去祷告, 求神让妈妈好起来。

感谢主, 当天晚上回到家时, 我妈妈说她的病好多了, 我可以和妈妈一起睡了! 我很开心。从那时开始, 我知道神真的会听我们的祷告, 我开始真正地对神有信心。现在我无论是开心或伤心, 我学会在任何时候都向神祷告。一切荣耀归于主, 阿门!

**沈靖楷, 中级班**

哈利路亚! 奉主耶稣圣名分享见证。

妈妈告诉我发生在我身上的一件神奇妙的作为, 我一岁半的时候, 发生了一件意外。我吃粥的时候, 不小心吞了鱼骨, 它卡在我的喉咙, 我痛得大哭, 使我一整天不吃也不喝。那天是星期日, 所以找不到儿科诊所看病。

刚好当天晚上陈亚伦执事的家有家庭聚会, 妈妈见我这种情形, 原本打算不出门, 不过爸爸坚持一家人去参加, 而且可以通知弟兄姐妹们代祷。当我们到达那里时, 见到陈执事娘站在门口, 她见到我哭泣的样子, 就问个明白。她就给我一条香蕉, 她说吃香蕉可能可以帮助吞鱼骨下去。可是当时我什么都不想吃。妈妈就拿着那条香蕉, 抱着我去宣爱姐姐的房间, 很多小孩子都在那里玩。妈妈就拿着剥好的香蕉逗我吃, 可是我根本不想吃。

突然间, 有个小孩子去关灯, 当那灯再次打开时。妈妈就发现那个香蕉已经被咬了一口, 我就有一副提示妈妈“我很饿”的样子, 妈妈就知道我已经把鱼骨吞下去了, 本来已经通知好拿执事帮忙报告代祷, 但已经不需要了。

感谢主, 虽然我不知道关灯的时候发生什么事, 但是我相信这是神美妙的作为。在我的一生当中, 我听过了许多关于我的家人和教会信徒的见证。这些见证就如很多积木建立了我的信仰, 来让耶稣改变我成为更好的基督徒。这个奇迹绝对是我信仰中的属灵积木。

感谢主, 阿门。

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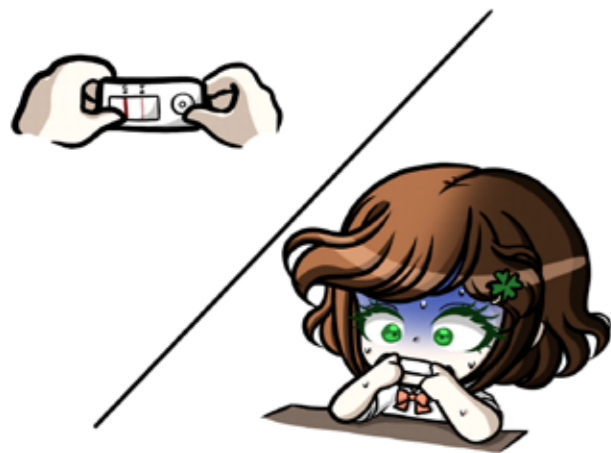


# 主引领我度过隔离时期

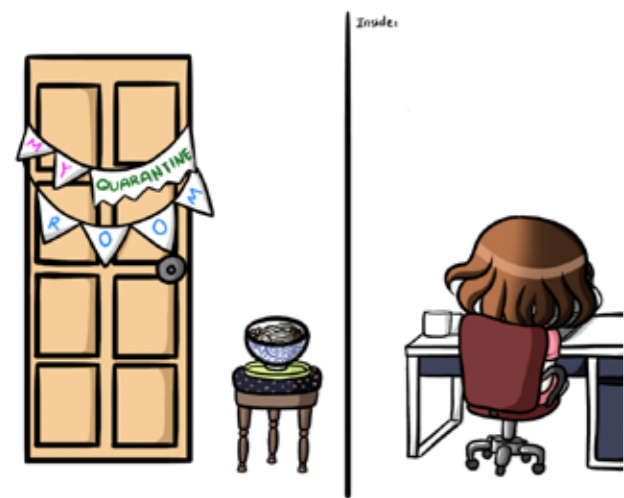
谢尔讓姐妹  
中级班  
吧生真耶稣教会

哈利路亚，首先，我要感谢神确保我在家时都很安全。在大流行病期间(尤其2020-2021年)，在病毒更致命和没有疫苗可使用的情况下，我的家人都没有被新冠病毒感染。

当然，即使现在有很多防护和疫苗，但仍然存在被病毒感染的风险。2022年5月11日，我得到了让我心惊胆跳的新冠病毒。我觉得有点害怕。我感谢神，我只是有轻微的症状，在学校时只有喉咙痛的症状。但是当我回到家做一个快速的新冠病毒检测时，我发现到检测结果呈阳性。



在这一切发生的那一刻，我的父母把我所有的东西，比如我的床和衣服都搬进了现在叫做“我的隔离室”的房间。感谢神，我很平静。事实上我很期待自己可以隔离一周，因为我可以有一些独处的时间，远离我可爱但有点烦人的妹妹(其实我会很想念她)。



这段隔离期也让我想起了使徒保罗在监狱时写给提摩太的信。在监狱或许十分黑暗和孤独，但保罗仍然靠主喜乐。这也提醒我要保持乐观，时常数算主恩。

- 我有爱我的家人为我祷告，并确保我一个人在房间里时得到很好的照顾。
- 我的朋友和家人都十分关心我并总是检查我是否还好。
- 靠着神的怜悯，我在隔离期间几乎没有经历任何恶心的症状。
- 由于我没有病得很严重，我仍然可以在线上上课。
- 我很感激也很高兴我的家人都没有被我感染。
- 我能够吃得好，睡得好。



感谢神，我终于在第6天被测试为阴性。奇迹的是我是较早得新冠病毒，因为在隔离期结束后我能够回到学校的那一天就是考试的那一天。如果在一周后我被感染了，我会缺席很多考试，而且补课时间上会很紧。神确实很了不起！

最后,我想用一段经文来结束我的见证:  
“要靠主常常喜乐”腓立比书4:4

愿一切荣耀归给我们的神!



## 身为宗教教育学员之毕业感想

邓进杰  
中级班, 鹤唳教会

这是我参加宗教教育课程的最后一年。我很感激宗教教育课程为我提供了大量对神的知识和智慧。当我还是个孩子的时候，我经常在聚会期间玩耍。结果，除了神的名以外，我什么也没学到。值得庆幸的是，宗教教育课程让我逐渐认识和理解神。宗教教育系统以其适合儿童的有趣和具有吸引力的方式介绍神。宗教教育课程帮助我意识到进入天国是多么重要，我也学会了不要得罪神。我的结论是，宗教教育课程对我们，对神的每个小孩子都非常重要。

# 神的创造与大爆炸宇宙论

匿名



自古以来，科学界及基督教之间持续存着一些争论，也引起许多激烈的辩论。虽然如此，引发许多争论及冲突之主要导火线乃是议论纷纷的大爆炸宇宙论。此由埃德温哈勃(Edwin Hubble)所创导的理论质疑创世记的记载与宇宙之由来。有关宇宙之缘由，基督徒们已长久挑战众多的科学家；双方为此争论不休。

大爆炸宇宙论描述宇宙的由来与形成。根据埃德温哈勃之论点，当所有的物质被困在一粒微形的“蛋”中(比质子小数十亿倍)，最终在炽热的瀑布中爆炸；宇宙因此而启动了。当洪流冷却之后就形成了宇宙。无论如何，此理论仍然存有一些瑕疵。这理论述说宇宙是由一粒微形蛋爆发形成的；但是该微形蛋从何而来呢？要有蛋就必须事先有一些能形成蛋的元素。故此就有人质疑大爆炸宇宙论的合法性。

大爆炸宇宙论也挑战许多基督徒的观点。创世记记载神在六天内创造宇宙和其中的一切：

“天地万物都造齐了。到第七日，神造物的工都已经完毕，就在第七日歇了祂一切的工，安息了。”(创2:1-2)。

虽然如此，大爆炸宇宙论需要亿万年来形成宇宙，这与圣经的记载有出入。我们可以说六天并非是依照字面所说的日子，而是分六个阶段来形成宇宙。毕竟，一天在神的眼中也许是个永恒。除此之外，大爆炸宇宙论谈到先有太阳才有地球；但圣经却提及神先创造地球而后才造太阳，星星及月亮(创1:1-18)。这样的理论不断地挑战圣经的记载，让我们再次的感受到科学与信仰之间的矛盾。

在丹布朗(Dan Brown)著名的小说-‘天使和魔鬼’中，我们可以看到一个虔诚的基督徒作为一位科学家之间的讽刺。这是格格

不入的；一位科学家是不能在这两个领域都成为有力的拥护者，因为他们是相互矛盾的 - 不是吗？但是，当把这两个理论纠缠在一起时，我们就能解释大爆炸宇宙论。形成宇宙的微形蛋需要一些元素或一位创造者来让它存在，并爆发。这发起者或许是神本身，祂利用这来创造宇宙。时间的因素已经解释了；那么，科学和宗教是否能融合在一块呢？

总而言之，宗教与科学之理论只是众多理论之一。然而，它提供了在两种相互矛盾的观点中采取中立点的见解。科学与宗教之间的冲突将持续，但他们的重要性可是不相上下的。在许多方面，科学也有助于证明神的圣经之可信度(例如预言的应验,与圣经事实有关的考古发现等)。总体而言，这将帮助我们能够更了解神及祂的创造。

虽然我们信仰的基础不只是一取决于神的创造，而是圣经中所描述之情景事迹；但无可否认的，神的创造是证明我们信仰重要的一环。质疑这的科学家将不时与身为基督徒的我们在创造的课题上来做辩论。

当人们提出更多引人入胜与可信的理论时，我们身为基督徒的会感到信仰无时无刻都在面对着挑战。但是，作为基督徒，最重要的是我们必须坚守信仰到底。神是至高无上的，而我们的信仰绝不能在科学成就取得突破时受到动摇或或阻挡；因为神所奠定的稳固根基是不能摇动的。在某种程度上，科学可算是另一种宗教，因为它使我们基督徒偏离了圣经的真理；而圣经的作者就是神本身。神远远超越人们有局限的智慧。科学不应该让你在神为我们信徒所开启的道路上迷惑。反之，科学应与信仰相輔而成。就如伟大的物理学家，爱因斯坦所言，

“没有宗教的科学是整脚；没有科学的宗教则是盲目的”

## 我第一次为神工作的经验

谢洁馨姐妹  
初级班  
吧生真耶稣教会

哈利路亚奉主耶稣圣名作见证。在2020年和2021年，由于大流行的缘故，我无法亲身参加我最后一年的少年班圣经营，也不能参加我第一年的初级班圣经营。由于我们被限制只能在家中活动将近两年，我也被迫开始在线上上初级班。线上学习会让我容易失去注意力并开始思考其他事情。因大流行的缘故，我们也无法进行任何青年郊游或布道服务。所以，当我们终于可以亲身回到教堂时，我觉得十分快乐！由于现在一切都没有隔离限制，我们有更多种类的活动来让青年做。当然，我们有一些限制，但它仍然比通过Google Meet做事情更好，因为有时网络连接是断断续续或是差的。

当我们的青年主席宣布我们将组织前往关丹，以协助关丹教会进行布道服务时，我们每个青年人都欣喜若狂！当这一天到来时，我们的任务成功了！合唱团表演演绎了一个发自内心的信息。那些教孩子的人都有着难以置信的耐心和善良。其他帮助招待的人都让每个人在教会里感到宾至如归。这项在关丹的布道会绝对值得回味。即使这一天结束了，我们仍觉得意犹未尽。当弟兄们在半夜邀请我们去其中一个房间读圣经时，我们更加惊讶！总的来说，我第一次为神工作的经验十分有趣。我真的很感谢神，并希望我们能很快再次出来为祂工作！





# 把神放在首位

郑恩霓  
中级班  
八打灵教会

哈利路亚，奉主耶稣圣名分享。

我在2022年3月2日有个重大校外考试。考试前的几个月，同学们，包括我都开始拼命地复习，甚至焦虑不安。感谢主的是，有来自家人，教会兄弟姐妹和学校朋友们的关心及勉励，让我倍感欣慰；他们是我在准备考试时的开心果。

由于之前的成绩不是很理想，所以在考前不断地复习。不知不觉地，我祷告的次数慢慢减少，只是在教会时才祷告。我也待家人提醒时才祷告。每次祷告时，跪了几分钟就累了；但我没有太在意，继续每日的事务。然而，我发现到心情一直非常低落，做习题时打不起精神，祷告也没有力量。

这种情况持续到2022年4月9日，那天是八打灵教会的布道会；也在当天让我有特别的体会。我邀请了一位朋友来教会，那是我第一次请朋友参加布道会；但是只在前一天他才通知我无法参加。布道会当天我有点失落，在我脑海里浮现诸多想法‘是不想来？没兴趣？害怕？’。到青年诗班呈现时，我用电话录音，以便过后可以转发给好友听。

在聆听当中，我眼眶红了，感到自责，感觉与神的距离似乎越来越远了；也意识到祷告在日常生活中是不可缺少的。在祷告里，我向神悔改希望祂能够原谅我。我感觉到神仿佛在安慰我，也立志以后会尽力地将福音传给身边的人，尽管会被他们拒绝或嘲笑。

## 我如何学习依靠神

陈玮德弟兄  
大专青年  
吧生真耶稣教会

我能很明确地感受到靠自己 and 靠神的差距有多大。在日常生活中，只要祷告都能得到回应，在神学班时一段时期很多人都生病发烧，在一次求圣灵祷告会前我非常不舒服便去量了体温。体温显示38度+，而当时的我便贴了一个降热贴便去祷告了，祷告过程并没有很难受，祷告会结束后，烧便退回了常温。从那时开始我便深刻地体会到依靠神的重要性。但久而久之这种依靠便慢慢消失了，祷告中的内容也并没有太多祈求主对于我生活中的帮助，哪怕有也只是临时地想起神才去乞求，以致于在这种状况发生的2021年许多活动比赛都过得很不顺利。比如三个比赛卡在能拿奖项的前一关，都是只差一点点而已。在很多考试中也出现一样的状况。而这时我开始在后来的种种活动都乞求神，例如上诉统考成绩的前一个月我都在祷告，最终全校上诉成绩的学生只有我上诉成功让其中一颗科目从B3变A2。同样在申请大学奖学金时，奖学金一共分为3,000英镑，25%和50%三个等级，并且是根据现写作文推销自己去与世界各国的留学生去竞争，名额非常紧迫。而对于只有拿到奖学金才有机会出国留学的我而言，这笔奖学金非常重要。因此，在得知是否获得奖学金的前三个月我几乎都把它放在了我的祷告中祈求神的带领，但同时我也并非直接地祈求让神一定要给我奖学金，具体祈求的细节有点多，但主要是根据神的旨意，是否这个大学适合我来作为求神带领的主要内容。也很感谢神让我在三个月后获得了50%的奖学金，而这所大学去到附近的教会也非常方便，因此非常感谢神的带领，也让我感受到神一直都在我成长道路上给予我帮助。



午餐后，于下午1点15分，安息日下午聚会前的祷告会，教会的同灵邀请我一起到会堂祷告。我本想拒绝，却想起刚刚向神的忏悔，‘我还要继续这样不祷告吗？’。我接受了同灵的邀请。奇妙的是，在那30分钟里，我的祷告特别有力量，感觉所有的疲惫瞬间就消失了。

我向来经常拒绝参加青年诗班，总是找各种的理由婉拒他们的邀请；但是我想这是神的作为，让他们的歌声打动我，使我愿意与他们一起作歌颂崇拜。到了傍晚的青年诗班练习时，我主动参与他们，并和大家快乐地颂赞神，也把这件事和弟兄姐妹们分享。

这个经历让我学习到：

在任何情况下都要把神放首位，全然依靠神。物质虽可以让自己满足，但也会因此陷入绝望中。  
**马太福音6:33-“你们要先求祂的国和祂的义,这些东西都要加给你们了。”**

向外邦人勇敢地传福音，尽管有时候会被拒绝，但我们不应该就此放弃。  
**马可福音16:15 - “祂又对他们说：‘你们往普天下去,传福音给万民听。’”**

## 我全新的服事体验

骆蔚雅姐妹  
初级班  
吧生真耶稣教会

哈利路亚奉主耶稣圣名作见证。在2021年，有一个名为REES (宗教教育布道)的项目。这是一个大型的项目，有很多部门都在招募初级班和中级班的成员来协助，因此我参加了这个项目，以便我可以事奉神，帮助教会成长。我的大姐帮我报名参加这个项目，并把我安置在编曲部。起初，由于没有经验的问题，我一直说我不能胜任并且怀疑自己能胜任这份圣工。我是那个部门最年轻的，而我們也需要使用一个看起来非常复杂的歌曲编辑软件。感谢神，我的导师对我非常有耐心。她教了我很多东西，到9月时，我们已完成了5首赞美诗的合唱表演。

当我完成编曲部的工作后，我的姐姐提议让我担任宗教教育布道的司仪。我同意了，因为我以为我会以英文来主持，而我的搭档会以中文来主持，但是当我们的司仪会议时，他们改变了计划，并告诉我们都必须以中文来主持才能与对方交流。由于我不擅长说中文，所以我十分挣扎。有很多次我都想放弃，但Sharon姐妹和司仪团队都一直在指导和鼓励我。Bandar Makhota Cheras教会的Sharon姐妹看到了我的挫败感，给了我一个非常温暖的鼓励，告诉我神会很高兴看到我如此努力，而她也并没有放弃指导我。我感动得流下了眼泪，真耶稣教会弟兄姊妹给我的爱是如此珍贵，而我知道真正的爱是来自于己神。因此，我决定不放弃，在接下来的几个月里继续录制。感谢神，我们能够顺利完成录制，并且能够与出色的弟兄姐妹一起参与这个一生一次的项目！



骆蔚恩姐妹  
中级班  
吧生真耶稣教会

## 我期待已久的洗礼

哈利路亚奉主耶稣圣名来分享我在二月份的受洗经历。此分享将延续我去年在宗教教育会讯分享的一篇名为”长期慕道者的路程”的文章。

感谢神，我已经在真耶稣教会受洗了大约三个月多(以写这篇文章的时间来计算)，并且终于成为真教会的成员。我从小就一直在等待这一刻，而现在我已经实现了这个似乎离我如此遥远的梦想。

我其实应该在2022年1月1日与其他一些巴生和博大宁成员一起受洗。然而，当我被告知洗礼的日期时，我已经预订了飞往新加坡的机票(28/12/2021-2/1/2022)。我父亲为我和我的二姐买了票，让我们和他一起在新加坡度过十二月的假期。我对此感到非常失望，并考虑着是否应该放弃机票而不去新加坡。心烦意乱地挣扎了一周后，我向神祷告，也知道祂会安排好一切，因为我知道祂是绝对不会阻止我和我的姐妹们受洗。

最后，我继续了我的新加坡之旅，因为我知道如果我们浪费了父亲的钱和机票，他会很不高兴。当我回来时，我妈妈告诉我，何执事告诉她我们可以在二月的第一周受洗，因为也是农历新年，我父亲会回来观看我们受洗。我非常激动，并从心底感谢神。我的洗礼倒计时一个月！

2022年2月5日，我父亲终于在农历新年假期回了马来西亚，并按计划去见证圣礼。我们一大早就起床准备，在我们离开家之前，我妈妈提醒我们向神祷告，以便我们能够平安到达那里，因为魔鬼总是试图阻止我们做神旨意的事情。因此，我的姐妹，母亲和我一起祈祷，然后前往黑风洞武吉拉贡的洗礼地点。



我们在早上八点左右到达该地区。当该地区位于山上时，我可以感觉到我们周围的晨风和寒冷的空气。许多教会兄弟姐妹都前来协助，我的母亲也非常感动，因为有很多兄弟姐妹来支持我们。我的属灵伙们也来了，并为我和我的妹妹们感到非常高兴。执事们进入水中祷告准备，这也是郭执事第一次进行施洗！

我的二姐Valen是第一个受洗的。然后是我最小的妹妹蔚雅，最后是我。轮到我的时候，我踏入冰冷的水中，朝两位执事走去。我跪下的时候，他们向我简要介绍了他们将如何为我施洗。然后我开始为我所做的一切祷告和忏悔，思考我所做的所有坏事，比如撒谎和脾气暴躁。在悔改的同时，我开始失控地哭泣。在那短短的时间里，我所感受到的情绪是压倒性的，而这一切都发生得如此之快。听到执事说：“奉耶稣基督的名施洗，叫你的罪得赦！”，我被投入冰冷的河水中。

我回到水面喘口气，我这辈子从未感到如此神清气爽、如此如释重负、如此快乐。我觉得我很干净！诚然，真正的喜乐和永恒的幸福只来自神。我的妈妈和阿姨在录制我们受洗的时候，都在哭泣。我们受洗后，姑姑拥抱了我，说：“感谢神，感谢神...”一切结束后，我们都回来准备中午晚些时候要举行的洗脚礼和圣餐礼。

下午安息日聚会结束后，圣餐即将开始，郭执事讲关于洗脚礼的证道，而何执事洗了我们的脚。真是难以置信，我终于和主耶稣有份了。在圣餐礼仪中，当无酵饼放在我的手掌上时，我祷告并再次开始流泪。我非常感谢神，能够成为全世界80亿人中被拣选的一个。因为我在哭，我的鼻子被塞住了，我真的尝不出无酵饼和葡萄汁的味道。哈哈！

非常感谢主耶稣在我的生命中给了我这个精彩的记忆和经历。我了解到在真教会中受洗是多么地宝贵，并非非常珍惜这一刻。有时我在想，也许神要我知道在真耶稣教会受洗的机会并不是很多人都能够经历的，从而让我更加珍惜它。由于现在没有任何限制的缘故，我会努力为神做更多的工作，更多的事奉神。我们都应该努力成为神更好的器皿，为基督而不是为自己而活。我们是被拣选的人，所以我们应该善用我们所拥有的时间来报答祂奇妙的爱。我总是提醒自己，“记住，你是从这个世界上许多人中被挑选出来的。不要为了世俗的事情放弃这个机会，背叛神。”

最后，这里用一段经文来激励我们所有人为基督而活，因为祂为我们而死。以弗所书2:8-10，“你们得救是本乎恩，也因着信。这并不是出于自己，乃是神所赐的；也不是出于行为，免得有人自夸。我们原是祂的工作，在基督耶稣里造成的，为要叫我们行善，就是神所预备叫我们行的。”让我们真耶稣教会成员一起为神努力！

我的分享到此结束，愿一切荣耀归给我们的主耶稣基督！





# 数算主恩

塚田理华  
初级班  
鹅唛教会

从我们出生的那一天起... 不，打从母胎开始，我们就活在神的恩典与眷顾之下。但在这神为我们准备的恩典之路上，我们常常走着走着就感到厌倦了，觉得这身边的一切都是理所当然的。

我在初级班圣经营曾看过这么一个视频，它深深地打动了。视频里的内容是这样的：有一位正在住院的老人，被告知自己需付呼吸机的费用后，哭了。医生们都认为老人是因它的费用昂贵而哭泣，但那位老人却这么说：“我哭，并不是因为它费用不菲，我有能力付所有的费用；我哭，是因为这70多年来，我呼吸了神赐予的空气，但我从未为此付出过一分一毫的钱。”

从我们婴儿时顺利来到这世上，到开始学会用双脚走路；从我们早晨睁眼的那一刻起，到晚上闭眼安然入睡，我们现在一眼望去所拥有的，视觉、嗅觉、味觉、触觉、听觉等等，都伴随着神的大爱与丰厚无私的恩典。

神赐给我们的恩典恒河沙数，我们能为神做的却廖若晨星。因此，身为神的儿女，就像我们如何孝敬父母，我们也应当如何敬畏，报答神。要成为让神欣慰的儿女，应当像申11:13说的：“听从我今日所吩咐的诫命，爱耶和华你们的神，尽心，尽性事奉他。”要成为让神放心的孩子，也应当像申11:16所说的：“你们要谨慎，免得心中受迷惑，就偏离正路，去事奉敬拜别神。”

最后，我们也要 “常常喜乐，不住地祷告，凡是谢恩，因为这是神在基督耶稣里像你们所定的旨意。”

(帖前5:16-18)

你，今天数算神的恩典了吗？

# 回到主的家中，真好！

庄恩恺弟兄  
中级班  
吧生真耶稣教会

由于新冠疫情的缘故，去年的宗教教育日被取消了。今年我们终于有机会亲身体会了，每一级的学生都要为他们的课堂表演做准备，比如唱歌，角色扮演或跳舞。幼儿班和少年班都在唱歌跳舞。他们在表演时都很可爱和令人愉快。

至于初级班，他们以有趣的方式进行角色扮演，他们扮演以扫和雅各，以及但以理和他的3个朋友。初级班的表演既幽默又有趣。中级班则以献歌和幻灯片的形式在屏幕上展示了他们的旅程。然后，他们将证书颁发给已毕业的人。在最后一个节目，他们为学生分发了礼包。总的来说，这是一个有趣和快乐的项目来结束一年的宗教教育和祝贺已毕业的学生。



# 活在世俗世界的基督徒父母

刘路得, 蕉赖教会

与以前做比较，现在这个世界抚养孩子，是更令人忧心忡忡。在这瞬息万变与严峻苛刻的世界，处于许多必须经历的挣扎当中，面临财务困境占据了父母大部分的注意力。身为神的儿女，我们很幸运地能把一切的忧虑都卸给我们天上的父。只是，许多的基督徒父母并没有接纳这种特权，却常让自己与世俗的期望纠缠不清。

神托付我们抚养孩子，让他们尊重，敬畏和荣耀神。那我们应当什么时候开始这样做？啊，从他们出生的那一刻！我知道。作为一名倡导儿童发展的专业人士，我可能只知道如何引导孩子发展。拥有这些技能和能力，但是没有神的带领，我是无助的。当我的孩子出生时，我请求神来掌管。唯有藉着祂的真理与双手，我的孩子才能被引领，获救。

除了培育在学业，艺术上成功，和拥有许多朋友的好孩子之外，其实还有更多需要做的。这些纯粹只是为了满足世俗社会的期望，与取悦人心。但是，它们能被神接受吗？他们能否在我们主耶稣基督的道路上成功？

父母通过许多管道得到很多毫无根据的意见，他们也怕输不起。他们想以金钱买最好的给孩子。有些父母会开始拿他们孩子所就读的学校以及他们在考试中获得多少个A来与其他人作比较。其实，这些都不那么重要的。哥林多后书12章9节记载：

**“我的恩典够你用的，因为我的能力是在人的软弱上显得完全。”**

身为神的儿女，我们什么都不缺。寻求神指引的基督徒父母是蒙福的。马太福音6章33节这么记载，

**“你们要先求神的国和神的义，这些东西要加给你们了。”**

对于许多生活在当今社会的父母来说，周末是分配给他们孩子上课外活动的时间。许多孩子错失参加安息日聚会与宗教教育课程，因为他们必须上补习班。我们常发现学前和上小学的孩子们在教会聚会时在做功课，而不是注意听道理。

所有的父母都会犯错。对父母亲来说，这也是我们学习如何做更好的时候。当我们做错时，我们该怎么办？我们祈求神的宽恕。我们应让神当我们的指南。罗马书8:31告诉我们，

**“神若帮助我们，谁能敌挡我们呢？”确实是祂奇妙的爱和恩典支援我们度过童年和迈入成年。当我们寻求祂的帮助时，神会让我们回到正路上。一旦我们让祂掌控我们的生活，我们就可以放心地获得祂的眷顾。**

真正衡量基督徒父母的标准是父母本身的性格。只要我们遵循了神所计划的育儿之道，我们就在祂面前成为成功的父母。当世界以孩子的成功来衡量我们作为父母的成功时，无可避免的，这个准则会让父母跟着这世界的潮流走。通过把他们送到每一堂课，让他们吸收世界的知识，并获得头衔和金钱的物质回报。神的话提醒我们，我们将赚得全世界，却赔上自己的生命(马可福音8:36)。

当孩子还是幼儿时，父母可以开始与他们谈论我们的主、我们的天父、那创造并让我们生存在这个世界的神。父母可以提醒他们在日常生活中的每件事上做感谢，因为一切都来自神(历代志上16:34,35, 帖撒罗尼迦前书5:16-18)。当孩子们从小就学会对神感恩，他们将建立一种坚定不移，充满爱的关系。

父母是孩子的第一位老师，因此也应该成为他们的好榜样。对家人和旁人，他们要效法和展示基督的怜悯与关爱。孩子们会学习父母的好榜样。敬畏神的我们也会不断地提醒孩子这么做。箴言1:7这么说，

**“敬畏耶和华是知识的开端，愚妄人藐视智慧和训诲。”神的道路永远是正确的。孩子们需要上下一致，表里合一的榜样。耶稣不论是今天、昨天和明天都是一样的。**

孩子们从电视节目或社交媒体上得到的，有权威的人物是邪恶的，而叛逆是一种美德。他们得到的这些信息美化了不道德行为，杀害与毒品滥用事件。恶行不再令人震惊。事实上，这些年轻的脑袋受到将那些不服从父母的孩子描绘成超级英雄的故事之影响。

基督徒父母肩负着教导孩子从家里开始服从和尊重权威的任务，我们不能三心两意地处理这项任务。孩子就必须从小就知知道听从和顺服长辈是重要的，我们也是这样顺服和敬畏神。父母必须坚持教导，直到他们的孩子长大成人。诗篇19:8-

**“耶和华的训词正直，使快活人的心。”**

当我们顺服时，神会以幸福与和睦来奖赏包括父母和孩子的我们。

孩子们在人与人之间的信任中茁壮成长。但是，诚实这种美德往往被视为软弱。小学生发现到撒谎和欺骗是人们倾向于迎合世界的方式。他们在学校的朋友告诉他们，“只要你不被抓到，撒谎是没问题的。”可悲的是，许多父母都有这么做，他们经常会叫孩子撒谎或为自己的孩子撒谎。这将导致孩子对自己与父母失去信心。在长大的过程中，他们会认为，只要不被抓到，撒谎是可以被接受的。

我们必须在任何情况下，与任何时间内都信靠神。箴言3:5-6告诉我们

**“专心仰赖耶和华，不要倚靠自己的聪明。在你一切所行的事上都要认定祂，祂必指引你的路。”**

没有什么比信靠神更美妙了。孩子们需要听到他们的父母说：“神供给我们一切所有，赞美神，感谢祂的恩典与关爱。”。他们也需要看到父母寻求神的帮助，“让我们一起祷告，祈求神的旨意。”

一起祷告的家庭是连系在一块的。在一个经常祷告的家庭中成长的孩子在他们的生活当中一无所缺。他们看起来总是快乐和满足的，似乎不为任何事情忧虑。在神教导的一些事情当中，包括当我们不信赖祂的时候，我们就会焦虑。如果我们真的把所有的信心和信任交在那位已经得胜的神身上，那么还有什么是需要担心或焦虑的呢？

祷告鼓励孩子亲近神，并在凡事上转向祂。不断祈禱的孩子不会害怕，也有自制力。父母应该提醒孩子完全顺服神，让他掌管家里的一切。诗篇127:1-

**“若不是耶和华建造房屋，建造的人就妄然劳力；若不是耶和华看守城池，看守的人就妄然警醒。”**

如果这是个祷告的家庭，神的爱将永远在那里保护、让人信靠、给予盼望和坚持保守(哥林多前书13:4-8)。当孩子在世界上面临更多的挑战时，他们会察觉到父母并不是一直能够在他们的身边的。懂得如何向神祷告有助于他们克服恐惧并做出正确的决定。就像诗人在诗篇141:1-3的一样，你的孩子也可以说

**“主啊，我求告祢。让我的祷告如香陈列在祢面前；愿我举手祈求，如献晚祭。耶和华啊，求祢禁止我的口，把守我的嘴。”**

神已经向我们保证，祂的儿女，将胜任神所赐的在基督里养育我们儿女的任务，因为以赛亚书41:10这么写到，

**“你不要害怕，因为我与你同在；不要惊惶，因为我是你的神。我必坚固你，我必帮助你。我必用我公义的右手扶持你。”**



## 关于宗教教育部的一些感想

Grace Ho FL 姐妹  
双溪大年, 真耶稣教会

宗教教育是教会重要事工领域。它与牧羊及宣道一样重要。

若教会的儿童和青年没有坚固的宗教教育的培训，教会就不能有进展。更严重的是教会成员相续离开，导致教会关闭。这常发生在农村或小城镇。年轻人迁移到城市或到海外深造，因为对于年轻夫妇来说，搬到大城市可寻找更好工作机会，移居海外寻也可有更好的发展。不像四十到五十年前，一对夫妇可能有 8到12 个孩子，现代大致上不生超过一两个孩子，有些根本不想生孩子。

因此，近年来教会各班级人数，从十位数降到个位数。班上有4到5位学生，宗教教育老师都会很高兴。马新第一位宗教教育教师培训师杨约翰长老曾经说过，即使只有一个学生，教会得为那学生提供宗教教育。无论是20名学员或1名学生，教会仍有责任提供灵粮，直到他们达到属灵成熟。学员属灵成熟度也是个值得讨论的话题，这里不会深入讨论。

虽然 宗教教育的“毕业生”领受15年的宗教教育，但毕业生中有些最基本的圣经知识都没有掌握。这是非常可悲的。我们需要探讨宗教教育学生，老师，教材和教学方法所导致的因素。

21世纪学员比上世纪较聪,知识更渊博， 思想也较复杂。一般上学员都有智能手机。甚至4岁的孩子都知道如何在手机上搜索他最喜欢的卡通电影，在搜索过程中很可能会偶然发现一些不适于孩子的节目。少年班学员比长辈熟用社交媒体和搜索引擎。现在的学生处在一个充满邪恶的时代，这是三四十年前的教员未曾经历的！他们处在堕落的社会，一个充满不道德感,犯罪，暴力，欺诈行为，虚假，贪婪，奢侈和享乐及挑战的时代；在那些以谎言和自夸为第二天性，嘲笑诚实，正直和正直生活的人中间里！

我们是否了解学员所面对的压力？难道要等到学生已经不在我们身边了，我们才醒过来呢？当中一些学员已迷失在世界的荆棘丛中，在教会里也见不到他们了。曾有多少次我们听到之内与外邦男女交往而与不信者披上婚纱，身为教员的我们多么悲痛地为失去一个可以在之内成为好牧者及全家服侍主的同灵！成为教员，只要一只小羊迷失，我们都会感到心痛！让我们重新检讨四个要素——宗教教育学生，宗教教育老师，教材和教学方法。

首先，我们会译估宗教教育老师。我们必须确保 宗教教育 教师受过良好的培训，他们能力教授特定班级，他们必须了解学生的发展，包括学员的身心灵发展且了解他门的社交活动与短缺，以及提供更适合的教学。若学生愿意与老师分享自己的想法与感受，教学就成功了一半。为他祈祷有很大帮助！

其次是教材：教学大纲和教具要符合学生的年龄。如果教材太简单或太难，这会减低学习的兴趣。对于低年级的课程，使用图片，工具，模型，地图和实际教学会激发他们对课程的兴趣。教员必须做好充分的准备。身为教员，我们必须牺牲时间来为这些主的小群准备教材。主会记得我们的牺牲，且在其他方式把我们所牺牲的给我们！教具的使用能提高课程的有效性，给学生留下深刻的印象。

教学方法也很重要。在中级班中，教员可以采用讨论方式，而不是单纯的讲授方式。可要求学生准备相关的地图、图片或其他辅助材料。改变一个教学方法让课程以学生为中心，这此对学生更具吸引力，这只是一个例子。

为此，即使宗教教育组与教员已经尽了最大的努力，往往成绩不如所预期的。1-2小时的课程不足以在学生的生活上有特久的影响。一位尽职尽责的老师也为学生祈祷，尤其是中级班学生，同侪的影响力更大，我们不希望他们受到他世俗价值观的影响。借着课外电话联系及经常为他们祷告，让主这牧者常引导他们。学生大部分时间都与家人在一起，父母在塑造他的品格是最重要的。因此，宗教教育的成功取决于父母和家人的信仰。

众所周知，犹太人之所以能够保持数千年的古老传统，由于严格的家庭传统和对宗教信仰的坚持。他们上执行了经经文中申命记6:4-9的教导！今天，我们仍然可以看到犹太狂热者戴着一个经文护符匣盒子，里面装着小小的羊皮纸卷轴，上面刻着他们的犹太圣经托拉的经文，绑在他们的前额和上臂上，以提醒他们出埃及记 13:1-10, 13:11-16与申命记 6:4-9, 11:12-21的经文。除此，除了送他们去跟拉比学习更多的宗教课程，犹太父母在孩子很小的时候就灌输宗教教育。在家进行家庭崇拜和宗教仪式，例如一家人一起遵守逾越节和安息日。

同样的，除了送孩子去上宗教教育 课程，若真耶稣教会父母效法犹太父母设立家庭祭坛，深信播在主幼羊心中的种子将发芽，教义将植深根他们的心中(箴言22:6)。这更能有效地减少了宗员的流逝。

盼望马总宗教部的推广家庭祭坛在我们还未失去更多小的学员前，我们当家庭祭坛是实在必行的行动。



## 基督小士兵

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宗教教育教员  
鹅唛

爱尔兰是一个有着浓厚凯尔特背景的国家，也是万圣节的发源地。爱尔兰人相信他们的一些臭名昭著的洞穴是通往地狱的大门，被无形的墙壁隔开。当墙壁被溶解时，生者和死者相遇，死者的灵魂回归并且可以被看见。11月1日，凯尔特人将聚集在一起进行一些仪式，同时等待这些世界之间的无形墙消失。这一刻标志着凯尔特人的新年，也在后来演变成了万圣节。拥有如此浓厚的凯尔特人背景之国家，在万圣节期间看到学生打扮上学是很正常的。看到一个小学生骑自行车上学时“流血” 并不奇怪。此外，他们鼓励学生在学校庆祝圣诞节和交换礼物。任何选择不参加庆祝活动的学生都可能被分隔在另一间房。他们有可能被视为了于大众不同而被排除在外。

虽然这些挑战存在于孩子们的日常生活当中，但是靠着神的恩典，他们继续遵守安息日，祈求圣灵，参加儿童诗班。其中一些孩子在周六聚会后还会与成人人们一起分发教会小册子。要成为基督的精兵，他们需要在基督里有坚实的根基，有足够的装备，才得以从圣经和世界中辨别出教义之差别。我希望这些孩子们能继续在神的恩典中得到培育，与都柏林的崇拜中心一起在身体和精神上健壮成长，成为基督优秀的精兵。

# 神国的儿女

刘荣凯弟兄  
亚依淡教会

当谈到宗教教育，我们很多时候先想到的是宗教教育老师和宗教教育课。宗教教育老师的职责是教育孩子们认识神和信仰。老师扮演好自己的角色确实很重要，因为这是神所赐的属灵恩赐和责任之一，以建立教会。然而，孩子们大部分时间都在家里和家人一起。因此，神非常重视父母给予孩子的宗教教育。这种宗教教育和课堂上有老师的宗教教育是不同的。这是一种渗透到孩子日常生活中的宗教教育。它被融入到他们的日常生活中，并且应该成为他们生活的一部分。这种宗教教育只能由家庭，主要是父母提供。我们需要使他们成为神国的儿女。

### 神国与我家

对于大多数人而言，家庭时间指的是与家人共度的时光，如度假, 野餐, 运动等等。‘家庭’似乎只是指着家庭成员并和他们一起做的事情。然而，教会或神国很少被认为与家庭有关。神国和我家有什么关系呢？

当神拣选祂的子民得救时，祂并没有单独拣选各人，而是以家庭单位拣选各人的。在历代志上十七13-14中，神告诉大卫，“我要做他的父，他要做我的子；并不使我的慈爱离开他，像离开在你以前的扫罗一样。我却要将他永远坚立在我家里和我国里，他的国位也必坚定直到永远。”神告诉大卫神与祂儿子之间关系就是父子关系。这是家庭中的关系之一。神说他的儿子将永远在神的家和神的国里。神拣选大卫和他的后裔作他的儿女，他们将永远在神的国度里。在马太福音一章里所记载的耶稣家谱中，我们得知神的国或神的家是从亚伯拉罕开始的。当神拣选亚伯拉罕时，神不仅拣选了亚伯拉罕一个人，也拣选了他的全家和他的后裔。

今天对我们来说，神借着主耶稣的死和祂的宝血拣选和救赎了我们。受洗后，我们披戴基督，成为属灵亚伯拉



罕的后裔（加拉太书三27-29）。因此，借着耶稣基督，我们都进入神的家中，称彼此为兄弟姐妹。从以弗所书4-5中我们得知，神在创世以前已经为祂的国制定了这个计划，就是拣选我们并预定我们得着儿子的名份。‘在他里面，我们藉着他的血，得蒙救赎， 过犯得到赦免，都是出于神恩典的丰盛。’(以弗所书1:7)我们就是这样被带进神的家中的。在以弗所书—10，这个单句‘计划’在希腊原文中是‘oikonomía’，就是来自这两个词‘okos’和‘nómos’。‘okos’意味着房子或家庭，而‘nómos’则意味着法律或法规。由此可见，神是借着一个家来执行他的救恩计划的。

### 在神国里的家庭

既然我们明白了神的救恩计划是建立在家庭的基础上的，那么它与今天的宗教教育又有什么关系呢？神拣选亚伯拉罕之后告诉了拣选他的理由。在创世记十八19中，神说，“我眷顾他，为要叫他吩咐他的众子和他的眷属遵守我的道，秉公行义...”当神拣选一个人时，神期望祂所拣选的人吩咐他的众子和他的眷属遵守神的道，秉公行义。这就是神在祂的救恩计划中拣选亚伯拉罕的目的。这救恩计划将继续在亚伯拉罕的后裔中延续下去。所以，这也是神今天拣选神国每一个家庭的目的。每一个被拣选进入神国的家庭都是神救恩计划的一部分。神要我们通过每一个家，世世代代彰显他的义，使他的国得以稳固建立，为人所见。

既然神拣选了我的家归入神的家中，并指示我们要吩咐我们的儿女和家人遵守神的道，秉公行义，这便是我们家中一项非常重要的工作。换句话说，父母必须确保他们在这个被神拣选进入祂国度的家中提供适当的宗教教育，以便信仰可以在家庭中代代相传。这是符合神的救恩计划的。





# 我信仰的建立

曾美祈姐妹, 加影教会

## 我信仰的建立

我从小信主，父母亲给我的信仰带来很大的影响。从小被灌输的就是聚会时间不管风雨，不管多忙，一定要去教会。他们热心于教会圣工，不管是教会开会，探访信徒，参加追思聚会等等都是带着孩子一起去。父母亲常常会向我们做见证，述说神在他们那一代所显的恩典。因此，我从小学就开始体会神的帮助，神的同在，神的看顾。由于父母亲忙于工作，爸爸早上送我去上学后，放学我需要自己走路回家，所以从小学四年级（上午班）开始，放学后就自己走路回家。我好奇为什么父母亲放心我走路回家，我就问他们难道不担心我在路上遇到坏人，或者被车撞吗？他们的回答是神会看顾，你自己走路小心，有什么事就祷告神。所以我在这个时候学会依靠神，也体验到神的同在，也建立起自己的信仰，而不再是父母亲的信仰。

还记得当时开始实行没有圣灵的弟兄姐妹不鼓励参与台前工作，我就开始认真求圣灵，因为我想参与圣工，如会前领诗。在我六年级那年的少年班圣经营，求到圣灵，家里剩下爸爸还没有得到圣灵，我开心地打电话回家报告，向爸爸炫耀，希望他也能早日求得圣灵。

从我父母亲身上，我深深的体会到“你们亲近神，神就必亲近你”，“做主工，不落空”。我父母亲爱主耶稣的心，感染了作为孩子的我们，感谢主，目前我们都在教会里侍奉神。

## 我的两次呼召

我在中学时，立志要当老师，因为在学校假期的时候能够协助圣经营或者神学班。毕业后，在等成绩期间到幼儿园打工，当实习老师，才发现当老师不容易，深怕自己误人子弟，所以就放弃了当老师的志向。后来，我想要做某家公司的经理，能够有很好的收入，可以奉献给教会。所以就报考工商管理学士学位。在我即将完成学业时，教会报告为总会代祷，因为总会目前没有全职办事员。每次我看到银幕上的这个代祷事项，就想起这节圣经“这殿仍然荒凉，你们自己还住天花板的房屋吗？哈该书1:4”。我就心里想，如果在我毕业后总会还没有聘请到办事员，那我就去做吧！之后，就有两个人来找我，鼓励我去总会当办事员，很明显这是神的呼召，就这样进了总会。

在总会上班期间，陆续有执事和传道问我要不要当传道，我都是回答“不要”。我自己给了很多不要的理由。直到2020年11月，总会决定在2021年要开办传道者训练课程，那鸿传道就来找我也问同样的问题，但这次我的回答是“我会考虑”。我这次是认真的放在祷告里，求问神是不是真的要我做这工，如果是就让另一位传道再来找我。2021年年头，收到以斯拉传道的电话，问我考虑到怎样？有多少巴仙？我当时是回答50%，传道就说还有时间，你再考虑考虑。我盖了电话，就一直在想，怎么累计了50%？我一直以来的答案都是“不要”，那既然已经有50%，我就答应吧！心里决定以后，我之前拒绝的理由都变成是借口。我把未来的路交托给主，求主带领，最重要是合乎主用，愿主的旨意成就。恳请大家为我代祷，谢谢。

完成了三年的学业，带着期待及战兢的心情回到马来西亚，开始一年的实习工作。这次不再往来自于熟悉的松竹路二段180号，而是马来半岛各处的市县乡村。看到过去的弟兄姐妹，及同工保守在主里，没有喜乐比这个更大的。回想过去步入专职传道事奉的路之前，是从生活中的察觉和体验产生内心的使命感和催逼，而这一份感动仍然记忆犹深。如今，小弟也借着短短的文章与大家分享三年中和当下实习的感动。

三年里，小弟看见神国的工作怎么在台湾发展。无论在台湾哪一个城市与部落，真耶稣教会不是一个陌生难寻的地方。在台湾学习期间，不单是知识的吸收，也有神学院群体生活的学习，向师长传道们的学习，及与教会信徒互动的学习。虽是小小的岛屿，但神的恩典及作为充充满满的活化在岛上。面积仅有马来西亚的九分之一，但本会信徒人数比例却是马国两个总会的两倍余。无论是教会行政或是工作项目和规模，都让小弟学习了不少。若要说出大家共同之处，就是我们都是仇敌魔鬼想要吞吃的目标。因此虽然相隔千里，各处的弟兄姐妹都不断用坚固的信心抵挡它（彼前五9）。这也是过去使徒教会众弟兄经历的苦难，如今也不例外。社会道德底线不断被下压，教会却表现出坚韧的决心，持守真理到底。感谢神，短暂的三年中去了台湾大部分的教会，和几间的祈祷所。许多感动无法一一述说，每每去到不同的地区，地方教会的同灵都给予小弟不少的感动，让自己确信这份使命的可贵和价值。愿神继续的赐恩带领台湾教会的长执传道及弟兄姐妹。

如今，看见前辈及福音同工陆续恢复海外协助的工作，看见地方教会圣工发展的需要和计划，小弟更加感受到教会宣牧的两大使命。无论是将迷失在外的羊领回羊圈，还是寻找未曾进入羊圈的圈外羊，小弟都感受到这并非一件容易的事情。我们是与属灵气的恶魔争战，攻破坚固的营垒，将各样的计谋、各样拦阻人认识神的那些自高之事，一概攻破了，又将人所有的心意夺回，使他都顺服基督（林后十5）。不要想靠着自己的能力或那三寸不烂之舌，就能够让恶者松开手掌，将本该灭亡之人的灵魂，拱手相让。无论是三年神学院的学习，还是如今的实习工作，小弟不断的看见，神的教会乃是靠着神的灵方能成事。此外，在这个属灵的沙场中，小弟感受到同工的陪伴和同心也是至关重要的。记得在院内最多神学生的时候约有25位，大家有相同的共信之道，同一个灵的感动，同一份献身的心志。来到地方教会，寻得如此的同工也是一个在幸福不过的事情，因为能够彼此鼓励，彼此分担。愿神继续教会的所有事工与发展。最后，愿平安归于教会，荣耀归于至高的神，主耶稣基督从今时直到永远。



图一：2020年12月与袁传道及福音同工们参与马祖监狱布道



图二：2019年神学院四年级学长毕业前合照

# 我成为传道人的旅程

冯大勇实习传道  
蕉赖教会



# 神奇妙的恩典， 怜悯与慈爱

张全敬, 八打灵教会



奉主耶稣圣名作见证。我是八打灵真耶稣教会的张全敬，想和大家分享我如何在2021年感染2019-冠状病毒第4阶段时获治愈、蒙神怜悯和恩典的见证。我也要感谢所有人 - 家庭成员, 亲戚, 弟兄姐妹, 长老, 执事和传道们 - 谢谢你们的温馨关怀, 并为我和家人代祷。

我与2019- 冠状病毒抗争按日期排列的事件发展(2021年 7-8月)

7月14至17日- 出现症状; 我接受了聚合酶链反应(RT-PCR)测试。

7月18至22日- RT-PCR 结果呈阳性, 我进行居家隔离。

7月22日午夜; 或 23日清晨)至8月2日- 我住院11天(普通隔离病房1天, 高护病房1天, 重症监护病房3天和普通隔离病房6天)。

8月3日- 我出院。

8月到 10月- 进行后续健康检查。

## 症状、隔离和神对母亲的恩典

7月14日上午, 我陪母亲去疫苗接种中心接受对抗2019-冠状病毒的疫苗。当时是加强行动管制令期间, 只允许接种疫苗的人进入。我就在疫苗接种中心外等候。碰巧遇到一位教会的弟兄, 他也是陪家人来接种、在外边等候。我们就站在外面, 在太阳底下聊了一会。母亲接种疫苗后, 我们回家。然而, 几个小时后, 我开始不舒服; 觉得疲倦、很冷。母亲量我的体温, 有点发烧。吃了一些帕那多止痛药(Panadol)后, 我就上床睡觉。

第二天(15日), 我仍旧发烧, 体温介于37.0°C到38.0°C。16日那天, 烧开始退了一点, 我感觉好多了。

17日, 我参加安息日崇拜聚会, 并在青年班聚会时翻译。青年班结束后, 我吃晚饭时又感到不适。傍晚时, 我开始发烧, 而且温度不断上升。一直到半夜, 我无法再忍受, 便和母亲一起去双威医疗中心检查; 我之前的医疗记录都在那。到了急诊室, 我们告知医生发烧一事。发烧后, 我和母亲都认为这可能是扁桃体发炎, 因为我从小就有扁桃体的问

题。这或许是严重的扁桃体炎。在检查喉咙后, 医生发现我的扁桃体没有肿胀, 就进行了血液检查以确认病因。30分钟后, 得到的结果显示是病毒感染, 而不是细菌感染; 医生因此要求进行拭子测试以确定病毒感染的原因。过后, 我们回家等待RT-PCR测试的报告。

7月18日下午, 我们接到双威医疗中心的电话, 确认病毒感染是由2019-冠状病毒引起的。医护人员吩咐我们必须遵守居家隔离的规定, 也得不时检查我的状况。只是, 我的情况越发糟糕, 体温升至39°C, 最高到达39.9°C。每隔几个小时我就需用冰袋来降低体温。那时, 我没有胃口吃、昏昏欲睡, 只能用尽全力喝水让身体摄取水分。我有轻微的腹泻, 但呕吐了不少次。

我感谢神对我母亲施慈爱、怜悯和保护。在我还没有在房间隔离前, 母亲与我有密切的接触 - 她照顾我时并没有戴口罩, 我们甚至在同一张桌子上吃饭。感谢神, 她两次的RT-PCR测试均为阴性。我也感谢神, 在14日与我聊天的教会弟兄, 虽是个密切接触者, 却没有患上2019-冠状病毒。

## 我入院的经历与神的眷顾

**1)神在恐慌和焦虑时给予的专业咨询**-22日深夜, 我的氧气水平下降到只有 91% 血氧饱和度(SpO2), 我呼吸困难。在这期间, 我们都咨询了一位执事(也是一位医生)的意见。那天晚上, 由于情势紧张, 我没有拨电话给他。然而, 感谢主的是, 执事主动致电我的母亲, 也通过视频打电话给我(在我的阿姨把我的情况告知他后); 在看到我的情况后, 他建议我应该立即进入最近的医院以获取氧气。

**2)神提供一家医院让我入院**-当母亲送我去双威医疗中心时, 我的父亲和执事致电给四家不同的医院(3家政府医院和1家私立医院)询问是否有床位给感染2019-冠状病毒的患者, 但所有医院的病床都已爆满。

抵达双威医疗中心后, 我被推进急诊室外的隔离室。护士给我氧气辅助, 帮助退烧的帕那多和静脉滴注。工作人员两次通知我的父母没有床位。然而, 一位医生进来看到我的情况后, 告诉我们她会尽力帮忙寻找床位。大约两个小时后, 藉着神的恩典和弟兄姊妹, 长执的祷告, 有一张床位预留给我, 直到我们付了保证金。

**3)神准备保证金**-保证金确实是笔大数目! 我急需氧气供应, 那时又是个大清早, 怎么筹集保证金? 我的父母也被问到他们是否可以付出保证金。感谢神, 当时在怡保的一位长老联络我的父亲, 并安排他的妻子和儿子来到医院(距离有点远, 况且那时已是凌晨2点左右)交付保证金, 让我可以顺利入院。

**4)神供给力量来忍受痛苦,不适** - 在隔离病房的23号那天, 我一整天的情况尚好。到了晚上, 医生通知我我需要从手上的动脉抽血, 但未能成功, 因为我的“动脉一直在移动”。那过程确实很痛, 甚至感觉针头在我的骨头上刮了好几次! 医生就让抽血医生(受过训练, 专门为病人抽血的医生)来抽血。经过多次痛苦的尝试, 终于成功。

7月24日那天, 我的情况没有好转, 尽管知道我之前有椎间盘突出症的问题, 但医护人员仍旧让我俯卧。我去做了电脑断层扫描, 并被送进了高护病房, 以获得更高的氧气流量。在那, 医护人员每天在我手臂的动脉中打开一条中心线进行血液检查。这是一个需要局部麻醉的程序, 而在手臂上插的是一根8至10 厘米长的管子。感谢神, 经过这些程序, 我仍然可以通过在线参加下午的安息日崇拜聚会。虽然事情看起来很模糊, 但我能够从开始到结束参加聚会。晚餐要吃饭时, 我不得不从俯卧的姿势转过身仰卧, 这个动作几乎耗尽了所有的力气; 即使是个非常简单的动作, 我却在大口喘气。我还是没有胃口。同样的, 当我从仰卧转回俯卧姿势时, 也用尽全力!

**5) 神让一位教会姐妹来鼓励和照顾我** - 从25到27日, 我从高护病房转换到重症监护病房, 因为我的肺情况没有好转(肺炎)。那时我确实很担心和害怕、哭着祷告, 因为害怕需要插管。感谢神, 一位护士进来指导我将要发生事情的程序, 并且告知我不用插管, 而是使用人工呼吸机来辅助加压空气。之后, 我服用两种药物- 类固醇和一种特殊药物。感谢神, 我的身体对这些药物有正面反应, C-反应蛋白指数(检查体内发炎和感染的程度)每天继续下降。然而, 我还是不能吃, 不能喝; 甚至一整天都没有排尿(这对肾脏不利)。

7月26日, 我用着呼吸机、戴上一个大口罩, 对周遭的事迷糊不清。听到有人叫我Seth后, 我想了一会; 认为医院里没

有人会用这个名字叫我, 因为这名并没有纳入我的身份证上。起初, 我以为或许在做梦, 但我是醒着的。我躺着吃饭, 过后再转回俯卧姿势。之后, 一位护士告诉我, 她是来自梳邦真耶稣教会的姐妹。她的服务单位通常不是重症监护病房; 但奇妙的是, 那几天她被调来代替另一位护士(真是神奇妙的安排)。我才觉悟, 这不是一场梦, 而是这位姐妹在叫我。感谢神, 她鼓励我吃喝, 甚至代我下单定餐。虽然还有许多其他优秀的护士, 但他们对我来说是陌生人; 感谢神差派她来, 因为是我认识的, 这让我倍感安慰和获得鼓励。

## 我的康复与神持续的医治

感谢神, 从7月28日开始, 我转入普通隔离病房, 直到8月3日出院。我复原得很好, 胃口改善变好。医院让我用一个便携式氧气筒, 这样我就可以在房间里四处走动以强化腿部肌肉, 也可以上厕所。我接受物理治疗, 以加快肺部的愈合过程。我需要慢慢呼吸才能达到一定的容量。虽慢但肯定的是, 我好多了; 尽管当我说话太多或做深呼吸时, 喉咙会受刺激, 发痒而咳嗽, 但我能说话了。我的液体类固醇药物换成药片, 摄入时间从晚上(会导致晚上失眠)改为下午。感谢神, 让我能够参加大部分现场直播的教会聚会。

7月30日下午2时左右, 我放下氧气管; 医生甚至让我自己关掉它。8月1日, 照了X光片后, 显示我的肺炎正在好转, 并被告知我可以在8月3日出院。我终于回到家, 很欣慰读到弟兄姐妹的所有留言, 也有时间一一回复他们出于爱心和关怀的鼓励信息。

我真的感谢神, 能做这个见证来赞美祂奇妙的医治工作。在这段经历中, 我真正感受到来自家人, 亲戚 教会弟兄姐妹, 长老, 执事, 传道的爱心与关怀, 尤其是来自神的爱。祂照顾我, 医治我, 也保全我的生命。这确实是个很大的祝福; 一切都变得更好, 我也比以前更强大了。

一切荣耀和赞美都归给我们的主耶稣基督, 阿们!



# 祂的恩典够你用 – 哥林多后书12:9

冯慧玲姐妹, 鹅唛教会

新冠肺炎于2020年席卷全球, 影响了数百万人。这个大流行病让许多人不得不停下脚步, 重新思考他们眼前的挑战: 工作保障, 学习模式, 生计的维持, 当然, 也包括信仰生活。

在流行病期间, 出国协助宣道及牧养工作都已停顿下来。由于不同国家的政府均实施“封锁”及“行动管制”政策, 我们实在无法到国外去。

## 前往阿根廷

在2021年10月, 联总决定差陈但以理传道往阿根廷去协助宣道及牧养工作, 同时也协助中南美洲其他国家的圣工, 为期一年(2022年)。

我们从2021年11月至12月期间就开始着手准备。在2022年1月, 我陪着陈传道一同出发前往阿根廷。要在这疫情期间到这么远的地方去, 我们的家人, 朋友, 及教会的同灵皆为我们感到担忧。

当2021年12月爆发出新变种新冠病毒“Omicron”, 很多国家的新冠肺炎确诊人数都随之飙升。更让人担忧的是, 这Omicron的传染率是前期新冠病毒的好多倍。

## 耶稣无限的爱

为了配合马来西亚政府实施的新冠疫苗接种计划, 我们在2022年1月初打了加强剂。在我们的冠病测试确认为阴性后, 陈传道和我便于2022年1月8日乘搭土耳其航空的航班前往阿根廷。从吉隆坡飞往伊斯坦布尔的航程是11小时40分钟, 而伊斯坦布尔到阿根廷的不宜诺斯埃利斯则耗时16小时30分钟(我们在伊斯坦布尔转机)。我们在飞机上和伊斯坦布尔转

机的时间总共56小时, 而这还没包括在机场等候的时间。终于, 我们于2022年1月9日深夜抵达了阿根廷(阿根廷时间)。

虽然所有旅客在机场及飞机上都需要戴口罩, 但在上飞机后就没有保持人身距离了。当时的航班是载满客的, 机上几乎没有空位。

从2021年12月至2022年1月, 阿根廷的新冠肺炎病例已从每日的几千宗升至每日十万宗以上。当我们抵达阿根廷时, 当地政府已实施对国外输入者的强制隔离措施。隔离三天后, 我们俩做了冠病的聚合酶链反应(PCR)测试, 测试结果为阴性。

陪伴了陈传道几个星期之后我便要独自回国。离开阿根廷前, 我又再次做了冠病的PCR测试, 结果也呈阴性。当我到了伊斯坦布尔准备要转机时, 那里突然发生暴风雪, 导致机场必须得关闭, 我也被迫在那里耽搁了三天。因为延迟从伊斯坦布尔出发前往吉隆坡, 我又得在土耳其做多一次冠病PCR测试, 检测结果是阴性。

在抵达吉隆坡国际机场时, 我又得再做一次冠病PCR测试, 结果也是阴性。在五天的隔离后, 冠病PCR测试结果也同样是阴性。在一个月的时间里, 我一共做了六次冠病PCR检测, 所有检测结果皆为阴性。

## 是巧合, 运气, 口罩或疫苗的保护功效, 亦或是神的恩典?

当我们说我们对神有信心, 我们是否有将生命也交托在祂手里呢?



箴言3章5-6节: 你要专心仰赖耶和华, 不可依靠自己的聪明。在你一切所行的事上, 都要认定祂, 祂必指引你的路。

我们的神是信实和良善的。祂是真实, 满有慈爱和权柄的神。因此, 我们可以全心信靠祂。我们无需为前面未知的事而过分忧虑, 只要在我们所行的事上都认定祂, 祂必指引我们的道路。

感谢我们天上的父神, 在这一趟前往遥远的阿根廷的旅程中, 以祂无限的爱和恩典来保护我们。我们也感谢来自世界各地的弟兄姐妹们的代祷。确实, 神会垂听圣徒的祷告。

## 一切都在神的掌控之下

陈传道从2022年1月9日便开始投入阿根廷的圣工。从学生灵恩会(1月9-14日), 至宗教教员研讨会和讲习会(1月15-16日), 再到青年神训班(1月23日-2月5日), 一直都马不停蹄地工作。这期间也有来自美国的Raymond Chow 传道在协助圣工。

由于当地政府实施的隔离政策, 传道必须以线上的形式来为学生灵恩会讲课。已报名参加灵恩会的学生都住在教会, 并在会堂上课。在灵恩会的第二天, 有一位姐妹发烧, 并确诊患上新冠肺炎。她在被送回家之后就继续在线上参与灵恩会。灵恩会结束时, 那些住在教会里一个星期的学生都做了冠病PCR检测, 结果全属阴性。

有一位报名参加灵恩会的弟兄一开始便想要住在教会, 但他的父母却不同意。他们担心他和其他学生一起住在教会时会感染上冠病。为了这件事, 他们还举开了家庭会议。这位弟兄很勇敢地提出了一个问题: “如果教会是神的家, 他为何不能住在教会呢? 神必然会保守那些住在祂家中的人啊!” 最终, 他的父母答应让他住在教会参加灵恩会。在这段期间, 他都一直保持健康和平安。反而呢, 他一些在家中的家人却被确诊患上冠病。

宗教教员研讨会及讲习会是在线上进行, 青年神训班则是在教会主办, 并在线上直播, 好让那些不能来到教会的同灵得以参加。感谢神看顾和带领, 神训班的课程得以顺利地在教会进行。

## 信靠神

许多阿根廷的信徒都是经营小型市场的。在疫情期间, 他们仍然每天开点营业。虽然每天都得接触上百位客户, 他们却似乎不太担心会感染冠病。可是, 当教会能够重开进行实体聚会时, 许多信徒却以担心在教会聚会容易感染冠病为借口, 而选择参加线上聚会。

有一位姐妹说, 在她原来的想法中, 即使教会有实体聚会, 她仍会选择参加线上聚会。一方面是因为当时的冠病病例很高; 另一方面, 她也不需要为了赶到教会聚会而急着关店, 对她来说更为方便。很显然地, 那时的她把生意和生计看得比神更重要。

然而, 当她听到传道在证道中分享到神完全的爱, 并勉励信徒需要对神有绝对的信心和全然的交托时, 她顿时觉得很羞愧, 深感如此缺乏信心的自己, 实在不配得主耶稣得爱和救恩。在那之后, 她便决定要回到教会守安息日和参加实体聚会。

以赛亚书41章10节说: “你不要害怕, 因为我与你同在, 不要惊惶, 因为我是你的神。我必坚固你, 我必帮助你, 我必用我公义的右手扶持你。”

在我们每一天得生活中, 难免都会遇上问题。这一次的全球性疫情, 我们也不知道何时才会结束。我们所知道的, 就是主耶稣已战胜了世界, 并且一切事都在祂的掌控之下。因此, 我们更应当信靠天上的父, 放心把我们的生命交托给祂, 并欣然地并接受祂所为我们安排的一切。让我们一起祷告, 在神里重建我们的信心, 奉献多一些时间给神, 因我们深知, 神的恩典够我们用。





# 巴生及博大宁宗教教育 教员灵修会报告

杨丽玉, 宗教教育系负责, 博大宁

感谢主的安排与带领, 巴生及博大宁宗教教育教员灵修会于1/8/2021(星期日)9am-12.30pm顺利地在线上进行。灵修会的主题是《火热的心》, 由许哈巴谷传道主讲。当天有35位教员出席(14位博大宁, 11位巴生)

## 开场勉励-郭提摩太执事

郭执事感谢教员在行管令期间为网课忙碌至今, 相信如今教员们对网课已经上手了。因为疫情的关系, 我们不能实体到教会聚会, 几乎所有教会的聚会与一切团契都在线上进行。我们可以舒服地坐在家中聆听国内或海外的讲道, 这些新常态所带来的方便可能让人感到惬意自满。无可否认, 在家聚会比在教会来得舒服, 但人处在舒适区时, 就会倾向怠惰, 久而久之, 使人灵性上产生疲劳感。这疲劳感能熄灭我们心中的火苗。我们需要不时地重新燃起那火。这是生命中必经之过程, 特别是我们的信仰路程。运动场上, 球员在比赛半场也需要休息及补充水分。就算是性能好的F1跑车在赛程中也需要短暂的停靠维修添油, 确保一切稳妥安全。我们也与F1跑车般需要加添神的话语使我们继续奔跑信仰路程。身为基督徒, 我们清楚地知道藉着祷告与神的话语能确保我们完成路途。我们不但需要重新燃起心中的火, 而且要烧得比之前更旺盛。马太福音25章中十个童女的比喻提醒我们应当做醒预备, 确保灯火持续燃烧不灭。郭执事分享以下的经文作为勉励--

【帖前5:11】所以, 你们该彼此劝慰, 互相建立, 正如你们素常所行的。最后以一段经文作为总结--

【以赛书58:11】耶和華必常常引导你, 在干旱之地使你的心灵饱足, 使你的骨头坚强有力; 你必像有水源浇灌的园子, 又像水流不绝的泉源。

## 勉励(一)-许哈巴谷传道

圣经旧约从列王记下至新约腓力比书有提到十次《火热的心》。热心可解释为一种对事物表现出强烈的热情, 例如对主耶稣, 救恩, 还有教员对宗教教育的热心。保罗也在【罗马书12:11】中勉励信徒们要殷勤不可懒惰。要心里火热, 常常服事主。

圣经中多次提到教师这个词, 【林前12:28】中所提到的教师就是指现今的宗教教育教员。如【徒13:1-2】中安提阿教会的教师, 就是神所召派去工作的。教师将神在圣经上的话加以阐释, 偏重于循循善诱。【弗4:11】祂所赐的, 有使徒, 有先知, 有传福音的, 有牧师和教师, 【罗12:7】或作执事, 就当专一执事; 或作教导的, 就当专一教导;

请听保罗的话: 你在许多见证人面前听见我所教训的, 也要交托那忠心能教导别人的人。【提后2:2】。

教导是很辛苦的工作, 教员既然听了主的教训, 被主托付这个重任, 就要全心全意地担负起教员的工作, 那就是教导及传承真理, 就如【提后1:13】及【犹1:3】里强调的守着神纯正话语, 为真道竭力地争辩。

今天, 我们要如何教导年轻的一代呢? 【申命记6:4-9】中告诉我们应以言教, 身教, 情景教学及把握时机教导。

## 教员与热心事奉

### 教课前

【箴言27:23】你要详细知道你羊群的景况, 留心料理你的牛群。教员教导学生前, 要先去认识自己的学生, 了解他们的背景, 知道他们的能力。教学前要做好充足的准备。

### 教课时

教员教课时必须传达正确的讯息及教导。

- 【林前15: 1-4】弟兄们, 我如今把先前所传给你们的福音告诉你们知道; 这福音你们也领受了, 又靠着站立得住,
- 2 并且你们若不是徒然相信, 能以持守我所传给你们的, 就必因这福音得救。
- 3 我当日所领受又传给你们的: 第一, 就是基督照圣经所说, 为我们的罪死了,
- 4 而且埋葬了; 又照圣经所说, 第三天复活了...

### 以下的“热心”是教员们必须避免的:

#### 自我中心的热心

人在发起热心事奉时, 若不追求认识神, 也会像以利亚一样堕入属灵的自我中心, 只见到自己的热心, 却看不到神和其他人的作为。从10及14节, 以利亚两次提到他如何为神大发热心的事迹中, 使教员重新思考身为教会宗教教员的角色。这问题发生的原因往往是教员缺少良好的沟通, 缺乏主动去参与讨论或请求同工的协助。

【赛53: 6】所提到的我们都如羊走迷, 各人偏行己路。教员们应放下自我, 凡事以主为中心。【罗14: 7-8】中也提醒大家是属主的人, 为主而活, 为主而死。

#### 与别人比较的热心

以利亚以自己与其他的以色列人来作比较-为什么其他人什么都不需做? 为什么只有他独自在为神热心工作? 教员们须时刻省察自己的内心, 自己热心事奉的当儿, 也不要与别人的事奉来作比较, 或评论同工的表现。

## 自夸的热心

教员要有好牧人的特征, 注意自己的衣着及言行举止, 在爱心及信心上成为孩子们的榜样。

### 教课后

教员们的工作不是随着课后就结束, 而是需要去牧养及关怀学生。【提前4:11-16】

- 11 这些事, 你要吩咐人, 也要教导人。
- 12 不可叫人小看你年轻, 总要在言语, 行为, 爱心, 信心, 清潔上, 都作信徒的榜样。
- 13 你要以宣讀, 劝勉, 教导为念, 直等到我来。
- 14 你不要轻忽所得的恩赐, 就是从前藉 著预言, 在眾長老接手的时候赐给你的。
- 15 这些事你要殷勤去做, 並要在此专心, 使眾人看出你的長進來。
- 16 你要谨慎自己和自己的教训, 要在这些事上恆心; 因为这样行, 又能救自己, 又能救聽你的人。

## 勉励(二)-许哈巴谷传道

### 热心与山洞

许传道以【王上19:9-18】以利亚先知躲在山洞的事迹来提醒教员们检视自己应有的事奉态度。以下13

当一个人热心事奉时, 一不谨慎, 就会沾沾自喜, 自夸自己付出比别人多, 做得比别人好。

### 讨论会

各班级教员分组讨论:

- i) 上网课的挑战及解决方案
- ii) 10月家长日与家长讨论/分享的事项。

灵修会于中午12.45圆满结束, 愿神纪念许传道, 郭执事, 主持人Victor弟兄, 翻译员丽萍姐妹、惠恩姐妹的辛劳。希望所有参与的同工们能够在这灵修会中得到造就。





# 蕉赖教会及加影先锋镇教会2022年度宗教教育呈现日

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蕉赖教会

哈利路亚。奉主耶稣基督圣名，分享蕉赖教会及加影先锋镇教会宗教教育组的年度呈现日。

蕉赖教会的宗教教育组于2022年5月28日在蕉赖教会举办了他们的年度呈现日。在经历了两年多的疫情之后，我们终于蒙福得以再次举办实体活动，而不再是局限于线上活动了。会堂内到处都充斥着孩童们兴奋的嬉笑声和谈话声，因为他们终于可以再次地聚集在一起，来参与这次有趣的活动，而不是局限在线上而已。这确实是一件奇妙的事，因我们得以见证神赐予蕉赖教会和加影先锋镇教会宗教教育组的福气与恩典，而我们在过去却把这些福气与恩典当成是理所当然的事。令人愉快的是能够看见所有孩童们、家长们以及老师们的用心付出和爱心，大家聚集在一起准备各种呈现来赞美及荣耀神。

这次盛会的司仪是Marybeth姐妹。宗教教育组的年度呈现日活动以陈雅各执事的勉励性短讲来拉开序幕。他以耶稣的吩咐——“让小孩子到我这里来”作为彼此互相勉励的主题。

有人带着小孩子来见耶稣，要耶稣摸他们；门徒便责备那些人。耶稣看见就恼怒，对门徒说：“让小孩子到我这里来，不要禁止他们；因为在神的国的，正是这样的人。我实在告诉你们，凡要承受神国的，若不像小孩子，断不能进去。”于是抱着小孩子，给他们按手，为他们祝福。——马可福音10:13-16

雅各执事提出了两道问题让家长及孩童们去思考：

为什么门徒们要禁止那些家长把他们的孩子带到主耶稣面前？

为什么耶稣要责备门徒们的举动呢？

从第一道问题出发，他谈及了今天的教会里也许也有些家长们和当时的门徒们有着相同的想法，认为孩童们在耶稣的眼中是看为不重要的。我们也许会认为无需关注孩童们的属灵信仰，而应该更加关注成年人的属灵信仰。但是，在第十四节里，耶稣说道，“让小孩子到我这里来，不要禁止他们；因为在神的国的，正是这样的人。”在这里提醒了我们，救恩不是仅仅给成年人而已，也给了孩童们。

耶稣吩咐门徒们要把孩子们带到祂的面前。那身为家长们的该怎么做呢？雅各执事提到了其中一个途径就是把

孩子们带到教会来，让他们参与宗教教育课程。另一个重要的途径就是在家里要培养孩子们的信心，带领他们与神建立起良好的个人关系。

第十五节记载道，“我实在告诉你们，凡要承受神国的，若不像小孩子，断不能进去。”耶稣的这个嘱咐不单只是对小孩子说而已，而是对所有人说的。耶稣要我们像小孩子一样，才能够进入神的国。这就表示我们应该要有像小孩子一样的性情，如真诚与谦卑。作为结尾，雅各执事希望家长们和老师们能够遵从主，就像孩子遵从他们的父母一样，好让我们大家都得着救恩。

接下来是弟兄代表蕉赖教会所有宗教教育教员的分享Tay Eng Keat。他以约翰福音三章十节作为分享的主题。耶稣回答说，“你是以色列人的先生，还不明白这事吗？”——约翰福音3:10

他的信息主要是针对宗教教育教员们，提醒我们要记得我们作为属灵以色列人的教师的角色。尼哥德慕夜里来见耶稣询问真理，但同时也是在质问(约翰福音3:4-9)。耶稣回答他说道，他怎么能够不知道这些事呢？

这件事教训我们不应该去质问神的话语。重点在于要明白神的旨意，而不是去质问神的话语。身为宗教教育教员的我们，凭着我们对神的旨意的认知，一定要在我们的宗教教育课程里面将神的旨意传达给孩童们。他所分享的信息内容确实对教员们来说是一个非常具有激励性，且相当宝贵的提醒。

接下来就是孩童们的呈现。第一组呈现的是可爱的幼稚班学员。三位小小孩童呈现了两首诗歌，他们唱歌跳舞都很棒。下一个呈现是来自加影先锋镇的学员，是一组由少年班，初级班和中级班学员的联合诗班呈现。他们唱了两首诗歌，即一首英语诗歌和一首淡米尔语诗歌。因为疫情的原因，我们经历了长达两年多的封锁时期，能够再次亲眼看到他们作为神的孩子在神的家中长大是一件多么美好的事情。第三组呈现的是来自蕉赖教会幼儿班和少年班的联合诗班。他们唱了三首诗歌。看着他们很活泼地在唱着和跳着歌颂与敬拜主，这是多么令人愉悦的事情啊！

接下来的环节就是由宗教教育组毕业生—— Gideon弟兄致辞。他首先向所有的宗教教育教员致谢，然后开始他的致辞内容。他最近参与了少年班圣经营的协助工作。那次的圣经营向学员们介绍了一组由四个英文词语的首



个英文字母组合而成的词语——“FUEL”来作为对学员们的勉励。Gideon弟兄决定用这四个词语来作为他分享的主题内容，借此和其他学员们彼此共勉。“F”代表的是信心(faith)，“U”代表的是合一(unity)，“E”代表的是坚持(endurance)，“L”代表的是爱心(love)。Gideon弟兄通过圣经中的好些例子来勉励所有宗教教育学员们要努力达成这些身为神儿女该有的素质。

接下来是一个由联合幼年班和少年班学员的短剧与大合唱呈现。短剧中所呈现的场景内容是一位真耶稣教会孩童如何在学校里结出圣灵的果子，并且吸引了一位非信徒同学的注意。大合唱的诗歌是“圣灵的果子”，在场的会被邀请加入合唱环节。最后一组是初级班和中级班的联合诗班呈现。他们唱了三首诗歌，其中也穿插了一些旁白。他们所唱的赞美诗歌非常有造就性，也很好地为学员呈现的环节拉下了帷幕。

最后一个部分就是大家期盼已久的颁发纪念品环节。孩童们在领取礼物和拍照的时候满面笑容。虽然这是每年都会有的例常颁发礼物环节，由于在疫情期间没办法赠送礼物，但是感谢神的恩典，今年孩童们又可以开开心心地领取他们的礼物啦！

感谢神的恩典与带领，让蕉赖教会和加影先锋镇教会的年度宗教教育呈现日得以顺利开展，并且所有人都能够实体地聚集在一起。在场出席的每一个人都因着这些呈现而得着造就，因为孩童们和老师们都拿出了他们最好的努力来献给神。倘若不是出于众人对神的爱，想必这次的盛会也就办不成了。

这次的疫情给了我们许多教训，其中一个就是我们能够实体地聚集在教会是一件多么蒙福的事情。在线上举办活动固然也很好，但仍旧比不上我们主内兄弟姐妹聚集在一起的团契。特别是孩童们，他们很享受相聚在一起的时候，是面对面的相聚，而不是在镜头前的聚集。从这件事上，我们可以看见神在告诉我们，那些我们在过去当成理所当然的事情，其实都是祂所赐给我们的福气与恩典。

但如今，当我们终于踏出家门，走向学校、教会或世界上的各个地方的时候，我们是否还会把神多赐给我们的这份福分当成理所当然的呢？身为神儿女的我们，该如何来表达我们的感谢呢？

你们的光也当这样照在人前，叫他们看见你们的好行为，便将荣耀归给你们在天上的父。——马太福音5:16

圣经告诉我们要如何在我们的行为举止上来荣耀主耶稣。我们可以通过很多管道来显出我们的好行为，例如结出圣灵的果子(加拉太书5:22-23)，更重要的是，要彼此相爱，彼此祝福(彼得前书3:8-9)。

因此，愿孩童们、老师们和家长们时刻记得要藉着我们的好行为来为耶稣发光，让我们身边的人都能够蒙福。

一切荣耀归于神。阿门！





# 2022年中区少年班圣经营

(2022年4月30日 - 2022年5月3日)



奉主耶稣圣名分享。2022年4月30日始于清晨。早上7时正，作为帮手的志愿者们已在各自的岗位上就位。几名营中的帮手在八打灵教会的大门口就位，准备迎接少年班圣经营的学员，而其他的帮手则在登记处，餐饮处和防疫处各就各位。学员怀着紧张和有所期待的心情陆续到来。在8时30分，59位线下的学员和7位线上的学员(来自加影先锋镇教会和甲洞教会)已经完成登记，等候圣经营的开始。

由于已有长达两年的时间无法举行任何的实体活动，这次的圣经营对于所有的学员和帮手来说都有特别的意义。过去两年的空挡让圣经营有了一些不同的安排。首先，由于受限于疫情的防疫政策，学员无法留宿。第二，学员的年龄层是10岁至13岁，这是让13岁的孩子们有机会参加最后一次的少年班圣经营。

在开幕礼时，学员和帮手们被告知他们在圣经营结束后将有可能带回家的恩赐。第一个恩赐就是明白圣经里的一到十一独一真神，两大使命，三个圣礼，四个禁戒之物，五饼二鱼，六日的创造，第七天的安息日，八福，九个圣灵的果子和十诫。第二个恩赐，就是所应许的圣灵，第三，则是由信心(Faith)，合一(Unity)，忍耐(Endurance)，和爱(Love)- (F.U.E.L) 所建立良好的信仰生活。“不可叫人小看你年轻，总要在言语，行为，爱心，信心，清洁上，都做信

徒的榜样。”(提前4: 12)这一节圣句被引用用来提醒学员们，我们都是神的光，所以要在个人的态度和行为上谨慎。为了要鼓励好行为和阻止不好的行为，圣经营设立了一个分数榜。

现今许多学员对科技通达，所以需要利用他们的创意来完成两个项目。学员们分成不同的组别。他们需要按照从圣经所学习的一至十堂课里被分配的一课制作一个图解资讯和动画短片。这成为一个让学员们接触教会线上圣工的踏板。除此之外，学员们也参与了其他的圣工，如领诗，带领祷告，司琴，代祷还有打扫教会。

### 在圣经营中，发生了几件有趣和感动的瞬间-

> 在实习传道彭弟兄的授课下，学习圣经的知识变得更有意思。他灵活地运用一些翻译者和学员来举例让学习变得生动而简单。

> 圣经营人气最高的地点是分数榜。分数榜上贴满了五彩缤纷的雪糕棒与寻字游戏。而最重要的，是写着各组目前所得的分数。学员每每经过分数榜时都会停下脚步查看自己的组别目前所得到的分数。有些组别的分数起伏就像过山车一样惊喜。虽然这可能会减少他们午餐后的休息和娱乐的时间，很多学员为了加分主动到各处和各组询问是否有未完

成或需要帮忙的工作。他们追求做好事和做好人的竞争精神实在令人钦佩。

> 午餐后和午间课堂之间的空档是学员们休息放松的时间。有许多的棋盘游戏供学员们选择。想要休息的学员也可以到所准备的舍间小睡片刻。由于大部分的学员都还未得到圣灵，有几位弟兄也趁着这个时段聚集一同祷告祈求圣灵。

> 在诗班练习时，很多学员因用心大声祷告，暂时失去了嗓音，让他们无法唱得很好。然而，每当他们聚集一起练诗的时候，他们的歌声是由心中发出。他们动听的歌声唱出歌词里的每一个字打动了每一位帮手的心。每当他们唱诗时，帮手们心中的忧虑都被喜乐取代了。

> 最感动的时刻属每当学员们用心祈求圣灵时的声音。很多学员大声祈求哭喊直到祷告结束。有部分的地板被他们的眼泪和汗水浸湿。有些学员甚至需要更换口罩，还有把聚集在眼镜的汗水泪水抹干。每一次祷告结束以后，学员们睁开眼睛时，都期待着自己的衣服上有粘着黄色的贴纸(这是用于标记他们得到了圣灵，或是受圣灵感动)。对于没有得到贴纸的学员，他们在下一堂祷告会时似乎更热心祷告了。

> 也有一段友谊因为一些误会断绝而后重新和好。有一位小弟兄在其中一堂祈求圣灵祷告会结束后给另一位弟兄递上

纸条(这是F.U.E.L 中的小活动，提倡合一(Unity)- 透过友谊和团契在主里合一)，为自己躲避朋友的举动道歉。透过祷告和神的带领，他意识到自己躲避朋友的举动是不明智的，也在这过程中也伤害了他的朋友。

> 学员们所唱的其中一首诗歌是《祷告改变一切》。有一位小弟兄的组别因为一些不良的行为扣分让他感到不满而发泄情绪。一位年长的信徒劝告他不可把不好的情绪发泄到别人的身上，所以他把怒气转移到捶打白板。几位帮手看见以后，都劝告他要努力求得圣灵，好让圣灵帮助他控制自己的情绪一

因为祷告改变一切。接下来的一天，他非常用心祷告祈求圣灵，感谢主的恩典，他领受了圣灵!

> 以上故事中的小弟兄与另一位渴望得到圣灵的弟兄(B弟兄)被分配到一组。虽然B弟兄渴望得到圣灵，可是当B弟兄看见他的朋友面对困难，他决定专心为他的朋友代求期望他得到圣灵。当B弟兄的朋友得到了圣灵，一些帮手向B弟兄表示关心，并想知道他的心情。B弟兄天真而简单地回答道：“我很高兴我的朋友得到了圣灵，因为这证明了神有听到我的祷告。”

在这为期4天的圣经营里还有很多感动

人心的小故事，可是有一样保持不变的一一就是这个圣经营彰显了主耶稣的恩典，怜悯和同在。学员们从这次的圣经营得到了美好而无法磨灭地回忆，新建立的友谊，还有几名学员也带着圣灵回家。他们也带着刚培养一聚会崇拜时正确的态度和习惯回家。愿主耶稣继续祝福和带领这些小羊的信仰旅程，只因他们是教会未来的支柱石和磐石。阿们。



Camp Briefing



Meal Time



Prayer



Bible Teaching



Taking Sermon Notes



Fellowship Time



Cooking Team



Saying Grace



# 2022 年度宗教教育开学礼

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2022年1月15日的安息日聚会之后，家长和孩子们都留在会堂，他们并没有一窝蜂的冲向用餐区，而是安静地期待着一年一度的宗教教育开学礼。大家都对这次的宗教教育开放日期期待已久，因上一次的宗教教育开学礼是在网上举行的。从唱诗到朗诵一直到学习神的话语的事上，大家都做了许多的准备和练习，才成就了今日。今年的主题是“我们是盐”，这主题时刻提醒着大家特别是年少的基督精兵们在世上的责任，也就是在黑暗的角落里散播亮光，并且让那些不认识耶稣的更加认识祂。

司仪奉主耶稣圣名开始节目，首先邀请丽玉姐妹致词并简短报往年进行的活动，她赞扬孩子们在信仰上热诚，同时也提到了家长及老师们因疫情所经历的艰辛。他们在疫情中学会走出舒适圈，熟用现代科技，只为了为孩子们提供一个理想的学习环境。

之后，幼年班开始他们的呈献。今年他们朗诵圣经章节--诗篇23篇来强调神的保护以及祂的带领。很多时候，我们因太专注于我们没有的事物，而忘记了祂所提供的庇护所。接着，为了奖励他们出色的呈献而进行简短的颁发礼物环节。接着，家长代表施恩姐妹上台来分享她的想法。

紧接着就是少年班的呈献，他们唱两首诗歌，《云上太阳》以及《寻找我》和《耶稣爱我》的结合曲。他们用心唱出的歌声非常地美妙，... 他们也朗诵了诗篇121篇，之后同样有颁奖环节。

在开始下一个节目呈献前，大家为



两位学生从宗教教育毕业，迈入人生的下一个阶段而庆祝。今年，冯以撒实习传道将毕业证书颁发给了毕业生并且赞扬他们对属灵生活的热忱。之后毕业生发表毕业感言。杨子凯弟兄分享了他在宗教教育课中所学习的几个教训而朱民浩弟兄感谢属灵同胞以及他的父母对于他信仰的追求以及接受洗礼一事给予支持。

过后，我们为已进行的圣经问答比赛颁奖。少年班及初级班的学生都各有良好的表现。为此，吕国望弟兄负责颁发奖品于这些小得胜者，认可他们在圣经问答比赛上的努力。与此同时，谢长老娘将奖品颁发给在整个圣经营中表现良好的获胜团队。

另外，温婷好学员为初级班学员呈献拉开序幕，分享了她参加短期神学训练班的经验。之后初级班的学员呈献了一首由诗歌500, 11, 485和409混合的诗歌。他们以歌声刻画出教会成员的合一，以及神常年都给予我们的安全和保障。

最后，是时候让中级班的学生呈献。他们唱了《主在我身旁》和《上行之诗》。《上行之诗》是一首胜利的凯歌，因主在日常生活中都与同行。当然2，我们也为中级班的学员进行了颁奖环节。最后，我们为各个班级的老师及学生做了简单的介绍，以诗歌和祷告为此活动闭幕。在司仪的总结里，求神来带领全体教师和学生，使他们有智慧能够更好地理解祂的话语，与此同时也纪念老师的爱和辛劳，让他们有力量做主工。在神的带领之下，2022年的宗教教育开学礼来到了尾声。阿门。

# 中区宗教教育线上圣经问答游戏报告

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感谢神，中区教务组于4/7/2021(星期日)主办2021年中区宗教教育线上圣经问答游戏，活动以云端视频来进行。时间是从早上9点至中午12点。全体参加者有152位，博大宁教会共有16位学员参加。中区学务组第一次主办圣经问答游戏，孩子们在疫情中不能到教会与其他的同伴相聚，这次的活动不但能提高自己的圣经知识，而且能在线上与同伴们见面，这是多么令人期待啊。

首先何马提亚执事勉励参加的学员们渴慕学习圣经知识，也感谢神藉着科技来使大家能突破局限，在线上相聚。何执事以【申6:6-9】及【西3:16】提醒我们如神吩咐以色列人般用各种方式教导儿女，用各种智慧把神的道理存在心里。希望大家享受学习的乐趣，从中得到造就及荣耀神。

接着，主持人Jenny姐妹简单介绍游戏规则，游戏就开始。这游戏分为幼稚班-中级班5个组别，参加者会根据组别进入个别虚拟小房间。每个组别有10份奖品。每位参加者必须在限定的时间内回答50道选择题。游戏以Kahoot工具来进行。

比赛结束后，张耶利米执事与大家分享见证：

### 见证(一)

小女孩与家人去瀑布游玩。她到小溪旁帮妈妈取水时，不小心掉进水里，水里有暗流，她很快被水冲走。妈妈找不到她，赶快把在上流钓鱼的爸爸哥哥叫来，一起顺着溪流找她。哥哥找不到妹妹很慌张，这时他耳边响起一句话：遇到困难时要依靠神。他马上大喊哈利路亚，叫全家人一起跪下祷告。小女孩当时在水里漂流着，心里很害怕，这时她想起在宗教教育课刚学习的圣句【诗56:3】我惧怕的时要依靠神，然后看到有一道光出现，这时她就被水冲上岸边。她听到祷告声音，然后就见到家人在那里祷告。妈妈看见失而复得的小女孩，冲上去

拥抱她，奇妙的是，她的身体一点都不冷，还很温暖。我们要爱神的话语，它是我们随时帮助。

中区教会有一个少年班，每星期四晚上师生进行查经班。另一个中级班师生每天早上7点约定一起祷告。还有一个初级班师生 每天一起读经祷告。希望更多教会向他们学习好榜样。

### 见证2(二)

一个4岁小男孩不满意自己的家庭现状及教会的朋友。有一天，他做错事，妈妈责骂他，他应嘴骂回妈妈，问为什么神要安排他在这家庭。

之后，他就跑出门，却被一辆经过的摩多车撞倒，他被送进了医院。他身上没有外伤，只是脑震荡昏迷5天。天使来找他，带他出去。他看见真耶稣教会门口有人分传单给路人，有一个人在喊天国近了，旁边有人唱诗。但是没有人停下来看。他看见教会里头很多人坐着听道理。然后天使带他去别的地方，那里有很多看起来又饿又渴的人，被黑衣的魔鬼折磨他们，地上有虫咬吃人的肉，到处有火焰。他想起启示录里所讲述的情景，他在那里见到刚去世的邻居和朋友，他也看到现在的朋友。他害怕极了，求天使带他回家。天使劝他要珍惜生命，因为神爱他。叫他回去读【诗119:105】你的话是我脚前的灯，是我路上的光。我们遇到困难时，要记住这句话。醒来后他向妈妈道歉，他完全改变了。现在的他是台湾一名执事。所以我们要把神的话记在心中。

感谢主，博大宁有四位学员得奖：谢恒毅(少年班第三名)与郑加勒(少年班第六名)谢予恩(初级班第七名)，朱民浩(中级班第十名)。感谢神的带领，让圣经问答游戏圆满结束，愿主纪念工作委员们的辛劳。希望学员们能够享受这短短的线上相聚，也能够从长执的勉励中得到造就。





# 八打灵教会宗教教育童讯写作坊

记录报告：庄心怡  
 关键点：王捷琳

八打灵真耶稣教会于2022年5月29日办了一个“童讯写作坊”，让少年、初级与中级各班学生，和大专生参加。这在以马内利和欣喜小组活动(该活动在每星期天早祷会后进行)后办的写作坊，是由李慧娴姐妹，王婕琳姐妹主办，爱丽丝姐妹、郑恩霓姐妹和许昕好姐妹及一些以马内利青年协办的一个项目；其目的是为了鼓励学生通过写作和分享他们与神的经历来参与文宣事工。该活动在八打灵真耶稣教会楼下的会堂进行；学生们分成6个小组，每组有一位协调员(由各个班级和以马内利小组的教员们所组成)亲自鼓励和协助学生写作。

写作坊由黄保罗执事以祷告和给予勉励的话开始。他和大家分享石版上的十诫是神用祂的手指写下。在神的眼中，十诫非常重要，因此祂亲自写下。执事也表示在这个时代的学生是多么有福气，拥有先进的科技；那作为学生的我们，就应当善用科技来服事神，写下见证向他人传扬我们奇妙的神。随后叶慧芬姐妹分享自己如何开始和提升写作技巧的经验。接着，慧娴姐妹也分享她亲身经历的见证，强调在受苦磨炼中写作的功效。过后，捷琳姐妹分享简易写作3步骤，使学生们在不需面对任何“写作障碍”下，能有一个顺畅的过程。令大家更兴奋的是写作坊当中备有一个神秘包！任何学生如果能够回答或提出问题，他们都可以从包包里抽出一份奖品。

大部份参加的学生没有任何文宣事工的经验，因为这向来是令人生畏的！他们或忙于学校作业；或因自己懂得的词汇量太少、写作时会犯上语法错误而尴尬。尽管如此，感谢神的恩典，学生们都能够在写作坊上以创新的想法集思广益。他们用时间回想和反思生活中经历到的事件、神迹与神的恩典；有些甚至起稿开始写有关十大基本信仰包括圣灵和洗

脚礼的文章。感谢神感动他们，激发他们写下自己的经历来荣耀配得我们尊敬和赞美的天父。

写作坊以祷告结束。最后，学生和教员们一起动手清理场地，以保持会堂的整洁干净。真的感谢神，参与写作坊的学生与教员们竭力事奉神，愿神记得大家的辛劳。我们期待往后有类似的工作坊，让主耶稣的孩子们可以继续学习、把时间投入在神家的圣工上。一切荣耀归予祂的名。阿们。

### 关键点：

► 我们不能忽视文宣事工，就像出埃及34:1记载，在神的眼中，诫命非常重要，甚至用祂的手指写在石版上。

► 圣经是由40位被神激发的作者所写。同样的，我们也应当通过书写见证我们与神的经历，来认知圣灵的感动和神的默示。

► 写下我们与神的经历不仅可以造就我们，也可以造就我们的后代；虽然时间过去了，这些文章仍可以保存下来(与口传不一样)。

► 不是所有人天生就有写作的才华，但不意味着我们完全不写作。当我们不断地练习，写作技能将被开发，提升。

► 其实，写作并不是个复杂的过程。只要确定写作目的和预定计划后，那过程将是顺利的。

总结 - 让我们持续练习和磨练写作技巧，来贡献予文宣事工！祈求我们对主的事奉能蒙祂喜悦。

# 生命中的巴拿巴

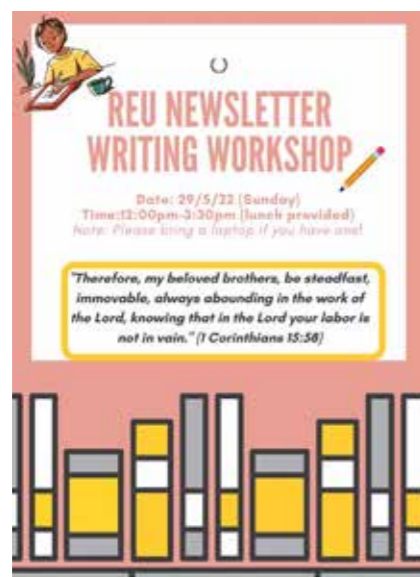
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眨眼间疫情已经来到第十八个月，疫苗虽已面世，冷酷无情的病毒，仍在继续任意摧毁无数健康生命，也弄垮了无数人的生活生计。但温情总在人间，许多好人好事，雪中送炭的事迹时有所闻。对在水深火热的人来说，递送爱心帮助的人，他们是好人也是恩人，将会在受惠者生命中留下深刻的印象。

“这巴拿巴原是个好人”，他被圣灵充满，大有信心，影响许多人归服主(徒11:24)。他曾变卖田地，把银价交给使徒，巴拿巴(劝慰子的意思)是使徒对他的称号(徒4:36-37)。他灵性灵德兼备，安慰和鼓励是他的强项。保罗在被主恩光照耀之前，杀害了许多基督徒，恶名昭彰，虽然后来悔改归主了，门徒还是惧怕他，对他有所防备，唯有巴拿巴接待他，为保罗打通他和使徒们的关系，为保罗前面的事工铺路(徒9:26-27)。

马可参加保罗及巴拿巴的第一次宣教旅行，到达第二个宣教地点后离开他们，保罗因此在第二次宣教旅行时，拒绝了巴拿巴要带马可前行的建议，结果巴拿巴带着马可，保罗带着西拉，两组人分道扬镳(徒15:36-39)。马可若没巴拿巴的支持，对他耐心地鼓励和劝慰，就没有后来被保罗在传道工作上从新定位的马可(提后4:11)。其实，在我们的生命中，何尝未曾出现过巴拿巴？他的出现，点燃了你生命引向永生的火花，成就了你的信仰，改变了你的人生观和价值观，把喜乐、平安、慈爱和盼望注入你的生命。抑或在信仰路上，当你灰心失望，信心掉入低谷时，他伸手扶持你，把你拉了上来。他们影响你灵命至深，触动你的心灵深处，是你属灵路上的好人和恩人。在他们的帮助和扶持下，我们能比先前更好，灵性更长进，才是他们出现的重点。

疫情中的善心人士带给贫穷线下者生存的希望，而好人巴拿巴则带给马可和保罗服事教会的亮光。在你满心感谢主让你生命中出现了改变你一生的巴拿巴的当儿，是否也想过，你也能成为他人生命中的巴拿巴？在社会上做福音的使者，将真道传给未信的人，以神的话语丰富他们的生命，引导他们走在天国的道上。在同灵间做安慰者，以神的爱劝慰和挑旺灵命将残的灯火，使他们重得起初的信心？倘若教会人人都是巴拿巴，则同灵感升温，感觉幸福美满。





哈利路亚，奉主耶稣圣名作见证。

我是八打灵真耶稣教会的陈路得女执事，丈夫是张以斯拉传道，儿子是张全敬弟兄。

在2021年7月14日的早上，我23岁的儿子—全敬，载我到一所疫苗接种中心去接种第二支疫苗。当天晚上，全敬开始发高烧、喉咙痛；我不以为然，因为他从小就常会患上扁桃腺炎，一旦发作就会发高烧、不能吃喝，长达3至4天。我以为这一次也是因为扁桃腺炎导致发高烧，所以就在家以过往的经验照料，没有立刻去就医。

当时的我忙着照顾全敬之外，也协助纽西兰在线上的青教组新教员培训。全敬开始发烧直到7月16日，他的病情是有好转的迹象，却在17日又严重起来，觉得很辛苦；到了晚上，全敬要求我带他去医院。那时已是深夜，所以我们就到最靠近家的双威医疗中心急诊部。在全敬做了医生建议的验血和有关新冠肺炎的检测后，我们就回家。

7月18日，像过去的几天一样，我依然兼顾照料全敬与线上讲课的工作。大约下午两点多，双威医疗中心的工作人员致电给我，告知全敬确诊新冠肺炎；因我是与他有密切的接触，要我尽快做新冠检测。全敬在家隔离。当时我处在照顾儿子、等待自己的检测报告、并自我照料和观察有否被感染的情况中，那种精神压力和身体的疲惫是笔墨难以形容的。感谢神差派天使，当时有当医生的执事帮忙给予我们随时需要的咨询，我也让执事知道观察儿子的一切记录；执事就这样帮忙观察着全敬的病情。当时，全敬的血氧指数是达标的。

隔天(19日)，我的新冠检测报告出来了；感谢神，报告结果显示阴性。虽然如此，我依然有随时被感染的风险，因为必须与全敬在同一个屋檐，并照顾他。我开始担心全敬的病情和我暴露被感染的风险会影响纽西兰新教员的培训课程，便与负责的长老商量且另作安排。感谢神再次差派天使帮忙，有两位同灵代课，愿神纪念他们愿做的爱心与及时伸出援手的辛劳。

在7月19日至21日期间，全敬非常难受：他吃不下、咳嗽、呕吐、晕眩；但感谢神的是他的血氧指数仍然达标。教会同灵得知全敬确诊后，他们的关怀让我们感动万分—有同灵送饭到我们家，也有同灵送来药物和补品(有亲自送来的，也有藉快递服务送来的)；“在神家乃是一家人”的精

神与体验，让我们满心感恩。愿神纪念同灵们的爱心，这爱心是我们一家会铭记在心且需学习的功课。

22日那天，以斯拉传道因隔天有接种第二支疫苗的预约，从驻牧的南区回到中区。虽然人在中区，但因全敬和我在家隔离，他不能回家；传道便在八打灵教会住宿。从那天开始，家里的日用品就由传道负责张罗(之前是我妹妹帮忙)。这一路走来，感谢神给我们最妥善的安排。

当天晚上大约9点多，全敬的血氧指数突然出现下降的迹象；在一小时内，他的血氧指数从96下降至90。执事与全敬通过视频对话后，要我马上送全敬入院。

当我们抵达双威医疗中心急诊部时，因为医院病人爆满，没有床位了，医护人员告诉我们一旦全敬情况稳定了，就回去继续在家隔离。全敬进入急诊室后，我赶紧通知家人和教会同灵，请大家为他代祷。瞬间，我在教会的各个群组里看到同样的一则简讯，内容是请当时还未入眠的同灵们，立即为全敬祷告。这使我体会到能成为神家的一份子，确实太好了！这一则简讯也带给我们许多安慰—有那么多的同灵以代祷陪伴在我们左右。

另一方面，我的妹妹，执事和一些同灵主动地致电予政府医院和其他的私人医院，询问是

否可以接收全敬。不过，没有一家医院有床位可以接收全敬入院。大约15分钟过后，急症室的医生出来告诉以斯拉传道和我，全敬的新冠病情已从第二阶段进入第三阶段，他需要仪器来辅助呼吸。医生接着问我们是否要让全敬入院，在没有其他的选择下，我们只能答应；医生说她会尽量帮我们找个床位。感谢神，大约30分钟后，有一位医护人员出来告知我们，他们已找到一个床位给全敬了；当时已经是7月23日的半夜12点多。

入院手续办理好后，全敬是被安排在一个普通4人的隔离病房。然而全敬的病情恶化，医生就在当天下午，因全敬需要高流量鼻导管来辅助呼吸，将他转移到高护病房(High Dependency Unit)。

24日早上，院方通知我们全敬的病情再次恶化(进入第四阶段)，因他需要呼吸机(Ventilator)辅助呼吸，必须转入重症监护病房(Intensive Care Unit)。接到这个消息后，我们夫妻俩流泪为全敬祷告，以斯拉传道在祷告中有所领悟，包括：

- 1.传道的家庭不会有特别的待遇
- 2.神比我们生身的父母更爱全敬
- 3.接下来所要发生的事情都是神给我们一家最好的安排
- 4.我们当自我反省

我们为或许会失去全敬感到非常害怕；但有一点很清楚的是，我们在那一刻是什么也做不了。圣经说，担忧不能改变任何事情。我们的心很清楚知道，当周围都是一片迷雾，甚至什么都看不见时，我们只能祷告，把一切都托付给天父。

所以在祷告里，我开始盘算该怎么过没有全敬后的日子？我在祷告里对主耶稣说：“倘若你接全敬回家，那我就跟着传道；无论总会派传道到哪里，我就在那里服事祢”。之后，我的小叔，张约珥传道，在我们的家庭沟通群组里写了一则鼓励我们的简讯；当中有一句话深深引我注目，就是“凡事要让神得荣耀”。

我将以斯拉传道的领悟和约珥传道的讯息与全敬分享，让他知道主耶稣比我们深爱他千万倍，并让他明白凡事都有神最好的安排；更要全敬自我反省，而最重要的是他能荣耀神。接下来所能做的，就是不断地求神怜悯。

当天下午，我为全敬流泪祷告，祈求主耶稣怜悯。祷告了许久，突然在祷告中想起当时也确诊新冠肺炎的两位同灵；我便开始为他们流泪祷告。不久之后，奇妙的是，圣灵大大地充满我；灵言说的特别流利，内心不再感到苦恼和焦虑；反而是觉的平静安稳，像被抱在怀中般。祷告结束后，我扛在肩上的石头似乎不见了。我感觉非常舒服，忧虑被挪去了。当我觉得奇怪、怎么这么奇妙时，突然脑海出现了一个经文—那就是(腓2:4) **“各人不要单顾自己的事,也要顾别人的事。”**

我赶紧将这体验告诉以斯拉传道；原来，当时他也在为一家被确诊的同灵代祷。这时，我们明白了；之后的祷告，我们不仅为全敬的病情祷告，也为其他确诊的同灵代祷。感谢神的怜悯，全敬的病情从7月25日起，一天天好转，在渐渐康复中。

以斯拉传道在7月25日打电话到医院的重症监护病房，询问全敬当天的情况。接电话的医护人员告知传道，她是真耶稣教会的信徒；刚于23日被院方从婴儿部调到重症监护病房工作。感谢主耶稣又一次差派天使下来，我们满心感谢神的怜悯和美好的安排。这不仅让身为父母的我们得到不少安慰，也让全敬在这样的情况下有主内同灵在身边而心安。

有一位同灵在26日传了一则简讯给我，内容是每当她在我们一家祷告的时候，脑海都出现一个讯息，就是“抓，不放...抓住，紧紧抓住神的爱和怜悯；抓住...不要放手”。她也感受到圣灵催促她将此讯息告诉我们。得知此讯息后，虽然全敬的病情已在好转中；但我们一家不敢松懈，继续天天祈求神的怜悯。

感谢主耶稣的怜悯，也谢谢西马各地的同灵及新加坡，台湾，纽西兰，德国的同灵们为我们一家代祷，我的家人也每晚以Zoom的方式一起祷告。全敬的病情逐渐稳定；医生在7月28日让他转移到普通病房，继续接受治疗和观察。

感谢神，7月29日至8月2日期间，全敬的病情一天天好转。我在7月30日做了第二次的检测；感谢神的怜悯，检测结果仍然是阴性。其实，在这一段日子里，我深怕被感染；因为我对各种的止痛药物会有严重过敏，甚至有致命的危险—过敏或会导致内脏肿胀，妨碍呼吸。

曾经在2018年，我因为肘部疼痛而服了一颗可以舒缓神经的药丸。我是在晚上吃药，隔天早上醒来时，眼睛周围有些痒，我完全不留心。正当我走出门要去上班时，却说不出话来。全敬发觉不对劲，立即把我送到最近的医院。当我的脚踏入急诊室的那一刻，我没有办法呼吸。

因此，帕那多(Panadol)—一种普遍常见的药物，也是目前新冠患者服用的唯一药物；对我来说却是可以致命的。这是我害怕感染新冠病毒的原因。因这恐惧，我软弱屈服了！自从全敬入院后，家里只有我一个人；但是我还是把自己锁在房间里，日夜戴着口罩；甚至不敢打开全敬的房门，尽量避免在客厅走动，总觉得病毒潜伏在家里的各个角落。这在家里摘下口罩后会吸入病毒的可能性之想法，真的让我承受莫大的压力。虽然我的家人不断地向我保证一切都会好起来的，但是我内心仍然非常挣扎，无法摆脱它。我知道这是我本身心理问题，但不知道为什么，我就是做不到。

8月2日那天，当我祷告时，这句话突然浮现在脑海中，说，“如果我继续这样，不尝试采取第一步行动，我就无法将荣耀归给神”。我在祷告中深感惭愧，我为什么那么软弱？我不断地求神怜悯我、帮助我。在那次的祷告结束后，我鼓起勇气，决定不再专注于自己的恐惧上。我需要做的就是迈出第一步，然后将所有的后续步骤都托付给神。我便把口罩摘下。很奇妙的，当我摘下口罩后，心中的恐惧慢慢地被放下。感谢主耶稣怜悯我、赐我力量，我才能回到正常的生活作息。

感谢神，全敬在3日出院。他出院时，已经患病超过21天，病毒不会再有传染性，感谢神为我们所安排的一切。

这一次的经历，让我们一家体会了祷告的力量以及主里一家的精神，体验了神的大爱和怜悯，学习了在磨难中，不要单顾自己的事以及信靠和交托；最深的领悟是：紧紧抓住神的慈爱和怜悯。

愿一切的荣耀，赞美都归给配得尊崇，称颂的独一真神，主耶稣基督。阿们！



## 通过育儿体验信仰成长

黄丽萍姐妹  
基督城（纽西兰）教会



家人一起出游到日本的八岳

我的母亲去世了，在悲伤时我写下对她的思念在悼词中。书写时，我发觉她仍然活在我的心中；因为她才有今日的我。通过对我展现她自己，她教导我做回我自己。这让我反思，就像我的母亲把她的价值观传承给我；同样地，我将它们传承给我的孩子。

对我而言，最重要的是信仰，我希望它能够把它传承下去。然而，在传承信仰的当儿，我觉得自己受益最多。

感谢我的孩子，她们在我生命中的出现帮助我了解更多有关神的爱、并建立自己的信仰。且让我分享一些例子。

传承信仰的其中一种方式是进行家庭祭坛。当她们年幼时，我和她们一起读经、祷告和唱诗。这让我成为最大的受益者，帮助我养成读经、祷告和唱诗的习惯。

往往，当看到到孩子们有一些不被我认同的行为时，我发觉其实它们反映的是我的弱点。为了可以传承我想要有的价值观，我自己必须拥有同样的价值观。看到她们眼中的刺其实也反映了我眼中的梁木，这让我改变成为一个更好的人。

为人母亲后，我也更了解神的爱。身为父母，是以对孩子最好为基础下，以爱来养育孩子。即使你的孩子可能想要，你不会在晚餐前给孩子棒棒糖。我觉得这与神对我们的爱有相似之处。有时，神会让我们面对困难，但不必担心；因为神一直在看顾我们。我们可能不明白，但神知道什么对我们最好。

**儿女是耶和华所赐的产业，所怀的胎是祂所给的赏赐(诗篇 127:3)。**

虽然我的初衷是传承信仰，但孩子确实是神赏赐的礼物，因为她们帮助我更好地了解神，并让我在信仰中成长。

作为母亲，我感谢从孩子那学到的功课。

我感谢她们给我的生活带来欢乐。

更重要的，我确实非常感激，也深感幸运，我在基督里有一个家庭。我把教会里的孩子当成自己的孩子，也经常感受到年长者像父母般对我的关怀。



### 从学生身上学习

有一个星期六，我在教会为6至9岁的学生讲圣经故事。活动方面，我准备了一个书签工艺。一名学生完成她的书签后，开始制作另一个。下课时，她递给我一个书签，上面写着“我爱你”。当她把它递给我时，笑得合不拢嘴，说：“我还为你贴上邮票”。她显然不担心别人可能不喜欢她的礼物，仍是那么尽心尽力的制作卡片。

我喜欢花时间和孩子们在一起。他们是如此纯洁，真实，公开地表达自己的感受。我很有福气能够有时间和孩子们在一起并向他们学习。

### 维持课室清洁

在一个安息日早上，我在教会教8个6至9岁的孩子。在活动时，我们做了一些手工艺品，许多孩子没有整理课室就

离开了。我看到了这个烂摊子，感到很沮丧；就在一个星期前，我们课程的其中一个目标是“尊重教会并维持它的清洁和美丽”。

许多想法在脑海中飞驰而过——我不应该收拾烂摊子、我会等学生吃完午饭回来，让他们自己收拾烂摊子。

一个学生留了下来。她开始捡起地上所有的纸片，并微笑对我说：“我们上课时学到了必须维持课室清洁”。

她没想过要收拾别人的烂摊子是多么地不公平。她只看到课室凌乱，而我们需要保持清洁并采取行动。我必须学会像她一样纯真，单纯，做神所喜悦的事。



### 从孩子身上学习到同理心

我的一个教会好朋友刚生了一个男婴，我帮忙送她8岁的儿子上学。

前一天，我和家人刚刚进行了是否“适合飞行”的冠状病毒测试。我对测试结果非常紧张，因为我的两个女儿周围有许多人在我们起飞前一周感染上病毒。

在开车送这个8岁男孩上学的路上，我随口表达了焦虑，并请他为我的家人祷告，让我们的测试结果呈阴性、可以飞回马来西亚探望家人。坐在车子的后座，他闭上眼睛祷告了将近一分钟，然后才说“阿们”。

当我从学校接他回家时，告诉我我拿到结果了、是阴性，我们可以飞行了。他告诉我，“我在午休时间为你祈祷”。

我倍觉感动。我真的需要向他学习；由于我的脑袋忙于顾念其他事情，我多次忘记替别人代祷。孩子们有如此大的同理心，并且会记住；难怪神爱小孩子。

愿一切荣耀归于神。阿们。

### 神如何治愈我的哮喘病

第一个见证发生在我很小的时候，在我的祖国日本。在日本，那时我们有四天的灵恩会。我的父亲会开车载我们一家人一起参加，大约需要花两个半小时才能抵达教会。我们一起参加了第一天的灵恩会。然而，在灵恩会后的那个晚上，我的哮喘发作、让我呼吸困难。这比我之前哮喘发作时要严重得多。我的情况太糟糕了，父亲认为第二天的灵恩会时我在家休息会比较好。父亲就和我一起留在家中，而母亲则带姐姐乘火车去教会。父亲很担心，买了一个辅助器来帮助我更顺畅地呼吸。我和父亲无法参加灵恩会，让母亲很伤心。她不断想着这件事，也祷告，希望我们第二天可以到教会。当她从灵恩会回家时，我的情况好多了，不再有呼吸困难的问题，也不需要使用辅助器。从那天起，我再也没有哮喘发作了。我感谢父母竭尽全力让我变得更好，也感谢神医治了我。



我的宠物青蛙 - ‘细小’ (Tiny)

### 神看顾每一个小生物

我的第二个见证非常有趣，我并没想到会发生这种情况。从这次经历中，我意识到即使是小事，神会看顾一切。这发生于2017年。我们在教会必须记住所有的圣经各书的顺序。如果做到了，我们将会获得奖品。因此，我记住了所有的圣经书，得到的奖品是一只蝌蚪。这是我的第一只宠物，让我非常高兴。不久后，蝌蚪长成青蛙，我开始喂它吃苍蝇。周围苍蝇不多，让我担心青蛙会饿，所以我努力寻找苍蝇。我发现了一只一直在飞的苍蝇，但我无法捕捉到它。在那一刻，我想起了赞美诗第382首“我灵安稳”。我开始在脑海里唱起这首诗，突然苍蝇停了下来，我便轻而易举地抓住它。

这两个见证让我领悟到即使我们不特地向神求什么，神已经知道我们所需要的，祂会供应给我们。

### 神看到一切

第三个见证发生在2021年，当时我在另一所真耶稣教会。我计划在那间教会奉献，但因为我在大庭广众下奉献感到不安，我决定在四周无人时再来奉献。不幸的是，我忘记了这件事。就在我离开教会、回家之前，我找不到钱包。我知道它一定是在我包包里的某一处，于是我前往机场。到了机场，往包包里一看，我找到了。

之后，我回到位于基督城的家。第二天，当我正准备和朋友去商场时，我在包包和行李箱中寻找钱包，但都找不着。我想可能是在过海关时遗留在机场。我打了两次电话予机场的有关单位，但工作人员都说没有见到钱包。第二天，我向母亲借了一些钱，就去商场。回到家后，我开始后悔没有在教会奉献而为此祷告。不久后，我母亲收到了一封来自学校的电子邮件，说基督城机场已找到我的钱包。由于我的学生证留在钱包里，他们就拨电给学校。当拿回钱包后，我立即奉献给教会。我学习到的是神无时无刻都在看顾我们，也学习到奉献的重要性。

### 祂的话是有能力的

第四个见证是关于我手臂部位的手术。2014年时，我手臂的肘关节骨折。我必须进行全身麻醉，动手术才能将骨头重新结合在一起。3年后的2017年，我的手臂仍然无法完全伸直。我去见医生，并做了X-射线检查。X-射线结果显示我的肘关节处开始长出一块骨头，这使我无法伸直手臂；我需要进行另一次手术。外科医生解释说，他们必须切开肌腱和韧带，并且需要从我手腕上取一条韧带来修复我手臂上的韧带。就在进行手术之前，我非常害怕，因为这场手术比之前的更加复杂。突然，我想起了一首从美国教会信徒那里学来，有圣经章节的诗歌。手术前，他们让我入睡时，我唱了这首诗歌。这段经文来自申命记20:4-“因为耶和华你们的神与你们同去，要为你们与仇敌争战，拯救你们。”唱完那首诗歌后，我得到莫大的安慰。感谢神，手术很顺利。这教导我神会一直在那，用祂的话来安慰我。

# 我的见证

斋藤由祈  
基督城（纽西兰）教会

### 哈利路亚！

第五个见证是一场车祸。那是个阴暗的雨天，赖传道到我们家与我们共进晚餐。吃了饺子和御好烧(一种日本煎饼)后，我们打算在星期一晚间聚会，7时前抵达教会做祷告。因此虽然到教会只需大约5分钟，我们在下午6时半就离开家里。我们来到一个十字路口；当经过十字路口时，一辆汽车突然朝我们驶来，撞到了汽车的左前侧，就是赖传道的座位。赖传道立刻大声呼喊，“哈利路亚！”感谢神，大家都平安无事，我们也出乎意料地仍然准时到达教会。唯有乘客一侧的车门有小损坏，那只是一个微小的裂缝，送到汽车修理坊那修理也不困难。

这件事后，我反思事情的发生和传道所说的话。当车祸发生时，我没有想到神。但我可以看出传道在不多加思考、没有犹豫下，立刻大声呼喊“哈利路亚”。这场车祸我有很大的冲击，感到震惊，就像车上的其他人一样。由此，我反省传道和我在信心上的差异，觉悟到我不像传道般的亲近神，不过这也激励我建立信心。

### 圣工如何帮助我提升自信

第六个见证是关于神如何帮助我建立自信心。我从小就不喜欢公开演讲。举个例子，在演讲前的晚上我无法入睡；当我在课堂上被问到问题时，我很难回答，因为我的大脑无法正常思考。大约5岁时，我在日本的家庭聚会开始领诗。那时，我不是很紧张，因为是在我家进行，我也不在乎别人怎么看我。可是，当慢慢长大，在教会多人面前领诗时，我开始非常紧张。我总是会和父母一而再、再而三地在车上确定我用的中文是否正确。我想确保整个诗颂能顺利完成。当时压力很大，但我很庆幸自己坚持下来，因为现在并没有感觉那么困难了。感谢神，这不仅提高了我做圣工的信心，还让我在学校回答问题时更有自信。它不只提高了我公开演讲时的自信心，更发现对身为基督徒的我和在事奉神方面是个红利；我可以很好地做笔记，也能够长时间保持专注。这可能来自多年坐在会堂并做笔记的练习。从这次的经历，我学习到即使一开始压力很大，但如果这是正确的事，我应该坚持下去并尽力而为。

一切荣耀归于神。阿们。



# 你们要休息，要知道我是神！ 我必在外邦中被尊崇， 在遍地上也被尊崇

诗篇46:10

## 第一幕:适应环境

在马来西亚真耶稣教会(特别是中区)的环境下成长对我来说是个祝福，因为这意味着身边的人都和我有着一样的信仰；跟我最亲近的朋友若不是和我一起在真耶稣教会长大的，就是我在短期神学训练班或者是圣经营所认识的。

这持续地鼓励并且丰富我的信仰，也给予了我生理上，情感上和属灵上的理由，让我向往去教会，这些对我来说都是非常需要的。这个我们曾经建立起来帮助彼此灵性成长的团体，在我去了英国伦敦继续高等教育后，明显地无法再接触。所以当时这个为要在属灵上彼此帮助而建立起来的团体对当时我的来说明显是触不可及的。我不得不适应环境和情况的变化。

在英国，虽然我们的信仰同样是扎根在真耶稣教会，但在伦敦，教会依旧有不一样的崇拜文化。说实话，一开始到这里的时候我有些迷茫，因为一些在我的母会——博大宁真耶稣教会的习惯和崇拜程序并不适用于伦敦教会。

感觉上我们唱的诗歌变少了，有了不一样的诗班练习方式，与博大宁教会信徒联为一体所带来的融洽感觉相反，青年和成人非常着重在自己的活动里。此外，我们也没有那么经常领受圣餐。但是，青年们会有大量的分享以及持续的勉励，也有关于如何解决个人信仰上问题的长篇短讯以及教义上的比较和讨论。

这次的比较打破了我先入为主的理想崇拜方式，这也将成为我属灵上成长的一堂课。最重要的是，我非常高兴我除了是真耶稣教会团体的一员，我还能参与、侍奉两个真耶稣教会团体。我也因能够敬拜及继续通过不一样的崇拜文化来体验神而感到蒙福。

## 第二幕:接受差异并且爱上他们

我觉得很多从他们的母会分开，成为另一个处真耶稣教会成员的人都可以理解这种感受。很多时候要去教会的决定，参与活动，与其他信徒对话，已然下意识地做出了。与我们在地方教会社区长大的兄弟姐妹们想了解我们的一周，我们的经历，以及我们生活中的任何新动态。

然而，迁移到另一个教会，在互动上有了差异，在你尝试想要认识其他人的时候，别人也在尝试了解你。别人会期待你来做更多的分享，更为积极，因为当地的信徒不想过于唐突，随意把你安置在一个你不愿意担当的角色。这就像重新学习如何融入一个团体一样，这个过渡期需要一些时间，但同时我也感恩有这逐渐适应新团体的经验。

伦敦的青年在我摸索的时期，以及伦敦成年人在我说着杂乱的华语时，都表现得非常有耐心。那是我个人的错，怪我在马来西亚的时候没有专心上华文课。在我因生病(这还蛮常发生的，因我经常被困在春天的雨中)或者忙于大学的课外活动而没有出现的时候，大家都对我表露出关心，对此我感到非常感谢。他们都对我徒步回家

遥远的路程感到稍微担心，尽管我通常会拒绝他们的心意，他们依旧经常对我提出想送我一程的建议。

他们带我去派传单，也让我参加他们的婚礼及洗礼。他们安排我做圣会的司琴，也在最不方便的时候回答了我各种关于信仰及教义的随机问题，比如说在做地板吸尘时。他们总是用咖喱和奶茶企图挽留我留下吃晚餐(虽然我不是很喜欢奶茶，这让他们感到十分惊讶)，他们也经常鼓励我与任何来访问的马来西亚人交谈。

通过这些举动，我开始爱上与他们沟通以及他们的崇拜文化。这是不一样的，一开始我做出了一些努力及适应，但同时我体验到了每一间真耶稣教会因敬拜同一位真神而有的相同的温暖和爱。我非常感谢他们的爱和鼓励，也已经等不及想在这个夏天体验英国的神学训练班，所以(在父母的支持下)我将提早回到英国。

## 第三幕:结论

“你们要休息，要知道我是神！”原来在我犹豫迟疑的时候，唯一需要做的事就是要休息，并且记住神在我身边，在我们身边。要知道神的爱不曾改变，只是用了不一样的方式显现出来。这为我提供了不可衡量的安慰，因为我知道不管我到哪儿去，只要有真耶稣教会，就能够通过持续地敬拜来体验神的爱。并不是说我们和人及群体的发展是非物质性的，而是令人感到欣慰明白的是，无论文化上有什么差异，神始终在那里。

## 附录:一封给神的信

哈利路亚，我的天父，全能的神：

每当我提到我在马来西亚真耶稣教会的经验，我最喜欢用来形容每一段回忆、每一个安息日的词汇是‘一小片天堂’。我没有预料到我会以同样的词汇来形容我在伦敦教会的经验，虽然在伦敦我只有少过一年的侍奉。

您在我多次的祷告中给了我指引和慈爱。您提醒我并不孤单，很多时候在我开始质疑我的信仰时，您更新了我的信心。在我困惑，感到压力的时候，您给予了我新的支持系统。

感谢您的爱和持续的教导。我为我所有的疑虑，质疑和不一致的地方而抱歉。感谢主，您允许我继续地崇拜，赐我这个机会和经验。

我以感谢和爱向您祷告。阿门  
和不一致的地方

Kathrina Chair  
博大宁教会，伦敦





# 神的恩典 跨越国界

郑肄弟兄 和 何善举执事  
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当19年冠状病毒袭击全球, 整个世界停止运转。为防止国民感染病毒, 世界各国政府对众多城市和边境实施了封锁。此规模是我从未经历过的。因实行封锁和安全距离措施, 人们无法出行和聚集。许多人无法回家和亲人团聚, 也错过了许多美好的时刻。如见证孩子的出生, 或一起吃团圆饭。同时, 有些人没有机会向即将离世的亲人说声再见。在此期间, 我们来自马来西亚的信徒居住在新加坡, 无法回家和家人团聚, 参加教会聚会。他们来参加新加坡教会的聚会, 反而让我能够更加地认识他们, 给学生们上宗教教育课。这是一个愉快的旅程! 虽然一切都显得令人沮丧, 但神的恩典广大且丰盛。来自新山教会的郑肄弟兄, 想以他如何在年终短期学生神学训练课程得到圣灵, 来叙述神的赐福。他的见证如下:

我是来自新山的郑肄弟兄, 目前参加新加坡三巴旺教会宗教教育中级班。我于去年年底参加在新加坡举办的短期学生神学训练课程时得了圣灵。

得圣灵前, 我觉得祷告祈求圣灵是件累人的事; 因为祷告时间通常很久, 而我在祷告时也无法专心。另外, 我时常到会堂前接受长执传道的按手, 但在祷告时我会频繁睁开眼睛看什么时候结束。(不知道有多少人会这样做, 但我是这么做了) 带着这样的心态, 有时我觉得这只是又一堂的祷告, 灰心地认为自己不会得到圣灵。

关于祷告求圣灵, 一直以来我的父母都告诉我因为神学课程中有更多堂的祷告会, 所以比较容易求到圣灵; 同时也没有什么事情会令人分心, 能更加容易地专心祷告。所以每次参加短期学生神学训练课程, 我都投入更多的努力来祷告求圣灵。

在继续分享之前, 请允许我向你介绍一下自己的背景。我是来自马来西亚新山, 目前居住并就读于新加坡。我通常是参加新山的宗教教育课, 因19年冠状病毒的缘故我们一家人无法返回马来西亚参加安息日聚会; 转而我们参加线上聚会, 只要条件允许就去新加坡三巴旺教会聚会。年终短期神学训练课程也是如此。在19年冠状病毒来袭前, 我第一年参加的是在波德申举办的短期神学训练课程。因为离我住的地方挺远, 所以离开了家里的舒适圈, 会使自己分心的事反而更少了。没有手机和电脑, 我们大部分的时间都是在学习神的道; 在这时候, 我们有正确的心态去追求圣灵。我还记得自己对于要离开家里, 一整天时间学习神的道和祷告感到不适应。第一星期里, 我一直在数算离课程结束还有几天, 无法专心。随着时间推移, 在第二和第三星期时我开始投入更多的努力来学习神的道和祷告; 但我还没得到圣灵。

第二年的短期神学训练是新加坡举办的线上课程; 对我而言, 在舒适的家里, 有手机和电脑, 有许多令我分心的事物, 要专心上课和祷告着实是一项挑战。最后就这样平安无事地结束了我第二年的神学课程。

来到第三年, 也是最

后一年。这一年的不同在于课程是混合式。我们聚集在教会一起学习神的道, 而另外一些课是通过线上教学; 就像是听直播课, 其他时候就亲自去课堂上课。我尽力去新加坡亚当路教会参加神学训练课程。虽然我们要用到电脑, 但有坐在旁边的一位弟兄帮忙, 使我没有太分心。一样的干扰源, 但我试着不屈服; 通过记笔记来克制自己, 也有助于我专心上课。

因为是我的最后一年, 父亲告诉我要尽自己最大的努力来祷告求圣灵。我谨记于心, 决定试试看。课程一开始我就投入祷告。在第九还是第十天, 我开始讲灵言, 但一开始并没有什么感觉。某个早祷过后, 一位在我前面或后面祷告的弟兄来问我是否得了圣灵。我觉得可能是自己控制的舌头, 所以就否认了。





## 来自墨尔本教会的宗教教育消息

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哈利路亚！奉主耶稣基督圣名向大家问安。我是温赞威，是澳洲墨尔本教会现任的宗教教育(宗育)协调员。

感谢和赞美主，让我可以分享一些关于墨尔本教会的宗育状况。

澳洲的宗育班级从幼稚班开始，再升上幼年级，少年级，初级班，中级班，最后是高级班。我们目前大约有40位宗育教员和95位宗育学生。

赞美主，宗育老师尽守职责，在教会勤于事奉。更蒙福的是来自父母的鼎力支持，他们积极载送孩子来参加宗育课程。除幼稚班外，宗育课程通常是在教会下午的主要聚会过后进行。

当新冠病毒疫情席卷全球各国时，我们的宗育课程也不例外的需转变到线上上课。这是一个充满挑战的时期，宗育教员必须迅速适应新的教学方式。感谢主的恩典，教员和学生都调整的非常好。当然，如果没有父母的支持，这是不可能的；他们参与，帮助设置电脑或配备，让孩子们可以登录上网课。

身为家长，我看过教员们准备的一些宗育视频，可以了解感激准备每堂课所须付出的辛劳与时间。在观看视频时，我也能够从中学习一两样事，赞美主！

在新冠病毒疫情前，宗育教员会带学生去户外游览(如去动物园)。能让教员和学生在校室以外一起做联谊活动，这确实是一个宝贵的机会。孩子们都尽情享受这些郊游与欢聚在一起的时光。

当然，宗育也会面临一些挑战。一些班级有太多的学生；因此，这演变成一个问题。不过教员们共同努力寻找了一个可行方案，让学生们可以在舒适的环境中继续上课。

另一专注事项是带领孩子们祷告求圣灵。每个月会有一次由宗育教员带领的祈求圣灵祷告会。所有幼稚班到高级班的学生都会一起祷告。长执们会按手帮助孩子祷告。此外曾主办了一个学生宗育营，以神的话教导孩子，并让他们明白祷告祈求圣灵的重要性。这是让孩子和老师们在远离世界干扰的偏远营地亲近神的好时机。

赞美主，拥有一群勤奋有爱心的宗育教员是蒙福的。愿主继续纪念他们的爱心和辛劳。

## 我对圣灵的体验

斋藤祐  
基督城（纽西兰）教会

哈利路亚，奉主耶稣圣名作见证。

我五岁时领受圣灵；然而，却在9岁时失去圣灵。我想和大家分享我失去和再次领受圣灵的經歷。

当还小的时候，我觉得有必要成为一个完美的姐姐，因此尽我所能来取悦父母。当做错事时，我向父母撒谎来掩盖。举个例子，我在学校丢失雨衣，却认为无关紧要，没有去寻找它。当父母问是否有寻找雨衣时，就一直撒谎说我每天都在找，其实并没有！

类似的例子很多，甚至到了我不假思索就说谎的地步；就在这个时候我发觉已失去圣灵。我悲伤，失落。然而因为骄傲，我置之不理，拒绝面对事实。

在灵恩会期间，之前证实我已领受圣灵的传道来到纽西兰做牧养的工作。当传道告知我的祷告方式不同时，我开始感到羞愧，尴尬。

经过反思，我意识到必须停止撒谎。我开始想起过去说过的所有谎言，无法停止思考自己有多糟糕。我明白我不可能一直是个完美的姐姐，也开始体会到为什么当父母发现我撒谎时会如此生气。我为说过的所有谎言后悔了。

我祈求神的怜悯，让我再次体验圣灵。当我于2016年学生灵恩会结束时再次领受圣灵的当儿，虽然觉得自己不配得到圣灵和神的怜悯；然而，我也对失而复得的圣灵雀跃万分。

这个与圣灵的經歷对我来说是个很好的提醒 - 如果我做很多坏事，我可能会再次失去圣灵。感谢神无条件的爱。

愿一切荣耀都归给我们天上的父。



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