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# A Shift Led by the Lord

*A divine leading of the Lord toward a new place of worship.*

*By Rev John Lim, ElimParis*

After a time of prayer and seeking the Lord over the last six months of 2017, we have relaunched our new services format—a Chinese service in the early morning followed by an English-French service.

This change was initially proposed by the pastoral team with the desire for God to provide a better environment for people to receive God's Word in their own languages. There was also a need to provide a better support base through small groups after the church services.

In our original hall, this was not possible due to time constraints. As we followed the Lord's leading, God began to open doors for us in Paris.



1 A group picture after our first service



2 Ps Rommel Cervantes preaching in English and Ps Rebecca Lim interpreting in Mandarin

3 Main entrance of our new worship place

4 The main worship hall



In January, we came to know of Ps Steve Blackah through a pastor's meeting in the region. After some time, we decided to meet up with Ps Steve to pray for the needs of the two churches. Through the sharing, it was amazing to discover that Ps Steve was actually looking for a Christian group to rent his hall in Paris 13, which was just 2.5km from ElimParis!

As we met, it was clear that God allowed the

meeting, so that a rental relationship could be established. The new place is closer to the main business area of Paris 13, making it more conveniently located at a lower rental price. Most importantly, the building belongs to the protestant church, so we would not incur any difficulties under the French noise-control regulations.

As plans continued, the church board of ElimParis confirmed unanimously that it

was time to move to a new oasis. The date was set in the beginning of April, and ElimParis moved to her new premises.

ElimParis held a General Meeting Service on May 6 to celebrate our new journey since the move. Our special speaker Ps Rommel Cervantes from London encouraged us to be a church that exemplifies God's love and forgiveness. After the service, the church voted to support the

leaders and continue to serve God's call in Paris!

Please pray for:

- a) God's continued guidance and wisdom on us and the leadership team
- b) For people's hearts and lives to be transformed to love God and men.

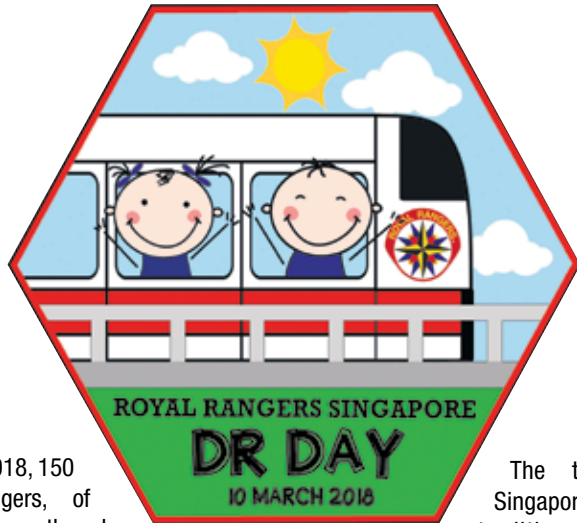
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# Discovery Rangers Discover Singapore

*Our Discovery Rangers had a day of fun exploring some of Singapore's most significant places.*

*By Royal Rangers Singapore*



On March 10, 2018, 150 Discovery Rangers, of ages eight to ten, gathered with their leaders from 11 church outposts for a special day of fun around Singapore. The day started at Queenstown Baptist Church with a time of praise and worship followed by a devotion that talked about how God goes ahead to prepare the way for us in everything that we do.

Then, the exploring began! In their respective teams, the rangers took the MRT to places like Punggol Waterway Point, the food streets of Jurong Point, the library at NEX Mall, the pagoda of the Chinese Garden to take a “wefie” and finally ending up at the riverside of Kallang Wave Mall.

The teams explored Singapore's rich history, traditions, sights, good food and learned some basic sign language along the way. The team leaders and rangers bonded through the adventure and deep conversations. It was truly a meaningful time spent together!

“It was a wonderful sight witnessing the Discovery Rangers, young as they are, giving up their seats to those in need, smiling sweetly to brighten someone's day and picking up rubbish on the ground. Simple acts go a long way.”

— **Senior Commander Yu Cong**  
Bethany Christian Centre (Outpost 24)



- 1 Winning team from Bethesda Community (Outpost 25) celebrates with their prizes
- 2 A time of worship, activities and devotion before setting off
- 3 A group cooling down with some ice-cream around Clarke Quay



# Youth Leadership Academy 2018

*Royal Rangers Singapore trains their leaders through the Youth Leadership Academy.*

*By Royal Rangers Singapore*

Almost 200 Royal Rangers from all over Singapore attended the annual Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) held on March 14 to 17, 2018. This year's academy saw the launch of the Junior Leadership Camp (JLC), a two-day-one-night camp for rangers of ages 11 to 12. The first ever intake saw 49 youths signing up for the camp and having a wonderful time learning about 'The Joy of Knowing Jesus'. With the inclusion of the JLC, YLA conducts seven camps for Rangers of ages nine to 18. Each camp has its own unique theme to challenge campers to draw closer to God and be servant leaders.

Attending a camp in the YLA is a significant experience for a Royal Ranger. It provides an opportunity for children and youths to be mentored to become the next generation of servant-leaders through outdoor activities. Campers take up leadership positions and are challenged to step out of their comfort zones. They learn how to motivate their patrols to complete their requirements with excellence. Across the seven camps, there was one salvation, 19 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and five received a full-time call from the Lord.

## Campers Testify

"Through this camp, I have learned about my spiritual gifts as well as how to set a good example for those I lead."

– **Expedition Ranger Kristen Chee, 15**  
Potter's Place Community Services  
(Outpost 12)

"I never thought I could be a leader because my school teachers never expressed belief in me. During the campfire service, the verse from Esther 4:14 was spoken over me and I cried, knowing that God is working and preparing me for something great."

– **Expedition Ranger Nicole Mak, 15,**  
Bethel AG (Outpost 1)

Over the 10 years running the YLA, we are greatly blessed to witness many YLA graduates stepping up to serve as camp staff, and also as leaders back in their own outposts and churches. This year, over 70 commanders from different churches volunteered to serve as staff, including three commanders from Malaysia, who came to observe and help out over the course of the camps. We are grateful for our dedicated commanders, who avail themselves to serve year after year out of their love for the Lord and a common vision of equipping the next generation for God's glory.

## Leaders Testify

"When I availed myself to serve at YLA, I was not aware that I would have to complete two university assignments that was due during the camp period. With God's help, I kept my commitment to serve with a spirit of excellence and spent the nights working on my assignments while everyone slept at camp. A few weeks later, I was surprised that the assignments I did in camp attained a higher score than any assignment I had done at home. This allowed me to earn First Class Honors and I ended up topping my entire class!"

– **Commander Sonia Mo**  
Faith AG (Outpost 11)

## Join the Royal Rangers

Royal Rangers welcomes children and youths of ages five to 18 to join in the weekly meetings and special activities filled with adventure, learning, fun, friendship and service opportunities. To ensure holistic growth and development, they will be challenged physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

Find out more at [www.royalrangers.org.sg](http://www.royalrangers.org.sg)  
or email us at [info@royalrangers.org.sg](mailto:info@royalrangers.org.sg)



- 1 The various camps of the YLA
- 2 Graduates and staff of the YLA 2018
- 3 Learning to cook outdoors is one of the core skills learned at the YLA
- 4 Campers raising up a tower built with logs and ropes



# Tee Up for Charity

*A charity event raising funds to transform the many who are receiving help from Teen Challenge.*

*By Teen Challenge Singapore*

The 18<sup>th</sup> Teen Challenge (TC) Charity Golf event was held on May 18, 2018 at the Lake Course in Raffles Country Club (RCC). The venue held a historical significance because RCC was where it all began. TC's first Charity Golf fundraising event was hosted here. Thus, the slogan, "Tee Up for Charity, Hole Out for History", was used.

The planning for this event began in December 2017. Under the leadership of Elvin Choo, the committee started preparing for the event that would be held at RCC on May 18, 2018. A month before the event proper, all 36 flights were taken up. This was an enormous encouragement to everyone.

On the day of the tournament, the RCC favorite, Nasi Lemak, was served at lunch. During the tee-off, the weather was perfect. However, heavy rains with thunder and lightning stalled the game midway through the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. The game was suspended and only resumed about 90 minutes later. The downpours may have dampened the



grounds but certainly not the spirits of the 140 golfers. As the game concluded, just like in previous years, the Hole-In-One Prize remained elusive.

The Guest-of-Honor of the day was Mr Amrin Amin, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health. He interacted freely with the participants and even rendered a song with the band performing for the evening dinner.

The auction facilitated by Mr Charles Edward Solomon was very successful and all six

auction items found new homes through generous donors.

We thank God that for the third year running, the amount raised crossed the \$200,000 mark. The proceeds from this event went toward covering the operating expenses of TC's Drug & Alcohol Recovery Centre. For over four decades, TC has been able to touch and transform lives due to the many generous contributions.

TC seeks to be a beacon to the lost, a bridge to the disconnected, as well as a balm to the

broken and marginalized in our community. Do continue to support TC to see more individuals being restored to wholeness as we equip and empower them to become contributing citizens.

- 1 Mr Amin (center) with donors and committee members
- 2 Mr Amin (right) appreciating an art piece for the auction
- 3 Participants and sponsors raring to go
- 4 Over 70 buggies ready to roll down the fairways of RCC





# Brewing Hope from A Toxic Blend

*Finding a new meaning to life in coffee.*

*By Matthew Poh, Teen Challenge Singapore*

Have you ever been bankrupt? Gotten a divorce? Consumed drugs? Dealt in drugs? Been imprisoned?

Well, I could tell you that I have done all the above.

In 2013, I was operating a flourishing business venture that generated more than a million a month. However, my mother's death earlier that year, together with my divorce later in the same year, had left my world in ruins. I put up a strong façade, but on the inside, I was falling apart.

Unable to cope with the loss of my mother and my wife's betrayal, I became delusional. I started consuming drugs to escape from reality. Before long, I had begun dealing in drugs as well. I was addicted and was no longer in the right frame of mind to manage my business. I had stopped meeting project deadlines, lost clients and eventually left the business down the drain. At this point, I was declared bankrupt and was hiding from the authorities.

After about a year of indulgence, I came to my senses. I decided that it was time to put an end to this debilitating lifestyle and surrendered to the authorities. I was sentenced to one year in a Drug Rehabilitation Centre.

I knew I had made some seriously bad decisions at the lowest point of my life. These wrong choices cost me dearly. During my time there, I came to know of many in prison who had made the same mistake of taking the path of least resistance. There were so many ex-inmates who needed help but were not able to get it. There and then, I had decided that when I got out of prison, I needed to do something to make a difference in this area.

Before I was placed in Teen Challenge's (TC) halfway house, I dreamt of starting a coffee joint. I shared my dream with a prison officer. Before going to prison, I used to own a BMW but now as a bankrupt, I also move around in a BMW—Bus, MRT and Walk. So in order for my venture to commence, I needed people to buy into my idea so that they could invest in it.



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Trying to get investments from people had been more difficult than I would have imagined. Over the course of two years, I received countless rejections. Some agreed to invest in my idea but backed out as I got closer to making it happen. Only after several months of perseverance, did I manage to find sufficient support from different people

and organizations. And so, 'The Caffeine Experience' (TCE) was born.

I had encouraged two former inmates to join me on this venture. Eventually, the prison officer, who I first pitched the idea to, decided to leave his job and join me on this journey. The group of us had bunked in at

my apartment and worked hard to make this idea a reality.

After much perseverance, TCE took off at Tanjong Pagar Exchange on March 28, 2018. The TCE team is made up of a diverse bunch of people—ex-residents from TC, an award-winning Barista, and a former prison officer.

Our ultimate goal for this venture is to motivate people and provide them with opportunities to be gainfully employed. We can help ex-offenders get back into society and not feel helpless or second-guessed by people again. We know what can happen when things go wrong in life and we do not want those brothers to lose track of life and end up taking a path that may lead them back to prison.

Do support us by coming down to TCE for a nice cup of coffee that will make your day and give others a new hope for tomorrow!



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1 A life renewed in God

2 The wonderful TCE team

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# The Power of Pain

Rev Dominic Yeo

At the Assemblies of God (AG) of Singapore's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner celebration, we had the opportunity to provide financial assistance to the needy students through four self-help groups in Singapore. When we interviewed two of the children who received the assistance, I was moved by the wisdom and maturity they had beyond their years.

Elfian Ziqri, just eight years old, is the youngest of five children. He was asked how he would spend the cash that he had received. Without blinking his eyes, he mentioned he would share it with the Mendaki as they have been helping his family. We probed him further on whether he needed stationery or wanted any toys. He replied with his eyes gleaming, "I want to buy my mother a bag."

Another recipient, Pon Vinitha, 15, lost her father in an accident last March. She shared how this provision was a once-in-a-lifetime moment. The money she had received was not going to be spent on things, like a movie or a fast food meal, which most teenagers would have loved to indulge in. Instead, she was going to use it to contribute to the family's need for rent and basic necessities.

These two children are examples of how God uses the pain in our lives to shape and strengthen us. In the journey of life, pain can give us wisdom. Just as how in the journey of physical development, pain can develop muscles. And it is the same in our lives.

Disappointments will always happen in the journey of life. We need to learn that every disappointment can become an appointment with God and point you toward Him!

Don't let your pain push you away from God. Run to God for He invites you into His tent to seek refuge in His place of dwelling, especially when you are in trouble.



Elfian Ziqri (left) and his family

Psalm 27:5 reveals this, *"For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock."*

In verse 6, He promises victory as your *"head will be exalted above the enemies who surround [you]"* and from inside *"His sacred tent [you] will sacrifice with shouts of joy."* Friends, the place of victory is from inside His tent—the place of His dwelling!

Growing a ministry can and will be painful. Raising disciples can be painful. Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit and going through the pruning of the Lord will be painful as well.

Ask any mother that has given birth to a child, and she will tell you that the pain was real, but the bundle of joy in her arms was worth every laboring pain. The birthing of the dreams that God gives can be long-drawn and painful. But do not ever underestimate the power of pain, press in, and seek the Lord. Allow God to turn your pains into His victories!

Regardless of how 2018 has been for you so far, remain confident in the Lord's promises for your life. Let His power work in your pain for His gain and glory!

## 痛苦的力量！

在神召会九十周年的欢庆晚宴上，我们有机会透过新加坡四大自助团体为需要援助的学生提供经济支援。当我们访问两个获得援助的孩子时，我被他们超越年龄的智慧和成熟而感动。

八岁的 Elfian Ziqri 是五个孩子中最小的。当他被问及将如何花这笔援助金时，他眼也不眨地说，他会和回教社会发展理事会分享这笔钱，因为它



Pon Vinitha (center) and her family

一直在帮助他的家庭。我们问他有没有想买的玩具或文具时，他的眼睛闪闪发光，说：“我想给妈妈买个手提包。”

另一个获得援助金的学生是十五岁的 Pon Vinitha。去年三月的一场意外夺走了她的父亲。她表示得到这笔款项是个“一生一次”的机会。这笔钱不是要用在一般少年喜爱的用途上——看电影或光顾快餐店，而是要用来贡献在家庭的需要上，帮忙付房租和买日常用品。

神使用我们生命中的痛苦来塑造和强化我们。这两个孩子就是例子。正如在体格发展的过程中，疼痛能够强健肌肉，在人生的旅途中，痛苦能够带给我们智慧。我们的生命就是如此。

生命旅途中必定会有失望。每个失望能够成为与神相遇的机会。我们必须学习让失望把你引导向神！

别让痛苦使你离开神。要奔向神，因祂邀请你进入祂的帐幕中。要奔向神，在困难的时候躲在祂的遮蔽下。

诗篇27:5这样说：“因为我遭遇患难，他必暗暗地保守我；在他亭子里，把我藏在他帐幕的隐密处，将我高举在磐石上。”

在第六节，神应许了胜利，让“我得以昂首，高过四面的仇敌”，并且从“他的帐幕里欢然献祭”。朋友们，胜利源自神的帐幕，就在神的居所里！

使事工成长会是痛苦的！兴起门徒会是痛苦的！长出圣灵的果实和被主修剪枝子也会是痛苦的！

不论你问哪个母亲，她都会告诉你生产真的很痛，但是抱在怀中的骨肉值得每一丝每一毫分娩的痛。神赐的梦想“呱呱落地”前，我们可能要经历长久的痛苦，但是不要小看痛苦的力量，要坚持住，寻求神。让神把你的疼痛转化成祂的胜利吧！

不论2018年到目前为止对你来说怎么样，且继续相信神在你生命中的应许。为着神的国和神的荣耀，让祂的大能在你的痛苦中动工吧！



# AG 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

*A time to celebrate God's faithfulness.*

*By Rev Jason Tan, Zion Full Gospel Church*

On May 4, 2018, the Assemblies of God (AG) Singapore, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Grand Ballroom of the Orchid Country Club. The banquet was graced by Guest-of-Honor, The President of the Republic of Singapore, Mdm Halimah Yacob. The occasion was of great significance as it commemorated the heritage, traditions and the Pentecostal distinctive of the AG.

The entire anniversary celebration centered on three key foci—UPWARD, INWARD and OUTWARD. UPWARD focuses on our united belief in God and His overarching leading and providence over the AG. INWARD focuses on gathering all 44 AG churches in Singapore to celebrate how God has grown us as a movement. OUTWARD focuses on a joint community project that raised \$90,000 to provide financial assistance to 120 needy students from four self-help groups—Chinese Development Assistance Council, Eurasian Association, Mendaki, and Singapore Indian Development Association.

The emcees for the night, Ps Terence Ong from Centre of New Life and Ms Tiffany Tay from Grace Assembly of God commenced the evening of celebration with great enthusiasm. Ps Terence emphasized that the AG is a movement guided by the Holy Spirit and reminded us to be thankful to our pioneers. With that, Rev Chia Beng Hock from Bethel Assembly of God led us in an opening thanksgiving prayer. Rev Daphne Lau from Eternal Life Assembly then led us in a time of worship with, 'To God be the Glory' and 'How Great Thou Art'. These songs beautifully vocalized the heart of every AG minister, which is: To give God the glory for His enduring greatness and mercy for the past 90 years.

In his opening address, our General Superintendent Rev Dominic Yeo conveyed congratulations from the World AG Fellowship and the AG of USA. He highlighted the three distinctive expressions of Togetherness, Training and Transformation as a movement, and how these three T's set forth the way things are steered as AG forges forward

toward the Centennial Anniversary. He also shared the importance of active participation in the community to make Singapore a better place.

As part of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, \$90,000 was presented to 120 needy students from four self-help groups.

Rev Dominic was invited to present \$22,500 to representatives of each of the four groups. They were:

- Mr Pok Cheng Chong and Lee Xingyi Gladys, Chinese Development Assistance Council
- Dr Graham Ong-Webb and Cook Elray Danish Bin Cook Reuben James, Eurasian Association
- Mdm Aidaroyani Adam and Elfian Ziqri Bin Abdullah, Mendaki
- Mr Kumaran Barathan and Pon Vinitha D/O Ramachandran, Singapore Indian Development Association

Following this, Rev Dr Prince Guneratnam, Chairman of Pentecostal World Fellowship, made a congratulatory address and presented a plaque to Rev Dominic as a memento for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The evening then concluded with a special song item by Ms Freda Lim from Grace Assembly of God. She sang, 'He's Always Been Faithful', and her melodious and soul-touching voice lent a spectacular touch to the evening.

If there was one word to sum up the entire 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, it would be "Faithfulness". Hebrews 10:23 says, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." It was the faithfulness of God that brought us through the last 90 years. It can only be the faithfulness of God that takes us into our centennial. Our only hope is in the Lord, for He who promised is faithful!

His faithfulness never fails!







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- 1 A gathering of old friends
- 2 Rev Dr Prince Guneratnam, Chairman of Pentecostal World Fellowship presenting a plaque to Rev Dominic Yeo as a memento for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 3-6 President Halimah Yacob taking photos together with Rev Dominic Yeo and representatives from the four self-help groups
- 7 Having a full house for dinner
- 8 President Halimah Yacob receiving a token of appreciation from our General Superintendent, Rev Dominic Yeo
- 9 AG EXCO taking a picture with President Halimah Yacob



# Congratulations!

Congratulations on your 90<sup>th</sup> Spirit-filled Anniversary of Kingdom building. May the AG continue to unite and contribute to advancing His Kingdom!

**Rev Simon Ang**  
Moriah AG

Heartiest congratulations to the AG of Singapore on the celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Praying that this season will bring new anointing, breakthroughs and a fresh move of the Holy Spirit.

**Ps Timothy Eu**  
Calvary AG

Congratulations to the AG of Singapore on celebrating your 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. May our God give to you a new season of growth, multiplication and continue to use you to be a blessing to the nations.

**Rev Gerry Poon**  
Harborlight AG

Congratulations! What a great milestone to celebrate—90 years of God's faithfulness in ministry. We are glad to have shared 40 years of your wonderful ministry and look forward to more glorious years ahead.

**Rev Dr Casey Ng**  
ACTS College

Teen Challenge (TC) Singapore congratulates and celebrates with the AG of Singapore on its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. TC recognizes it has flourished within this enduring establishment and wish the AG of Singapore even greater years ahead!

**Rev Luke Tan**  
Teen Challenge

May the Spirit of God enable our movement to usher in a greater harvest for His Kingdom in the nations. God's blessings be upon the AG of Singapore!

**Rev Bernard Foo**  
Harvester Community Church

Blessed 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the AG of Singapore! God has indeed taken us on an amazing journey, and may we remain faithful to God till the end of days!

**Rev Lawrence Koo**  
New Horizon Church

Wishing the AG of Singapore God's best in her 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! May her leadership, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, bring her to greater heights in the days ahead!

**Rev Tay Hey Tong**  
Grace Christian Centre

Heartiest Congratulations, AG of Singapore! I am eternally grateful that I was saved, raised and able to serve in the AG, and may your influence expand beyond our imagination.

**Rev Robert Lum**  
Eternal Life Assembly

Congratulations to the AG of Singapore on our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! May we encounter God more tangibly than ever before and be a blessing in Singapore and the nations beyond.

**Ps Joyce Kwek**  
Zion Full Gospel Church

Congratulations to you on this "Remarkable Year of the Lord" as we gather together to celebrate the AG of Singapore's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. May this year mark a prophetic age to come.

**Ps Donnaven Teo**  
New Covenant Sanctuary

Rejoicing and giving glory to God over this historical milestone. Congratulations, AG of Singapore, on 90 years of faithfulness to the mission of living out the Great Commission in our nation and beyond!

**Rev Mark Poh**  
Emmanuel Assembly of God

Congratulations to the AG of Singapore on your 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Greater things have yet to come! (Ephesians 3:20)

**Rev Dr David Chee**  
New Destiny Fellowship International

Rejoicing with the AG of Singapore for God's blessings over the past 90 years. Congratulations! We give God all the glory.

**Rev Jerome Madarang**  
The Living Word Fellowship

Royal Rangers Singapore is proud to be part of the AG heritage because it has been a big impact in Singapore and the nations. Congratulations! We look forward to growing with you.

**Mr Chia Eng Kiat**  
Royal Rangers Singapore

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Having been on a journey of 90 years and now moving on with even greater vigor is laudable. Congratulations, AG of Singapore!

**Rev Dominic Tan**  
God@Work

Congratulations to the AG of Singapore's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! All praise and glory to God in helping you reach this milestone in 2018.

**Rev Winnie Ong**  
International Correspondence Institute Limited

Congratulations to the AG of Singapore on your 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We wish you more joyful and fruitful years ahead.

**Rev M Y Chng**  
Care AG

The People's Church warmly congratulates and celebrates with the AG of Singapore on her 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Rev Patrick Cheong**  
The People's Church



# Launch of APCCS

*A total of 89 pastors and leaders from 56 churches were represented at The Alliance of Pentecostal-Charismatic Churches of Singapore (APCCS) launch meeting on April 19, 2018.*

*By Trinity Christian Centre*

It was a significant day for the Pentecostal and Charismatic churches in Singapore. We formed an alliance that not only echoes our theological convictions, but also provides a network of relationships where pastors from Pentecostal, Charismatic and Independent churches are able to connect with one another, as well as seek assistance and support.

As I listened to Rev Dominic Yeo, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God (AG) of Singapore, and Rev Yang Tuck Yoong, Chairman of the Festival of Praise churches share their heart for this alliance, I was humbled by their motivations. These leaders already have so much on their plates as senior pastors of large churches. They could have stayed within the walls of their churches, yet their heart to be a blessing to the larger body of God pushes them to do so much more.

I'm reminded of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 that says, *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."*

The journey to pastor and lead a church can be lonely for many pastors. We know this even among the AG churches in Singapore, however our regular times of fellowship, prayer, and ministerial retreats are precious times for every AG minister. Being part of a larger denomination provides support, as well as spiritual leadership and guidance on various matters.

But not all churches in Singapore have such a network to draw strength and share resources. As a result, they often walk the journey alone without a fellow minister or mentor to share the burden.

On August 3, 2010, the Straits Times reported that there are about 700 churches in Singapore. Although the National Council



of Churches (NCCS) represents about 250 churches in Singapore, it still leaves a large 60 plus percent of churches needing support and representation.

While the APCCS is not a denomination, it is an official network of churches that seeks to form a bond of unity, close the ranks, and render support and guidance among churches that will strengthen the overall Church in Singapore. Churches that come under the APCCS umbrella, will have an official body to interact with authorities and represent their churches' needs.

Indeed *"two are better than one"*! I'm confident that two official Christian bodies, NCCS and APCCS, will be able to cover a wider ground of churches, provide greater support to fellow ministers and develop a stronger representation of the collective Church in Singapore.

- 1 *Coming together as one body to worship God*
- 2 *Lifting our hands and voices to praise our mighty God*
- 3 *The Chairman of the Alliance, Rev Dominic Yeo, addressing the leaders*





# Celebrating God's Love on Easter

Engaging young minds by learning the truth about Easter in a refreshing way.

By Yvette Toh, Great Shepherd Assembly

Since the beginning of this year, our church, Great Shepherd Assembly has revamped the Sunday School classroom and curriculum to provide a conducive learning environment as well as a holistic Christian education for children. One of the notable changes in our environment is a learning-centered class with learning corners to help engage children meaningfully in various activities.

Some youths and young adults, who have attended Sunday School in our church before, came on board the teaching team and committed themselves to serve God and the young children wholeheartedly. Their presence and innovative ideas have since injected a bout of exuberance to the Sunday School program.

Our Sunday School's mission is to build a solid biblical foundation in the lives of the children and develop in them a belief of God's presence in their lives. Since the new dimensions have been implemented in our Sunday School program, the children have responded positively and developed a keen interest to join us weekly to learn God's Word.

In conjunction with our Easter Day celebration, our Sunday School teachers planned an engaging program with the aim of sharing with the children about the resurrection of Christ that gives us hope for salvation and eternal life. This program was centered on the all-time beloved Bible verse, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

## Video Presentation of Jesus' Journey to the Cross

The program commenced with a video depicting the journey of Christ to the cross and His resurrection. The video's simple message stirred the tender heart of a five-year-old girl as she teared upon seeing the sufferings and humiliation of Jesus on the cross. It was truly a joy to see the Holy Spirit touch the life of a young child as she learned about the sacrifices and love of Jesus.

## Science Experiment

It was then experiment time! Sunday School teachers, Ginny and Lovel carried out a science experiment to give the children a more concrete understanding on how Jesus can wash their sins away and purify them. The teachers used a cup of water to represent life and poured a few drops of iodine to depict sin. Then, they added some bleach—representing Jesus—into the dark-colored water. The water then became clear due to the bleach, showing that Jesus washed the sin away.



*Teaching Bible truths using Science experiments*

While carrying out the experiment, the teachers provided succinct explanations and related it to Jesus. The children also had fun with hands-on learning opportunities as the teachers invited them to add iodine and bleach to water.

## Building a Resurrection Garden

In tandem with the Easter Day message, the teachers also prepared a unique craft—creating a resurrection garden. Inspired by the idea of building a terrarium, the craft was a big hit with the children as they were immersed in adding the soil, plants and decorating their terrarium with stones. More importantly, the message that the teachers wanted to convey through this craftwork was: When a plant dies, it becomes nutrients and gives new life to other plants. This is akin to Jesus who died on the cross to give new life to us.



*Learning from the Bible is fun*



*All hands on deck exploring Bible truths through Science experiments*

## A Call to Receive Jesus

Last but not least, there was a sharing session based on the Bible verse of the day. Through the sharing, some of the children had the perception that eternal life began only when they got to heaven. However, they were guided to understand that eternal life begins the moment they accept Jesus as their Savior and develop an intimate relationship with Him. They were then led to dedicate their lives to Jesus through a group prayer together. The Easter Day program concluded with the children being able to take home a goody bag and edible decorative eggs with them.

Through this outreach program, we saw many children's lives being transformed. Many pre-believers in our class also dedicated their lives to Christ. Moving forward, we aim to inculcate godly character in our children through quality Sunday School programs like these, so that they can continue to be good testimonies for Christ to their parents. All glory to God!



*Colorful Easter eggs for the children to take home*



# Healing Room Ministry

Many received healing and salvation as they came for ministry.

By Ps Matthew Tan, Grace Assembly of God

The Healing Room Ministry started out in Grace Assembly as a ground-up initiative. A small group of us have been taking part in healing crusades overseas as well as street healing ministries. Apart from holding healing meetings in offices and believers' homes, deep down in our hearts we wanted to bring the ministry to our home church—Grace Assembly. We asked our church for a room and started our first Healing Room session in March 2017.

Ultimately, we desired to establish an evangelistic platform where people could bring their family, friends and even strangers. And whenever the invited guest requested to return to our church, our volunteers could then bring them to our weekend services in the same building.

By God's grace, over the past one year, we have been seeing multiple healings at every Healing Room session. People who suffered from cancer, hearing loss, trigger fingers, fractured bones, as well as various spine and joint-related ailments came and were healed! We also witnessed both men and women beginning to walk again without their walking aid. All the healings were captured on our database, and those healings

of major illnesses were backed up with doctors' reports.

We praise the Lord that souls were also being saved and ushered into the church through this ministry. Our cell groups witnessed more and more people getting healed through the Healing Room and later accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Now, every Sunday, we have teams going out to Little India and Chinatown to pray for the sick. We have since expanded to Grace 2 (Bukit Batok) and we are training up another group of volunteers for this ministry.

We pray that through this ministry a fresh revival will sweep through the Church of Jesus Christ, and for more signs and wonders to happen, not because we chase after these, but because signs point to Jesus. We want to see more souls saved for the glory of God!

If you know of anyone who needs prayer or healing, please bring him or her to join us.

## Healing Room Ministry

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ G1, 7.30pm  
355 Tanglin Road, Level 3 Emmaus Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ G2, 7.30pm  
1 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4, Level 3 Agape Hall

Sessions are conducted in English and Mandarin. All are welcome! We are open to all who are sick in the body, believers as well as pre-believers, both young and old. Please register at [event.graceag.org](http://event.graceag.org) for sms notifications of our sessions.



This brother met with a motorbike accident one day before the session. He came to know about our healing meetings through a friend and came with his left arm immobilised in an elbow sling. After the prayer for healing, the pain left his arm completely and it strengthened to such a huge extent that he could lift it up with minimal effort.



This brother was healed of full-body eczema. He had been suffering from this for many years. His face and skin were dry, dotted and wrinkled from scratching. After we prayed for him, his eczema stopped and now, just one month later, his face and skin has become smooth!



This man is walking on his own for the first time in many years. He later came to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He came into the hall escorted by many people, leaning heavily on his walking aid. To the amazement of many, he left the hall walking on his own shouting "Hallelujah!", dragging his walking aid behind him.



Our first Healing Room meeting at G1 on March 2017



# New Beginnings at Trinity@Bukit Batok

May 6 was a day of celebration for our Chinese-speaking members with Trinity@Bukit Batok's first Chinese service.

By Trinity Christian Centre

Led by Rev Christina Onn, 158 people (including seven first-time visitors) filled the movie hall to worship God and hear His Word. We rejoice with the one who received salvation that day!



*The congregation deep in worship*



*Communion was served*



*Rev Christina Onn addressing our Chinese congregation at Bukit Batok*



*The ministry team all ready to serve*

It's a joy to see a Chinese Service at Trinity@Bukit Batok because it's very close to my home. I took this opportunity to invite my pre-believing son for service and he accepted my invitation! Praise the Lord!

**Sharon Peh**

The start of a Chinese service at Trinity@Bukit Batok makes church very accessible for those of us who stay in the West. Not only does it give us more time to spend with family, we also have many eateries around here too!

**Rina Lee**

The cinema setting helps me to focus on worshipping God.

**Ng Thiam Chye**

The launch of the Chinese service at Trinity@Bukit Batok means that we can take the Gospel into the heartland. Carecell members who could not attend Trinity@Paya Lebar have been faithfully coming for service here. We also have many Mandarin-speaking pre-believing loved ones coming for service!

**Kwok Shou Vien**

When it was announced that Chinese Ministry would start at Trinity@Bukit Batok, I was filled with excitement and anticipation.

On the morning it launched, a group of faithful brothers and sisters came as early as 7.15am to help with the setup. By 7.45am, everything was put in place, the RGB and worship team were practicing, and the Celebration Hosts had been briefed. It was an incredible demonstration of unity as we embarked on this new venture together!

**Liau Nam Yong**

I have been trying to reach out to my cousin for some time. In April, he finally accepted an invitation to attend my carecell's care event where they shared the Gospel with him. At that time, he was not ready to receive Christ.

Since he lives in the West, I also invited him to the first Chinese service at Trinity@Bukit Batok. After one of my Spiritual Parents shared the Gospel with him at the visitors' lounge, he said yes to Jesus! Since then, he has started attending my carecell in Clementi and Chinese service on Sundays.

**Dickson Yew**



# Anchor in Stormy Seas

*When all else failed, Jesus enabled me to stand strong.*

*By Vivien Tan, Trinity Christian Centre*

I grew up in a very complicated, traditional family with no hugs or kisses, only shouts and quarrels. I thought, "Maybe life would get better if I got married and started my own family." But it did not.

Within the early years of marriage, my husband and I started to become estranged and eventually ended up in a divorce. I was left with debts and bills to clear on a single income, as well as young children to raise on my own.

I was physically tired, mentally drained, emotionally depleted and financially burdened. Eventually I lost hope and broke down.

I was like a pendulum, swinging up and down emotionally for more than 10 years, until a friend heard of my problems and invited me to Trinity. My friend subsequently connected me to a carecell. At one service, I felt the strong presence of God and teared uncontrollably. I knew straightaway that I needed Jesus to be my Savior and gave my heart to Him.

Immediately, I experienced God's work in my life. I was filled with hope to go on living, and there was an unexplainable joy and strength to face life. Through the carecell and pastors, I found a spiritual family that I could count on to pray for me and encourage me.

That's not all that God did!

He enabled me to clear my debts through His divine favor. My sales increased and so did my commission. I received a promotion at work, got head-hunted by another company and got a much better pay package. Beyond the financial turnaround, my children did well in their studies and have also grown up well. Today they are 16, 18 and 20, and I am thankful for God's intervention in our lives.

Amidst the storm I went through, God has been my anchor. He not only restored hope, but gave me new meaning in life and provided overflowing blessings! I've learned to lean on and trust Him no matter the circumstance. All glory to God!



*My daughter and I spending time together*



*My three lovely children*





# My Life's Purpose is in Christ

*Christ saved me so that I can serve Him.*

*By Frionne Heng, Grace Christian Centre*

I used to be a tough nut to crack. At home, it would be no surprise for me to be banging on tables and doors or lashing out at my mother just because things did not go my way. I was a negative child who saw little purpose in life, too.

In 2014, God opened doors for me to hear His word. Though I did not understand things fully from the very beginning, I felt that I might have found the light at the end of the tunnel, and the answers to my never-ending queries about life. There

and then, I took a step of faith. I started going to church and received His word every week.

Soon, I experienced many things with God, among which, was positive transformation. Sometimes, I struggled to be the "good living testimony" that I so often prayed to become. However, slowly but surely, gone were the vulgarities, the petulance and anger. I am now a changed person, and thank God for it!

I have been a Christian since December 2014 and am currently serving as one of our worship team's back-up singers. Every week, I help pick up a group of students from the train station and bring them to our church at Nordcom I, Sembawang, for a free tuition program. These students also attend our youth service.

All glory to God for His transformational power in my life.



# A Divine Encounter with God's People

*God sent His people to reach out to me.*

*By Edward Kam, Grace Christian Centre*

Three years ago, I led a corruptible lifestyle. Whenever I thought of the management in my work place, I was overwhelmed with anger due to its unfair treatments toward us, the workers. I also thought of divorcing my wife as there was no mutual appreciation for whatever good we did for each other.

I further thought that if I were to divorce my wife, this would be the end for my family and our two children would have to face the consequences of being in a broken family. I was at a loss and I could not find any good man around to advise me against harboring the evil thought of divorcing my wife. I was very depressed.

Then, one day, by divine leading and appointment, Rev Tay and Bro Kalai came to knock at my door. I thought it was the usual salesman who did so. They passed me a tract regarding free

tuition and church services. As I received it, the word "church" caught my attention. For a moment, I pondered, "Can I really find God in the church?" I invited them into my house and offered them a drink. They read some Bible verses to me. I was fascinated by the verses and desired to know more. So, during one off-day, on a Sunday, I visited the church. From then on, I started to follow Jesus to gain more wisdom and to be assured of a place in heaven.

Now, being a member of God's family, I look forward to serving together with Him in His divine business: to guide and lead people to walk the path of righteousness, such as living harmoniously with one another and be a blessing to them. Ecclesiastes 8:12 says: "Although a wicked person who commits a hundred crimes may live a long time, I know that it will go better with those who fear God, who are reverent

before Him." I believe that if we fear God by being righteous, there is no need to fear the devil because God will protect us from all forms of attacks from the evil one.

My wife and I now attend Friday night Bible study at a church member's house every week. Due to my shift work, I am also only able to attend Sunday service on alternate Sundays. My son Isaac, and my daughter Ee Ying, have also been participating in the church's free tuition program and Youth Service on Saturdays.

Please join us in praying and believing for my daughter to receive Jesus into her life, as well as for us to be able to attend church service as a family regularly every week.

All glory to God!



# Forging Forward —The Next 90 Years

*Thanking God for His faithfulness in the last 90 years and forging forward with His strength for the next lap.*

*By Rebecca Yong, Emmanuel Assembly of God*

The Assemblies of God (AG) of Singapore started its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with a special two-day conference at Trinity Christian Centre on May 3 to 4, 2018. We were privileged to have three very anointed speakers with us—Rev Ong Sek Leang, Rev Dr J Don George and Rev Alan Hewitt—to come and minister God's Word to us on the theme of 'Forging Forward'. In his message, Rev Ong Sek Leang, General Superintendent of the AG Malaysia challenged us to stay true to our calling and mission. Forging forward has to do with moving God's people into the future, which He has purposed and planned for us. As the AG of Singapore, we must seek God's face and know what He's calling us to do. God has given us a distinctive message to Singapore and the world.

The AG had its humble beginnings in 1914 where a small group of 300 believers met



1 Speaker Rev Ong Sek Leang

2 Our conference speakers preparing their hearts before God

3 After receiving their credentials, our ministers were being prayed for

4 Receiving prayers during ministry time



in Hot Springs Arkansas and took The Great Commission seriously. After 104 years today, the AG has grown from 300 to a mighty army of over 68 million people worldwide, with more than 370,000 AG churches all over the world. As we head toward the centennial celebration, Rev Don George, Pastor Emeritus of Calvary Church in Irving, reminded us that we can never forge forward successfully without the fire of the Holy Spirit. We cannot grow in the next 10 years without having the fire burning afresh in the altars of our hearts and our faith. We must rally His people to take The Great Commission seriously. Forging forward requires us not only to have a commitment to The Great Commission, but also to a personal prayer life. It is also important to have a sound theology, a hunger for the Holy Spirit, a determination to know God and hear His voice, as well as to confront the issues facing us today.

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# Forging Forward —The Next 90 Years



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We need to forge forward with the power of imagination and dream dreams and visions of what God can do through us. Peter had an imagination of himself walking on water before he actually walked on water. (Matthew 14:22-33) Rev Alan, former Senior Pastor of Hope Church in Newton challenged us to get closer to Jesus, so that what's in His heart will get into our hearts and what He desires becomes what we desire. We must not be so obsessed with our current reality that we cannot imagine the divine possibilities that God can bring about. In forging forward, we must ask ourselves as the AG of Singapore, "What is our imagination?" Let us not play safe but let our prayers be shaped by our imagination as we ask God boldly because He can do exceedingly above all we could ever ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)

In closing, our General Superintendent of the AG of Singapore, Rev Dominic Yeo exhorted us to forge forward in the power of God's presence. (Exodus 33:14) If we are going to see the greatest move of God in the next 10 years of this journey forward, we need the presence of God more than ever before. When the presence of God comes, we begin to see God's realities and what He wants to do through us. He is calling us to be greater ministers just like how He called Moses (Exodus 3:10), Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8) and Paul (Acts 9:6). We need the presence of God to reaffirm the call. And as we encounter Him, His presence will re-fire us into His calling and commissioning.

The Lord has been faithful over the last 90 years, as we forge forward toward our centennial, let us have the confidence and know that God is with us every step of the way!



- 1 Our four conference speakers worshipping together with us
- 2 Praying together as a body of Christ
- 3 A time of ministry