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It is a brand new year, but the problems from the year before are not gone. We all want solutions for the new year. We hope for things to get better. But that hope is not too deeply set. The year 2020 has been such an extended time of "wait and see". People have perhaps become too familiar and comfortable with a "wait and see", "if it happens, it happens", "when restrictions are eased", or "when borders are opened" mentality.

Church, I believe 2021 is "a year of shift". And that "shift" requires a choice. A decision.

In Deuteronomy 30:15-16, God says, "See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess."

Following in verses 19-20, it says, "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

There are two key approaches to experiencing God's solution to our problems and challenges.

The first key is to "SEE". Many times, we see one side of the situation and forget that God has life in store for us. We forget He has fruitfulness set aside for us and settle for less than what He has promised. We can see—or perceive—in three ways:

#### Resign or Resolve

You may be going through a tough time. It could be a relapse of cancer. It could be a rocky marriage. Maybe you want to throw in the towel. Maybe you even want to quit trusting God and leave church.

You can either resign and choose destruction, or you can resolve to hold on, and love God in good times and bad.

#### Relent or Repent

Have you allowed the convenience of the online church to dilute your honor for God? Are you still early for church online? Are you easily distracted? Has worship been relegated to background music while you pack your house? Are you struggling with secret sin?

Decide to restore honor unto God, put away all distractions, and allow His presence to permeate your household. You can either relent and choose spiritual death, or you can choose to repent, keep His commands, and experience God's abundant life!

#### Revert or Reframe

As much as we would like things to revert to pre-COVID-19 days, it's not going to happen. The pandemic has changed the world, as well as the way businesses and schools are conducted. If you are still waiting for church to go back to what it was before, then it's time for a reframe.

You can either remain where you are, rely on the same old methods and wait for things to return to the way they were, or reframe your vision, re-evaluate your strategies and plans.

The second key is "NOW". There is an immense urgency in the words found in verse 19: "NOW choose life..." We can't wait and see when things will get better before we decide to trust God. We can't wait and see if sin will work itself out. We can't wait and see when borders will open to do Missions.

It's time to evaluate and evolve. Preaching to a live audience isn't the same as preaching to a camera. Evangelism is now more than inviting someone to a physical building—it's a church without walls—it's us sharing, and connecting people to God in our conversations. Discipleship is beyond the formal classroom—we got to get out there and meet up and impart life like Jesus did with His disciples. How wrong it will be for us to sit around and wait for borders to reopen before we embark on cross-cultural missions!

Great Faith is always seen through Great Obedience. Great Faith is always displayed through Real Actions. Great Faith is always revealed through Deep Convictions.

How are you leveraging technology for evangelism? What are the new things of God? In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Assemblies of God (AG) in Singapore collaborated with other AG churches in the Asia Pacific region to hold a prayer meeting and a conference to equip and empower believers. The birthing of these plans could happen because the leadership acted upon them immediately.

If 2021 is going to be a year of shift for AG Singapore, we have to show great faith to **SEE** God's perspective of the situation and adopt a **NOW** attitude to act upon God's promises.

#### 2021的解决方案

这是崭新的一年,但是去年的问题还没有消失。我们都想要新年的解决方案。我们都希望一切会好转。但是这种希望不很深。2020年是长时间的等待和观望。人们对这种"再看看,再等等"、"如果发生,就发生"、"何时放宽限制……"、"何时开放边界……"变得过于熟悉和自在。

弟兄姐妹,我相信2021年是改变的一年,而改变需要人做出选择。它是一种决定。

在申命记30:15-16,神说: "看啊,今天我把生死祸福摆在你们面前。我今天吩咐你们要爱你们的上帝耶和华,遵行祂的旨意,遵守祂的诫命、律例和典章,以便你们可以存活,人口兴旺,在你们将要占领的土地上蒙祂赐福。"

第19-20节 "今天,我叫天地为你们作证,我已把生死祸福摆在你们面前。选择生命吧,以便你们及子孙可以存活。要爱你们的上帝耶和华,听从祂的话,倚靠祂,因为祂是你们的生命,祂必使你们长久住在祂起誓赐给你们祖先亚伯拉罕、以撒和雅各的土地上。"

有两种主要方**法**能让我们在面对问题和挑战时得到神的解决方案。

第一个关键是"看见"。很多时候,我们只看到事情的一面。我们忘记了上帝给了我们生命。我们忘记了他要让我们多结果实。他为我们应许的,远超过我们自己领受的。我们可以通过三种方式看到。

#### 无奈接受或下定决心

你可能正在经历艰难时期,可能是癌症复发,可能是婚姻问题。也许你想放弃,也许你甚至不想再相信上帝,想离开教会。

你可以无奈接受,选择毁灭的道路,或者下定决心坚持 下去,不论在顺境或逆境都爱上帝。

#### 妥协或悔改

你曾否允许线上聚会的便利冲淡你对神的敬畏? 我们仍然提早参加聚会吗? 我们是否轻易被干扰? 敬拜是否成为了你收拾房子的背景音乐? 你是否在隐藏的罪中挣扎?

让我们决定重新将荣耀归于神,挪开所有的干扰,允许神的同在充满你的家。你可以妥协而选择属灵的死亡,或者选择悔改,遵守神的诫命,经历神丰盛的生命!

#### 恢复老样子或调整心态

尽管我们很想一切恢复到2019冠状病毒大流行前的样子,但是那不会发生。这个大流行改变了世界,以及生意和学校的运作方式。如果你在等待教会恢复老样子,那么是调整心态的时候了。

你可以维持现状,使用同样的老方法等待一切恢复到从前的样子,或调整异象,重新评估策略和计划。

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## Journey Back to Zion

### Resuming services in a calibrated manner.

By Ps Tan Yunyun and Andrew Tham, Zion Full Gospel Church

2 Chronicles 20:12c "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." This was the desperate prayer of King Jehoshaphat when a vast army was closing in on his kingdom.

Likewise, back in March, when churches in Singapore had to stop on-site services because of the Circuit Breaker measures, our church leadership rallied members together in a synchronized prayer effort, "Zion Prays." Riding on the COVID-19:00 prayer pointers shared by the Assemblies of God of Singapore, Life Groups and Ministries each adopted a day in the week to come together—via Zoom, WhatsApp messages and even through emails—to pray for the church and against the COVID-19 pandemic. Families came together, generations came together, and even overseas "alumni" (members who have relocated overseas) came together to seek the Lord. Being unable to gather in-person and on-site for services and fellowship, we relied on digital means of gathering. It was a steep learning curve for all, and we have never been this way before.

#### **Services Resumption**

After three months of online services, Singapore entered Phase Two and more religious activities could resume. How should Zion respond to these new developments? Was it really safe to resume? Were members ready to gather in-person? More importantly, what is God's will for Zion amid these unknowns?

O Lord, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you!

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Zion's leadership made the decision to resume in a tiered and calibrated manner.



Back in the Sanctuary with 50 capacity

On the weekend of July 4 and 5, 2020, we first started onsite services for Hokkien, Chinese and English services. In due time, other church programs such as Prayer Meetings, Christian Education classes, Young Adult Fellowship, Detonate Youth and Royal Rangers also came back on-site. Back then, as authorities only allowed a maximum capacity of 50 persons for congregational services, members had to RSVP to ensure there are available seating. Since singing and live performance were not permitted, worship leaders and musicians had to pre-record themselves.



Church members working hard to install the partition

Despite the changes—sitting one meter apart, remaining masked, finding new ways to respond in worship—there was much joy and gladness in the house. We could finally minister to one another in-person after being physically separated for the past few months. God's presence was tangibly felt throughout the services. There was new-found gratitude for the precious gathering of God's people and the live preaching of His word. For members who were not able to return onsite, the English services were live streamed via Zoom, thus allowing members to stay connected for the services.



Ready to seat 100 in the house

A new milestone came when the authorities allowed services up to 100 persons at a time. To adhere with the new Safe Management Measures, several church members came together to install an acrylic partition across the sanctuary, dividing it into two zones. By the first weekend of October, our sanctuary was ready to welcome the 100.



Live worship in the Sanctuary

#### **Pilot for Live Worship**

At the following weekend, another milestone was unlocked when live worship filled the sanctuary walls. As part of the government's pilot project to resume live music, Zion Full Gospel Church was selected as one of the sixteen Religious Organizations to have live music and singing on stage in our worship services. Members were elated to learn of this wonderful news. Many on the worship team could not wait to start serving again after a prolonged absence of six months.

In our excitement, we understood the responsibility involved and realized we were paving the way for authorities to allow live worship in even more churches in Singapore. Hence, instead of resuming live worship across all services on the same weekend, live worship was gradually resumed in the different services. This meant we had more time to work on the safety measures needed.

Grateful for God's providence, protection and favor for our church, during our first live worship session, the worship leader led the church in a moving declaration through the song "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness Lord, unto me

Indeed, all that Zion had needed, God had provided for us! Throughout this pandemic, God had never failed or forsaken us. In the new year before us, though seemingly insurmountable odds continue to mount up against us, we will fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ, the Faithful and True!

O Lord, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you!

### Gripped by Love

Eager to bless the community, eight campus students put their hearts and hands together to raise funds for Care Community Services Society.

By Lisette Tan, Trinity Christian Centre

Time is a resource that everyone has. What we do with our time matters. We can either let time slip by, or seize it purposefully to serve and love others.

Putting their hearts and hands together, eight students from Campus Ministry considered how they could raise funds for vulnerable communities, and started *Gripped by Love* in May 2020.

The name was inspired by their desire to be gripped by God's love and purposes in caring for the physically needy and spiritually lost. During seasons of rest and busyness, the call to care remains. Believing that love is more than a feeling, and must be put into action, the team faithfully offered their time and talents to create a range of bouquets.

The majority of proceeds go to Care Community Services Society (CCSS), a social organization dedicated to equipping and enabling vulnerable groups to rise above their circumstances. The team was especially gripped by the struggles and needs of many due to COVID-19.

"Through *Gripped by Love*, I hope that love will multiply and overflow into the wider community. It is also my heart's cry for people to go beyond purchasing our bouquets, to loving others as a lifestyle." – Tiffany Koo (NTU, Graduate)

#### **Spreading the Love**

With celebrations being vastly different this year, *Gripped by Love* sought to spread love and joy in a number of ways. Besides their regular line up of floral bouquets, the team sold snack bouquets for Father's Day.

Recently, they introduced a dried flower series (Bouquets to

Bless), encouraging people to honor those who have made an impact in their lives.

#### A Labor of Love

Putting the bouquets together is no easy feat. The team meets regularly to standardize the contents and learn how to arrange them.



Sending love to the needy

While it can be a struggle to juggle *Gripped by Love* and school, Ruth Tan (SMU, Year 2) and Cherylene Tan (NUS, Year 3) see this initiative as the perfect platform to be a blessing.

"Gripped by Love is a good platform for me to offer my time and talents, to give back to society in a meaningful way. I strongly believe in what CCSS does, and hope that lives will be changed!" – Ruth Tan

"Gripped by Love is truly a place where willing hearts can gather to serve the community. I am looking forward to seeing more lives touched through this project!" – Cherylene Tan

#### **Exciting Things Ahead!**

To date, *Gripped by Love* has sold over 50 bouquets. It has plans for exciting launches over for CCSS Weekend (November), Christmas, graduation, and Valentine's Day.

With Tote Board matching up to 40 percent from now until March 2021, *Gripped by Love* will be directing proceeds to CCSS' Lives Emboldened Fund – a campaign that supports communities adversely impacted by COVID-19.

#### A Lifestyle of Love

Pearlina Royceton (JCU, Year 3) and Sophia Chau (NTU, Year 2) hope that *Gripped by Love* helps people to consider a lifestyle of loving, blessing, and giving.

"I believe that being gripped by love means translating the burdens and hopes upon my heart into action with my hands. I hope that more people will choose to extend their hands to



Hands working hard to bless

those around them and make a tangible difference in lives that greatly matter." – Pearlina Royceton

"Through availing my time and energy, I hope that those in need will be reached and impacted. I also hope that the love we demonstrate in action will move more people to love those around them." – Sophia Chua

Be it our time or talents, Alison Chang (NTU, Year 3) encourages all of us to give with what we have. "Even if you think you do not have the most refined skills or the strongest sense of passion, come! All you need is to be willing and open to try!"



Flowers bringing joy all around

Send some love with a bouquet made with love! Check out Gripped by Love's bouquets by scanning these QR codes.





## Smyrna's 40 Years of Journey with the Lord

#### Celebrating God's faithfulness and provision in these 40 years.

By Ps Grace Deborah Samuel, Smyrna Assembly of God

Last month, our church completed 40 years of ministry since its inception in 1980 by the late Rev Dr John Sam Stephen. Since young, Rev Dr John had felt the call of God and had started serving in the churches in Sri Lanka while He was working as a tea-estate manager. One day, when he heard about a gospel ship that was traveling by Sri Lanka, he saw the opportunity to go out as a missionary to other nations.

With great faith, he stepped out of Sri Lanka, leaving his beloved family behind, like Abraham in the Bible, going to a place where God was leading him. That place was Singapore. He started serving in Praise Evangelical Church as an assistant pastor along with a Finnish Missionary. Soon, his love and passion for souls had led him to reach out to many Indians in the Naval Base area in the 1970s. Till today, we can hear testimonies of people from Naval Base, of how God had touched them and healed them through the works of the late Rev Dr John.

In 1980, God led him to start a new ministry which started off as a humble prayer meeting in a flat in Marsiling. This prayer meeting outgrew its place and moved into a nearby childcare centre. The residents of Marsiling just walked in to the church, drawn by the worship that was going on a Sunday morning. Many in the Marsiling area were added to the church in the early years of Smyrna. Soon, the church outgrew and moved to Jalan Kedai (Sembawang) and started worshiping in the Old Canberra Theatre. This place was graciously offered to us by

an Anglican church, to worship in the evenings initially and then as our own place of worship as they moved out to their new premises. It was a great blessing to us. Smyrna grew and multiplied again in this new space.

Soon, the government had decided to reclaim the land for new developmental plans in the Sembawang area. It was time for us to move again. This time, God led us to Yishun (our current premises). With God's guidance and wisdom, Rev Dr John was able to get "a land for a land" deal from the government instead of receiving some compensation amount. Today, Smyrna Assembly stands as a testament to his faith.

Just like any other churches, there are many challenges that Smyrna had gone through. One of the greatest challenges was the settling of the building debts. We praise God for the friends, churches and our own members who had contributed sacrificially for the building project. Some members, even opened up their homes, to conduct the Sunday services while the construction was going on. May God bless and prosper them greatly.

The years were tough for us when we moved into the new building. Some left as they saw the huge debts and needs in the ministry, but God was faithful. He had never failed to provide for our needs. Indeed, there is a testimony behind every chair, carpet, tiles and the pulpit of how God had provided to fill the needs of the church. God is good!

In the year 2008, when Rev Dr John was called home, the mantle fell upon his son, Ps Samuel Gift Stephen. He took over the ministries with a debt of \$1.3 million and a few faithful people who believed in him. Some left as they thought that he would not be able to lead a Tamil-speaking congregation, as he could not speak that language, moreover, burdened with a huge debt.

God was again faithful. Along with his wife, Ps Grace Deborah Samuel, who had resigned from her full-time job answering God's call, Ps Samuel started to lead the church, following God's will. Ps Grace who is bi-lingual in English and Tamil became his



Ps Grace installed as senior pastor of the church in 2018



Serving together

mouthpiece. Both of them continued the faith journey, trusting in God alone, in the midst of so many uncertainties. With God's wisdom and guidance, Rev Samuel was able to lead the church debt-free in 2010. It was our greatest milestone ever! Praise God!

Today, the church has multiplied into various congregations. We have congregations in Tamil, English, Telugu, Malayalam and Tagalog. We are supporting missions and some smaller churches as well. The legacy of the late Rev Dr John is still continuing in Smyrna: God had raised many servant leaders through this ministry, who are serving in Singapore and the nations today.

2020 is a special year for us. With the completion of 40 years, we are moving into a new chapter where "Smyrna Assembly" becomes "Life Centre". We are excited to journey in this new season with the Lord, because He who called us is faithful (1 Thessalonians 5:24). To God Be The Glory!



Rev Dr John, the founder and ministry father of Smyrna AG, in his earlier days pastoring Praise Evangelical Church



The church coming together on 2019's Watchnight Service

## A Proud Moment of Recognition

When God honors.

By Ps Samuel Gift Stephen



Ps Samuel Gift Stephen received the Special Commendation (Leader of Good Category) at the President's Volunteerism and Philanthropy Awards on October 16, 2020. He is the Lead Director of the Alliance of Guest Workers Outreach (AGWO) and Chief Outreach Officer of The Hope Initiative Alliance (HIA). HIA also received the Organisation of Good award.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ps Samuel could spend up to 15 hours a day delivering meals to our migrant workers and taking care of their well-being when they were serving their Stay-Home Notices. He holds firm to Matthew 5:16 as a life principle, which encourages him to let his light shine before others "that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".

The President's Volunteerism and Philanthropy Awards are the highest honor in Singapore for giving. They seek to recognize outstanding organizations and individuals for their contributions to society.

Here at AG Times, we hear from Ps Samuel a more personal reflection on the recognition and the awards he has received.

#### 1. How were you feeling when you received the awards into your hands?

I am honored to have receive the President's Voluntarism and Philanthropy Awards (Special Edition 2020) Leaders of Good (Special Commendation) and our NGO, HIA as the winner of Organisation of Good.

These two awards were never expected but are great encouragements for us to do more

in building a city of Good. When standing in line waiting for my name to be called, I had mixed feelings. On one hand, I was extremely honored to be given these awards but on the other hand, I missed my father who was the one who inspired me to continue what he had started

When I stood up there to receive my awards, I thanked the Lord for His grace and for giving me a wonderful role model, my father, the late Rev Dr John Sam Stephen.

2. What was one difficulty which you encountered when serving our migrant workers in the midst of the COVID-19 situation? How did God help you overcome it?

One of the greatest difficulties I faced was the extremely high risk of contracting COVID-19. Most of the dormitories I had visited daily were COVID-19 positive dormitories. The feeling of risk was real because I have two young kids, my wife and a helper who were in direct contact with me at home. Many people advised me that the risk was not worth putting my family into it.

I remember, one night while driving home, extremely tired because of the long hours spent in the dormitories, I asked myself if I should carry on. I could only spend an hour a day with my family before they sleep because of the great needs in the dormitories.

The Lord reminded me of these two verses, Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." and 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."

These verses were my constant encouragement during the most difficult times.

#### 3. What are your hopes and dreams for yourself and AGWO in the days ahead?

AGWO hopes to be a platform that brings together Singaporeans and guest-workers. I've found that the biggest barrier for both groups to come together is pre-conceived misconceptions formed because of the wrong thinking on different groups of people, resulting in resentment and unintentional biases.

My dream is for a Singapore where there is no longer a divide between Singaporeans and guest-workers but we are known as One Singapore. I also wished to see guest-workers brothers coming to our homes and communities, and enjoying a home-cooked meal and having conversations with us.

#### 4. What is one take-away you want to share with the readers in serving the migrant workers?

These are our brothers. The second Greatest Commandment is to love our neighbor as ourselves. Singapore is blessed to have the nations within the nation. You don't have to take a flight or even leave the borders of Singapore for missions. We have the nations in our backyard.

All we have to do is be willing to visit these brothers and listen to their stories. This will bring healing to the nations. The nations are waiting for you.

5. You have mentioned that your father, Rev John Sam Stephen's efforts which he started 50 years ago is honored when you received these awards. If Rev John were here today, what do you think he would say to you?

My father came to Singapore as a migrant from Sri Lanka more than 50 years ago and

Singaporeans took him in, loved and cared for him. This made him want to serve the guest-workers working in areas like the Old Naval Base and Sembawang Shipyard. Thus, began our ministry to the guest-workers whom we call "our brothers".

50 years on, I have the privilege to receive these awards from the President. My father would have been so proud as this is not about what I did during COVID-19, but what we as a family have been doing silently for 50 years. I am thanking God for my father who instilled to me, this deep passion and commitment to serve our guest-workers, our brothers and the marginalized.

I believe my father would have given me a big bear hug, a kiss on my cheek as he always did and say "I'm proud of you, son! Keep serving the least with the best."



- 1 Ps Samuel receiving his award from President Halimah Yacob
- 2 Awards given to recognize the work done



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## ACTS College 42<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Exercises

Faculty, students, friends and families local and overseas, attended our inaugural online ceremony. By ACTS College

On November 15, 2020, Sunday, ACTS College celebrated the commencement of its 42nd batch of graduating students. The graduation ceremony saw 14 graduates receiving their respective academic certificates, diplomas, bachelor's degrees and master's degrees.

Despite the ongoing restrictions on mass gathering due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the college ensured that the strong community spirit of the college would not be dampened. This inaugural online ceremony was broadcasted live on Facebook, allowing friends and family from all over the world to witness and celebrate an important milestone for the graduating students.

Addressing the graduates, special guest speaker Rev Dr David Lim (Bible Teacher and Mentor, International Church of Las Vegas, Nevada) exhorted the graduates, reminding them of what their high calling in God involves. He encouraged them to remember that God is in control, despite our human weaknesses and failures, to be flexible in the way they do ministry, and to be prepared to deal with spiritual warfare.

All in all, it was a blessed celebration of a special chapter in the lives of this batch of God-fearing graduates. In their next chapter, may God's grace and peace be with them as they embrace the people, places, and purposes God will place before them! To God be all the glory and honor.



Scan QR Code for Graduation Message video.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ONLINE FOR OUR 42ND GRADUATION 感谢大家出席我

们的在线42届毕 业典礼







- 1 42<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Exercises
- Prayer of consecration by Rev Robert Lum
- 3 Academic Award recipient
- 4 President Award recipient





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## ACTS Hybrid Home Retreat 2020

Our first virtual college retreat.

By ACTS College

When we were planning ACTS annual retreat to Johor Bahru earlier this year, little did we know that our plans would be changed drastically by a tiny invisible bug, COVID-19. The retreat was an opportunity to break away from our usual routine of work, study and family commitment to refresh ourselves spiritually in the Lord and bond with staff and students of ACTS College. So, it was a great disappointment when we realized it was not going to happen this year.

However, ACTS College's leadership did not want to give up having fellowship. They came up with a creative plan of having groups of five people meeting at homes and linked via Zoom to other homes. It would be the first ACTS Home Retreat.

On September 19, 2020, ACTS had our first ever annual virtual retreat. Even though the current pandemic situation did not allow us to gather together physically, nothing will stop the people of God from gathering virtually to celebrate His goodness. In the end, we had 12 homes hosting five people each all over Singapore.

Over Zoom, we had a worship session followed by a sermon by Rev Yee Tham Wan

who was Zooming in from APTS, Philippines. Rev Yee helped us to have a deeper understanding of the Lord's prayer.

Over lunch, the small groups had a good time sharing a meal by going out to eat or bringing back takeaways. We shared our reflection and learning points and played a fun virtual bonding game. Furthermore, our college leadership conducted a student's dialogue session to gather feedback. We ended this innovative Home Retreat with Holy Communion and photo-taking.

Even though we could not have our usual retreat, we are thankful that we are still able to gather in small groups of five and be linked with other houses via Zoom. This retreat allowed us time to step out of this uncertain time, to reconnect with God and build a deeper bond as a community of God's people, preparing us with renewed strength to move on for the season ahead.

Besides, we are proud of our student leaders who had great teamwork in organizing this hybrid virtual retreat. Last but not least, we are thankful to God for giving us this flexibility and adaptability to plan and organize ACTS virtual retreat. To God be all the glory and honor.









- 1 Our virtual retreat
- 2 Fellowship during lunch
- 3 Worshiping together online
- 4 Rev Yee Tham Wan preaching

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### Let's Welcome our New EXCO Members

We welcome two new members into our EXCO: Rev Jason Tan, Zion Full Gospel Church and Rev Bernadette Fan, The Harvest Force.

The AG Times speaks with Rev Jason Tan and Rev Bernadette Fan b to get them to share about themselves and their hopes while serving in the EXCO.

#### Tell us more about yourself!

Married to Sally for 16 years and we have a beautiful 9-year-old daughter, Melody. At present, I am pastoring full-time at Zion Full Gospel Church (ZFGC). It has been a fantastic journey at ZFGC. I am blessed with a committed team of leaders who simply love Jesus passionately.

During my free time, I usually chill with an aromatic cup of coffee and catching up with my readings. I am a recreational marathon runner. Which means, I enjoy running at a leisurely pace for a cause but not as a competitive sportsman. Besides that, I am attracted to action movies with a high-speed chase and special forces.

Lionel and I married in 2002. He has been most encouraging and supportive to me, and I thank God for my better half. We enjoy doing things together, one of them is making music. One of the greatest enjoyment is worshiping God in songs.





#### How did you come into the pastoral ministry?

I accepted Jesus into my life at 14 years old. A friend invited me to church and challenged me to trust God for my studies. Though I understood very little of what it means to be a Christian, I took a step of faith. My spiritual journey was filled with many highs and lows, especially during my growing up years. However, I am grateful for spiritual mentors during my early tertiary years, who faithfully discipled and invested their time in me, despite my fluctuating commitment to the local church.

Upon conversion, I remember vividly during a mid-week church corporate prayer meeting, a gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit, to serve Him full-time. As a young believer, I did not understand what it means. It was not until mid-way through my graduate studies that God confirmed it through the scriptures, prophetic messages, scriptural songs and friends. 1 Corinthians 15:58 became the prelude of my full-time journey, and it says, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Until today, whenever I feel weary and dry in my ministry endeavors, I will turn to this verse for strength and hope.

I received Jesus in the 90's while completing undergraduate studies. I am certain that it took place as a result of the prayers of people around me at a time when I was questioning my purpose in life. When a friend invited me to attend a Sunday worship service at campus,

I accepted the invitation without thinking twice about what to expect. At the worship service, I experienced an intense tugging at my heart. I knew if I didn't respond to the call made by the pastor, I wouldn't know how else to deal with that tug or where else I could go to discharge it. The tremendous love of God reached out to me at the altar and I simply received Christ when asked by the pastor.

After I began the Christian journey, God led wonderful people to speak into my life. Although they helped me in different ways of growth, God used them to impress upon me three pertinent areas of spiritual discipline: prayer, thanksgiving and service. I am grateful that these are now key anchors in my Christian life. Furthermore, one of the results of experiencing such joy as I served the Lord in the lay ministry was a desire to give more time to serve Him.

I was in civil service before entering ministry full-time. It was not an easy decision to leave, but the Lord convinced me that He would not only take care of us, but He would exact His purpose through this decision. I have learned to trust Him fully, taking steps of faith one at a time.

#### What do you think is your greatest or proudest achievement so far?

Recently, I started baking and cooking. I often use my incapability to cook as humorous illustration in my sermons—"My wife is anointed to cook, but I have the anointing to eat". It was not until lately, that I can no longer say, "I cannot cook". As such, the most recent achievement would be baking a loaf of bread and preparing meals for my family. I discovered that baking and cooking could be rather spiritually enriching. As a father and husband, I am task to provide spiritual food and direction for my love ones. At the same time, I am now able to provide nutritious food to nourish my family physically. All glory to God.

Achievement so far? Learning to record, edit and produce worship service recordings weekly to upload on YouTube! I could never in my wildest dream have known that this pandemic would result in me doing this. But the crisis of the time and the needs of the church led us towards that direction. I am grateful that God has given me this opportunity to break through barriers and resolve personal misgivings about conducting worship services online too!

#### What do you hope to achieve in your time in the AG EXCO?

As a new EXCO member, I see my role as complementing the existing programs and structure. The wealth of experience and breadth of influence among the current EXCO led by Rev Dominic Yeo is invaluable and robust; as such, I do not see myself as trying to achieve. Instead, how I can complement to sharpen and build-up. On a personal note, I do have a keen interest in media communications and technology. Therefore, I hope to come alongside AG Council and churches to leverage technologies to educate, excite and empower the body of Christ.

In serving term with the EXCO, I wish to give my best. There is still so much for me to learn and grow as I serve. I will support the AG archive development and collaborate with other AG ministers in this work. I am excited about this, because beyond history and witness to the past, the AG archives can be a powerful influence to foster our understanding of being the Assemblies of God and be inspired towards our future together.

- 1 Rev Jason with his family
- 2 Rev Bernadette and her husband, Lionel Loh

## Scattered Assemblies, Gathered as One in Prayer

It was a historic moment on September 30, 2020, as Assemblies of God ministers from all over the Asia-Pacific gathered in one Spirit and concerted in prayer. By Ps Navin Ong, Centre of New Life

The Chairman of Asia Pacific Assemblies of God Fellowship, Rev Dominic Yeo, launched the prayer movement by calling upon the Lord to release a great unction and anointing of the Holy Spirit to revitalize and revive us.

#### God's Continual Move in the Assemblies of God Family

Before the first prayer was led by Rev Iliafi Esera, the New Zealand AG General Superintendent, the New Zealand AG worship team took the stage, leading us in praise and declaration.

Taking to the stage after, Rev Iliafi, invited all to pray for the AG family in the Asia Pacific. Pointing out that New Zealand is the furtherest inhabited place on the planet from Jerusalem, that just as the gospel flowed from Jerusalem to Samaria to the ends of the earth, prayer now rises from the ends of the earth to God to continue to move in AG churches and that people will arise and touch the hem of our Lord's garment.

#### **Revival of Missions in churches**

Taking over the prayer leadership from Rev Iliafi was Rev Reynaldo Calusay, the Philippines AG General Superintendent. He prayed for the Spirit's revival of churches to continue to be missional communities despite challenges. Renouncing excuses and rebuking COVID-19 infections, he petitioned the Lord to set the Church right and free, and for a great acceleration of missions in the world with waves of missionaries for the ripe harvest. In one heart, we declared in prayer with him that every AG church would be a missionary church in partnership with AG general council

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in our respective countries, and that the Lord would raise up a mighty army of intercessors and disciplers.

#### Overflow of the Storehouses of God

Rev Ong Sek Leang, Malaysia's AG General Superintendent, then led us in prayer over the storehouses of God. Recounting the shaking and great uncertainty Israel faced in building the temple, Rev Ong spoke Haggai 2:8 prophetically over every minister in the marketplace, declaring, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty.' Asserting that God is not restrained by the pandemic, he testified that God is on the throne and we can trust God for financial provision. In prayerful agreement with Rev Ong, we asked for God's favor over our marketplace ministers - that they would have wisdom, contracts with businesses, banks and governments. We continued to intercede for churches with building and missions projects—that vision is cast with sensitivity and missions giving would increase and overflow.

#### Powerful Pentecostal Faith for the Next Generation

After a stirring worship by the Japanese AG worship team, we were led by Japan's AG General Superintendent, Rev Kiyoshi Tsuchiya, into a rousing prayer for all youth leaders and for a strong move of the Spirit over the next generation of youth. As the worship team sang a prophetic song in the background, we prayed against a sense of hopelessness but that all young persons will have a love for their own country, a devotion to follow Jesus and a unity in the Body according to 1 Corinthians



12:27, crying out to God on their nation's behalf and engaging the harvest and youth culture with godly wisdom.

#### **Committed Country and Church Leaders**

Next, the AG General Superintendent of Thailand, Rev Dr Anuparp Wichitnantana, led us in prayer for both national and church leaders, praying for national leaders to have hearts of fairness, justice, mercy and compassion. That they would serve and with wisdom to lead us out of the COVID crisis and that each nation would be led in the path of righteousness.

We also continued to pray for church leaders to lead with clarity, safety, perseverance, total commitment together with strong single-minded teams.

#### Outpouring of the Spirit and Protection Against all Obstacles

After an electrifying high praise with the Indonesia AG Worship Team, Indonesia's AG General Superintendent, Rev Budi Setiawan led us in prayer for an outpouring of the Sprit—that churches will have services, Sunday Schools will be soaked in the Spirit and that prayer groups will flourish through humility, repentance and a renewed hunger and thirst for His Presence.

Indonesian AG Gen Secretary, Rev Stefano Indra Bramono, then continued with a prayer against obstacles and hindrances that arise from worldliness, humanism and secular institutions, anti-Christian laws and persecution in many countries. And we implored the Lord for protection over every



front-liner in the ministry and for believers who are professionals serving in their industries or in politics.

#### Consistent Daily Prayer and Partnership with the Holy Spirit

Next, Korean AG Superintendent, Rev Dr Lee Young Hoon charged us to stay vigilant with daily prayer and partnership with the Holy Spirit in order to stay spiritually awake and discern what the Spirit is doing in the world. He then led us in a prayer for revival in Asian churches and we called out to the Lord in unison, by shouting 'Lord!' three times.

#### **Passion for the Harvest of Souls**

Then, Rev Elisha An Hong Dang, Vietnam's AG Gen Secretary, led us in a passionate and spirited appeal for harvest of souls claiming the harvest over various countries. Reminding us of the Lord's imminent return, Rev Elisha prayed for latter rain over Asia and entreating us to keep proclaiming the Word, ushering in his glory.

#### Receiving and Raising Our Victory Banner through Unwavering Trust

Crowning the concert of prayer with a word from Psalm 20:6-9, APAGF Chairman, Rev Dominic Yeo, instructed us to pray over ourselves and declare our identity as the Lord's anointed ministers by his Holy Spirit. Praying the Lord's shield over our lives, we affirmed our trust in the Lord and declared together that no virus would stop our God or His Church from His mission as we received by faith what He is going to do for us.

Indeed though we are many assemblies scattered throughout the region, in those few hours of concerted prayer, we were gathered as one, graced with the mind of Christ, privileged to be partners with the Spirit and charged to humbly seek after the glory of our Heavenly Father together.

- 1 An event to gather all to pray
- 2 Ministers all over Asia tuning in and worshiping together
- 3 Our AG Singapore worship team ministering a powerful time of worship

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## Overcoming Your Giants

With our all-powerful God, all things are possible. By Ps Amy Lee, Bethel AG and Ps Gavin Lu, New Life Church

#### **Opening Greeting (October 27)**

By Ps Amy Lee, Bethel AG

The theme of the inaugural Asia Pacific Assemblies of God Fellowship (APAGF) conference is "Overcoming Your Giants". In his opening speech, Chairman of APAGF, Rev Dominic Yeo preached on "Overcoming Giant Walls". Challenges faced during this pandemic and throughout life are sometimes difficult to overcome with our mere strength and wisdom. They seem to hinder God's purposes for our lives, standing as "giant walls". However, Rev Dominic encouraged us to acknowledge God's power and authority in these circumstances by aligning our hearts to His word in obedience.

#### **Obeying God's Instructions**

In Joshua 5 to 6, the Israelites were finally at the entrance of the land God had promised their forefathers — only to be faced with the secured, giant wall of Jericho that kept the Israelites from the Promised Land. Joshua's response was to acknowledge God, by aligning and obeying God's instructions for the Israelites. Consequentially, the wall of Jericho collapsed and God's promise to the Israelites was fulfilled.

Instead of incessantly thinking that the obstacles in our lives are too great to overcome, we should shift our eyes to God and His promises. As we acknowledge and submit to God, He is good to hear our prayers and help us as we face the giant walls in our lives. Rev Dominic shared that Jericho was securely shut because the inhabitants recognized the power that the God of the Israelites had—He could dry up the Jordan river for His people to cross over to Jericho! If God could help the Israelites once, He could definitely help them again. We can be encouraged that God's authority is neither weakened by the giant walls in our lives nor by the work of the Devil.

#### No Wall is Too Great for God

When Joshua aligned with and obeyed God's unconventional instructions to march around the walls of Jericho seven times, God worked through Joshua and the Israelites, and the giant walls were decimated. I am reminded that even when we are weak, no wall is too

great for God to cast down; no challenge will ever prove too difficult for God to overcome when we yield ourselves to Him.

Finally, Rev Dominic reminded us that obedience is the hallmark of faith. Let us choose to exercise our faith in acts of obedience to His word and confessions of His nature in our lives. Surely, all things are possible for our God who loves us and is all powerful.

#### **Closing Session (October 30)**

By Ps Gavin Lu, New Life Church

As Rev Ong Sek Leang and Rev Dominic Yeo, leaders of the Malaysian and Singaporean AG Fellowships, closed the APAGF Conference 2020, one was definitely inspired by the timely reminder to live and serve through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Indeed, it was only by the Holy Spirit's might that we could have over 28 ministers from countries spanning across the entire Asia Pacific region from Mongolia to New Zealand preaching one common message to us over four days: we need more of the Holy Spirit.

#### How can we overcome the giants in our life and ministry?

#### The Church was Appointed to Change the World

Rev Ong zealously reminded viewers of the biblical reality that the church was appointed to "change the world upside down". The early church demonstrated for us how we can overcome the giants inside of us—our hearts, minds, and souls—through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

He suggested that we can learn four key lessons from Pentecost. In Acts 2:1-8, the disciples heard sounds they had never hear before, saw some fire that they had never seen before, spoke in languages they had never spoken before, and experienced the glory of God in a place they had never experienced before. Similarly, we have to yearn to hear directly from God, seek powerful encounters with Him, preach faithfully from the Word of God, and pray in unity and with purpose like the

disciples did. Only then would we understand that "Pentecost is not a doctrine...[nor] an argument...[but] an experience".

#### The Church Needs to Walk in the Power of the Holy Spirit

In agreement, Rev Dominic added that some churches had disappeared when the Coronavirus hit the Asia Pacific region. He, along with numerous other pastors, leaders, and ministers of churches across the world were of the view that the church today needs to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. He reminded us that even Jesus was baptized in the Spirit (Matthew 3:16) and that the disciples were told to wait for the Holy Spirit who would empower them (Acts 1:8).

Besides living in the power of the Holy Spirit, Rev Dominic also exhorted believers to do three other things: trust God completely, know who(se) we are, and worship Him wholeheartedly.

You either trust God completely, or you don't.

Having faith in God would only suffice as a theological construct. Trusting fully in God, on the other hand, would mean taking God at His word and doing exactly like He said.

"See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me." (Isaiah 49:16)

We ought to have an accurate understanding of how much God values us. We are a constant



- 1 Listening in to our anointed speakers
- 2 Worship teams from different churches and countries ministering

reminder to God: He looks for us intently and He is looking out for us. Because He loves us so deeply, no giants can ever overcome us.

When God is with us, nothing can stand against us.

#### The Church Needs to Worship God Wholeheartedly

Appealing to King Jehoshaphat's response to Edom's assault in 2 Chronicles, Rev Dominic highlighted the importance of worshiping God wholeheartedly. When the people of Israel marched out to battle in songs and praises to God (2 Chronicles 20:21-23), God was present with them and led the enemies to kill each other

In conclusion, Rev Dominic encouraged believers to trust God completely, know who(se) they are, worship God wholeheartedly, and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we can overcome our very own "giants".

Personally, I appreciated the timely exhortations from both distinguished speakers. I was also convicted to reflect on the questions posed by them. As a pastoral staff who is also currently studying full-time in seminary, I think I would be able to identify with many pastors and church leaders who have been struggling with challenges brought on by the Coronavirus situation. It would be easy to rely on our own strength and get things done quicker. Yet, if we only "have a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:5), how would that make us any different from the people of the world?



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### The Faithfulness of God

The legacy the families passed down from one generation to another.

By Royal Rangers Singapore

In the midst of these strange and trying times, what a silver lining it is to be able to remind ourselves that we have seen God's faithfulness over the generations. Some rangers are now parents serving alongside their children in the programme, while others send their children to outpost meetings now led by the very rangers they used to teach! What a beautiful testimony of how God has been faithful to help us reach, teach and keep boys and girls for Jesus Christ.

#### The Moi Family

Commanders Max and Suzi Moi, along with their four children, have faithfully served in different outposts and national camps over the years. "In the long journey of parenting, we have established what we would like to see achieved as the fruits of our parenting stewardship the Lord has entrusted us with: personal character values, God-loving ministry service, and succession and continuity," said Commander Max. "We have had the privilege of serving in the ministry that provided us with the platform and environment to integrate the objectives of parenting and ministry expression together," he added.

Today, all four of their children serve as Commanders in Bethel Assembly of God. Their youngest, Danielle Moi, 22, is a Ranger Kid (5-7 years old) Commander. "I remember my mom and dad being my commanders when I was 5 years old!" She shared.

Nathaniel Moi, also a Ranger Kid Commander. recalls his days as a ranger when he learned different life skills such as fire craft, pioneering and outdoor cooking at RR campouts. "Now as a commander, it's a joy to see the rangers grow, not just physically but spiritually, mentally and socially too. Our time spent with the rangers is really when we can intentionally sow God's truths into their lives while having fun with them."

Commander for Adventure Rangers (11-14 years old). RR opened up many leadership training opportunities for her and her family, and also contributed to their character development. "It started off when I enrolled as a Ranger Kid in an outpost my parents opened. I love how my family can sharpen each other in our service through sharing learning points or relating with each other through similar experiences in the ministry.'

Discovery Ranger (8-10 years old) Commander Abigail Moi, 28, concurred. Her favorite thing about serving together with her family are their Saturday evenings when they get to share their experiences with each other. "Because we serve at different age groups in our outpost, one of the highlights of our Saturday evenings is hearing each other's stories and testimonies from the programme," she quipped.

# Gabrielle Moi, 23, is the acting Group

#### The Tan Family

In Zion Full Gospel Church, Discovery Ranger Commander Jasmine Chan, 52, serves in the RR programme with her two children. Discover Ranger Group Commander Apphia Tan, 23, and Adventure Ranger Commander Rufus Tan. 21. Over the years, she witnessed how Apphia and Rufus received important spiritual insights which paved the way for their gradual transformation in Christ. When the pandemic presented some difficulties, she saw how her children tried their best to reach out to the little ones in RK and DR even though they were struggling to cope with the situation.

"The Royal Ranger curriculum imparted life skills that helped them build values of resilience and responsibility," she said.

At their first Camporama in 2008, she was excited for her children to experience their first RR camp outside church, but struggled with the thought of sleeping over at the camp

for three nights with two young kids. "During the altar call on the third night, little Apphia and Rufus were led by the RR commanders to say the sinners' prayer and they accepted Christ. Apphia was overwhelmed with tears as she was greatly touched by the Holy Spirit. I was least expecting God to work that night but His grace overflowed," she fondly recalled.

Through the ministry, Commander Jasmine dreams of how more children will continue to grow in Christ and know Him in a deeper manner. "I want the children to build up their spiritual lives, trusting God to carry us through the next decade as we see God's faithfulness unfolding in these times."

It is with hope and expectancy that we look forward to the new things that God will do in these different times. We will continue to trust in Him to see us through the unknown, confident that His goodness and lovingkindness will follow us all our days.



- Commander Jasmine (Centre) with her children, Apphia and Rufus



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Ages 5-7



An exciting programme for young children, Ranger Kids experience fun, adventure and learning about God!

Ages 8-10



Discovery Rangers features an engaging system of learning through various indoor and outdoor activities. Ages 11-14



Adventure Rangers gets youth participating in activities like camping, arts, technology, other sports and outdoor activities.

Ages 15-18



Expedition Rangers mentors youths to develop self-reliance, leadership, and a deeper appreciation of God.

Find out more and locate your nearest outpost at www.royalrangers.org.sg.



As we step into the new year, what is in-store for us? There seems to be no end to the COVID-19 situation. Even when the days are uncertain, we can still look forward to the new year that God has given us.

In this issue, we invited our ministers to share their thoughts about the new year and how as Christians we can live in full assurance of God's promises. We hope these articles can bring you a sense of certainty and even excitement for the coming year.

**Enter the New Year with God** 

## Resuscitating Our Prayer Life in the New Year

The spiritual discipline of prayer is important to all believers. Rev Jason Tan shares how the CPR of prayer can help us resuscitate our prayer life.

Nehemiah 1:4 (ESV) says, "As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven."

The book of Nehemiah formulates the understanding of the power of prayer. Nehemiah had a profound and vibrant relationship with God, which was founded on prayer. As the book of Nehemiah begins, he hears of Judah's plight and responds with prayer and fasting for days. His unfailing recourse to prayer is the key that made all the difference in his life.

In Nehemiah's opening prayer, he cried out, "Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel." (Nehemiah 1:6). He intercedes for the sons of Israel. He trusts in God who has eyes to see and ears to hear. Not only does God hear the prayer uttered from our lips, but He also watches our physical posture of prayer. He observes our actions and reactions that follow the declaration upon lips.

The greatest battles of our lives are not won by arms and muscles, but in our prayer closets on our knees! Day and night Nehemiah cried out for His people.

As we begin 2021, let us reflect on these critical questions,

- How much time have you given to prayer?
- Do you apply faith in your prayer?

So often, much time is spent on wallowing in sorrow and defeat. If the same amount of energy is channeled towards fighting in prayer, the effects are unimaginable. As such, the challenge for 2021 is to revisit the foundational spiritual discipline of prayer and fasting. There is no better time than to begin 2021 with a resuscitated prayer life.

#### Perform the CPR of Prayer: Consistent

1 Thessalonians 5:17, emphasizes the qualification for answered prayer. It says we must pray without ceasing. This command is echoed in Ephesians 6:18, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

These commands require that we are faithful in making time to pray. Prayer is inseparable from a lifestyle that entirely depends on Christ. When it comes to prayer, don't procrastinate. Never put off till tomorrow what you can pray today. Just as breathing is an indispensable part of our physical life, prayer is an essential part of our spiritual life. Be consistent in prayer.

#### Persisten Persisten

Luke 11:9-10 says, "So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

God honors persistency in prayer. If we want to see answers to our prayers, we need to persist—not just pray once, but over and over again, not losing heart. Sadly, prayers are often impeded by despair, causing people to give up eventually. They think, "What good can happen?" or "I have prayed a long time, and nothing has happened." Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It is laying hold of God's willingness. God is sovereign, and He decides how and when He will answer our prayers. God wants to give. He desires to bless. He invites, encourages and even commands us to pray. A champion is not someone who never falls but someone who never quits. Never quit praying, be persistent.

#### **Resistant**

Resist the voice of discouragement and impossibility. That requires faith!

Mark 11:22-24 says, "'Have faith in God,' Jesus answered. 'Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, "Go, throw yourself into the sea," and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.'"

On March 22, 2010 at 4.00 pm, golf-ball-sized hailstones battered parts of the City of Perth, Western Australia. I walked out of my office, admiring the stunning live "drama" of sky-raining ice cubes before me. The next moment, two things came to mind—my wife and car. I immediately called my wife and was glad to hear her voice and found comfort that she was safe. However, my car was in an unsheltered carpark. I started praying, "God, protect my car, windscreens!" One hour later, I walked back to the car. All the neighboring vehicles had their windows smashed except mine. However, my six-month-old Toyota Camry was completely dented by the hailstones and had to be scrapped. It taught me an important lesson on being specific in my prayers and resisting the voice of impossibility. I should have prayed for God to protect the entire car, not just the windscreens. Always practice being resistant to the voice of impossibility, ask in faith and be specific in your prayers.

John 15:7 says, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."



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# Heading into the Unchartered Waters of 2021

Transiting into 2021 from a year like 2020 may bring with it some trepidation. Rev Dr Patrick Lau helps us step into the new year boldly with handy 'tools'.

When we first launched into 2020, everyone was expecting a great year, and the start of a new decade. With excited anticipation we came up with targets for the year. Unfortunately, our plans were sharply derailed.

Little did we know that we would be greeted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It changed our lives totally and brought all activities to a halt. Nothing was spared, not even the church. Up till now, there is no promise of when or whether this pandemic will subside. We were literally forced out of our comfort zones to adapt to a new way of life.

Now, after coming through a rough 2020, we are on the brink of yet another new year. How should we position ourselves? Many of us still carry a sense of apprehension and fear. There are still too many issues yet to be resolved. We all desire to go back to our normal way of living, but is this even possible?

As we move into the uncharted waters of 2021, what tools will be handy to help us transit boldly? Here are some suggestions:

#### 1. Trust God Whole Heartedly

The Bible tells us in Psalm 20:7 (NLT) "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." It is like saying, "Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them. But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God."

The pandemic clearly shows us that men can be totally helpless in the face of a global crisis. We must turn to God for help for He alone is in control of all things. Yes, we can confidently move into the uncharted waters of 2021, trusting God totally, believing that He can take us through.

The old hymn says, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand..."

#### 2. Believe in God's Prophetic Words for the End Times

People asked, "What's next, will this global pandemic continue into the year 2021?" Another cried out, "Oh God let not there be a repeat of 2020." The truth is that we do not know.

God's Word does give us a little idea of events we can expect in the future. The Bible tells us that in the last days, what can be shaken, shall be shaken.

Hebrews 12:26 indicates that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only the unshakable things will remain.

Jesus also spoke about the end times in Matthew 24:6-8 (NLT) "And you will

hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 gives us a little idea of what to expect in the end times. "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people."

If we believe in God's prophetic Word, we will approach the uncharted waters of 2021 with **preparedness**:

**Prepare** to walk close with Him. **Prepare** to share what we have. **Prepare** to meet our Savior.

#### 3. A Challenge to Reap the Harvest

The COVID-19 pandemic destroyed millions of lives globally. It has caused sorrow, pain, suffering and destroyed human hope. Businesses suffered; world economies were crippled. The pandemic has left millions in a hopeless and helpless situation. Hearts are full of fear, worry, anxiety and anger. There is just no answer to the 'why's' that are on people's lips.

We who are believers have the Lord to cry to, to depend upon, to comfort us and to give us hope in the midst of the pandemic. We have the hope that God can help us. Even if we have to leave this world, we have the hope of our eternal home.

The saddest truth is that millions in the world do not have the hope that we have. In such a global pandemic, all are looking for an answer and for something to hang on to.

Therefore, the uncharted waters of 2021 create a sense of urgency. In Joel 3:14, the prophet cried out, "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision." How can we win the lost before they are totally lost? What can we do? How can we reach them? How can my life be an influencer for God's truth?

Yes, we can boldly enter the uncharted waters of 2021 with our trust only in God, faith in the fulfillment of God's Word and the great opportunity to reap the greatest harvest.



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# Shamgar and his Oxgoad —Prepare, Stand and See

In facing a new year of uncertainty, we can "prepare, stand and see" to help us navigate ahead. Rev James Singh teaches from the story of Shamgar.

No one is spared from this global pandemic. Yet, in this season, the Lord is strategically realigning us to His plans and purposes; and there are **three areas** that can help us respond correctly amidst difficult times: being prepared, standing steadfast and seeing what He is about to do.

In the book of Judges, Shamgar is not a name we are familiar with. Judges 3:31 "After Ehud came Shamgar son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad. He too saved Israel."

The Philistines had created havoc in Israel. Travelers were afraid to journey the highway, as they risked being robbed or killed. Those who chose to travel had to take a longer route. In this backdrop, we are told that Shamgar, with his oxgoad, killed 600 Philistines.

#### **Prepare**

From Judges 3:31, we can infer that Shamgar learned much from the legacy of Ehud. Whilst the Bible is silent about the details of his life, much of his development was likely a reflection of his association with Ehud. This tells us that Shamgar's preparation was done mostly in obscurity, and thus, was seemingly insignificant.

Judges 5:8c tells us that in the midst of 40,000 inhabitants of Israel, there were no weapons of warfare or defense, which would have left them vulnerable to the onslaught of the Philistines. They had to learn how to use what they had. Ehud made himself a dagger (refer to Judges 3:16); and likewise, in a time of need, Shamgar was able to transform his farm tool into a weapon.

In the obscurity of Shamgar's preparation, what laid ahead was not within his purview. He was unaware that his previous life lessons had been preparation for the battle that was before him. Doesn't this resemble some of the situations we find ourselves in at this time?

Do not despise your developments. It may seem insignificant in your eyes, but only God knows what He has destined for your life. Do not despise what is in your hands today, God can use it for His glory.

An oxgoad when God pleases, shall do more than Goliath's sword. And sometimes He chooses to work by such unlikely means, that the excellency of the power may appear to be of God." (2 Corinthians 4:7)

#### Stand

Shamgar stood where God had placed him, and he remained faithful. He did not seek to spiritually redefine his calling or his position.

We look at the issues we are facing and somehow end up believing that things are not going right with us. Could that be the very thing that God is desiring to work in our hearts? The temptation to wander away from our God-given destiny lurks at every twist and turn of circumstance. Beloved readers, with the pandemic that is before us, we need to take stock of our lives and make the necessary adjustments. Otherwise, we run the serious risk of slipping into a mode of compromise.

Many are feeling spiritually defeated by what is happening in the world right now,

and wondering what God is doing. Nevertheless, we have the most powerful spiritual tool at our disposal—prayer (2 Corinthians 10:4-6). Unfortunately, our most common excuse is that we don't have the time to devote to a focused prayer life. It is not surprising then, with the advent of this pandemic, that the Lord has given us ample time. Don't waste it.

Out of this season must come a deeper prayer life and an intimacy with the One whose grace is sufficient for us. It is Christ alone who is able 'to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy' (Jude 1:24).

Remember Shammah who defended his pea patch (2 Samuel 23:8-11). God's plans and purposes was not for him to seek other options, but to guard what had been entrusted to him. Likewise, as Shamgar stood where he was, he positioned himself to be in God's plans.

Stand where you are and see the salvation of God coming through for you! (Ephesians 6:13c).

#### See

Shamgar's preparation allowed him to stand firm; and culminated in the destruction of 600 Philistines. Shamgar could have succumbed to fear at the sight of the enemy, but he was not intimidated by it, **because true sight is displayed in times of adversity**. He positioned himself and saw the salvation of God (Exodus 14:13, 2 Chronicles 20:17).

Although many are waiting for the normalcy of pre-COVID life to return, however, it might never be the same again.

Protracted lockdowns have forced us to incorporate new technologies into every aspect of life and we have become so fixated with them that we have failed to rewire ourselves and our churches. We seem more interested in online ratings. Meanwhile, our flocks have to endure the loss of jobs, the fear of an uncertain future and the fracture of nuclear family units.

We must ask ourselves some hard questions: What are we seeing today? Have we been blinded by survival instincts or selfish ambition? Come what may, we must get back to the vision that God has given us, to truly care for the people that God has entrusted to us. Give hope and comfort to people in the midst of chaos. Listen to the voice of our Chief Shepherd, "Do you love Me? ... Feed My sheep." (John 21:17) See what He sees—"lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35)

In 2021, preparation, standing and seeing must be your pursuit!

Shamgar prepared himself and stood his ground. When the time came, God used him; and he saw the salvation of the Lord. Prepare, stand, and see God's salvation coming through for you in your life, workplace, ministry, and church.

Nothing you do for the Lord will be in vain. God will never forget the labor of your hands. I pray today that He will establish it (Psalm 90:17), no matter how insignificant it may seem.



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# Enlarging our Mind and Senses for the New Year

The New Year is for broadening our minds and deepening our spiritual senses. Rev Dr Andrew Ong tells us how.

As we enter into 2021, I think of 'enlarging'. Jabez prayed: "...enlarge my coast," (1 Chronicles 4:10, KJV) and in Isaiah 54:2 (KJV), "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

As Christians, many of us are resistant to change, and as a result, we end up functioning within our comfort zones. But God wants us to enlarge, stretch, broaden and strengthen us to face our future.

While reflecting on my past, I felt I was like a frog at the bottom of a well, enjoying my little "bubble": swimming in the waters and looking up to the blue sky with clouds drifting by. But, God brought me out of the well, and I discovered a new world that was so much bigger than I thought.

Entering into the new year, how can we enlarge our coasts? What are some areas we can expand?

#### **Broaden your Mind**

Ephesians 3:20, KJV says, "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Since God is greater than our thinking, we should not limit Him in our mindsets. We should broaden our minds. Don't just pray for your immediate personal needs or ministries, pray for others—family, church, and nation.

When I began my ministry, I was only focused on my church. As God placed me as a member of the Assemblies of God of Singapore Executive Committee, I began to broaden my vision to include other AG churches. I thank God for using me in ACTS College and ACTS-School of Supernatural Ministry (A-SSM) to bless others outside my denomination and country. In 2021, enlarge your perspectives and pray macro prayers.

#### **Strengthen your Spiritual Senses**

Hebrews 5:14 (KJV) says, "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who **by reason of use have their senses exercised** to discern both good and evil."

#### **Spiritual Sense of Sight**

In the age we live in, most of us have our eyes fixed on our electronic devices. As a result, we neglect the world around us. Luke 24:15-16 (KJV) says, "And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But **their eyes were holden that they should not know him**." Do we keep our spiritual eyes open to see what God is doing around us? To know Jesus and His Word?

#### **Spiritual Sense of Hearing**

In the book of Revelation, the sentence "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" is repeated by Jesus to the seven churches (Revelations 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22, KJV). God is speaking but are the churches listening to what He is saying?

#### **Our Spiritual Sense of Taste**

We are invited to taste that the Lord is good. Psalm 34:8 says, "O taste and see that the LORD is good..." Let us have good spiritual appetites and hunger for more of God each day. Let us be hungry for His Word, presence and righteousness in 2021.

#### **Our Spiritual Sense of Touch**

The touch of faith can release the power of God. In Mark 6:56 (KJV) says, "And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole."

May God enlarge your coast in 2021 by broadening your mind and strengthening your spiritual senses.



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第二个关键是"现在"。从第19节的用词,我们看见迫切性:"今天……选择生命吧"。我们不能等待,看情况什么时候好转才决定信靠神。我们不能等待,看罪的问题是否会自己解决。我们不能等待,看边界什么时候开放才去宣教。

是时候评估和演变了。面对现场会众讲道和面对摄像镜头讲道是不一样的。传福音现在不单单是邀请人去实体建筑,而是去无墙的教会,是我们通过对话进

行分享,将人联系到神那里。门训不局限于正式课堂里:我们需要走出去和人见面,影响生命,如同耶稣怎么教导门徒。如果我们坐着等待边界开放了,才进行跨文化宣教,这是何等错误的!

大信心总是透过大顺服看见! 大信心总是透过真实的行动展现! 大信心总是透过坚定的信念显示! 你如何借助科技传福音?神在做什么新事?在2020年,我们新加坡神召会在冠病疫情中,与亚太地区神召会的其他教会协办了祷告会,以及装备和授权信徒的大会!这些计划诞生和成形是因为领袖层想到就马上去做。

如果2021年对新加坡神召会来说是改变的一年,我们的生命需要展现大信心以"看见"神所看见的情况,并采取"现在"的态度,行出上帝的应许。

## Declaring Strength in the Midst of Weaknesses

When things started to go wrong during a crucial point in his career, Timothy Ng tried all he could to make things right. Adapted by Jessie Chew, Trinity Christian Centre



Timothy gives thanks to God for His faithfulness in his life

The year 2012 was a great one at work. My year-end reviews were outstanding, resulting in a promotion. I attributed every success to God. The next year, I was given more responsibilities to see if I was ready for another promotion.

Although I did not change my working style, things were not going according to plan. Thinking I wasn't working hard enough, I started putting in longer hours. Nothing turned my situation around and things got so bad that I was on the verge of depression.

Compounding the stress was my upcoming wedding and the search for our first property. With a banquet and many bigticket items to pay for, every paycheck counted. I stayed on and was determined to fight to the end.

#### A Revelation, and Promises to Hold on to

Just as I was reaching my breaking point, I heard these words in a sermon—

"We must be tested to see what we're made of... it is not only the weak that go through trials and temptations but also the strong. A life that is seldom tested is a life of relatively little value or potential in the kingdom of God."

I began to seek God with a purpose and spent more Time Alone With God (TAWG) every day. The Bible came alive as God spoke to me through His Word, which I declared into my life because I knew they were His promises to me.

When *God Encounter Meetings* started in July, I went every Friday. One night, a pastor declared these words over me:

"I have taken everything away from you that you may find Me, that you may be totally surrendered to Me. I have allowed these things to happen so that you will not rely on your own strength but learn to rely on Me. Continue to seek me with all your heart and I will release everything in time."

Encouraged, I grew even more determined to make this season count. I resolved to let things unfold as God intended because I knew that His plan was the best for me.

#### **Down but Not Out**

At the beginning of 2014, I was the only one in my department to get passed over for a promotion. Not only did I not receive any bonuses, a peer jumped ahead with a double promotion. Instead of feeling anxious and disgruntled, I was filled with God's assurance that this would be a temporary setback.

As the year progressed, things started to turn around. My projects started to do well, and I was regaining favor with my colleagues and clients.

I got married in March in a beautiful and memorable wedding. A few months later, our HDB loan was approved and we were even given a large grant unexpectedly.

Fast forward to 2015, I received a call from a headhunter about a position at a Fortune 500 company and I was eventually

offered that role. My former employers are now my service providers.

#### **Being His Faithful Servant**

Today, I serve God whenever I can. I co-lead a Connect Group with my wife and a weekly prayer group in my workplace. I continue to tithe and fulfill every Faith Promise. In 2019, I went on my first overseas missions trip to Bihar, India.

While those two years were among the most painful of my life, they were also the most beautiful and precious. I encountered God in such a personal and powerful way. I know God is real because He saw me through the fire. He is dependable and faithful to keep His Promises.

When we go through tough times, it's easy to believe that it's our fault or take it as a sign to move on. But God desires to guide us through seasons of pain to make us the best version of ourselves.

When hard times come, be strong and courageous. Go back to basics and be wholly dependent on God. Dare to grow in Christ-likeness to realize your full, God-given potential.

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First mission trip to Bihar, India

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## With God, Nothing is Impossible

A Testimony of God's Faithfulness
By Jojit Ramos, The Living Word Fellowship

On Wednesday morning, August 5, 2020, I woke up with a fever, severe headache and skin rashes. I went for medical treatment and took some medicines. My fever persisted and in a week's time, I undertook dengue tests twice, full blood tests twice and a COVID-19 test once. And each time, the results came out negative.

#### **A Whirlwind**

I was admitted to CGH on August 11, 2020 and was initially placed in an isolation room — a red zone area, restricted for potential COVID-19 patients. I stayed there for three days, anxious and restless. Cleared of two swab tests, I was eventually relocated to a public ward.

I underwent a whole range of medical tests and treatment while in hospital - including spinal tap (extracted fluid from my spine to check for possible brain infections), ultra-sounds of all my vital organs (swollen part of my liver was noted), MRI's, brain scans, viral tests, skin tests, daily blood extractions, special blood tests and analysis, high dosage of drugs and antibiotics. Despite the various tests, the doctors could not give me a precise diagnosis. They seemed clueless of my exact condition. On some days, my temperature even reached more than 40 Degrees Celsius. Day after day, I felt confused, agitated and sleepless with a whirlwind of thoughts hovering in my head.

#### Why?

I began to question God, "Why... and where was He?" I was apprehensive, but I could also feel the prayers of my families and friends, lifting me up and under-girding my spirit. During visiting hours, friends took turns to visit and pray for me. God answered my prayer that He was there for me, through the many friends He sent. What a glorious reminder from God how much He loves me. In the middle of the situation, we kept our

faith and lifted our fears to God who is in control of everything. Even with the nurses and other patients around, my wife would boldly worship God and read Bible verses, particularly Psalm 91 to me daily.

#### Recovery

Finally, I was discharged from hospital on August 20. However, up to that date, no official diagnosis was mentioned. Doctors simply stated that my high fever was likely due to severe viral infections. I was given medical certificates to rest for about 30 days for full recovery.

By God's grace, I recovered rather quickly. I stopped taking all medications by end August and was steadily getting my normal sleep. From early September, I began attending office meetings while at home.

#### **God Works Miracles**

It was not until September 22 that my Doctor told me of the official diagnosis—my condition was caused by a rare life-threatening bacterial infection (Rickettsial infection). I had another round of blood tests and other tests that day and the results were all clear. My doctor was surprised because my suspected liver condition has gone and all my vital organs normalized. You can imagine my excitement and relief after hearing all this. The two weeks of high fever, severe headache and rashes, not to mention the anxieties were all gone. Hallelujah!

The Lord answered my prayer! I am overcome with the thoughts of His love and faithfulness. I prayed to God that He would heal my fever, but He went a step beyond that request. He completely healed my body and soul. I began to trust Him more and felt compelled to share this testimony. What a mighty God we serve!



Ramos and his family

#### **Keep Trusting**

This is my encouragement to you today: Don't ever doubt the power of God to work miracles in your life. No matter what you are going through, you can trust our God. Whether it's your health, negative reports, your marriage or any relationship, financial challenges; always keep praying, asking, believing and exercising your faith. Whatever He did for me, He will also do for you.

Truly, with God, nothing is impossible! He cares for you. He loves you. He promised in Psalm 91:1, "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty". He indeed is our refuge, our fortress, our God whom we can trust.

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#### **God Sent Help**

In June 2020, an ICA officer called and wanted additional documents to be submitted. Without further ado, I submitted what was requested. Then I waited again. Another three months passed with no news.

At the end of September, another senior officer informed me that I needed to submit another document. But I realized that I had carelessly discarded that document! I wrote to the officer and explained to him what had happened, and to obtain a certified true copy of the document would take at least 14 days, if not more. Remarkably, the officer called me upon receiving my mail,

and I took the opportunity to share with him my desire for approval to the application. In fact, I also revealed to him that I prayed endlessly for God to let my application be approved as my birthday present this year. As we spoke, my birthday was just five days away. The officer very kindly acknowledged my concern, adding he would do his best to expedite the process.

#### **The Present Came**

Our God is faithful. I enjoyed a fabulous birthday celebration with my family on October 3. In my prayer, I continued to trust God for the approval. In the afternoon of October 5, I found an email from ICA. It was a Letter of In-Principal Approval of my

citizenship! The letter was dated on October 3. It was the exact date of my birthday! I was filled with such joy and gratitude I could not stop giving thanks to our Father in Heaven! He is faithful to hear my simple prayer. He made what seemed impossible, possible. As I looked back, I know that God has made the way, even in sending the right people to help in the process.

If you are waiting on an answer to your prayers, do not give up waiting. Do not give up believing! Be bold to ask our heavenly Father, our prayer-answering God.

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## Our God is a Prayer-answering God

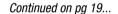
"Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find" Matthew 7:7 By Tily Chu, The Harvest Force

In my journey as a Christian, God has answered countless prayers and shown His grace to me through many miracles. But I would say that one of the most marvelous things that has happened is my recent experience of my application for Singapore citizenship. I have lived in Singapore for 19 years and set up my family here as well. This was where I also grow in my faith as a Christian and learned to trust Him in my daily life. It had been my desire to obtain citizenship.

#### **Praying for my Birthday Present**

In December 2018, I submitted my application. Based on the usual procedures, the processing and approval of the application can take from six months up to a year. I was patient initially. However, as time went by and the wait dragged on, I could not help but feel impatient and anxious. I prayed and asked God to grant me the application approval.

As I prayed, I recalled a time when I was at a church camp. The camp speaker shared her testimony about seeking God in prayer over something that was very important to her church. She had boldly asked God for the answer to come in a form of a birthday present, and it was miraculously granted. I deeply wanted the same blessing and I asked God wholeheartedly for the citizenship approval as a birthday present. That was 10 months ahead of my actual birthday. I believed that God heard my prayer, being confident of God's faithfulness.





Tily and her daughter



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