

2010 Theme: **Ebenezer** - "Where there is no VISION the people perish". Prov 29:18.

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (05 April 2010 – 11 April 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (28/03/10)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (06/04/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Bible Study James: "Reflection & Sharing"	Attendance	157	34
FRI (09/04/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS - Jude 1-15 – Pr Lim Hai Seng	Offerings	\$2,807.50	\$565
SAT (10/04/10)	8.00 pm 6.00 pm	YAF – "Will of God" Ps Patrick Tan CGF Facilitators' Meeting	Monash BS Building Fund	\$1,250	\$60
SUN (11/04/10)	6.45 pm 9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am	CGF Prayer Meeting Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Worship Service: "With God Nothing Is Impossible" Lk 1:28 Rev. Patrick Tan	Received To Date		
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 1.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm	Sunday School Biscuit Fellowship SBC/BBK - Buddhism Dutch Care – Chris Rudalski Strabane: - Elder E Meyale CGF Worship: "When The Perfect Comes" 1 Cor 13:10 Rev. Patrick Tan	Internal Gift	318,977	
	6.00pm	CGF Singing Group/BBK	Internal Loan	127,000	
			External Gift	435,994	
			Art & Craft	846	
			Book Sales	2,244	
			Mission Fund YTD	3,000	
			Pew/Sanctuary	17,760	
			Sanctuary Air con.	(11,630)	
			Next Loan (Internal) Repayment	\$127,000	31 Dec 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME TO EBENEZER:** All worshippers & friends invited for F'ship tea. Welcome to Rev & Mrs Tan Eng Boo & Eld Lim Siah Chuan.
- 2. SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Next Lord's Day "Buddhism: The Enlightened One" after this will begin the study the Modern Day Christian Cults.
- 3. EASTER SUNDAY:** Today is Resurrection Sunday. Campers observe Easter at Halls Gap at 7 am. Rev Tan Eng Boo is preaching. Ebenezer & CGF assemble at Kilsyth at 10.30 am to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. Speaker is Eld Lim Siah Chuan. Chairman is Dn Philip Soon.
- 4. PRAYER FOCUS:** a) **HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Odilia, Tina, Ai Choo, Alan Muzon, Richard Turner. b) **MISSIONS:** Cambodia Life University: Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Moses Han BPC & Rev Stephen Choi Glory BPC: (Phnom Penh), First BPC: Chanthon & Siang Lai (Siem Reap). Bamabas & Lekema (Poipet); **Kenya-Molot** June Korir; **Laos** Surish, **Batam** Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting: Schools & Churches, Ev Ang Liang Filadelfia Shelter Home. **Chiangmai** Rev Nirand & Jess.
- 5. YOUTH WINTER CONFERENCE:** Jun 30-Jul 3 Speaker Dr Bob Vandermay Theme: "Believing God & Honouring Him in Our Loves" Titus 3:8.
- 6. EBENEZER PULPIT:** April – July a new series of messages from the Gospel of Luke. Theme "Certainty of Christ" Lk 1:4
- 7. CGF PULPIT:** May to July we will consider some lessons from 1 Samuel under the theme "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped us" 1 Sam 7:12.
- 8. FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING:** 8 pm at Kilsyth. Calling all worshippers to come together for corporate prayer. There is a Bible study on Jude.
- 9. DR PETER YONG:** Praise the Lord for a successful operation for acute pain in the abdomen on Mon night. He is recovering well.
- 10. CONDOLENCES:** Vicky Leong and family as they grieve the sudden loss of her brother in Malaysia 27 March 2010. May our Lord be her Comforter and strength.
- 11. VISIT OF SUPERVISORY PASTOR:** Ebenezer BPC has invited Dr Tow Siang Hwa to visit us in Oct 2010 for the election of the new Session and Reformation Sunday.
- 12. MINISTRY OF CGF & MBS:** Praise the Lord for good attendance at the Bible Study on Tue and Fri night. CGF studies Epistle of James & MBS on 2 Sam. Pray for all the facilitators.
- 13. OLIVIA & JOHN:** Left for San Diego for 2 months when Olivia will receive advance treatment to improve her ambulation. Pray for full recovery.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:4 "And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

Pastoral Meditation

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher." John 20:1.

The Jewish Sabbath was on Saturday. The day before, on Good Friday, Jesus was crucified on Calvary. When he was declared dead, a rich man called Joseph of Arimathea sought permission of Pontius Pilate the governor to have Jesus buried in his new burial cave. He was a secret disciple. Nicodemus a Pharisee brought 100 pounds of spices to embalm the body of Jesus. He also declared his faith.

On the first day of the week, that is Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead as He promised. Henceforth this day is called by the Church as the Lord's Day. Rev 1:10. Worship for the church changed from the Jewish Sabbath to the Lord's Day. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:12. The Passover sacrifice is fulfilled supremely and in finality on the cross.

EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION

WHO MOVED THE STONE? The entrance to the tomb where the embalmed body of Jesus lay was sealed with a large stone. Guards were stationed to ensure that theft of the body by the disciples of Jesus was impossible. The women who came early to bring spices wondered who would help them move the stone. Mk 16:3. Matthew records that there was an earthquake and an angel moved the stone. The guards had also deserted their post. Mt 28:2.

THE EMPTY TOMB. Peter and John looked into the cave and saw the linen clothes but there was not the body of Jesus. The napkin about the head by itself. It seemed the body of Jesus melted away. They believed what Mary Magdalene had told them that the body of Jesus was gone. Jn 20:9. Jesus told the 2 men walking to Emmaus that Scriptures foretold of the resurrection of Christ. Lk 24:26.

MARY MET HER RISEN MASTER. What is most conclusive about the resurrection are the 10 occasions when Jesus appeared before eye witnesses. At the sepulcher Jesus called Mary. She responded, "Master." Jn 20:16. Jesus rebuked Thomas, "blessed are they that have not seen and yet believed." The resurrection of Jesus has stood the test of time. If proven untrue the Christian hope is lost forever. Our faith is empty. 1 Cor 15:17. But we are persuaded that Jesus is risen.

Dr Patrick Tan

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1 Samuel 7:12
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	Tandara Lutheran Campsite
Pre Worship Praise	Chris Rudalski/Samantha Raw	Dr. Stephen Lim/Jia Hui Teo
Prelude	Samantha Raw(p) Asha Meyale (o)	Jia Hui Teo (p) Yvonne Yeap (o)
Flowers	Sue Edward	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Philip Soon	Rev. Patrick Tan
Opening Hymn	213 – Welcome Happy Morning	GHF137 – Christ The Lord Is Risen Today
Invocation	Dn. Philip Soon	Rev. Patrick Tan
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	1 Corinthians 15:1-20	Job 19:21-29
Hymn	211 – Christ The Lord Is Risen Today	GHF 134 – I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Tithes / Offering	27 – Now Thank We All Our God N. Lindenburg/Victor Ho/Robert Chua	GHF142 – Jesus Shall Reign John Tann/Kee Zhi Wong
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Praise Item	Chris & Susan Rudalski -The Day He Wore My Crown	
Scripture Reading	John 20:15-23 Jock Campbell	Matthew 28:11 - 15 John Tann
Preparatory Hymn	205 – Thine Is The Glory	GHF 112 – Blessed Redeemer
Pastoral/Family Prayer	Dn. Philip Soon	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"Some Blessed Morning" Eld. Lim Siah Chuan	" The People Who Missed Easter " Rev. Tan Eng Boo
Closing Hymn	MH 284 – Some Golden Daybreak	GHF 132 –He Lives
Benediction	Eld. Lim Siah Chuan	Rev. Tan Eng Boo
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	11/04/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev, Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong/Yvonne Yeap (p)	Susanna Ting
Worship Leader	Dr. Stephen Lim	Pr. Hai Seng Lim
Scripture Reader	William Ong	Andrew Lam
Musicians	Jia Hui Teo(p) Hannah Chia (o)Hui Ern, Keene (f)	Keene Chen
Ushers	Huey Chan/Alex Yam/Patrick Ha/John Tann	Yoke Teng Chionh/Andrew Lam
Flowers	Christy Chew	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Wei Ling Gan/Wai Ye Kan

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His Holy Temple (x2)

Let all the earth keep silence

Let all the earth keep silence before Him

Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you ,

The Lord lift His countenance upon you

And give you peace and give you peace.

The Lord make His face to shine upon You

And be gracious unto you, be gracious;

The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

From Our Supervisory Pastor

04 April 2010

My dear readers,

1. The “Soul Saving Industry” in China

Just as Calvary Pandan’s Gospel Team (Sr Pastor Tow, Preacher Lek, Dr and Mrs Colin Tey) are about to embark on their mission to the Philippines (March 25-29), an exciting report comes from Pastor Pang Kok Hiong (Guam), telling of the Gospel harvest being reaped in China, from seed sown in Saipan some six years earlier. Pastor Pang’s report follows.

2. Saipan Missions bears fruit in China

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

“The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.” – Henry Martyn

Sister Ding of Jiangsu province returned home after spending three years working in a garment factory in Saipan in 2004. After returning home, the love of Christ constrained her to go around her neighbourhood to share the “JESUS SAVES” good news with great zeal and results. When we visited her the first time in 2007, a house church had been meeting at her home. I had the joy of baptizing the firstfruits of eight converts. One year later, together with Dn WK Han and Dr. Colin Tey of Calvary Pandan, we visited them again and baptized another 13. This group is growing steadily in the Lord under the leadership of sister Ding.

The following are two emails from sister Ding, translated into English:

Dear Pastor Pang,

We finally arrived in Gui Zhou province after traveling 1,500 km by train. Thank God, sister Tao and I were filled with the Holy Spirit to boldly share the Gospel with many people on the train. Seven youngsters prayed with us to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

Our sister and family are Miao minorities and many people gathered for our new house celebration. Due to the rain, the guests had no choice but to squeeze into the house and hear us share the Gospel of Christ. Eight villagers made decisions to trust in our Lord. Sister Tao’s father is willing to serve God by shepherding this group of young believers who have not been baptized yet. I believe the Lord will take care of them. God loved us so much that He fought for us and let us gathered the spoils of war! Our Father is amazing.

I used to have motion sickness but the grace of God is sufficient for me to travel over 3,000 km during the last 12 days. During my absence, brother Yu (another Saipan returnee) stood in for me for our house church worship. He is happy to come from another city to serve with us. There are over 20 believers now in Guizhou and they are waiting for you to come and baptize them. CJ Ding January 20, 2010

On February 7, 2010, sister Ding sent another email:

Dear Pastor Pang,

We are in need of many gospel tracts here. Last Christmas, we sent out 60 Christmas gifts (together with a gospel tract each) to the children who trusted the Lord. For those who did not receive the tract, they asked to have one. The salvation of the children is important

as they are the future torchbearers of the gospel and hope of the Church. All of us hope to have a Christian education being offered to our children.

Are you able to send us the tracts? We need a big quantity this year as many members are full of zeal to share the good news. As I felt the heavy burden to nurture this flock, I hope to receive a set of theological lesson notes. While leading God’s people, I hope to equip myself to serve more effectively. May the Lord help us to strive to advance the gospel of hope in this hopeless world.

“What type of teacher produced what kind of student.” Many felt my teaching is strict. Some like it, but some do not. May God help me to speak what He wants me to speak and be bold. God bless! CJ Ding February 7, 2010

Shalom in Christ,

Pang Kok Hiong

11/3/2010 (celebrating 18 years in the missions field)

3. Gospel Sowing goes on unabated

Our Lord told the parable of the sower whose seeds fell on various soils. In **Matthew 13:23**, a seed falls on good ground. Thank God, the Saipan missions field has turned out to be a very fruitful and exciting Gospel venture. Here I reprint an excerpt from Pandan’s report in “An Open Door” (2003).

4. “Historical note”

“When the Gospel door to China was shut by the Tiananmen crackdown of 1988, God opened a ‘Backdoor to China.’ Over 10,000 Chinese nationals had come to Saipan’s factories to earn American dollars. But no amount of dollars could satisfy their longing souls.

Their quest for inner satisfaction took them to the Korean Presbyterian Church of Saipan, to be ministered by a Korean pastor, Rev Lee Man Yuel. When Pastor Pang Kok Hiong arrived in 1992, he was welcomed to co-labour together with Pastor Lee. The congregation grew, just as the Word of God says in 1 Corinthians 3:6, one planted, another watered, but God gave the increase.

Helped by Mrs Pang Guek Mui, the Chinese Church grew by leaps and bounds from one hundred to 400 – 500 as the Chinese workers drank in the living water of God’s Word, attending Bible study and prayer meeting – a work which kept the Gospel team fully occupied seven days a week. It was a time of happy sowing and busy reaping of a plentiful harvest of precious souls. The prayer was, ‘Lord, send us more labourers for the harvest.’

To date (October 2002), some 1,400 converts have been baptized, about thirty house churches have been planted in sixteen provinces of China, and the dispersal of ‘Saipan converts’ has opened a new Gospel door in Jordan. What do we say to these things? ‘O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!’ (Rom 11:33). To Him be glory for ever. Amen.” (End of excerpt)

Faithfully in the Lord

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor

(24 March 2010)