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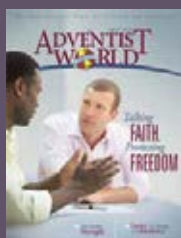
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Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me." (*Ministry of Healing* page 143)

Reach the World is the core business for our church. It is the mandate from our Lord Jesus before He ascended to heaven. "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (*Matthew* 28:18-20) This great commission is for every believer till He returns. The commission states clearly that we have to go to the people to bring them to Christ, instead of waiting for them to come for the gospel.

In the three and a half years of Christ's ministry, we observe His example set for us as recorded in the four gospels. He went where people were. He went to the wedding feasts where people gathered for the

happy occasions. (*John* 2:1-11) He gladly went to the banquets specially arranged for Him. (*Mark* 2:15, 16; *Luke* 15:1, 2; *John* 12:2) He went to the temple during the festivals where people all over the country went to worship. (*John* 2:13; 7:14, 37) He went to the synagogues where people gathered every Sabbath. (*Mark* 1:21, 39; 3:1; 6:2) He travelled from town to town and village to village in both Judaea and Galilee territories. (*Luke* 8:1). He also bade His disciples to travel from place to place to minister to their needs and to proclaim the gospel to them. (*Luke* 9:1-6; 10:1)

In the parable of the wedding banquet, Jesus taught His disciples to go to the streets and alleys of the town, the roads and country lanes to where people were and to invite them to the banquet. (*Luke* 14:21, 23) In the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, the lost items were passive and being sought for. For the lost souls, we have to take a more active and aggressive part to bring them back to God.

Besides social gatherings, we can mingle with people through community programs or centers of influence. Let us pray and ask God for guidance to help us to identify ways and means to mingle with people for the purpose of bringing them to the Savior of this world. ■

EDITORIAL REMARKS: *From the Editor's Desk*

Mingling With People

How many social circles do you have? Work or school circle? Church circle? Family circle? Jogging circle? Singing circle? Hiking circle? Makan circle? Neighborhood circle? Care group circle? Or do you prefer the virtual circles of online media?



How did you come to be part of this circle? By default or by choice? Are you an active contributor or merely an observer? If a contributor, are you contributing ideas that are true, honest, just, pure and lovely? As an observer, are you the voice of caution, the encourager or builder?

As a child, instructed directly of the Scriptures, Jesus “saw that the requirements of society and the requirements of God were in constant collision”. He “saw that in their faithless services they found no peace” and “they did not know the freedom of spirit that would come to them by serving God in truth”. “He could not sanction the mingling of human requirements with the divine precepts”. And yet, “He did not attack the precepts or practices of the learned teachers; but when reproved for His own simple

habits, He presented the word of God in justification of His conduct”. (*Desire of Ages* 84.2) “In every gentle and submissive way, Jesus tried to please those with whom He came in contact”. (*Desire of Ages* 85.1)

As Jesus began His ministry, His first two disciples, Andrew and John, were “moved by an irresistible impulse, they followed Jesus,—anxious to speak with Him, yet awed and silent, lost in the overwhelming significance of the thought, ‘Is this the Messiah?’” (*Desire of Ages* 138.5)

Jesus had such an impact of the lives of people He mingled with that when “Jesus bade the three other disciples, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Immediately they left all, and followed Him”. (*Desire of Ages* 246.5)

In this issue, we hope we will think about our “mingling with people”. Who are we mingling with? Are Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the midst of our mingling? Or are we not mingling enough? Are we virtually mingling in isolation? Are we running through work, studies and church so quickly that we cannot spend any time mingling with those around us?

As you read this issue, let the underlying call to “mingle with people” inspire you to ask, “How can I mingle for the sake of my Lord?” ■

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A story is told about a pastor who was hard-pressed for time as he was preparing his sermon for the worship service. His six-year-old daughter came into his office wanting to spend some time with him. Not wanting to disappoint his daughter, he took out a picture of the globe that was lying in his office, tore it into pieces and told the girl to put the picture of the globe together, after which he would grant her wish of spending time with her, knowing too well that his young daughter would not be able to piece it together and that even if she could do it, it would take a long time.

A short while later, the daughter returned to the father with the assembled picture of the globe done perfectly. The father was surprised. Knowing it was well beyond her capability, he wondered how it could have been perfectly done within such a short while.

The daughter noticed the puzzlement in his eyes. "How did you do it and so quickly?" her father asked.

"I didn't know how to get the world together, but I remembered there was a picture of Jesus on the other side," the daughter replied. "So I put the picture of Jesus together. When I did that, the world came together too."

Jesus says in John 12:32, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This statement spoke about the kind of death Jesus was going to experience—his blood-spilling, gruesome and mediatorial death that was the only unifying factor to bring this sin-trodden, disunited world together. Only Jesus and the truth that is found in this Redeemer of mankind will ultimately piece together this broken-up globe.

This is the GOSPEL, God's Only Son Provides Eternal Life. In other words, God reconciling the world to himself.

Ellen White writes, "The infinite mercy and love of Jesus, the sacrifice made in our behalf, calls for the most serious and solemn reflection. We should dwell upon the character of our dear Redeemer and Intercessor. We should meditate upon the mission of Him who came to save His people from their sins. As we thus contemplate heavenly themes, our faith and love will grow stronger, and our prayers will be more and more acceptable to God, because they will be mixed with faith and love.

They will be intelligent and fervent. There will be more constant confidence in Jesus, and a daily living experience in His power to save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him. As we meditate upon the perfections of the Savior, we shall desire to be wholly transformed and renewed in the image of His purity. There will be a hungering and thirsting of soul to become like Him whom we adore. The more our thoughts dwell upon Christ, the more we shall speak of Him to others, and the more clearly represent Him to the world." *Signs of the Times*, April 18, 1906, para. 5

We need to meditate daily on these heavenly themes. As the above passage suggests, as we meditate on these themes, our prayers should be more and more about Jesus and less and less of us; more and more of what He is and what He continues to do and less and less about us and about things pertaining to our needs. Then and only then will we will have His power to live a life that is pleasing in His sight.

So in line with the admonition of Ellen White, we need to daily:

1. Mediate on heavenly themes by committing valuable time to hearing God speak to us through His Word and through nature
2. Commit to specific times of prayer and to a general attitude of prayer throughout the day
3. Guard jealously the avenues to our soul, the 5 senses which we are imbued with.

The Most Important Piece of the Puzzle

By PASTOR PETRIK ANDREWS

Claim the promise that God has already blessed us and continues to provide for us.

He says, in Jeremiah 29:11-13, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you

will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" and in Psalms 37:4, "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

May this be our utmost desire.
God bless. ■

The World Needs a Revelation of Christ!

This world that we live in testifies to the increase of evil, sin and crime every day. What hope do we have? Who can doubt that something is wrong with the world? To the believers of God, we know that the satanic agencies are at work among men, very intensively, for the Enemy knows that his time is running out soon. (Rev. 12:12) Therefore, with increasing activity he resorts to distract and corrupt the mind of people, to lead them away from the source of life and hope which is God. The Advent Movement was raised to counteract this deception and to prepare a group of people who can rightly represent God before Christ's Second Coming. The gospel is the only antidote to this world's misery.

The Seventh-day Adventists must fulfill this sacred task and advance Christ's kingdom with Christian concern. Hence the commandment was given by our LORD Jesus Christ in Matthew 10:7 and 8, "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." The world needs to see "Christ" and believe God.

The success of this mission lies in the hand of every true believer of God. In Ministry of Healing, page 143.3, the author penned this following blueprint for effective evangelism: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men..."

Mingling is Risky...

Stereotyping is a preconceived notion about a group of people. By reaching out to save souls, we must not wear these "colored glasses" and judge others unfairly. When Christ came to this world, He mingled with the sinners. He himself was the victim of stereotyping. He was falsely accused and labeled as one of them. (Matt. 9:10-11) His mission to rescue was misunderstood and used by the Enemy to hinder the work of soul-saving. To this, our Savior simply answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick". (Matt. 9:12) Jesus was confident with what He was doing and clear about His mission. Nothing could stop Him from reaching the sinners. The Healer risked His reputation to reach out to the needy. Otherwise, what hope did they have?

There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. Greater results would be seen when we spend time in personal ministry. The Bible counsels us to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep". (Rom. 12:15) By using the power of prayer and love, accompanied by sincere persuasion, this effort to invite people to accept the Savior will not be without fruit.

Mingling is the First Step of Christ's Method

Without mingling there is no contact. Without contact, there is no opportunity for understanding each other. Without understanding, there is no witnessing opportunity. Without a witnessing opportunity, there is no mission. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a movement with a mission, a mission to share the good news of Christ's soon return.

All our churches should create opportunities to meet people through church programs and events. We are not to seclude ourselves from the public and society. The health ministry department can organize health screenings, health talks or seminars, healthy cooking demonstrations to show our concern and love by promoting a health-conscious society. Meanwhile, the family ministries department can host marriage enrichment seminars, parenting talks and premarital counseling to cater to the needs of the

family in our communities. The children's ministries department can provide after-school children activities and programs, or organize Vacation Bible Schools to promote comprehensive, quality education to their neighborhood during school holidays. Adventist Community Services, by meeting the needs of people, can build friendships and earn the right to share the gospel with them.

Mingling is Crucial

"As you seek to draw others within the circle of His love, let the purity of your language, the unselfishness of your service, the joyfulness of your demeanor, bear witness to the power of His grace. Give to the world so pure and righteous a representation of Him, that men shall behold Him in His beauty". (MH, 156.3) Making ourselves available for God to use us to touch the lives of others by mingling with people, withholding nothing for LORD's service, power for the attainment of measureless results is promised.

Let us mingle for the sake of Christ. Let us go to our community and be visible to our society, doing good to tell the world that God is good! Speak as Jesus would speak, act as Christ would act. Let the sweetness of God's character be revealed in your life TODAY. ■

A Revelation of CHRIST

By PASTOR TAN MENG CHENG

Through Mingling

Rest

By ELLEN NATHAN

In our last article, we touched on the topic of Choices. We recognized that the frontal lobe of our brain plays a very important part in our decision making. What we eat, see, hear and do affects our frontal lobe.

Rest also impacts our brain. It is incredibly powerful. It refreshes, rejuvenates, regenerates and rebuilds the mind, body and soul. Rest empowers you to function at your best. Optimally, rest includes a good night's sleep as well as time to relax and rejuvenate daily, weekly and annually. The stress and pressures of life can accumulate over time and can create a generalized "dis-ease" with life. Proper rest is a powerful antidote for this common problem.

Because of our modern lifestyle of "all work and no play", rest and recreation take a back seat and is deemed unimportant to our success in life. Little do we realize how much more effectively and efficiently our minds, bodies and soul would function if we gave ourselves the right kind of rest at the right time.

Stages of Sleep

- **Stage One Sleep** is the lightest and comes as a person just dozes off. This is a light sleep where people drift in and out of sleep. The eyes move slowly and muscle activity slows. They can be awakened easily. Some may experience sudden muscle contractions after a sensation of falling.

- **Stage Two Sleep** is when eye movement stops and brain waves become slower, although there will be an occasional burst of rapid brain waves.

- **Stage Three Sleep** is when an EEG (Electroencephalogram) records very slow brain waves – delta waves – that are interspersed with smaller, faster waves.

- **Stage Four Sleep** is when most of the slow delta waves are seen. Stages 3 and 4 are called deep sleep. It is very difficult to awaken someone from these levels. There is no eye movement or muscle activity during these stages. Bed wetting, sleep walking or night terrors happen during stage four.

- **Stage Five Sleep**, the last stage, is called REM or Rapid Eye Movement sleep. Breathing is more rapid, irregular and shallow. The eyes jerk rapidly. The arm and leg muscles are temporarily paralyzed. The EEG brain waves during this stage are similar to levels experienced by an awake individual. The REM stage is when most dreams occur.

Our circadian rhythms, which are hard-wired, contribute to a variety of hormonal releases, and these in turn contribute to the production of an optimal sleeping environment that will facilitate the greatest possible restoration for our bodies.

What is the good news in all of this? We can choose to synchronize ourselves with these natural rhythms and reap the benefits. To do this, we should go to bed early on a regular basis.

Melatonin

The hormone melatonin is a precursor to good sleep. In most people, levels of endogenous melatonin (a hormone that eats free radicals) are highest during the normal hours of sleep, increase rapidly in the late evening, then peak after midnight and decrease toward morning. Functions of melatonin include the synchronization of circadian and circannual rhythms that



Tapioca Pancakes

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Tapioca, skin peeled
- ½ cup Onion, minced
- ½ tsp Salt
- ¼ cup Water
- 1 tbsp Olive oil

Method:

1. Grind the peeled tapioca to a paste in a food processor.
2. Mix well the tapioca, onion, salt, water and olive oil.
3. Place one scoop of combined mixture in a non-stick pan and flatten it into a round shape.
4. Pan fry until brown on both sides.

The starch in tapioca is a type of complex carbohydrate that is easily assimilated, with virtually no fat. It is a good source of energy and aids liver function. Tapioca is also low in sodium.

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HEALTH TIPS

stimulate immune function, and have recently been shown as a potent hydroxyl radical scavenger and antioxidant.

If we arrange our schedules so that we can go to bed in sync with this natural increase, we will maximize its release and the subsequent benefits. On the other hand, if we keep the lights on and stay up in the evening, melatonin release will be reduced and it will be more difficult to enjoy quality sleep.

Costly Effects of Sleep Deprivation

Sleep is a key to good health and should be considered—said two neurologists at North-western University in an editorial of the Journal Archives of Internal Medicine—as “essential to a healthy lifestyle as exercise and nutrition”.

If you do not improve your sleep (especially your nightly sleep) you will not get the maximum benefits from your exercise and diet.

In fact, a lack of proper sleep can have many negative consequences for the brain and body, including slowed brain function and increased rates of disease and mortality. For optimal function, we must allow our minds and bodies the opportunity to take advantage of the restorative and rejuvenating effects of regular sleep.

A study conducted at the University of Chicago found that chronic sleep loss could hasten the onset and increase the severity of diabetes, high blood

pressure, and obesity. A lack of sleep is also linked to a significantly increased risk of coronary heart disease. Not enough sleep can also result in excessive daytime sleepiness, reduced neurocognitive function, and depression. There is also evidence for a decrease in memory and learning.

During your lifetime, your heart will beat 2.5 billion times and pump more than 1 million barrels of blood throughout your body. But between each powerful beat, your heart rests. This resting period allows the heart to reload, to do the work of the next beat.

Christ says, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”. Likewise, you and I need time to “reload”. We need rest. Overstimulated organs eventually flat-line—shut down and die.

Recreation

A great way to get energized is through recreation. The dictionary defines recreation as “refreshment of one’s mind or body after labour through activity or play”.

One popular form of recreation is outdoor activities. This includes activities such as birdwatching, sailing, hiking, rock climbing, sports, and so on. Outdoor activities often result in sunshine, fresh air and exercise.

Hobbies are also a healthy form of recreation. These could include creative hobbies such as arts



and crafts, painting, drawing, cooking, music, photography, collecting hobbies such as artwork, butterflies, autographs and fossils.

Other recreational hobbies might include reading, gardening, or animal-related hobbies such as beekeeping, dog breeding, training horses, and many more. The list is endless, the point is finding a hobby you enjoy and spend time doing it.

Socializing and connecting with others is another way to spend your leisure time. Friendships benefit your mind, body and soul in many ways.

Take care to choose the kinds of recreation that actually refresh you because after participating in recreation activities, you should be energized and better able to meet life’s challenges.

Relaxing massage is also an essential ingredient for good health. Your skin is the largest organ in the body and, when touched, can release pain-countering endorphins as well as produce an immune system-stimulating growth hormone. Those seeking healing, not just pampering, are incorporating restful massages into their weekly schedules. Couples, of course, can do this for each other. Moms can give backrubs or foot massages to children and teens and vice versa.

There are many good books that teach techniques, but it doesn’t take a pro to give a good massage. Just use long strokes and some kneading movements; add a little warm lotion or oil, and the recipient will be thankful and delighted. It’s that simple. ■





Result-Oriented Focus and Ministries

by PASTOR RENIE UBARA

Still remember “PBML”? PBML is once again the core focus and direction of the PEM Youth Ministries Department for this given term, 2016-2020. Basically, it is a holistic ministry on equipping our young people on: Prayer, Bible Study, Mission, and Lifestyle. Therefore, prayerfully, all that we, the youth and Pathfinder leaders, do for the young people by ministering to their needs through training and discipling will uphold PBML. In all ways PBML upholds and supports our PEM Strategic Planning Goals of Reach Up, Reach In, and Reach Out. Above all of these, is the recognition that all of the effort of accomplishment be done through the power of the Holy Spirit. Speaking about power, the yearly theme for the GC Youth Ministries Department for this year 2017 is “Empowerment.” It is a commitment to empowering our young people to be actively be part of “Total Members Involvement” (TMI) or “Total Youth Involvement” (TYI).

It is indeed our commitment to see our young people be prepared to be part of various ministries in every local churches, from Children Ministries, preaching of the Word and in all other areas including an involvement in the church board. We want to especially be hand in hand with them in upholding the Lord’s command that says: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to

the ends of the earth” (*Acts 13:47*), and “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”. (*Mark 16:15*) In other words, as a shared vision of the SAUM and PEM Youth Ministries Department, we desire to see the Youth Ministries as a “result-oriented” ministry that will continue to bring many new souls into God’s Kingdom; A Spirit-led ministry that helps PEM in preparing many to be ready for His glorious second advent.

Ending 2016 and entering 2017, the following are some of the programs and activities that the PEM Youth Ministries Department has organized:

1. “The Power of Prayer” PEM Youth Congress 2016, 14th-16th October Malaysia Bible Seminary (MBS), Rawang, Selangor.
2. “Carpe Diem” 2nd Southern Pathfinder Camporee, 15th-18th December 2016, Oasis Bay Eco Resort, Muar, Johor. Praise God we had a baptism ceremony for precious pathfinders.
3. PEM Youth Advisory, 6th-8th January 2017, Golden Sands Baptist Assembly (GSBA), by SAUM and PEM Youth Ministries Department.
4. Central Region Pathfinder Staff Training (PST), 20th-21st January 2017, Shah Alam Indian Church.
5. “Empower Me” 3rd JBBM & Megah Ria Annual Pathfinder Camp, 27th-30th January 2017, Hi 5 Holiday Village, Kota Tinggi, Johor. ■



OUTREACH STRATEGIES



Children & Women's Ministries

By TAM MAN LIN

We praise God for the opportunity for the Children and Women Ministry officers of the local churches to gather for an advisory on the 7th to 8th of January 2017 at the Mission Conference Hall. 51 leaders attended the advisory. We also praise God that leaders from various fields were able to spend time to assist in the training. The topics presented were:

- Spiritual Discipline & Enrichment (*Sister Tam Man Lim*)
- Child Abuse Prevention (*Sister Esther Goh*)
- Child Safety & Emergency Procedures (*Sister Tam Man Lim*)
- Food Handicrafts (*Sister Lee Ping Ping, Sister Lim Siew Lee; interpreted by Sister Anna Lee*)
- Paper handicrafts (*Sister Tam Man Lim*)
- Cyber Security (*Brother Gilbert Lam*)
- More Than A Leader (*Sister Tam Man Lim*)
- Reach the World Objectives and Data (*Pastor Tan Meng Cheng*)

Above all, all the participants shared their local church strategic plan for the year.

Materials related to Children's Ministries and Women's Ministries were saved on USB flash drives. These resource materials, first-aid boxes, and printed resource materials were given out free to the leaders.

Among some of the many printed materials were:

- 1) God loves me: 28 ways
- 2) Bible study materials by Mark Finley
- 3) Collection of Children Drawing Pictures

- 4) Celebrating Health Inside Out
- 5) Handicraft examples

These resources were made available and free of charge so that the leaders can easily duplicate them for their assistants and the children.

A majority of the ladies have completed at least one of the Women's Ministries Leadership Certification levels. Certificates were presented to them during the meetings.

Participants will continue to improve their yearly strategic plan and submit to the Mission Children's and Women's Ministries leader upon approval from their church boards. From there, they will be provided with specific trainings and programs at their local church level according to their needs. ■



Recommended Books



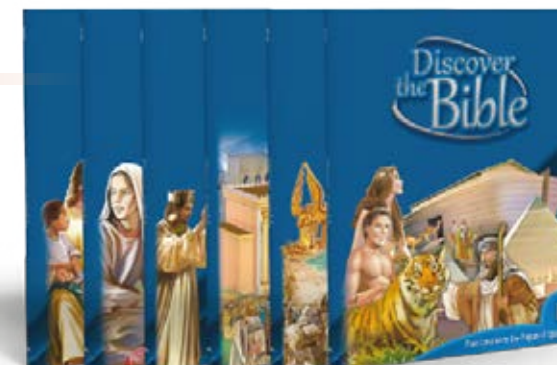
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Bible Stories Pop-up Series

DESCRIPTION:
This collection includes five Bible stories presented in a simple and entertaining way that allows children to get to know characters and facts about the Holy Scriptures: David and Goliath, The Queen Esther, The Birth of Baby Jesus, Noah's Ark and Fiery Furnace. This series has been developed to teach values in an entertaining way. Its enjoyable and informative stories will connect our children to nature, the origin of life, history and a very special friend.



AUTHOR:
Maria Augusta Lopes and Dalia Mateus

DESCRIPTION:
This work, which is indispensable for the education of our children, presents over four hundred Biblical stories, allowing our youngsters to take a look at and enter into the enormous range of tales presented.

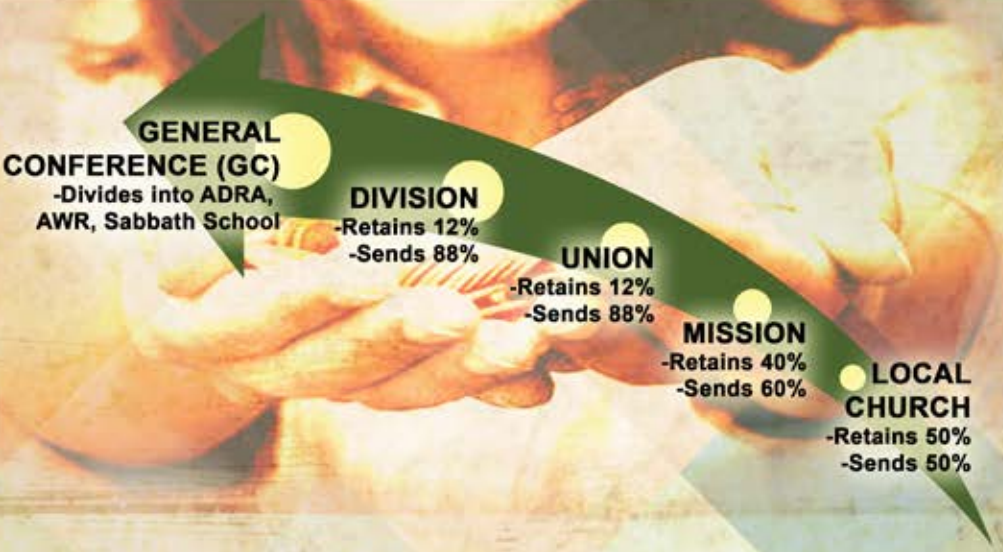


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YOUR RETURN & GIVINGS

But this I say, He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6,7 (NKJV)

ONE OFFERING PLAN



One Offering Plan % Distribution (simulation based on RM100 offering received)

	SHARING	RETAINED
Believer	100% RM100 One Offering given	—
Local Church	50% RM50 pass on to Mission	RM50 retained at local church for purposes that it decides
Peninsular Malaysia Mission	60% RM30 pass on to Union	40% RM20 retained at Mission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 70% - RM14 for Mission Development• 15% - RM3 for Global Mission• 15% - RM3 for Free Literature
Southeast Asia Union Mission	88% RM26.40 pass on to Division	12% RM3.60 retained at Union <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25% - RM0.90 to AIU for needy students• 25% - RM0.90 for Free Literature• 50% - RM1.80 for Disaster & Famine Relief reserve
Southern Asia-Pacific Division	88% RM23.23 pass on to GC	12% RM3.17 retained at Division <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% - RM1.58 for Unusual opportunities• 30% - RM0.95 for Departments strategic plan• 10% - RM0.32 for Education tertiary – AIAS• 10% - RM0.32 for Education tertiary – SSD
General Conference	—	100% RM23.23 One Offering received

YOUR RETURN & GIVINGS

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S. It is holy to the LORD.
Leviticus 27:30 (NKJV)

THE TITHING SYSTEM



Tithe % Distribution (simulation based on RM100 Tithe received)

	SHARING	RETAINED
Believer	100% RM100 Tithe returned	—
Local Church	0% RM100 pass on to Mission	—
Peninsular Malaysia Mission	38% RM38 pass on to Union <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RM10 regular Tithe percentage (to Union)• RM10 Division Tithe percentage• RM10 Union special Tithe percentage• RM7 contribution for Retirement fund• RM1 contribution for Publishing program (Indo-China)	62% RM62 retained at Mission 100% of the 62% retained is distributed as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2% - Global Mission (setting up new work) Based on past actual usage, the remaining 98% is distributed as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• *83% - salary & allowances• *8% - travel subsidies• *5% - office & administration• *2% - programs *Percentages may change from time to time according to actual usage.
Southeast Asia Union Mission	18% RM18 pass on to Division <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RM10 Division Tithe percentage• RM1 GC Tithe percentage• RM7 Retirement fund	20% RM20 retained at Union <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RM19 Tithe for operation• RM1 Publishing – Leadership fund
Southern Asia-Pacific Division	2% RM2 pass on to GC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RM2 GC Tithe percentage	16% RM16 retained at Division <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RM9 Tithe for operation• RM7 Retirement fund maintained at Division
General Conference	—	2% RM2 Tithe received for operation



怡保中文堂 胡以诺 青年之声 2016



在过去的12月里，怡保教会举办了很多活动，其中包括：青年之声，圣诞晚会，报佳音等等。我们要感谢上帝的带领，让我们看见前面所当行的路。

在12月3-5日，我们举办了青年之声的营会，题目为“若不是祢”。在这个计划进行初期时，前面的路困难重重，我们有非常多的顾

虑。尤其是报名人数不足，其次是人手不足的问题，这些都等着我们一一解决。一开始报名人数不多，我们通过多次的祷告，感谢上帝垂听，到临近截止日期时，人数增至32人。而其中，有10个人是慕道友。

这次营会的主题学习是关于约瑟。我们的主讲人-邓勇俞教士为我们带出约瑟的信息。通过这次的营会，我们明白约瑟并非靠自己来完成所有的事情，乃是靠着上帝帮助他。营员们也在这个营会中认识了许多来自不同地方的新朋友，而且也很快地融入这个营会。

此外，营员们也有一个非常难忘又有趣的经历-分组准备午餐。在煮的过程中，每个人都分工合作，有的切菜，有的削皮，有的炒菜…当大家看见桌上一盘盘的食物时，都觉得一切的辛劳是值得的。下午，我们还进行了闯关游戏！相信有参加我们营会的营员一定不会忘记那布满面粉的脸，泼水，吃西瓜…

最刺激的当然是Flying Fox了！这个游戏分为7站，第一站是走悬挂在两棵树之间的吊

桥，第二站是游戏的中心点，那就是Flying Fox啦！而最后一站则是最难闯关的吊木。当营员们看到这些关卡时，都想要临阵退缩。但经上記着说：“我靠着那加给我力量的，凡事都能做。”（腓立比书 4: 13）感谢上帝，所有的营员都完成了所有的挑战。

另外，教会也举办了圣诞联谊晚会。这次的人数不在我们预算的范围内，因为人数竟多达130人左右。当我们知道有这么多人会来参加时，都担心是否能够处理各方面的问题。但是我们还是顺利地完成了这个活动！

通过这一系列的活动，我们也看见上帝是多么的恩待我们，因为这些活动让我们的青年团更火热起来，更加团结。第12届马新青年大会于2017年12月10-13日由怡保中文堂举办，题目为“勇者不惧”。愿各位弟兄姐妹能在祷告中纪念我们这些事工。我们接下来也会发布一系列的消息，敬请留意。愿上帝能够赐福每一位！

“要常常喜乐，不住地祷告，凡是谢恩…（帖撒罗尼迦前书 5: 16-18）■



Filipino Choir Health and SOCSO Seminar + VBS in Melaka Church

By SUSAN WEE

On Sabbath, 19th November 2016, the Melaka Church was indeed blessed to play host to a Filipino Choir called Solus Deus from Singapore. Not only were they here to sing, they were kind enough to conduct the song service, share during Sabbath School and also preach the sermon on that day. After lunch, the choir performed to the delight of the congregation. This thirty-member strong choir, under the leadership of choir director Mr. Erwin Ramos, is made up of Filipinos currently working in Singapore. According to Mr. Ramos, they had been on a road tour with the aim of inspiring the churches they visit through their songs and also encouraging members to go all out to win souls for Christ. The Melaka Church would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Solus Deus for choosing to visit us. Praise God for the inspiring and wonderful performance.

The Melaka Church subsequently organized a Health and SOCSO Seminar with a Vacation Bible School from November 25 to November 27, 2016 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The speakers were Dr. Jason Khor on the topic of "Health-Beyond Genes", Dr. Lai Nai Lang on "How Respiration Impacts Health" and Mr. Maurice Madin on "The Benefits of Socso". This three-day program was aimed at reaching out to our immediate community, friends, neighbors and family members who have yet to know of the love of Christ. While parents attended the seminars, their children were involved in the Vacation Bible School (VBS) activities led by Dr. Chan Wai See and her team. We thank God for the visitors who turned up and also for all who helped in one way or another to ensure the success of the programs. ■



Utama Beacon's Pre-Christmas Service at 18 DEC 2016 Edited By PRISCILLA JACY JIHEN Service at Green Pastures Rest Home

It's never too late for those who didn't have the chance to hear the message of salvation to believe and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In the evening of 18th December 2016, Priscilla J. Jihen led Utama Beacon in performing a Christmas Service Proper at Green Pastures Rest Home.

After leading the praise and worship, she shared the message "The True Meaning of Christmas". About 150 guests including residents, their care-givers, volunteers, well-wishers and neighbors joined in the festive celebration. At the end of the sermon, when an altar call was made to invite people to accept Jesus or to renew their relationship with Jesus, more than a dozen hands were raised.

That is amazing as only the Holy Spirit could convict people's heart and we are only God's vessel and His spokesperson. ■





PJCC 八打灵中文堂 圣诞齐献爱



八打灵中文堂在2016年12月17日举办了圣诞晚会《圣诞齐献爱》，借着这个活动，我们也安排了【食物库计划】受益家庭一起参与这个晚会。活动当天我们特别提供了按摩及泡脚服务给来宾朋友们。在活动的前几个星期，弟兄姐妹们已进行按摩及泡脚的培训，为了是能够把最好的服务带给参与者们。此外，厨房部也准备了非常丰盛的素食晚餐来招待来宾朋友们。看到大家都吃得津津有味，赞不绝口。

借着这圣诞佳节，我们有机会邀请到 RTM TV2 华语新闻为这项有意义的活动做独家采访。电台对我们的【食物库计划】活动深感兴趣。主要的目的是为了让民众知道这项有意义的活动，使他们也能够出一份力帮助有需要的家庭。此



外，也希望借着 RTM TV2 华语新闻的独家报道，让有需要的家庭知道【食物库计划】能够帮助他们。让我们继续的把这一份爱心献出去。

在这个圣诞晚会，我们有陈明祯牧师为我们带出圣诞福音的信息，让慕道友们都有这个福气来领受这美好的消息，认识主耶稣基督。圣经记载着：“耶稣说，我就是生命的粮。到我这里来的，必定不饿。信我的，永远不渴。”[约翰福音 6:35]。愿上帝的话常留在慕道友们的心中，打开心门，更进一步的想了解这美好的福音。

除此之外，八打灵中文堂也安排了一系列的特别分享如：诗歌呈献、乐器表演、儿童分享，让当天的活动增添了无比的色彩。我们也为来宾朋友们准备了礼物。参与者们都有个愉快及难忘的夜晚。

最后，我们把每一个月的粮食分派给【食物库计划】受益家庭，减轻他们的负担。圣经这样说到：“我凡事给你们作榜样，叫你们知道，应当这样劳苦，扶助软弱的人，又当记念主耶稣的话，说，施比受更为有福。”[使徒行传 20:35]。

八打灵中文堂要特别的感谢天父上帝一年来的带领，让所办的一切活动都能够顺利的完成。这一年里，八打灵中文堂可说是全民总动员。看到弟兄姐妹在上帝的事工上都有火热的心，为了是要把这美好的福音传给更多的人。愿上帝继续赐福及带领弟兄姐妹们。新的一年，为主做更多，更爱我们的天父上帝。阿门！■





新起点慈善义跑

万众齐献爱，健康新起点！

PJCC 八打灵中文堂复临信徒社区服务

2017

八打灵中文堂复临信徒社区服务开启了一项大型活动【新起点慈善义跑 2017】，将在 2017 年 3 月 5 日（星期日），于 Dataran Petaling Jaya (Padang Timur) 举办。这是为了促进 NEWSTART “新起点”的健康原则生活方式和筹集资金，目标金额为 250,000 令吉。这笔款项将会用于【食物库计划】继续帮助更多有经济困难的家庭不仅在八打灵再也和吉隆坡地区，而是延伸到其他州的社区中心。

新起点 NEWSTART 为八大健康原则，分别为营养 (Nutrition)，运动 (Exercise)，水 (Water)，阳光 (Sunlight)，节制 (Temperance)，空气 (Air)，休息 (Rest) 以及信靠神 (Trust in God)。借着这八大健康原则，它将带给大众正能量以及关于健康生活均衡的讯息。

我们身为马来西亚人是幸运的，因为我们的国家的贫困率是世界最低之一。尽管如此，仍

有少数家庭没有足够的收入来养家糊口。【食物库计划】的部分接收人仍然生活在木屋屋，没有供水和电的地方。

复临信徒社区服务之一，【食物库计划】早于 2015 年 5 月份开始。【食物库计划】的目的是通过每个月发放粮食及日常用品来帮助那些有经济困难的家庭。除此之外，【食物库计划】也教育受益家庭健康的信息，让他们在日常生活中应用，以便有优质的生活方式。特别感谢檳城基督复临安息日会医院对健康讲座的支持，每月派遣医生到这里，增加【食物库计划】受益者的健康知识。

为了开始这项有意义的活动，复临信徒社区服务已在 2016 年 11 月 13 日正式推出了【新起点慈善义跑 2017】项目。我们的协办单位有 Sistem RKK Sdn Bhd 和 AENON Health Care Sdn Bhd; 赞助合作伙伴有 Seventh-Day Adventist Corp (M) Bhd、Adventist Bakery & Commissary、Croc-



odile International Pte Ltd、Chuan Sin Sdn Bhd (Subs. Spritzer Bhd) 和 OREN SPORT Sdn Bhd; 支持组织有 Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ)、Pejabat ADUN Bukit Gasing、Penang Adventist Hospital (PAH)、Great Esthetics Sdn Bhd 和 Paradigm Mall 购物中心及所有出席【新起点慈善义跑 2017】推介典礼的媒体朋友们。

为了能有效推广这健康生活方式，【新起点慈善义跑 2017】推介典礼当天也设有一系列的免费健康检查，例如量体高体重，血压测量，血糖测量给当天所有参与的民众。现场也有健康辅导员当场根据民众的健康检查结果给予适当的建议与分析。

除此之外，【新起点慈善义跑 2017】也在当天接受报名，在推介典礼当天报名参加义跑的民众也享有特别的折扣价。在这一次的【新起点慈善义跑 2017】当中，我们的义跑人数目标为 5000 人，当然，也希望借此活动来宣传社区服务的重要性以及复临信徒社区服务的工作。欲知更多关于复临信徒社区服务的消息，可以查看我们的面子书专页：【NEWSTART Charity Run】，里头也有 RTM TV2 华语新闻的报道。

我们感谢上帝带领八打灵中文堂及其他教会都愿意为此活动付出一份力量。经上记着说：“这天国的福音，要传遍天下，对万民作见证，然后末期才来到。”[马太福音 24:14]。愿主的圣工能够广传直到耶稣的第二次降临。阿门！■



Utama Beacon's The Christmas Story

24 DEC 2016



Utama Beacon's invested its best efforts in organizing its grandest evangelical effort of the year in the organization of "The Christmas Story on 24 December 2016".

The Christmas story was attended by 226 people, of which two hundred were non-Adventists. Among this group, twenty children were from the Siddharthan Care Centre, twenty-four children from Lighthouse Children Welfare Home and eleven children from the Temuan tribe of Orang Asli.

The event started off with our organizing chairperson Sister Mei Huey leading the children's team in singing carols by the poolside at 4:30p.m. This was followed by an enactment of the Christmas



story of Jesus's birth and great hope by over twenty talented actors and actresses carefully coordinated by a professional-Veronica. This was followed by the sharing of a painting of Bethlehem by night by our very own Pastor Renie Ubara. The attendees were all treated to snacks followed by a hearty healthy vegetarian meal. The evening closed with games for all before we said goodnight!

An interesting feature of the evening was the "Photo Booth", for guests to capture the treasured moments alone, in groups or with their families together with the actors and actresses of the Christmas story.

We just want to praise God for sending so many people to this event and that the costs of rental of the venue was fully sponsored by the club where we worshipped. To add to that we also received some donations to sponsor the event and donations for the children's home.

Hallelujah. ■



NOTICES

JOB OPENINGS

1. **OPENING FOR OFFICE SECRETARY** - Contract Basis

Requirements are as follows:

- Reads and writes in English/BM and ability to read/write Chinese is preferable.
- Computer literate and additional knowledge in IT is preferable.
- Organised and able to handle and follow up on multiple projects.

2. **OPENING FOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE** - Contract Basis

Requirements are as follows:

- Able to handle full set of accounts, financial reports, accounts payable and receivables
- Proficiency in MS Office and knowledge of Sunplus is an added advantage
- Keen eye for details and is open to change

3. **OPENING FOR ABC MANAGER** - Contract Basis

Requirements are as follows:

- Manage the handling of a book shop (personnel, managing of inventory, accounts)
- Promote the available books and source for new supplies

Interested candidates for any of the above openings, please email <hr@adventist.org.my> for more details.

Guidelines for VISION Article Submission

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You are welcome to write for the edification of our members.

Share with us your experience with Christ.

What's the latest with your local church?

1. We welcome scripts from all local church members or sister-institutions of Seventh-day Adventists in areas of:

- Evangelistic meetings / activities (word limit: 400 to 800 words)
- Inspirational / testimonies (word limit: 800 to 1,600 words)

2. Please indicate your real name and the church or organisation you belong to when submitting your script.

A pseudonym can be used in the article for publication purposes.

3. All references to the Scripture should be taken from the New King James Version (NKJV) Bible.

4. Please use full and appropriate punctuation for all scripts to assist the editing process.

5. Please provide photos / illustrations that are relevant to the script. It **MUST** be at least 300DPI or 1MB (1,024KB) in size for better printing results and quality. Please do **NOT** attach photos in the word document file.

6. Deadlines for script submission:

- 30th December (for March Issue)
- 30th June (for September Issue)
- 30th March (for June Issue)
- 30th September (for December Issue)

7. We reserve the right to edit / delete / reject all scripts to ensure that it is for the purpose of edifying our members.

8. In our best effort to balance the contributions published, not all articles submitted will be published, some will be published on the news column of the PEM Mission website.

9. Please email your script and photographs to vision@adventist.org.my

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS (Effective Jan 2017)

1. **Johor Bahru English Church**

Pastor Samuel Money

2. **Johor Bahru Indian Church**

Associate Pastor Pragash Muthiah

3. **Resignation:**

We want to thank Pastor Sim Nueng, pastor of Kota Bharu Church for his and his family's ministry in Kota Bharu as he has returned to his home town.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 1-2 PEM Regional Strategic Plan Review and Alignment Meeting (*Administration*)
- 6 PEM Strategic Plan Monitoring Committee (*Administration*)
- 7-9 PEM Youth Ministries Certification South (*Youth*)
- 8 PEM Children Ministries, Melaka/Muar (*Children*)
- 9 PEM Shepherdess International North (*Shepherdess International*)
- 14-15 PEM SS Superintendents Leadership & Personal Ministries Training, Indian Churches (*SSPM*)
- 21 PEM Youth Ministries Certification Central (*Youth*)
- 22 PEM Health Ministries South (*Health*)
- 28-30 PEM Family Ministries Certification Modules 1-3 (*Family*)

May

- 4 PEM Strategic Plan Monitoring Committee (*Administration*)
- 5-7 PEM Youth Ministries Certification North (*Youth*)
- 7 PEM Shepherdess International Central (*Shepherdess International*)
- 13 Global Mothers' Day Appreciation
- 27 May-11 Jun PEM Vacation Bible School
- 28 PEM Executive Committee Meeting (*Administration*)
- 29-30 PEM Planned Giving & Trust Services Certification Seminar, KL (*PGTS*)

June

- 4 Jun-3 Aug PEM Canvassing Campaign (*Publishing*)
- 8 PEM Strategic Plan Monitoring Committee (*Administration*)
- 9-11 PEM Indian Churches Camp, Penang (*Administration*)
- 17-18 PEM Women's Ministries Leadership Certification Central (*Women*)
- 23-24 PEM Sabbath School Teachers Training South (*SSPM*)
- 24 Global Women Ministries Emphasis Day (*Women*)
- 30 Jun-01 Jul PEM SS Superintendent Leadership Training, Northern (*SSPM*)



DIPLOMA IN NURSING

(R/723/4/0116)(MQA/FA8363)/10/19

Intake: May & Sep 2017



Entry Requirements:

Minimum 5 credits in SPM Certificate including:

- Bahasa Malaysia
- Mathematics (Elementary/Additional/Modern)
- Either one (1) of the credits below:
 - General Science
 - Chemistry and Pass in Biology
 - Biology
 - Physics and Pass in Biology
- Credit in two (2) other subjects
- Pass English

STPM Certificate holders are encouraged to apply.



Penang Adventist Hospital offers sponsorship to successful applicants with a service bond is required upon completion. Sponsorship includes:

- Free tuition
- Medical benefits according to hospital policy
- Monthly allowance
- Subsidised food and lodging
- Clinical uniform

Those interested can submit applications with certified photocopies of:

- SPM certificate
- SPM Oral Malay & Oral English certificate
- A passport-sized photo
- I.C.
- Form V/VI School-Leaving certificate
- Form V/VI School Testimonial certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Processing Fee: RM20 (not refundable)

You may pay by Cash or Cheque/Bank Draft/ Banker's Cheque to "PREMIER ADVENTIST HOLDINGS SDN. BHD.". Your application will only be processed upon payment of the processing fee.

Please send to: The Principal
Adventist College of Nursing and Health Sciences (ACNHS)
465, Jalan Burma, 10350 Penang

Interested applicants, please call to make an appointment for interview.

(+604) 226 1566 ext 102/107

Log on to www.acnhs.edu.my or visit us at 1-Stop Midland 7th Floor

Walk-in Interview		
Date	Time	Venue
Penang		
20, 27, 28, 30, 31 March 2017 3, 4, 6, 7 April 2017	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	ACNHS, 1-Stop Midland 7 th Floor
Sarawak		
19 March 2017 (Sunday)	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sarawak Mission Office, Kuching
Sabah		
20 March 2017 (Monday)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sabah Mission Office, Tamparuli
21 March 2017 (Tuesday)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Likas SDA Church, Sabah
22 March 2017 (Wednesday)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Seventh-Day Adventist Luyang Church, San Yuk Kindergarten, Kota Kinabalu

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Pastor Leong Fai,

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மக்களுடன் பழகுவதில் கிறிஸ்துவின் வழியே உண்மையான வெற்றியை தரும். இரட்சகர் மக்களுடன் இணைந்து, பழகி, அவர்களின் நலத்தை விரும்பினார். அவரின் அநுதாபத்தை அவர்களுக்கு காண்பித்து, தேவைகளுக்கு ஏற்றவாறு உதவி, அவர்களின் நம்பிக்கையை வென்றார். பின்பு, "என்னை பின்பற்றி வா," என்றழைத்தார்.

உலகத்தை அடைவது சபையின் முக்கிய வணிகமாகும். பரலோகத்திற்கு போகும் முன்பு தேவன் இதை ஆணையிட்டார். அப்பொழுது இயேசு சமீபத்தில் வந்து, அவர்களை நோக்கி வானத்திலும் பூமியிலும் சகல அதிகாரமும் எனக்குக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகையால், நீங்கள் புறப்பட்டுப்போய் சகல ஜாதிகளையும் சீஷராக்கி, பிதா குமாரன் பரிசுத்த ஆவியின் நாமத்திலே அவர்களுக்கு ஞானஸ்நானங்கொடுத்து, நான் உங்களுக்குக் கட்டளையிட்ட யாவையும் அவர்கள் கைக்கொள்ளும்படி அவர்களுக்கு உபதேசம் பண்ணுங்கள்; இதோ உலகத்தின் முடிவுபரியந்தம் சகல நாட்களிலும் நான் உங்களுடனேகூட இருக்கிறேன் என்றார். ஆமென்.(மத்தேயு 28: 18-20) அவர் வரும் வரையில் இதுவே மாபெரும் ஆணையாகும் இந்த ஆணையினிமித்தம் மக்களை கிறிஸ்துவிடம் கொண்டு வர வேண்டும், சத்தியத்தை தேடி மக்கள் வருவதற்கு எதிர்ப்பார்க்கக் கூடாது.

மூன்றரை ஆண்டின் கிறிஸ்துவ ஊழியத்தில், வேதத்திலுள்ள 4 சுவிசேஷங்களிலும், அவர் நமக்கு ஒரு முன்மாதிரியாக இருந்திருக்கின்றார். மக்கள் எங்கு சென்றார்களோ, அங்கு அவரும் சென்றார். கல்யாண விருந்துகளில், மக்களின் மகிழ்ச்சியான நிகழ்வுகளுக்கு சென்றார். அவருக்காக ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்ட விருந்துகளிலும் பங்கேற்றார். ஆலயத்தில் விழாக்களில் மக்கள் தொழுகை செய்ய செல்லும் போது, அவரும் சென்றார். ஒவ்வொரு ஓய்வுநாட்களிலும் மக்களுடன் ஆலயம் சென்றார். அவர் யூதேயா கலிலேயா பிரதேசங்களில் நகரம் நகரமாக, கிராமம் கிராமமாக, பயணம் செய்து; அவருடைய சீடர்களையும் அவ்வாறு செய்யவும், மக்களின் தேவைகளை சந்திக்கவும், சுவிசேஷத்தை பரைசாற்றவும் ஊக்கமளித்தார்.

இந்த கல்யாண விருந்தின் உவமையில், இயேசு அவருடைய சீடர்களை பட்டணத்தின் தெருக்களிலும் வீதிகளிலும் மக்களை சந்தித்து, விருந்திற்கு அழைத்து வர கூறினார். காணாமல் சென்ற ஆடு, காணாமல் சென்ற காசு உவமைகளில், காணாமல் சென்ற பொருட்களை தேடி சென்றனர். நாமும் காணாமல் போனவர்களுக்காக அதிக நேரம் எடுத்து, தேவனிடம் அவர்களை சேர்க்க வேண்டும்.

சமூக கூட்டங்களில் மட்டுமல்லாமல், சமூகநல திட்டங்களிலும் மக்களுடன் பழகினார் தேவனிடம் மன்றாடி அவருடைய வழிகாட்டுதலை கண்டறிந்து, மக்களுடன் பழகி, இவ்வுலகத்தின் இரட்சகரிடம் அவர்களை கொண்டு வருவோம்.

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与人群在一起

“只有基督的方法，才能真正成功地感动人。救主与人相处，为他们谋利益。祂对人表同情，服侍他们的需要，博得他们的信任，然后吩咐他们“来跟从我。”（服务真全原文第143面）

福音传遍天下是我们教会的主要任务。这是主耶稣在升天前交给信徒们的使命。耶稣进前来，对他们说：“天上地下所有的权柄都赐给我了。所以，你们要去，使万民作我的门徒，奉父、子、圣灵的名给他们施洗。凡我所吩咐你们的，都教训他们遵守，我就常与你们同在，直到世界的末了。”（太28：18 - 20）这大使命是交给历代以来的信徒，直到祂回来。大使命中清楚的指示我们去，要到万民中，将他们带到基督的面前，而不是等候他们来寻找福音。

在耶稣三年半的传福音工作中，我们留意到祂在四福音书的记载中，祂明显的为我们立了与人群在一起的好榜样。在喜庆的日子，祂出席在婚宴中。（约2：1 - 11）祂也毫不犹豫地出席别人为祂设立的宴会。（马2：15，16；路15：1，2；约12：2）在犹太人的节期里，许多人从各地来到耶路撒冷敬拜上帝时，耶稣也出现在人群之中。（约2：13；7：14，37）每安息天，祂出现

在聚满人们做礼拜的会堂。（可1：21，39；3：1；6：2）在犹太和加利利境内，“耶稣周游各城各乡传道，宣讲上帝国的福音。和祂同去的有十二个门徒。”（路8：1）祂也吩咐祂的门徒去周游各地，照顾人们的需要，然后向他们传讲福音。（路9：1 - 6；10：1）

在娶亲筵席的比喻里，耶稣教导我们到城里的大街小巷，甚至出去到路上和篱笆那里，就是凡有人所在的地方，将他们请赴宴席。（路14：21，23）在迷羊和失钱的比喻里，丢失的物件是被动的，是被找回的。迷失的生灵，我们当更积极地将他们找回，并带回到上帝面前。

除了社交场合，我们也可以藉着一些社区服务活动或影响力中心来达到与人群在一起的效果。让我们齐心祈求上帝带领我们，给我们智慧，使我们认定可以采用的方法去接触人，服侍他们的需要，博得他们的信任。然后将他们带到救主的面前。传福音不当有守株待兔的心态，等待那些心灵有需要的人来找教会。教会乃当去各人所在的地方，领他们到主耶稣面前，使他们得救，有永生的盼望。■

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Pergaulan Dengan Masyarakat

Kaedah Kristus sahaja yang akan berjaya dalam menjangkau manusia. Juruselamat bergaul dengan manusia sebagai seorang yang mahukan yang kebajikan untuk mereka. Dia bersimpati dengan mereka, melayani keperluan mereka dan memenangi kepercayaan mereka. Kemudian dia memanggil mereka, “Ikutlah saya.” (Ministry of Healing muka surat 143)

Menjangkau dunia adalah teras urusan gereja kita. Ia adalah amanat dari Tuhan Yesus sebelum Dia naik ke syurga, “Segala kekuasaan telah diserahkan kepada-Ku, baik di syurga manapun di bumi. Oleh itu pergilah jadikan semua bangsa murid-Ku. Baptiskan mereka dengan nama Bapa, Anak dan Roh Kudus. Ajar mereka supaya taat akan segala perkara yang telah Ku-perintahkan kepadamu. Aku akan sentiasa bersamamu, hingga ke akhir zaman.” (Matius 28:18-20) Inilah amanat kepada setiap ahli jemaah sehingga Dia kembali. Amanat ini dengan jelas menyatakan bahawa kita harus pergi kepada dunia dan membawa mereka ke Kristus, bukan menunggu mereka datang ke Injil.

Dalam jangka masa 3 setengah tahun pelayanan Kristus, kita melihat contoh-Nya dalam 4 buku. Dia pergi ke mana manusia berkumpul. Dia pergi ke majlis perkahwinan dimana orang berkumpul untuk meraikan peristiwa gembira (Yohanes 2:1-11). Dia gembira menghadiri

jamuan yang dianjurkan khas untuk-Nya (Markus 2:15, 16; Lukas 15:1, 2; Yohanes 12:2). Dia pergi ke Bait Suci semasa upacara dimana umat dari seluruh negara datang beribadah. (Yohanes 2:13; 7:14, 37). Dia pergi ke Bait Suci dimana jemaah berkumpul setiap Sabat. (Markus 1:21, 39; 3:1; 6:2). Dia berjalan dari kota ke kota dan kampung ke kampung di Yudea dan Galilea (Lukas 8:1). Dia juga mendorong murid-Nya untuk mengembara dari satu tempat ke tempat lain untuk melayani keperluan manusia dan mengabarkan Injil kepada mereka (Lukas 9:1-6; 10:1)

Dalam perumpamaan jamuan perkahwinan, Yesus mengajar murid-Nya untuk pergi ke jalan-jalan dan lorong-lorong di kota, kampung untuk bertemu dengan manusia dan menjemput mereka ke jamuan itu (Lukas 14:21, 23). Dalam perumpamaan domba yang hilang dan syiling yang hilang, benda yang hilang adalah pasif, dimana mereka dicari. Untuk jiwa yang tidak mengenali Tuhan, kita harus mengambil langkah-langkah aktif dan agresif untuk membawa mereka kepada Tuhan.

Selain dari acara sosial, kita juga bergaul dengan manusia melalui program komuniti atau pusat pengaruh. Marilah kita berdoa and meminta arahan dari Tuhan untuk mengetahui cara kita boleh bergaul dengan manusia demi membawa mereka ke Juruselamat dunia. ■



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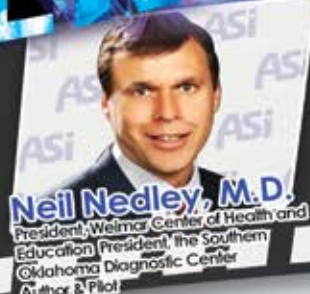
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