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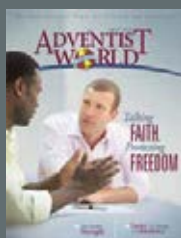
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## "Follow Me"

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour 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 pp. 143)

'From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him.' (Matthew 4:17-20)

At first glance, it seemed easy for Jesus Christ to call people to follow Him. As we carefully read the four gospel records, we notice that Jesus had already been seen on the public stage for some time. When He appeared by the banks of the Jordan River, John the Baptist announced with a clear and loud voice that He was the Lamb of God. Then He went to the wilderness for forty days. During that period of time, the Israelites talked much about Him being introduced as the Lamb of God. After the forty days in the wilderness, Jesus Christ went back to Judea and Galilee to proclaim the gospel. One day, as Jesus walked by the Lake Galilee, He noticed Peter and Andrew busy with their family business. He made the call to them to follow Him and they did.

The instantaneous response from Peter and Andrew was not an emotional act. Since the day John the Baptist introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God, they had been observing and discussing Him. The more they talked about Him, the more their hearts were drawn closer to Him. They were charmed by His humble yet dignified appearance and loving personality. So when Jesus made that call to follow Him, they couldn't resist following.

As the followers of Jesus Christ, Adventists should imitate Him by mingling with the community and desiring to serve them in whatever way we can for their good. Let our genuine lovingkindness manifest through our words and deeds in our daily life. When the time is right, we can invite them to follow Jesus. Their hearts will be ready to respond because we have won their confidence.

This is the time for our churches in Peninsular Malaysia to further engage with the communities through health programs, by providing better family programs, sharing basic life skills such as first aid, cooking or sewing. We can also adopt certain sections of the town or city to ensure its cleanliness for a certain period of time or even build certain facilities for the benefit of the community. This shows our care through our actions.

'Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.' (Matthew 9:35) Let us follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ, bringing the eternal gospel to all the towns and villages with our caring and healing ministries. ■



## EDITORIAL REMARKS: *From the Editor's Desk*

# Bade Them Follow Me

The last time I saw my friend was when she was getting married some 7 years ago. In the years that passed I've only seen pictures of her baby girl. And standing before me that evening was a vibrant five-year-old girl who I wanted to ensure would be interested in Jesus. In my own way, I wanted to bid her to follow Christ. She was so playful with her aunts and uncles, I thought it would be easy to win her over. I tried talking to her, letting her play with my handphone, trying to win her confidence, but in that short time I could not, and thus I could not bid her to follow Jesus.

How different was Christ's method. The paragraph right after the famous quotation reads, "There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counselled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of

persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit." (Ministry of Healing 143.4)

In our various ministries, we may sometimes feel apprehensive knowing that the 'Great Controversy' is real in every life. Some get discouraged and often times are skeptical to put in all their effort into ministry, at times unsure if it would bear fruit.

Yet the above passage is a reassurance that when the sorrows and joys of those we want to win are as real to us as it is to them, and when we use the power of persuasion, the power of prayer and the power of the love of God, the work of bidding others to follow Jesus, is a work that will not and cannot be without fruit.

As you read this issue of Vision, try to see how the various churches have bidden others to follow Christ after they have won their confidence. See if such can be applied to your community so that 'When we wake with the blest in the mansions of rest, there will be stars on our crown as we have bidden others to follow Jesus. ■

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# Follow Me

By PASTOR TAN MENG CHENG

During His short sojourn on earth, slightly more than three decades, He did not write any rulebook for His people. Instead He said, “Follow me”. They were the two most powerful words that He had ever uttered. Today, many around the globe have responded to Him and have become His faithful followers.

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? If we can better understand this invitation by Jesus, and respond to His call in the right way, then our example will attract others to Jesus instead of repelling people from drawing near to him.

## *As a Follower of Christ*

“Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” (Luke 9:23) Indeed, many people have difficulty deciding which way to go. They try to hold on to God with one hand and Satan (the world) with the other. Elijah appealed to

the people, “And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” (1 Kings 18:21) Like the people in the Old Testament time, many today are still hesitant and unsure.

## *We Need to Have Definite Decision*

But when Jesus says, “If any man will come after me...”, it means he gives us the freedom to choose. Based on our previous studies on page 143 of the Ministry of Healing about Christ’s method of reaching the people, before Jesus invited someone to follow Him, He first mingled with the crowd, got to know them, looked for opportunity to serve their needs and gained their confidence before bidding them to follow Him. He did all the good work not for any selfish motive but out of His love and compassion to sinners.

God expects us to respond to His love willingly. It cannot be forced. However, we must all decide. It must be a definite decision, firm in our commitment to Christ, leaving no bridge unburned which would facilitate turning back. If others can see the firmness in our decision in following Christ, perhaps, after following all the steps of evangelism in page 143 of the Ministry of Healing, others will be interested to know more about the God we follow.

## *We Need to Have Daring Discipline*

In chapter 9 verse 23, Luke continues to say, “...let him deny himself...” Many people are self-indulgent. They fail to practice self-denial and restraint. By contrast, “the Lord regarded with approval the firmness and self-denial of the Hebrew youth, ...and His blessing attended them.” (CSA, 55.2) If we can follow the example of Daniel, God will be able to use us mightily for witnessing too. Daniel clung to God with unwavering trust and followed the health principles and laws of God. Therefore God blessed him with knowledge and wisdom, and the ability to unlock the mysteries of the future – the gift/spirit of prophecy. The king trusted Daniel. If we, Seventh-day Adventists, imitate Daniel, showing daring discipline in our lifestyle, to abstain entirely from everything hurtful, and to use judiciously that which is healthful, the world will marvel at us and want to know the



health reform message.

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him,” (James 1:12) We must set rules (good rules outlined in the Bible) and limits for ourselves so that we will not disobey God. Jesus is our ultimate pattern. He did only those things that pleased God. He dared to be different for God’s sake and only to glorify God. We need to do the same.

### ***We Need to Have Daily Devotion***

“And take up his cross daily...” (Luke 9: 23) The “cross” is a symbol of sacrifice, self-denial and love. People follow Jesus because of his selfless and humble service, unmeasurable and unconditional love. In the book *Steps to Christ*, the author writes, “The Savior’s life on earth was not a life of ease and

devotion to Himself, but He toiled with persistent, earnest, untiring effort for the salvation of lost mankind. From the manger to Calvary He followed the path of self-denial and sought not to be released from arduous tasks, painful travels and exhausting care and labor. He said, “The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28) This was the one great object of His life. Everything else was secondary and subservient. It was His meat and drink to do the will of God and to finish His work. Self and self-interest had no part in His labor.” (SC, 78.1)

Therefore, we should be diligent in our devotion to God in contrast to many people who are devoted to selfish interests. As God’s followers, we must devote ourselves totally, without reservation, for His service. Let us spend time to read God’s Word, pray

without ceasing, and witness whenever we have the opportunity. There is power in this kind of life lived not to self but for the glory of God. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you,” (Matthew 6:33) Jesus appeals to the candidates for heaven.

### ***The Greatest Invitation***

“Follow Me”, Jesus invites everyone! However, many fail in their quest for victory over self. For example, the young rich ruler (Matthew 19: 16-22; Mark 10: 17-22; Luke 18:18-23) failed. Nonetheless, we need not repeat his mistake. We must have the courage to reject the wrong and take our stand for the right. Someone said, “Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right even if no one is doing it.” Do you have the courage to respond to Jesus’ invitation - “Follow Me”?

“The greatest want of the world is the want of men – men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men who conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.” (Education, 57) We need to do the right things. “Follow Jesus” is never wrong. He is “the way, the truth and the life.” (John 14:6)

If we have more people, especially Seventh-day Adventist Christians who come after Jesus Christ, deny self and take up the cross daily, and follow Christ’s method alone (MH, 143), we will see more success stories in our outreach efforts.

Can we do that together? Paul says, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

Yes, it is possible. ■







# Lamentations

By PASTOR JACOB JOHN

It is so interesting to know that many Christians who attend church today want to hear the prosperity message being preached from the pulpit. They want to hear the good news that they will receive more blessings and benefits from God before leaving the church for the week. They want to know that everything is going to be good and well for them and their family.

Unfortunately, that is not always the reality. Natural disasters like tsunamis, earthquakes or other unfortunate events do happen and they affect the lives of our church members. These tragedies, when they become real to us and to those whom we love, shake us and our faith is very soon put to the test.

What do we do when this happens? This is where the book of Lamentations and how the Jewish nation related to it can help us.

Lamentations is one of the 'Megillot' or the five scrolls as classified by the Jews. The other books

are Esther, Songs of Songs, Ruth and Ecclesiastes. The author for the book of Lamentations is prophet Jeremiah who painfully went through captivity with the Jewish nation.

It is the only book in the entire Bible which will start with the word 'Ekah' which means "Alas," "Oh," a phrase the Israelites use in funeral dirges as part of their chant for the deceased. The Greek word is 'Threnos' meaning lament.

Starting in 586 BC, (almost 2,500 years now) since the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian empire up till now, the Jews read this book at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Every year in June for the whole month, they read, they cry and they submit themselves to God's will and His teaching.

Lamentations has five chapters but Lamentations 5:22, the last verse, does not give a good ending. So when the Jews reach Lamentations 5:22, they will repeat verse 21 to mark the completion of

the reading and start again from verse 1 of chapter 1.

Why do the Jews do this? As they look back at their history, this was the seventy-year period that God seemingly did not hear their prayers. Reading through the Old Testament, you will see that usually when the Jewish nation cried to God, He would forgive them and rescue them from harm, danger and from their enemy. But once there was peace and safety, they often forgot God and went back again to their sinful life of idolatry. So this time as usual, they cried and pleaded for God's redemption. But this time, God did not seem to respond to them.

The Creator of this world loves His people very much. In spite of His wrath at their wicked ways, He would change His mind at their cry of agony. Yet at the same time, He also wants them to make a firm stand in their repentance and be the people that He intends for them to be, a blessing to those around them. It seemed as though as He turned His face away from the Jewish nation.

The Jews then understood an important lesson in their lives. In those seventy years, they saw what

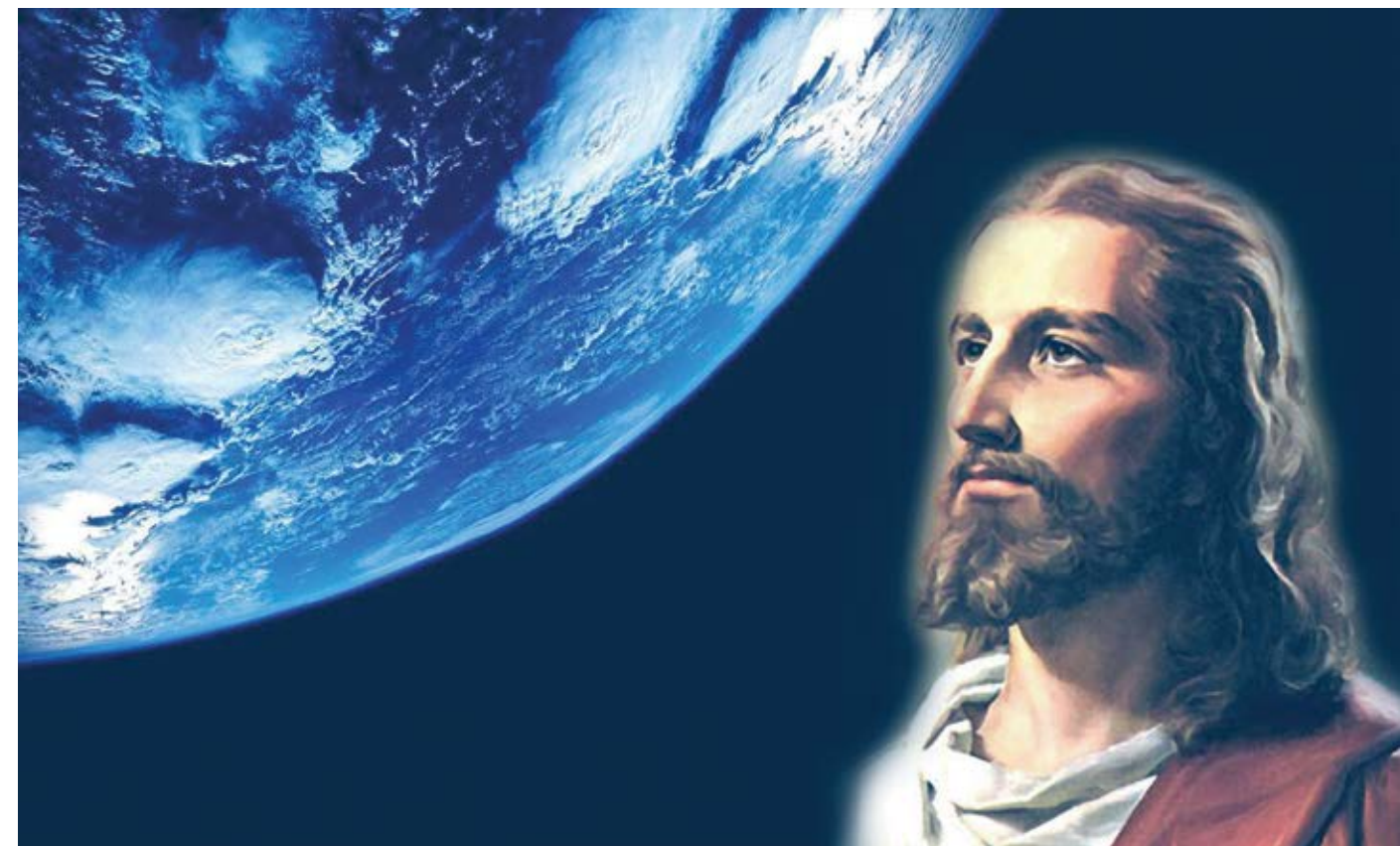
would happen to them if God was not on their side. They experienced what it meant to have no protection from God. They felt the losses in their life and the privileges missed because of their sin.

Throughout the book of Lamentations, in all these five chapters we read about their misery, agony and pain. Yet in spite of that, they still had hope, which was shared in Lamentation 3:21-24. And the encouragement is for us too.

So why does the Jewish nation continue to read this book every year? They want to remind themselves of what will happen when they choose to go against God's will. It also reminds them that even though they are going through the toughest of times, they know that there is always hope when they turn to God.

True enough, after the Jewish nation returned from Babylon, they never went back to idol worship any more.

Lamentation 3:40, "Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the Lord;," while there is still hope in Him. ■





# Trust

By ELLEN NATHAN, RENITTA SIMON  
& DARREL WAH

In this article, we will explore how our relationship with God affects our health and vice-versa.

A wise proverb once said, "The most expensive thing in the world today is TRUST. It can take years to earn it but only a matter of seconds to lose." No matter how good a repair is, the cracks will always remind a person of the pain, which results in the digging up of the past each time there is an argument.

## Our Relationship with God

Our heavenly Father is ever waiting to have a

close relationship with us. But our sins, our iniquities have separated us from God. (Isaiah 59:2) When separated from God, when not looking up towards God, we start looking at ourselves and own preferences and wants.

God wants to transfer and re-create us into His image and He cannot do that without our consent, without us trusting in Him. And we cannot build that trust in Him unless we spend time with Him and get to know Him.

There is a strong relationship between spirituality and physical healing. Studies have shown that

faith, beliefs, and hope are important in the recovery process, in addition to avoid illness, and most remarkably – to live longer. Faith, built through a regular and daily connection with Him through the study of His Word and prayers will help us through the toughest times in our lives, be it physical, mental, social or spiritual battles.

## TRUST and HEALTH

The opposite of trust is not doubt but worry, and it is always draining. Jesus said "...I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than

food and the body more than clothing? ...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (Matthew 6:25, 33-34)

Faith is never blind. "God never asks us to believe, without giving sufficient evidence upon which to base our faith.

His existence, His character, the truthfulness of His Word, are all established by the testimony that appeals to our reason... yet God has never removed the possibility of doubt. Our faith must rest upon evidence, not demonstration. Those who wish to doubt will have opportunity; while those who really desire to know the truth will find plenty of evidence upon which to rest their faith." (Steps to Christ, page 105)

There is a link between trust and wellness. Looking back at the woman in Matthew 9:21, we see evidence where a woman's faith healed her. She trusted in the miracle working Savior and that trust received gave her healing.

Is that not proof that we can trust in the principles of the Bible to make the right choices for a healthier lifestyle? Proof that even when we don't understand, we can "trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5) ■



## Sesame Candy Bars

### Ingredients:

- 100g White sesame seeds
- 150g Black sesame seeds
- 100g Cashew nuts
- ½ cup Honey
- ¼ tsp Salt

*Refined sugar hinders the absorption of vitamins and minerals, including vitamin C and magnesium. It compromises our immunity, reducing its ability to function by up to 50%!*

### Method:

1. Stir-fry white and black sesame seeds in a non-stick pan till brownish.
2. Place honey and salt in another small pot; cook until bubbles appear.
3. Place the white and black sesame seeds together with the cashew nuts into the pot. Stir and mix thoroughly until the mixture becomes a thick paste.
4. Place the sesame mixture onto tracing paper, cover the mixture with another tracing paper (18"x10")
5. Use a roller to firmly roll, flatten and shape the paste.
6. Cut into small pieces before it becomes cold and hard.
7. Keep the sesame bars in an air-tight container.

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## Publishing Ministries Department

### *Be Strong* and of *Good Courage*

by JASNAH MAKIRIM

In my early years working as a full-time Literature Evangelist (LE), it never crossed my mind to be a publishing leader. The only thing I knew was knocking on doors every day and bringing health and spiritual books to the people. My mother encouraged me to be a LE because she was also as a LE at that time. In my third year as a LE in Sabah, I received a call from the Civil Service Department of Malaysia informing me that my application to be a preschool teacher had been approved. My father was happy but I felt sad because I loved my work as a Literature Evangelist. So I prayed and fasted and asked the Lord to guide me. I asked Him whether I should stay in the ministry or leave? God answered me and said I was to stay, so here I am.

I am the eldest of nine siblings and eight of us are in the Literature Ministry, either as part-time LEs or full-time LEs. My husband was working in the army, but he too joined me in this ministry. We are blessed with two children.

I started as a full-time LE and by 2007, I was asked to be the Assistant Publishing Director in Sabah and later Sarawak mission. But today, I have become the Publishing Ministries Director of Peninsular Malaysia Mission.

The Bible story in Joshua 1:2-9 is very real to me, being similar to my journey in this ministry. In verse 2, after Moses died, God commanded Joshua

to go over the Jordan River and bring the Israelites into the promised land. But first, they had to conquer the city of Jericho. Only then would they take the whole land. At that time Joshua was still young when he was appointed Moses's assistant and it was not easy for him to manage the people of Israel.

I can understand very well how Joshua felt when God commanded him. God knew Joshua's concern but He also knew his ability, that's why God chose Joshua to lead the people of Israel to enter the land. When God commands you to do His will, be assured that He will give you the same promises He gave to Moses and Joshua "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses," (Joshua 1:3)

In verse 5, "...as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you." Continuing on in verse 6, 7 and 9, "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go... Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

He told Joshua not to be afraid or be dismayed for God would not forsake him. God also commanded Joshua to observe and do according to the law which He gave Moses so they should prosper and have good success. What wonderful promises God gives to you and me as we serve the Lord.

What is your understanding about the Publishing Ministry? Every time we mention publishing and literature evangelists, church members always think it's about business and money. It is more than that. It is more than selling books and earning some money.

The Spirit of Prophecy states, "This work is equal in importance as to the work of a pastor. The

living preacher and the silent messenger are both required for the accomplishment for the great work before us." (The Review and Herald, April 1, 1880)

Publishing work is ordained by God as a means of presenting people the light in our books. Our publications are an important and most profitable line of evangelistic work because our books can go to places where evangelistic programs cannot be held. Canvassers should speak of Christ's love. Often doctrinal subject are presented with no special effect. For men expect others to press upon them their doctrines but when we present the matchless love of Christ, His grace impresses the heart.

I want to share my vision in PEM for the Publishing Ministries Department this coming year. Elder Eugene Prewitt has done much and we are blessed by the effort he took to make a strong student literature evangelist program in this Mission. This program should continue. We need to continue to recruit more students as literature evangelists as this is the way to educate our young people and involve them in ministry.

At the same time, I need to recruit full-time LEs. I understand that most of our full-time LEs in this Mission are now retired or planning to do so. We have but a few faithfully ministering in

the field. I'm planning to have six full-time LEs by the end of 2020. These six full-time LEs are to be trained to become professional LEs, in the science of soul-winning and the art of selling.

Even for the part-time literature evangelists, I pray that you will not just do this when you are free or have nothing to do, but that you will be active part-time LEs, sending your reports every month as a means to encourage one another.

All the LEs will then need to attend three levels of LMS (Literature Ministry Seminary) training; Introductory, Basic and Intermediate level, so that they can graduate and reach a higher level of canvassing. This training is very important. It will help the literature evangelists to understand the ministry of a LE and instil faithfulness in them.

For the purpose of reaching outsiders, we want all our church members get involved in this ministry. We are told, "At the very start of the publishing work, the prophet said that church members were to SELL or GIVE AWAY literature." (Manuscript 126, 1902)

Therefore I appeal to every church have their own local church publishing coordinator. This publishing work can work together with the other departments so that every time your church organizes a program, the coordinator will arrange for tracts or booklets to give away. ■



# Center of Influence

In our country, out of 31 million people, about 80% reside in Peninsular Malaysia. From this figure, close to 30% reside in the cities and urban areas. And yet, Peninsular Malaysia Mission's weekly attendance average comes up to 3,600 per week. We have really come short of our Gospel Commission, "to make disciples of ALL nations". What can we do to reach the people? How can we be active seven days a week in our community instead of just on the seventh day?

Adventist Missions Director, Gary Krause, recently shared about the Life Hope Center concept and the reason behind the Mission to the Cities initiative which the General Conference has been emphasizing.

He shares that the emphasis is in the cities simply because "most people in the world now live in cities. More than a hundred years ago, Ellen White said that the church had neglected the cities". He further added that "Life Hope Center is the name given to centers of influence that we hope to see in cities all over the world. It's a concept that comes from Ellen White, who had a vision to "establish in all our cities small plants which shall be centers of influence". The idea is simple—start wholistic ministry centers in urban areas to connect the church to meet the needs in the community. Ellen White envisaged centers including things such as lifestyle education, treatment rooms, bookstores or reading rooms, restaurants, the literature ministry, lectures, and instructions on preparing wholesome food.

Today's Life Hope Centers will look different and offer different services and ministries in the various places, but the principle remains the same—to connect with people's needs. In doing this, they're modelling the approach of Jesus, which Ellen White summarizes, "The Saviour mingled among people as One who desired their good, He showed sympathy, He ministered to people's needs, He won their confidence and bade them "Follow Me." Something the Vision magazine has been talking about for the whole of 2017.



Do we have such centers in Malaysia? We actually do. When doctors open their own clinics and reach out to their patients and care for them beyond the normal doctor-patient relationship, they are being a center of influence. When teachers have extra classes in their homes for the weaker students, impacting their life beyond the classroom, it is a center of influence. When we open business or shops with the intention of meeting the needs of the community so that we can bid them follow Jesus, we are opening a center of influence.

In Peninsular Malaysia Mission, we have had many centers through the years. Among some examples would be the English Tuition Center by Alor Setar, Aenon Health Care in Negeri Sembilan, Hope Mission Home in Perak, Retirement Home in Melaka, our Kindergartens in Pontian, Muar, Kuantan and Ipoh. We also have Greenlane Life Hope Center in Penang, Aenon Health Kitchen in Cheras and more recently the Sungai Ara Adventist Community Center in Penang and now Kulai Adventist Community Center in Johor.

But we can do more. The Chinese Adventists in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta have established the CMC-Jakarta in four Jakarta suburbs. Their church members are getting involved, following the principles of Total Member Involvement (TMI). They have set up Club Sehat, a health food store in Bandung. Local church members come to support the regular meetings organized for customers who have a deeper interest in how to live a quality life. This Life Hope Center provides a safe place where locals can join in light conversations or intentional discussions over specific topics which they can then apply in their lives.

Says Gary Krause, "We want every center to have a plan to connect people in the community to Adventist small groups and urban church planting initiatives. This is key. We're not talking about just setting up more social service centers, as important as they are. Our care for the community is never conditional on people becoming Adventists—we'll still mingle, show sympathy, and minister to needs even if people never show any interest in our beliefs. But it's our goal to lead people to Jesus and to become baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

<https://missiontothecities.org/life-hope-centers>







Similarly in Peninsular Malaysia Mission, the Executive Committee has set up guidelines on how to establish more center of influences around the Mission.

If you or your church would like to set up a similar center, here are simple steps of what needs to be done just to start up. For complete details please contact [coi@adventist.org.my](mailto:coi@adventist.org.my).

- 1) Local church boards are to recommend applications to the church business meeting.
- 2) Applications are voted at the church business meeting can be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.
- 3) Applications should consist of a written business plan (objectives, strategies, sales, marketing, financial forecasts, required start-up) together with the outreach plan.
- 4) Plans made should aim to achieve financial self-sustainability within 3 years of implementation.
- 5) Plans must be in compliance with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and laws and regulations of the country.
- 6) Plans must be led out by 1 or 2 co-leaders to ensure accountability to the Executive Committee. A working committee is also required to ensure continuity.\*
- 7) Plans should show that the center will be in operation 5 days a week. Sample of activities to be included in the plan.

8) Quarterly report is to be submitted to the Mission Administrative Committee before the 10 of January/April/July/October.

9) Subsidy of 50% up to a maximum of RM150,000.00, for start-up may be considered by the Executive Committee.

10) Quarterly subsidy for operation will be reimbursed by Treasury within a month of receipt of the quarterly report.

11) Each plan will be evaluated by July each year with the following criteria:

- a) Sustainability of the business
  - i) Is the business able to sustain its operations
  - ii) Is the business a going concern
- b) Growth in terms of outreach of the plan
  - i) Number of contacts generated
  - ii) Number of returning interests (number to be determined by local church)
  - iii) Number of Bible Study candidates
  - iv) Number of baptized members

\* It is advisable for the working committee to form a legal entity for the running of the business. Working committee members should consists of Seventh-day Adventist in good and regular standing with the church to safeguard the interests of the church in its influence towards the surrounding community. ■





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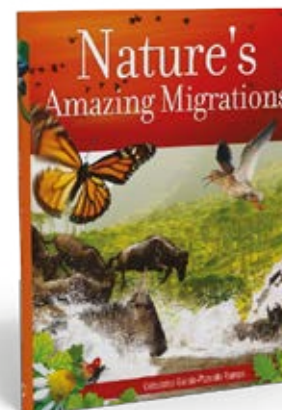
## Recommended Books

### AUTHOR:

**Celedonio Garcia - Pozuelo Ramos**

### DESCRIPTION:

This book shows some of nature's magnificent teachings, so that children and even adults can come to understand, appreciate and respect it to a greater extent. It also features numerous experiments to carry out at home and short moral lessons for children. Over 90 pages, the author reveals proof that nature possesses all the attributes of a phenomenon from a creationary will.



### TITLE:

**Celedonio Garcia - Pozuelo Ramos**

### DESCRIPTION:

This book offers one of the most extraordinary events that occurs every year in nature: migration in the animal kingdom. The author, Celedonio Garcia-Pozuelo, whose curiosity leads him to study everything that moves and lives, takes us by the hand into each of the mysteries of migration, and shows us the scope of the journeys undertaken by some animals on our planet.

### AUTHOR:

**Celedonio Garcia - Pozuelo Ramos**

### DESCRIPTION:

With this book, editor Safeliz and the author give the reader a simple but rigorous introduction to the universe of insects and other little animals. Taking a few minutes to observe any of them, whether insects, spiders or worms, we can begin to understand that they are wonderfully complex, authentic mini "stars".



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## Teluk Intan SDA Church *Worship at Nature Park* Kuala Woh, Tapah

On 12 August 2017, the Teluk Intan congregation gathered together at a recreational park at Kuala Woh, Tapah, for fellowship and worship in nature. This is our annual event of worship in nature.

Members were mesmerized with beauty of nature at the site as they viewed the soothing but tumultuous sound of the gushing waterfall. Members took time to breathe the fresh air and relax from their hectic workload while having fellowship in a natural environment.

As it is described in Psalms 104:24, 25,  
“O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
In wisdom You have made them all.  
The earth is full of Your possessions  
This great and wide sea,  
In which are innumerable teeming things,  
Living things both small and great.”

Young and old were filled with awe and wonder towards God our Creator. The church also took the opportunity to celebrate the birthday of Dato John Yeliyah. ■

## Teluk Intan SDA Church Parents' Day

On the 22 July 2017, Teluk Intan Indian church celebrated Parents' Day in honor of their sacrifice as they raise their children for the Lord.

On this occasion both parents and single parents were remembered for their tireless efforts in building Christian homes in this region. From the bottom of our heart we extend our gratitude for their love.

Ellen White reminds us, “Society is composed of families, and is what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are “the issues of life”; and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation is the household. The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences.” (Adventist Home pg.15) ■





我们要把一切的荣耀归于我们的天父上帝。在 2017 年 8 月 19 日，共有 6 为弟兄姐妹立志受洗加入上帝的大家庭，成为天父阿爸的儿女。这是何等的欢喜啊！这一日，3 堂齐聚在八打灵中文堂喜庆受洗日，欢迎新生儿。让我们一同来阅读个教会的代表所分享的文章。

慧文姐妹 | 吉隆坡中文堂

2017 年 8 月 19 日（安息日），这是一个特别感触的一天。

这一天，我们吉隆坡中文堂联合八打灵和蒲种两间中文教会一起举行了庄严且温馨的受洗仪式，一共有六位受洗者，各教堂有两位代表，其中包括从年幼的少女到年迈的长辈。

蒙主的恩典，我们教会有一位弟兄 Joel 和一位姐妹 Agnes 决志今受洗，加入主的大家庭。这一个决定不只是他们生命当中最重要的转折点，更是见证他们属灵在挣扎里得胜的每一位教友的激动！

这一场的受洗见证会，是庄严可喜的，在每一个宣誓的表明，我们在立志者，家人和查经老师眼中看见了值得；更是动容鼓舞的，在每一个立志者的剖白里，我们看见了上帝正在工作。

参加洗礼仪式就像参加了一场婚礼，是一辈子爱的宣誓。从此他们的生命翻开了新的篇章，是爱的诗篇。

受洗并不是结束，而是作为基督徒新生活的开始。愿祝福在这里的属灵新生儿从今以后，靠主在已然未然的成圣道路上，打那美好的仗，跑那当跑的路，持守那所信的道！阿门！

李昌伦教士 | 蒲种中文堂

荣耀归于天父上帝，在祂的赐福带领中，感谢主在 8 月 19 日有两位弟兄姐妹愿意加入基督复临安息日会的大家庭。弟兄为林桃来及姐妹成群女，在此，感恩主的恩典，两位重生的教友在经过研究圣经的过程中圣灵的引导下，

立志愿意一生寻求主的真理及救恩。其中，林弟兄的太太是本会教友，可是之前因着工作的缘故，没有真正的明白圣经，之后再经过半年时间的真诚的查考，终于愿意来到主的面前，完全谦卑的交托于主。从此永远的主里得着喜乐及平安。另外，成姐妹本身是一位轻易健忘的女士，在明白真理之前，对于基督教是毫无根基。但感谢主在教友们爱心与她接触后，经过一段时间的来教会聚会，逐渐在圣灵的感动下，她愿意的查考圣经，虽然本身容易的忘记，可是在她心中她永远的坚信耶稣基督是世人救恩的救主，唯独祂能够拯救我们。这信心是大的并且在她明白主的话语后，她的生活感到喜乐及平安。以上两位都是上帝奇妙的带领。在此，我们也相信在上帝安排下，会有更多的人因着我们生活的见证，可以感动周围的未认识耶稣的人来到主的面前。一切荣誉全归至圣主上帝。阿门！

黄琳胜教士 | 八打灵中文堂

浸礼就像婚姻一样，当两人相爱时，婚礼是必经的过程，总要给对方有名有份。有人说：洗礼只是个仪式。对！就像婚礼一样，这个仪式确实告诉大家，我娶了XXX…是要告诉全世界的女生没机会了。同样的，洗礼这个仪式是要告诉大家，我现在与耶稣结合，不再与撒旦有任何关系。

一切荣耀归给上帝，2017 年 8 月 19 日八打灵中文堂与蒲种，吉隆坡中文堂一同举办受洗见证日。当天本堂有两位弟兄姐妹（黄民福，卢紫萱）决志受洗加入主的教会。或许，浸礼对你而

# 三堂喜庆 受洗日

言，是一件艰辛万苦的决定也或许是件轻而易举的事情，每个人要经历受洗的过程都不一样。

黄民福弟兄过去是个黑涩会老大，做过很多伤天害理的事，这一路来到信主确实不容易。他常常说：“人生最幸福的事，就是认识耶稣。”因为，他知道“若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，都变成新的了。”（林后 5: 17）从帮助他查经，再看见他的改变，直到受洗接受耶稣，我都特别感到欣慰，深信上帝更加的感动。

卢紫萱姐妹从小就在基督教家庭长大，我认识她时，那时她只有 10 岁，这三年看见她的进步和成长，相信一定是父母留下美好的见证和教导。对于安息日上课的问题，她常常面对，但她选择忠心和持守安息日，这是我很感动的地方。圣经说：“你们若爱我，就必遵守我的命令。”（约 14: 15）今年只有 13 岁的她，却拥有一颗持守的心，确实不容易啊！

希望，日后他们继续忠心上帝，每日走在上帝恩典之中，为主做美好的见证。阿门！

看完了 3 堂的分享之后，你又有何感触呢？如果你还未加入我们的大家庭，想进一步的了解圣经的教导，耶稣给予我们的爱与牺牲，阿爸天父的怜悯，赶快联络我们了解更多！愿上帝赐福每一位！阿门！■





26 AUGUST 2017

# Utama Beacon Baptism

By PASTOR HO SOON CHENG

Jesus has given us the great commission in Matthew 28:18-19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

This scripture gives a clear command that we are to "disciple all nations". It contains a step-by-step command to reach out to every tongue and creed throughout the world, to make them followers of Jesus Christ, to baptize them and to teach them to obey all of God's commandments – not some but all that had been handed down to us through the scriptures. Embedded in it is also His promise to be with us till the end of time.



In Matthew 3:13-16, Jesus himself led the way for baptism when He came to John the Baptist at the Jordan river to be baptized by him. When objected to by John, Jesus answered, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

On 26 August 2017, Utama Beacon, a small group with 17 active members, had the second baptism this year. This time, bringing another nine individuals to be part of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist church, making it ten baptisms this year.

All heaven and the heavenly host rejoiced on this blessed day. Even more extraordinary was the fact that once of the baptism candidates, Alvin, had three generations being baptized with him. His parents, he himself and his wife and his children were baptized in one day. The youngest was Angel and the oldest was granddad Jacob at 76 years old. Joining them were Nicholas, Logi and May.

Friends and loved ones who attended welcomed the newly born to join the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. May the good Lord's blessings be with you always.

In spite of our challenges and trials, God has blessed us, and so we give all thanks, honor and glory to God alone, who makes all things possible according to His will and His plan. ■

## 八打灵中文堂 儿童手工



八打灵基督复临安息日会中文堂儿童班在9月23日下午一时三十分举办了裁缝班。此次活动获得了许多家长与孩子的热烈反应，家长们纷纷带着孩子们来参加裁缝班，希望通过这一次的活动能让孩子们对裁缝有所认识，好在将来可有有用武之地。

孩子们在裁缝班里学会了如何使用裁缝机和熨斗，并在老师的指导下成功制作出了自己的杯垫。许多孩子们都是第一次使用裁缝机和熨斗，因此感到兴奋与奇特。而老师们也耐心地向孩子们讲解其功能，并帮助及陪同他们共同完成作品。

孩子们因学会了裁缝而兴奋不已，希望能够多举行这类型的活动。■



## Melaka SDA Church Baptism

By PASTOR BENJAMIN TUNG

**14** October, 2017, turned out to be a fruitful day for the Melaka Seventh-day Adventist Church as it culminated in the baptisms of two young men of the church after more than a year and a half of Bible studies.

It all started in June 2015 when Pastor Benjamin Tung started Bible studies in English and Bahasa Malaysia to facilitate both language groups and both adults and teenagers. The large group was then broken down into two distinct groups according to their ages. When the adults relocated, the teenage group continued.

There were about eight of them and they ranged from as young as 10 years old to the oldest being 15 years old. This group was then prepared for baptism.

This group continued with the intent of baptism in 2017 and this resulted in two fine young men, McDenver Rangga ak Robert and Maegan Maulder Maurice, giving their lives to God by accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Their intent was then communicated to the Mission in late August and they were prepared for baptism in October. Also at this time, the entrance of two young Adventist ladies, Christylyn and Natasha, both Sabahans, studying in MMU, were assigned to take over the group, which they have been doing till now with a little assistance from the pastor in their weekly studies.

On the appointed day, Pastor Renie Ubara was assigned by the Mission to come to Melaka and conduct the aforementioned baptisms. Initially we were ready to conduct the baptisms by the sea at Tanjung Puteri but due to assistance from Mr. Alan Neo, Melaka Club was then appointed as the official venue. More than 25 people including their parents and



family members were to be witnesses to the baptisms of these fine young men. Spiritual guardians were also appointed to the candidates for the duration of at least a full year.

It is also known that three more candidates have indicated their intention to give their lives to God that they will be doing so at the Chinese Language Camp at Teluk Batik, Lumut, Perak at the end of this year.

The Melaka SDA Church and her elders, Elder Victor Ngo and Dr. Lai Nai Lang would like to register their thanks to all who were directly or indirectly involved for the above baptisms and pray that this will result in many more baptisms in the years to come. Plans are already afoot for ten baptisms in 2018. Pray for us that this will be a reality. ■

## Melaka SDA Church Muar Visit

By PASTOR BENJAMIN TUNG &  
ELDER VICTOR NGO

**T**he church outing for Melaka Church happened when the church seized the opportunity during the Deepavali public holiday to visit Muar. This served two purposes:

- 1) to let the young people see and know the sights of Muar Town and
- 2) to hold a Women Ministry's healthy vegan cooking demo.

It would be an eye-opener for the young people as well as older folks who have never visited Muar and the Muar SDA Church before.

The outing began with a convoy of nine cars, ferrying a total of 35 people, gathering at Petron petrol station near Melaka Sentral and travelling along the AMJ highway to Muar, a journey of about 45 minutes. The meeting point was the Muar SDA Church. From there, the Muar team welcomed them and we visited the Sultan's Rest House, the District Office, the Muar High School and Tanjung Emas. At Tanjung Emas the young people had the opportunity of riding in a motorised boat up the Muar river, also known as the Muar River Cruise, seeing the sights along the way. Many 'oohs' and 'aahs' were heard as the children and young people were amazed to be sitting in an iron-bottomed boat as it chugged its way up and down the river for 30 minutes.

The whole group then proceeded to a vegetarian restaurant to a sumptuous seven-course meal at a reasonable price of under RM10 each. After lunch, the whole group adjourned to the pastor's house where the group separated into two, the ladies going with the pastor's wife, Janice, and the other group of young people and men with the Pastor.

The young people were engaged with singing and sharing and finally joining in a birthday party for the baptismal candidate, brother Maegan Maulder Maurice who celebrated his 14th birthday on this



day. The women's group, under the supervision of Sister Janice Tung, were taught two vegan dishes which were inexpensive and easy to make. They were allowed to take home the finished products plus organic fruits and vegetables from the pastor's garden.

The whole group dispersed at about 3 p.m. and went back to Melaka after an exhausting morning, with hopefully fond memories of Muar. It is our hope that this will lead to many more other outings to other places in the near future. We, the pastor and Elder Victor Ngo would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved that made this outing a success. ■



# AMM Conference 2017

## The Right Arm, March On!

By DR PUA SZE NING

Praise the Lord for the blessings He bestowed upon AMM conference 2017 – “The Right Arm, March On!” Truly, this conference would not have such a success without divine intervention and the many intercessory prayers from our brothers and sisters in Christ, for without Him we can do nothing.

132 participants registered for the conference this year. They came from all across the Asia region including Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, Hong Kong and Philippines. Among them were doctors, nurses, paramedics, medical students, health directors, health leaders, pastors and others who were interested in medical ministry. We sincerely thank all who had participated in this conference. Many of them sacrificed their time, effort and resources in order to make this conference memorable.

Our three speakers deeply inspired us through their messages and personal testimonies. Dr. Peter Landless, the General Conference Health Director, gave us a powerful sermon entitled “The March Order”, where he shared on the importance of the Right Arm, how to be God’s true Right Arm, and how to prepare ourselves to be a leader to March On!

Dr. Tim Riesenberger lectured on nutrition, a healthy lifestyle and pointed us to how great our God is in medical missionary work. He also highlighted the amazing healing power of God.

Last but not the least was Dr. Fam, our Malaysian surgeon who has dedicated his life to God in serving the poor in Africa. He shared many amazing and encouraging testimonies. It was most heartwarming to see how God provided him financially and with manpower support without fail.

Group discussions were also part of the program. Great inputs were shared while discussing the challenges faced in the medical missionary work. Among challenges shared were:

- The gap between the medical and spiritual aspects at work
- The lack of resources
- The balance between family life and medical missionary work

Questions and doubts were answered by the panel at the end of the group discussion. There was also a suggestion given to the AMM committee to form a network of contacts among AMM members to build stronger connections, as well as coordination for a better use of resources. AMM was challenged to work harder for the benefit of the members, and the church as a whole.

The medical outreach program was the highlight at the end of the conference. The main objective of this program was to put learning into action. We “Marched On” by providing health screening, dental screening and eye checks to the community at two different locations, namely the Life Hope Center at Greenlane, and the Adventist Community Services Center at Sungai Ara. Almost 500 people in 5 hours! We praise God for bringing the people to these centers. This is the result of the combined efforts of our churches in Penang, the hospital and our AMM participants. What a great experience we had! Let’s be the real Right Arm, to March On!

We now look forward to your participation in our 2018 AMM conference in Sarawak! Stay tuned for more information!

“Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. It is necessary for the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known. Every city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work. As the right hand of the third angel’s message, God’s methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth.—Testimonies for the Church 7:59.” ■







## AOY 2017

**A**OY 2017 started on a Wednesday evening. Our team was already geared up and went early to Penang to prepare the location the night before. We are overwhelmingly grateful to the ACNHS Principal and staff members for opening the venue for us so early and allowing us to use their halls and classrooms even though their students were in the midst of exams.

With God's guidance and advice from mentors, preparing for AOY this year was much smoother compared to last year. With the support and guidance from the Peninsular Malaysia Mission leaders and Southeast Asia Union Mission leaders and most of all, the lay members of PEM, the working committee could be found smiling in excitement while in the rush of setting up and preparation. We praise God that Pastor Renie Ubara, Youth Ministries Department Director of Peninsular Malaysia Mission was able to make time to give us the welcoming remarks. We praise God for the leadership of Mission Officers, Mission Departmental Directors and church pastors for their presence and guidance.

We also want to thank the AOY community for their involvement. Having six seminars this year was more than we've ever had in the past years. It all started with a suggestion from individuals in Penang to invite Chad and Fadia Kreuzer to hold a seminar to combat the ever growing Creation versus Evolution argument creeping into our Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through that single suggestion, many were blessed by a truth that is beginning to be lost – how amazing our Creator God is. That's how most of our other seminars came to be planned – from simple suggestions from the AOY community.

The community also requested for a seminar regarding child education. This benefitted the many young families who came. Though we are called the

Army Of Youth, it should not be mistaken that we are only for those below 30 years of age. Remember, compared to Adam and Noah, we are indeed youth. In fact, in 2018, one of the seminars is on marriage and the family unit. We hope that this will prove to be a blessing to many families that come. The other seminars – “Three Angels' Messages”, “Sanctuary”, “Absolute Reliance”, and “Seeking God's Will” proved to be a blessing for all age groups, youthful, or experienced.

It was fitting also to have our theme “Dunamis” for the year in light of all the blessings that have shown the working power of God. We were working through the volunteers, teams, and individual department leaders. Without their tireless commitment and dedication, AOY would not have been possible.



If you were at AOY, you could testify to how Gem Castor being at our conference was a blessing that lifted our prayer experience from last year to a different level this year. Gem has been leading out in prayer all over the world and recently in the General Conference Session in the USA. He brought something we will never forget – the Upper Room experience. It was an experience similar to that of the disciples in Acts chapter 1, pleading for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Even as I'm writing this, memories are

flooding back of the early morning excitement that took away any tinge of tiredness. Kneeling, pleading, crying for the Holy Spirit and Jesus to come again with like-minded people from many other countries, it was a glimpse to me of the gospel being spread to the outermost parts of the world and the work being finished soon.

Can you imagine that? Having an upper room experience similar to that of the disciples in Acts. Isn't that something to talk about? To see so many sacrifice sleep and prioritize prayer, coming together for united prayer. Oh, how it pains my heart to think that we are close, but not there yet.

That upper room experience brought us one step closer. It gave us a bigger picture, a bigger look at the world around us. So many of us are only consumed by our tiny little lives and family, that we fail to see the world's burdens – and on that morning, we heard it, saw it, felt it.

The morning of the upper room experience made leaving AOY a sad blur for all of us. It made the plans for AOY 2018 so much sweeter. I remember smiles and pictures being taken as friends bade farewell to each other. But above all, I remember taking one last look at where we knelt in prayer as I left, the peace and comfort I had as all 300 participants knelt in a group to sing in united prayer.

I remember as well, the countless people who stood up for the different appeals made. What was most memorable for me however, was the final charge at AOY by Emanuel Baek that invited us all to be part of the Fellowship of the Unashamed.

**AOY 2017 started on 30 August 2017 and concluded on 3 September 2017, the fifth since 2013. This year it was held at ACNHS in Penang. In 2018, we will be in Johor from 29 August 2018 (Wednesday) to 2 September 2018 (Sunday).**

*I am part of the “Fellowship of the Unashamed”.  
The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line.  
The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus  
Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back  
away, or be still.*

*My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and  
my future is secure.*

*I am finished and done with low living, sight  
walking, small planning, smooth knees, colourless  
dreams, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.*

*I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position,  
promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by  
presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by  
prayer, and labour by power.*

*My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my  
road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions  
few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear.*

*I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured  
away, turned back, diluted, or delayed.*

*I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in  
the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the  
enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander  
in the maze of mediocrity.*

*I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until Heav-  
en returns, give until I drop, preach all I know, and  
work until He comes.*

*And when He comes to get His own, He will have no  
problem recognizing me. My colours will be clear.*

Prayer is the key that moves the arm of God and allows us to be unashamed of the gospel. These were the lessons that humbled our entire team, and led us to reflect on our lives. With that, I would like to gratefully ask that you keep AOY and SALT in prayer as students have already started pouring in when registrations opened recently. ■



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- KL English Church - Pastor Evander Stephen (effective 1 October 2017)

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- Publishing Ministries Department Director - Sister Jasnah Makirim (effective 1 November 2017)
- Office Secretary (Departmental) - Sister Tan Hui Ying (effective 1 November 2017)

3. SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MISSION APPOINTMENTS

- President - Pastor Tan Meng Cheng (effective 1 January 2018)

UPCOMING EVENTS

January			
4	PEM Strategic Plan Monitoring Committee	Administration	
7	PEM LE Meeting Goal Setting	Publishing	Central & North
6	PEM Health Ministries Follow-up	Health	Southern
10-20	Global 10 days of Prayer		
13	PEM LE Recruitment	Publishing	Klang
15-17 May	PEM AOY SALT	Youth	
19-21	PEM Health Advisory	Health	Central
19-21	PEM ACS Leadership Training	ACS	South
20	PEM LE Recruitment	Publishing	Pandamaran
27	PEM Stewardship Seminar	Stewardship	Central
28	PEM Executive Committee Meeting	Administration	
30-31	PEM Ministerial Meeting	Administration	Central
February			
3-4	PEM ACS Leadership Training	ACS	Northern
4-11	Global Christian Home & Marriage Week		
8	PEM Strategic Plan Monitoring Committee	Administration	
10	PEM LE Recruiting	Publishing	Southern
11	PEM Couple Banquet	Family	Central
11	PEM SI Certification	Shepherdess	Central
11	PEM LE Meeting Goal Setting	Publishing	Southern
16-19	PEM BM Pathfinder Camp	Youth	
24	PEM Stewardship Seminar	Stewardship	Southern
24	PEM SI Certification	Shepherdess	Northern
24	PEM LE Recruitment	Publishing	Seremban
March			
3-4	PEM Adventist Community Services/Health Training	ACS & Health	Northern
10	PEM LE Recruitment	Publishing	Ipoh
16-18	PEM Youth Congress	Youth	
23	PEM SI Certification	Shepherdess	Southern
24	PEM Stewardship Seminar	Stewardship	Central
24	PEM LE Recruitment	Publishing	Kuala Lumpur
25	PEM Executive Committee Meeting	Administration	



# In Commemoration of His Ministry as Church Pastor, Ministerial Secretary, President Pastor Leong Fai

## His Ministry

Pastor Leong Fai joined Peninsular Malaysia Mission as a pastor on 1 July 1980. Even before he graduated from Hong Kong Adventist College, he was offered a position to pastor in Hong Kong. Yet, true to his promise, he refused the offer and came back to Malaysia with his new bride, Sister Tam Man Lin.

He started his ministry in Kuala Lumpur Chinese where the late Pastor Chin Kong Tai and the late Pastor Chan Sing Chor were retired. Pastor Samuel Money, 2 years his senior, was then pastoring Kuala Lumpur English. In the coming years, his daughters Chew Yan and Chew Wai were born. He continued to serve there till December 1984.

In January 1985, he was relocated to Kuantan, Pahang and served there till December 1986. His borders were enlarged starting January 1987 when he also pastored Kota Bharu, Kelantan, until December 1989. It was on 26 March 1988, after 8 years of ministry, that he was ordained as a minister. While in Kota Bharu he learnt to preach in Hokkien.

In January 1990, he continued to pastor Kota Bharu, Kelantan and Ipoh, Perak for 1 year. Then in 1990, he focused on Ipoh, Perak. From 1992 to 1994, he pastored Ipoh and Taiping, both in Perak. From 1995 to 1996, he focused just in Ipoh. This was followed by a short stint in Johor before finally moving to Penang where he pastored from 1997 until June 2004.

Then from July 2004 to December 2005, he served as the Ministerial Secretary and relocated to Kuala Lumpur. In January 2006, he became the Mission President until he retires this 31 December 2017.

## Testimonies

Pastor Tan Meng Cheng, executive secretary says, "Thank you for your leadership in this Mission. The Lord will remember your sacrifice, your humble and faithful service in His church and people. Pastor Leong, YOU ARE STILL WANTED IN PEM!"

Pastor Money, his senior says, "You have done your VERY BEST according to your conscience during your tenure of service as the mission president here. Certainly I will miss you here in PEM!"

## His Contribution

During his tenure as a pastor, many have been blessed as he touched their lives individually. As he moved into the Administration as the Ministerial Secretary, he always pushed to flood the Mission with spiritual literature, books like 'We're Concerned For You', 'End Time Countdown', 'Great Hope', 'Bible Speaks', 'The Passion of Jesus Christ', 'Win Wellness',



'Beyond Imagination', 'Health & Wellness' and 'Story of Hope', are among the titles.

He was always encouraging people to join the ministry, whether it was pushing the young people to study Theology or getting professionals to consider the ministry, he was always eyeing the opportunity to find God-fearing people.

He was convicted that if we could mingle with people in the streets, minister to them daily, we could win them over for Christ. So when the opportunity came, he pushed to start Hope On Wheels so that members would have an avenue to mingle with the community.

The above is just a glimpse of what he has done. Indeed, like Paul, we can say that he has fought the good fight. ■

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Pastor Leong Fai, President, Peninsular Malaysia Mission

### அவரை பின்பற்றி வா

கிறிஸ்துவின் முறையே மக்களை அநுக மிக சிறந்த முறையாகும். இரட்சகர் மக்களோடு பழகி அவர்களுக்கு நன்மையளித்தார். அவர்கள் மேல் பாசமாய் இருந்து, அவர்களின் தேவையை சந்தித்தார். அவர்களின் நம்பிக்கையை ஜெயித்தார். பின்பு அவரை பின்பற்றி வா என்றுரைத்தார், (MH -Ministry of Healing பக்கம் 143).

"அதுமுதல் இயேசு: மனந்திரும்புங்கள், பரலோகராஜ்யம் சமீபித்திருக்கிறது என்று பிரசங்கிக்கத் தொடங்கினார். இயேசு கலிலேயாக் கடலோரமாய் நடந்து போகையில், மீன்பிடிக்கிறவர்களாயிருந்த இரண்டு சகோதரராகிய பேதுரு என்னப்பட்ட சீமோனும், அவன் சகோதரன் அந்திரேயாவும், கடலில் வலை போட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறபோது, அவர்களைக் கண்டு: என் பின்னே வாருங்கள், உங்களை மனுஷரைப் பிடிக்கிறவர்களாக்குவேன் என்றார். உடனே அவர்கள் வலைகளை விட்டு, அவருக்குப் பின் சென்றார்கள்." (மத்தேயு 4:17-20)

முதல் பார்வையில், இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவைப் பின்பற்றும்படி மக்களை அழைப்பது எளிதாக உள்ளது. நான்கு சவிசேஷ பதிவுகளை நாம் கவனமாக வாசித்தால், இயேசு பொது அரங்கில் சில நேரங்களில் தோன்றியிருந்தார். அவர் யோர்தான் நதியோரமாய் வந்த போது, யோவான் ஸ்நானகன் பலத்த சத்தத்துடன், அவர் தேவ ஆட்டுக்குட்டி என்று அறிவித்தார். பின்பு 40 நாட்கள் வனாந்திரத்திற்கு சென்றார். அச்சமயத்தில், இஸ்ரவேல் மக்கள் அவர் தேவ ஆட்டுக்குட்டியை அறிமுகப்படுத்தினைதக் குறித்து பேசினார்கள். 40 நாட்களின் அனுபவத்தை முடித்து, இயேசு கிறிஸ்து பின்பு மறுபடியும் யுதேயாவிற்கும் கலேலியாவிற்கும் போய் சவிசேஷத்தை பிரசங்கித்தார். ஒரு நாள், இயேசு கலிலேயா நதியோரம் நடந்துவந்த போது, அவர் பேதுருவையும் அந்திரேயாவையும் அவர்களின் குடும்ப வியாபாரத்தில் மும்முரமாக இருந்ததை கவனித்து, இயேசு அவர்களை தன்னை பின்பற்றும்படி அழைத்தார், அவர்களும் அந்தபடியே செய்தார்கள்.

பேதுரு மற்றும் அந்திரேயாவின் உடனடியான பதில், உணர்ச்சிவசப்பட்ட செயல் அல்ல. அந்த நாளிலிருந்து, யோவான் ஸ்நானகன் அவரை தேவ ஆட்டுக்குட்டி என்று அறிமுகப்படுத்தி, அவரை கண்காணித்தார், மற்றும் அவரை பற்றி விமர்சித்தார். அவரைப் பற்றி அதிகமாக பேசும்பொழுது, மக்களுடைய இதயங்கள் அவரால் ஈர்க்கப்பட்டன. அவரது கௌரவமான தாழ்மையான தோற்றத்தால் அவர்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியடைந்தார்கள்.

எனவே இயேசு அவரைப் பின்பற்றும்படி அழைத்தபோது, அவர்கள் எதிர்ப்பு தெரிவிக்கவில்லை. இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் சீஷர்களாக, அட்வென்டிஸ்ட் மக்கள் சமூகங்களுடன் ஒன்றிணைந்து அவரைப் பின்பற்றுகிறவர்களாக இருக்க வேண்டும், நாம் என்னென்ன வழிகளில் மக்களுக்கு உதவ வேண்டும் என்று விரும்பி சேவை செய்ய வேண்டும். நம் அன்றாட வாழ்க்கையில் நம்முடைய வார்த்தைகளாலும் செயல்களாலும் வெளிப்படத்தக்க அன்புள்ள தயவை நாம் வெளிப்படுத்த வேண்டும். பின்பு சரியான நேரத்தில், இயேசுவைப் பின்பற்றும்படி அவர்களை அழைக்கலாம். அவர்களுடைய நம்பிக்கையை வென்று, அவர்களின் இதயங்களை பதிலளிக்க தயாராக்க வேண்டும்.

மலேசியாவிலுள்ள சபைகளில் சுகாதார திட்டங்கள், சிறந்த குடும்ப திட்டங்கள், முதலுதவி, சமையல், தையல் போன்ற அடிப்படை வாழ்க்கைத் திறமைகளுடன் ஈடுபடுவதற்கு இதுவே நேரம். நாம் நகரத்தின் சில குறிப்பிட்ட பகுதிகளை சில காலத்திற்கு தாய்மைப்படுத்துதல் அல்லது சமூகங்களின் நலனுக்காக சில வசதிகளை ஏற்படுத்துதல் போன்றவைகளை செய்வதில் நாம் அக்கறை காட்டுவோம். நம் செயல்களின் வழியே நமது சமுதாயத்தின் மேல் அக்கறை காட்ட முடியும்.

பின்பு, இயேசு சகல பட்டணங்களையும் கிராமங்களையும் சுற்றி நடந்து, ஜெப ஆலயங்களில் உபதேசித்து, ராஜ்யத்தின் சவிசேஷத்தைப் பிரசங்கித்து, ஜனங்களுக்கு உண்டாயிருந்த சகல வியாதிகளையும் சகல நோய்களையும் நீக்கி, அவர்களைச் சொஸ்தமாக்கினார். (மத்தேயு 9:35). இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் அடிசுவடுகளை பின்பற்றி, நித்திய சவிசேஷங்களை கிராமங்களுக்கும் நகரங்களுக்கும் சென்று மக்களிடம் அக்கறையுடன் சுகாதார ஊழியம் செய்வோம். ■





# “来跟从我”

“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）

“从那时候，耶稣就传起道来，说：“天国近了，你们应当悔改！”耶稣在加利利海边行走，看见弟兄二人，就是那称呼彼得的西门和他兄弟安得烈，在海里撒网；他们本是打鱼的。耶稣对他们说：“来跟从我，我要叫你们得人如得鱼一样。”他们就立刻舍了网，跟从了他。（太4：17 - 20）

一眼看去，似乎耶稣很容易呼召人跟从祂。但当我们仔细的阅读四福音书时，我们可以看到，当时耶稣已经在公开的场面一些日子。当祂来到约旦河边时，施洗约翰就用响亮和清楚的声音宣布祂是上帝的羔羊。从约旦河边，祂到了旷野四十日。在那段日子，以色列人中都在谈论那位被介绍的上帝的羔羊。四十天之后，耶稣回到犹太和加利利宣扬福音。某一天，耶稣走过加利利

海边，祂看到彼得和安德烈在忙着撒网，祂就呼召他们跟从祂，他们就跟着祂了。

彼得和安德烈的立刻行动不是一项冲动的决定。自从那一天施洗约翰在约旦河边介绍耶稣为上帝的羔羊后，他们留意祂的举动并谈论祂的所作所为。他们越讲论祂，他们的心就越被祂吸引。他们很欣赏祂谦卑的外表和高雅和仁慈的个性。所以，当耶稣呼召他们跟从祂时，他们就不能抗拒地欣然接受了。

作为耶稣基督的跟从者，复临信徒应该模仿祂去与社群相处，为他们服务，以各种方法来为他们谋福利。让我们每日以真诚的心，藉着言语和行动来向世人彰显上帝的大爱。在适当的时机，我们就可以邀请他们来跟从耶稣。因我们赢得了他们的信任，他们的心就预备好响应邀请了。

现在是时候，我们马来西亚半岛区会的各教堂当多举办和参与社区健康活动，美满家庭节目，基本生活技能如急救、烹饪、裁剪等等课程。我们也可以领养市区或城镇中的某个部分，使领养区清洁美观，甚至可以建设一些设施有利于民众的。这就显出我们是以行动来关怀人的。

“耶稣走遍各城各乡，在会堂里教训人，宣讲天国的福音，又医治各样的病症。”（太9：35）让我们来跟从耶稣基督的脚步，藉着关怀和健康事工将永远的福音带到每一个城市和乡镇。■

## “Ikutlah Saya”

Kaedah Kristus sahaja yang akan berjaya dalam menjangkau manusia. Juruselamat bergaul dengan manusia sebagai seorang yang mahukan kebaikan 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)

Yesus pun mula menyampaikan perkhabaran-Nya, “Bertaubatlah, kerana kerajaan syurga hampir tiba!” Ketika Yesus berjalan di pinggir Laut Galilea, Dia ternampak dua orang saudara, iaitu Simon, yang juga dipanggil Petrus, dan saudaranya Andreas. Mereka sedang menebarkan jala di danau kerana mereka nelayan. Yesus berkata kepada mereka, “Ikutkan Aku dan Aku akan menjadikan kamu penjala insan.” Dengan serta-merta mereka meninggalkan jala mereka dan mengikut-Nya. (Matius 4:17-20).

Pada pandangan pertama, ia seakan-akan senang untuk Yesus Kristus memanggil orang untuk mengikut-Nya. Tetapi apabila kita membaca 4 Injil dengan lebih mendalam, kita melihat bahawa Yesus telah berada di pandangan orang ramai untuk sekian lama. Sebelum ini, Dia muncul di Sungai Yordan dimana Yohanes Pembaptis dengan suara lantang, mengumumkan Dia sebagai Domba Tuhan. Kemudian Dia ke gurun selama 40 hari. Pada masa itu, orang Israel telah banyak bercakap tentang bagaimana Dia diperkenalkan sebagai Domba Tuhan. Selepas pengalaman 40 hari di gurun, Yesus Kristus kembali ke Yudea dan Galilea untuk mengkhabarkan Injil. Pada suatu hari, Yesus berjalan di Laut Galilea, Dia nampak Petrus dan Andreas sibuk dengan perniagaan keluarga, Dia memanggil dua beradik itu dan mereka mengikut-Nya.

Maklum balas segera Petrus dan Andreas bukanlah tindakan yang mengikut perasaan. Dari masa Yohanes Pembaptis memperkenalkan Yesus sebagai Domba Tuhan, mereka telah memerhatikan-Nya dan berbincang tentang-Nya. Lebih kerap mereka bercakap tentang-Nya lebih dekat hati mereka kepada-Nya. Mereka tertawan dengan rasa hormat terhadap sifat rendah-diri-Nya yang penuh kasih sayang. Jadi apabila Yesus memanggil mereka untuk mengikut-Nya, mereka tidak melawan tetapi terus mengikut-Nya.

Sebagai pengikut Yesus Kristus, kita sepatutnya mengikut teladan-Nya dimana Dia bergaul dengan masyarakat dan melayani mereka dalam apa jua cara demi kebaikan mereka. Biarkan kasih suci kita ditunjukkan melalui kata-kata dan amalan harian kita. Dan pada masa yang betul, kita boleh menjemput mereka untuk mengikut Yesus Kristus. Pada masa itu, mereka akan bersedia kerana kita telah memenangi kepercayaan mereka.

Oleh itu, inilah masa untuk kita, gereja-gereja di Semenanjung Malaysia mempergiatkan aktiviti kesihatan, mempertingkatkan program keluarga, melebihi lagi program kemahiran hidup asas seperti pertolongan kecemasan, memasak atau menjahit. Kita juga boleh menaja sebahagian pekan atau bandar dengan menjaga kebersihannya untuk jangka-masa tertentu atau membina kemudahan asas demi kebaikan semua. Inilah cara kita mengasihi melalui perbuatan.

“Demikianlah Yesus berjalan, dari bandar ke bandar, dari pekan ke pekan. Dia mengajar di saumaah dan menyampaikan Injil tentang kerajaan Tuhan-Allah, serta menyembuh semua penyakit dan kesakitan.” Matius 9:35. Marilah kita mengikut langkah Yesus Kristus, manbawa Injil abadi ke semua kota dan kampung melalui pelayanan kasih dan penyembuhan. ■





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# 黑夜已深，白昼将近

黑夜已深，白昼将近；我们就当脱去暗昧的行为，带上光明的兵器。(罗马13:12)

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