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# Lest We Forget

**Our History & Humble Beginnings** 

# The "Called-Out-Ones"

Tan Meng Cheng, President, Peninsular Malaysia Mission

e are living in a time when everything, including the foundations, are being tested. Do we know whether we are built on the shaking sand or on the solid Rock? (c.f. Matt. 7: 24-27; Luke 6:48-49)

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is unique in many ways especially doctrinally as they uphold the sanctity of Sabbath, the literal-audible-personal Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the heavenly sanctuary ministry of our High-Priest, the health reform message for end time amongst others. They understand that their Church was built on the Scriptures, Old and New Testament. They say that their church is not just another denomination with a different teaching, but a prophetic movement, raised by God with an everlasting gospel to preach to every nation and people as time ends.

#### The "Called-Out-Ones" have a Prophetic Message

They say, they are called by God, out of this world, to be His special people, witnessing God's love and giving His final invitation to everyone according to Revelation 14. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a prophetic message and mission found in Revelation 14:6-12. No other church is proclaiming the three angels' messages in its totality today. "To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world."<sup>1</sup> Just as a prophet has a message from God. Same goes to a Church called out by God. They have a unique, timely present truth for the world.

#### The "Called-Out-Ones" have a Prophetic Identity

The Seventh-day Adventists find their prophetic identity in Revelation 12. "You will know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:16). Seventh-day Adventists can be identified by two characteristics: (1) They "keep the commandments of God"; and (2) They "have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17). They hold fast to the Decalogue in Exodus 20, including the fourth commandment which have been forgotten by the world at large. According to the interpretation based on Revelation 19:10, they believe in the divinely inspired gift of prophecy which fulfilled in the life and ministry of one young girl called Ellen Harmon. God used her to guide, correct, comfort, and provide encouragement to the faithful remnant as they carried the torch of truth in the darkness.

#### The "Called-Out-Ones" have a Prophetic Roots

Around the end of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th, people began studying the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. With the "partial" and "incomplete" understanding of the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14, many thought that the world will end in the 1840s. When the Great Disappointment happened on 22 October 1844, many Millerites and followers became disillusioned

and forsook their new-found faith. Nevertheless, a small group of faithful believers continued to search for an answer in the Scriptures and found the comforting message in Revelation 10. They have experienced the sweetness in their mouths when they learned about Jesus' Second Coming, but then suffered the bitterness in their stomachs when Jesus did not return as they wished. The text in Revelation 10:11 saying, "You must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings," motivated them to preach again. This message has rekindled their hope and confidence of Jesus' blessed assurance. They found their prophetic roots in Revelation 10.

No doubt, the "Called-Out-Ones" have a special mission based on the Scriptures. They are people with an end time message based on Revelation 14. They are a people with specific characteristics as outlined in Revelation 12. They are the people prophesized in Revelation 10 and will be the one finishing the work before Jesus Second Coming.

You and I can be part of this group to proclaim Jesus' Soon Return before it is too late. Jesus is on the way. He is coming "quickly" (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20)!

<sup>1</sup> Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, 19.

# Jangan Sampai Kita Lupa

Sejarah & Permulaan Kita

# "Jemaah yang Dipanggil"

#### Tan Meng Cheng,

President, Peninsular Malaysia Mission

ita hidup pada zaman di mana semua, termasuk asas kita, sedang diuji. Adakah kita tahu sama ada kita membina atas pasir beralih atau atas Batu yang kukuh? (Mat. 7:24-27; Lukas 6:48-49)

Gereja Masehi Advent Hari Ketujuh, unik dalam banyak aspek terutamanya dari segi doktrin di mana mereka kesucian hari Sabat, menjunjung mempercayai kedatangan Yesus Kristus Kedua yang nyata-boleh didengarperibadi, pelayanan Imam Besar kita di tempat kudus syurgawi, utusan pembaharuan kesihatan untuk zaman akhir. Mereka mendakwa bahawa Gereja mereka dibina berdasarkan Kitab Suci, Perjanjian Lama dan Baru. Yang paling penting, ia bukan sekadar denominasi lain dengan aiaran yang berbeza, tetapi "gerakan nubuatan", yang dibangkitkan oleh Tuhan menurut Kitab Suci pada zaman akhir, dengan Injil yang kekal untuk diisytiharkan kepada semua bangsa dan negara.

#### "Jemaah yang Dipanggil" mempunyai Perutusan Nubuatan

Mereka dipanggil oleh Tuhan, untuk keluar dari dunia ini, untuk menjadi umat-Nya yang istimewa, memberi saksi akan kasih Tuhan dan memberikan jemputan terakhir-Nya kepada setiap orang menurut Wahyu 14. Gereia Masehi Advent Hari Ketujuh mempunyai utusan dan misi nubuatan yang terkandung dalam Wahyu 14:6-12. Tiada gereja lain yang mengisytiharkan perkhabaran tiga malaikat secara keseluruhannya pada hari ini. "Kepada mereka telah diamanahkan amaran terakhir untuk dunia yang binasa." [Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, 19.] Seseorang nabi mempunyai utusan daripada Tuhan. Begitu juga dengan Gereja yang dipanggil oleh Tuhan. Mereka mempunyai kebenaran masa kini yang unik dan sesuai pada masanya untuk dunia ini.

#### "Jemaah yang Dipanggil" mempunyai Identiti Nubuatan

Masehi Advent Hari Ketujuh menemui identiti nubuatan mereka dalam Wahyu 12. "Kamu akan mengenal mereka melalui hasil perbuatan mereka" (Mat. 7:16). Kita boleh mengenali mereka kerana mereka boleh dikenal pasti dengan dua ciri: (1) Mereka "taat kepada perintah Tuhan"; (2) Mereka "mempunyai kesaksian Yesus Kristus" (Wahvu 12:17). Mereka berpegang teguh pada Dekalog dalam Keluaran 20, termasuk hukum keempat yang secara umumnya telah dilupakan oleh dunia. Menurut tafsiran berdasarkan Wahyu 19:10, mereka percaya kepada karunia nubuat yang diilhamkan Tuhan, yang digenapi dalam kehidupan dan pelayanan seorang gadis muda bernama Ellen Harmon. Tuhan menggunakan dia untuk membimbing, menegur, menghibur hati, dan memberi dorongan kepada sisa yang setia semasa mereka membawa obor kebenaran dalam kegelapan.

#### "Jemaah yang Dipanggil" mempunyai Asal Usul Nubuatan

Sekitar akhir abad ke-18 dan permulaan abad ke-19, orang mula mendalami nubuatan Daniel dan Wahyu. Dengan pemahaman "separa" dan "tidak lengkap" tentang 2300 hari dalam Daniel 8:14, ramai yang menyangka bahawa dunia akan berakhir pada tahun 1840-an. Apabila Kekecewaan Besar berlaku pada 22 Oktober 1844, ramai orang Millerite dan pengikut-pengikut berasa kecewa. lalu meninggalkan kepercayaan baru mereka. Namun begitu, sekumpulan kecil vang setia terus mencari jawapan dalam Kitab Suci dan menemui mesei yang menyenangkan hati dalam Wahyu 10. Mereka telah mengalami kemanisan dalam mulut mereka apabila mereka mempelajari tentang Kedatangan Kedua Yesus, tetapi kemudian mengalami kepahitan dalam perut apabila Yesus tidak kembali seperti yang diharapkan. "Engkau harus bernubuat lagi kepada banyak bangsa dan kaum dan bahasa dan raja" (Wahyu 10:11) mendorong mereka untuk berkhotbah semula. Mesej ini telah menghidupkan semula harapan dan keyakinan mereka akan berkat Yesus vang tentu. Mereka telah menemui asal usul nubuatan mereka dalam Wahyu 10.

Yang pastinya, "Orang yang Dipanggil" mempunyai misi istimewa berdasarkan Kitab Suci. Mereka adalah orang yang mempunyai utusan zaman akhir berdasarkan Wahyu 14. Mereka mempunyai ciri-ciri khusus seperti yang digariskan dalam Wahyu 12. Merekalah orang yang dinubuatkan dalam Wahyu 10 dan akan menjadi orang yang menyudahkan kerja sebelum Kedatangan Kedua Yesus.

Anda dan saya, boleh menjadi sebahagian daripada kumpulan ini untuk mengumumkan Kepulangan Yesus yang Tidak Lama lagi sebelum terlambat. Yesus sedang dalam perjalanan. Dia akan datang "dengan segera" (Wahyu 22:7, 12, 20)!

## நாம் மறந்துவிடாதபடி நமது வரலாறும் தாழ்மையான தொடக்கங்களும் **"அழைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள்**"

#### Tan Meng Cheng, தலைவர் தீபகர்ப மலேசியா மிஷன்

அஸ்திவாரங்கள் உட்பட அனைத்தும் சோதிக்கப்படும் காலத்தில் நாம் வாழ்ந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். நாம் ்மணலில் கட்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறோமா அல்லது அசையார் கிடமான பாறையில் கட்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறோமா என்பது நமக்குத் தெரியுமா? (c.f. மத். 7: 24-27; லூக்கா 6:48-49) செவன்த்-டே அட்வென்டிஸ்ட் சபை பல வழிகளில் தனித்துவமானது, குறிப்பாக கோட்பாட்டு ரீதியாக (ஓய்வுநாளின் புனிதத்தை நாங்கள் ஆதரிக்கிறோம், இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் நேரடியான -கேட்கக்கூடிய-தனிப்பட்ட இரண்டாம் வருகை, எங்கள் பரலோக ஆசாரியரின் ஊழியம், இறுதி நேரத்திற்கான சீர்திருத்த செய்தி, முதலியன). சுகாதார அவர்களது புரிந்துணர்வின்படி, சபை வேதாகமத்தில் பழைய மற்றும் புதிய ஏற்பாட்டின் அடிப்படையில் கட்டப்பட்டது. இது மதம் வித்தியாசமான மட்டுமல்ல, ஒரு போதனையைக் கொண்டுள்ளது. மற்றொரு தீர்க்கதரிசன கலகம் என்னவென்றால் ஒவ்வொரு தேசத்திற்கும் மக்களுக்கும் பிரசங்கிக்க ஒரு நித்திய நற்செய்தியைக் கொண்ட கடைசி காலத்தில் வேதாகமத்தின்படி தேவனால் எழுப்பப்பட்ட ஒரு தீர்க்கதரிசன இயக்கம்.

#### <u>அழைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள்" தீர்க்கதரிசன செய்தியைக்</u> கொண்டுள்ளனர்

தேவனால் அழைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள், அவர்கள் இந்த உலகத்திற்கு வெளியே, அவருடைய சிறப்பு மக்களாக இருக்க, தேவனின் அன்பைக் கண்டு, வெளிப்படுத்துதல்-14ன்படி அனைவருக்கும் அவரது இறுதி அழைப்பைக் ஏழாம் நாள் அட்வென்டிஸ்ட் கொடுக்கிறார். சுபை வெளிப்படுத்துதல் 14:6-12 ல் காணப்படும் தீர்க்கதரிசன செய்தி மற்றும் தீர்க்கதரிசன பணியைக் கொண்டுள்ளது. இன்று வேறு எந்த சபையும் முத்தூது செய்திகளை அதன் மொத்தத்தில் அறிவிக்கவில்லை. "அழிந்து வரும் உலகத்திற்கான கடைசி எச்சரிக்கை அவர்களிடம் ஒப்படைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது." ஒரு தீர்க்கதரிசிக்கு செய்தி உள்ள<u>து</u>. கடவுளிடமிருந்து ஒரு கடவுளால் அழைக்கப்பட்ட சபைக்கும் அதுவே சொல்கிறது. அவர்கள் உலகத்திற்கு ஒரு தனித்துவமான, சரியான நேரத்தில் தற்போதைய உண்மையைக் கொண்டுள்ளனர்.

#### <u>"அழைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள்" தீர்க்கதரிசன அடையாளத்தைக்</u> <u>கொண்டுள்ளனர்</u>

ஏழாம் நாள் அட்வென்டிஸ்ட் மக்கள் வெளிப்படுத்தல் 12-ல் தங்கள் தீர்க்கதரிசன அடையாளத்தைக் காண்கிறார்கள். நாம் அவர்களை அடையாளம் காண முடியும், ஏனென்றால் அவர்கள் இரண்டு குணாதிசயங்களால் அடையாளம் காண முடியும்: (1) அவர்கள் "தேவனின் கட்டளைகளைக் கடைப்பிடிக்கிறார்கள்" 2) அவர்கள் "இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் சாட்சியைக் கொண்டுள்ளனர்" (வெளி. 12:17). அவர்கள் யாத்திராகமம் 20-ல் உள்ள டெகாலாக் என்ற 10 கற்பனைகளை பற்றிக் கொள்கிறார்கள், இதில் நான்காவது கட்டளையும் அடங்கும், அவை உலகம் முழுவதும் மறந்துவிட்டன. வெளிப்படுத்துதல் 19:10 (KIV) அடிப்படையிலான விளக்கத்தின்படி, எலன் ஹார்மன் என்ற ஒரு இளம் பெண்ணின் வாழ்க்கை மற்றும் ஊழியத்தில் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்ட தீர்க்கதரிசனத்தின் தெய்விகத்தால் ஈர்க்கப்பட்ட பரிசை அவர்கள் நம்புகிறார்கள். விசுவாசிகள் இருளில் சத்தியத்தின் தீபத்தை ஏந்திச் செல்லும்போது அவர்களுக்கு வழிகாட்டவும், திருத்தவும், ஆறுதலளிக்கவும், ஊக்கமளிக்கவும் தேவன் அவளைப் பயன்படுத்தினார்.

#### அழைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள் தீர்க்கதரிசன வேர்களைக் கொண்டுள்ளனர்

18-ஆம் நூற்றாண்டின் இறுதியில் மற்றும் 19- ஆம் நூற்றாண்டின் தொடக்கத்தில், மக்கள் தானியேல் மற்றும் தீர்க்கதரிசனங்களைப் வெளிப்படுத்துதல் படிக்கக் தொடங்கினர். தானியேல் 8:14-இன் 2300 நாட்களின் "பகுதி" மற்றும் "முழுமையற்ற" புரிதலுடன், 1840களில் உலகம் அழிந்துவிடும் என்று பலர் நினைத்தார்கள் அக்டோபர் 22, 1844 அன்று பெரும் ஏமாற்றம் ஏற்பட்டபோது, பலர் மில்லரை பின்பற்றினவர்கள் ஏமாற்றமடைந்து, புதிய நம்பிக்கையை கைவிட்டனர். ஆயினும்கூட, உண்மையுள்ள விசுவாசிகளின் ஒரு சிறிய குழு தொடர்ந்து வேதத்தில் பதிலைத் தேடியது மற்றும் வெளிப்படுத்துதல் 10-இல் ஆறுதலான செய்தியைக் கண்டது. அவர்கள் இயேசுவின் இரண்டாம் வருகையைப் அறிந்தபோது தங்கள் வாயில் இனிமையை பற்றி அனுபவித்திருக்கிறார்கள், ஆனால் அவர்கள் விரும்பியபடி இயேசு திரும்பி வராததால் அவர்கள் வயிற்றில் கசப்பை அனுபவித்தார்கள். "அநேக ஜனங்களுக்கும், தேசத்தாருக்கும், பாஷைக்காரருக்கும், ராஜாக்களுக்கும் முன்பாக நீ மறுபடியும் தீர்க்கதரிசனம் சொல்ல வேண்(டும்" (வெளி. 10:11) அவர்களை மீண்டும் பிரசங்கிக்க தூண்டியது. இந்தச் செய்தி, இயேசுவின் ஆசீர்வதிக்கப்பட்ட உறுதியைப் பற்றிய அவர்களின் மீண்டும் நம்பிக்கையையும் விசுவூசத்தையும் எழுப்பியுள்ளது. அவர்கள் தங்கள் தீர்க்கதரிசன வேர்களை வெளிப்படுத்துதல் 10 இல் கண்டனர்.

சந்தேகத்திற்கு இடமின்றி, "அழைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள்" வேதவசனங்களின் அடிப்படையில் ஒரு விசேஷ பணியைக் கொண்டுள்ளனர். அவர்கள் வெளிப்படுத்துதல்-14ஐ அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட இறுதி காலச் செய்தியைக் கொண்டவர்கள். வெளிப்படுத்துதல்-12ல் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளபடி குறிப்பிட்ட குணாதிசயங்களைக் கொண்டவர்கள் இவர்கள். வெளிப்படுத்துதல்-10ல் தீர்க்கதரிசனம் இயேசுவின் கூறப்பட்டிருப்பதைப்போல, இரண்டாம் வருகைக்கு முன் வேலையை முடிப்பவர்களாக இருப்பார்கள். தாமதமாகிவிடும் முன், இயேசுவின் சீக்கிரம் வருகையை அறிவிக்க இந்தக் குழுவில் நாம் அங்கம் வகிக்கலாம். இயேசு வந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறார். அவர் "விரைவாக" வருவார் (வெளி. 22:7, 12, 20)!

唯恐我们忘记

# 被呼召的人

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我们生活在一个备受考验的时代, 4 所有事物甚至连基础也要受到 考验。我们是否把根基建立在摇动的 沙子上,还是坚固的磐石上吗? (参 见马太福音 7:24-27; 路加福音 6:48-49) 基督复临安息日会在许多方面都 是独一无二的,特别是在教义上(我 们高举安息日的神圣性、耶稣基督的 第二次降临、我们大祭司在天上圣 所的事工、末世的健康改革信息、等 等)。他们声称并了解他们的教会是 建立在新旧约圣经的基础上。最重要 的是,它不仅仅是一个教义不同的教 派,而是上帝根据圣经在末世所兴起 的一个预言运动,有一个永远的福音 要传给每个国家和人民。

#### "被呼召的人"有一个预言性的信息

他们被上帝从这个世界呼召出来,成 为祂特别的子民,见证上帝的爱,并 根据启示录14章向每个人发出最后的 邀请。基督复临安息日会在启示录14 章6到12节中,找到了预言性的信息和 使命。今天没有其它教会能完整地宣 扬三天使的信息。"他们被赋予了对即 将灭亡的世界给予最后的警告。"1 先 知有来自上帝的信息。同样,被上帝 呼召的教会也是如此。他们为世界提 供了独特、及时的现代真理。

#### "被呼召的人"具有预言性的身份

基督复临安息日会在启示录 12 章中 找到了他们的预言身份。"凭着他们 的果子就可以认出他们"(太 7:16) 。我们之所以能认出他们是因为他 们有两个特征: (1)他们"遵守上帝 的诫命"; (2)他们是"为耶稣做见证 的"(启12:17)。他们坚守出埃及记 第 20章中的十诫,包括已被全世界 遗忘的第四条诫命。根据启示录 19 章10节的解释,他们相信神圣启示的 预言恩赐,在一位名叫怀爱伦(Ellen Harmon)年轻女孩的生活和事工中得 以实现。上帝使用她来引导、纠正、 安慰和鼓励忠心的余民,让他们在黑 暗中高举真理的火炬。

#### "被呼召的人"有预言的根源

大约在18世纪末至19世纪初,人们开始研究但以理书和启示录的预言。由于对但以理书 8章14节中两千三百日的理解不完整,导致许多人认为世界将在1840年代终结。当 1844 年 10 月

22 日大失望发生时,许多米勒派和其 追随者幻灭并放弃了他们新发现的信 仰。尽管如此,有一小群忠实的信徒 继续在圣经中寻找答案,并在启示录 第10章中找到了令人安慰的信息。当 他们研究到耶稣第二次降临时,他们 经历了口中的甜蜜;但耶稣没有在他 们预期的时间复临,他们就感受到了 腹部的疼痛和苦涩了。"你必须再次在 多民、多国、多方、多君王面前说预 言"(启示录 10:11)这激励他们再次 传道。这个信息重新点燃了他们对耶 稣保证的希望和信心。他们在启示录 10 章中找到了预言的根源。

毫无疑问,这"被呼召的人"有着基于 圣经的特殊使命。他们是根据启示 录14章去传达末世信息的人。他们是 具有启示录12章中概述的特定特征 的人。他们是启示录10章中所预言的 人,并将是在耶稣第二次降临之前完 成工作的人。在为时已晚之前,我们 可以成为这个团体的一部分,宣告耶 稣即将再来。耶稣正在路上。祂必快 来!(启示录 22:7,12,20)

<sup>1</sup> Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, 19.

#### **EDITORIAL REMARK**



# CALLED OUT

Corina Ling, Editorial Board When in a crowd, some individuals would want to blend in, be the same as everyone else and not attract unnecessary attention. Some on the other hand, go out of their way to stand out, they dress, talk, act differently, they just don't want to be in a box.

For those who want to blend in; to be singled out, to be set apart, to be called out is uncomfortable. It requires some degree of courage, boldness, backbone. The called-out ones in the spiritual realm are the Seventhday Adventists. As you read this issue of Vision, you will see why we are not just another denomination. If you choose to uphold the distinctive beliefs of our church you will stand out and you will be called out.

But by the activities we choose to participate in, we sometimes show that we have forgotten our identity, we have forgotten how we as movement came to be and we forget what is soon to come.

We are called out, lest we forget our purpose, lets remember our beginnings.



# Adventists and Mission Amidst Rapid Changes

**Renie Ubara,** *Ministerial Association* 

In 2016, my family and I moved from Penang to the metropolitan city of Kuala Lumpur for a calling to serve the Youth Ministries of PEM. Time flies, this year is our 8th year. Before moving to a new place at Kuchai Lama, we stayed at the Mission-owned condo unit at Old Klang Road for several years; both high-rise buildings. Living high above the ground enabled us to see the surrounding areas better. Thinking back at that first year serving in Kuala Lumpur to now, we've witnessed drastic changes throughout the surrounding infrastructural landscape and the various city development construction projects. Now, there are more than 20 new high-rise condominiums and apartment buildings mushrooming in this packed area. There are also new shop lots, MRT station about 500 meters from our home, new business outlets, huge food courts, new restaurants, clinics. On top of that, new multi-million-ringgit projects of luxurious low-density condos, business centres, and ginormous malls are in-progress within the five kilometres circumference from our home. Two words, rapid change, rapid growth, it's happening everywhere.

In his heartfelt research, Doss explains, "As time passes, the whole human environment changes... The religious environment within Christianity changes, as does the internal environment of the non-Christian religions. (Doss, 2018, P. 122). With all the changes, is the missional ways of preaching the Adventist message still relevant to the people around us?



#### A Testimony to Ponder

In 2004, on one of my visitations to a senior member at Sungai Petani, Kedah, I was touched and inspired by her personal testimony. She shared the story of the Adventist movement during her earlier times. In her frailness, she explained how wonderful it was to have an overflow of people coming to the nightly Adventist evangelistic meetings. Seats were not enough, but people continued standing to listen to the Gospel truth. However, with sadness in her eyes, she continued by saying that the church has lost the fire for mission outreach.

Listening to her, seeing her watery eyes, I'm challenged to think deeply about those thousands of people who've heard the gospel, where are they, now?

Things have changed, rapidly. The modern person is now very individualistic, materialistic, and globalized. It seems that the traditional evangelistic meetings and outreach is not working. Very few and almost none will join. Why is this so? What improvements do we need to have to be relevant to the people?

#### A Long Humble and Humbling Journey

Our church began through the devotion of a few pioneers who were humbled after the great disappointment. Nonetheless, as Doss beautifully writes, "Adventist mission was born out of a deep calling to obey the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 in the context of the messages of the three angels in Revelation 14:16-12". The story of Adventist mission is one of steadily broadening vision, from a limited North American focus, to the sending of J.N. Andrews to Switzerland in 1874, and onward to the development of a global mission engagement." (Doss, 2018, p. 1).

The work in Peninsular Malaysia started humbly too. You may read more on the Encyclopaedia of the Seventh-day

Adventist on Peninsular Malaysia Mission history, written by Pastor Leong Fai. (Leong, 2020).

Reading historical books and articles in preparation for this article, observing the black and white photos, I can't help but admire the humble beginning of Adventism in Malaya and the dedicated work by our pioneers. The baton has been passed. We are continuing Christ's mission, not with "gear one" but the higher gear of the Holy Spirit.

#### The Change Begins From and In Us

In this new year, it is good to have a personal moment with God, the Great Missionary, and learn from the past, present, and be ready for the future ahead. Clearly, God is calling us for Mission Refocus. And as we think about our history and humble beginning, I would like to suggest missional thought simplified by the acronym THCF:

#### Thankfulness:

Let's be thankful to God for His gracious leading and blessings always. Let's be especially thankful for the pioneering work of the earlier missionaries in Peninsular Malaysia. Their work has given us the privilege to be part of the Mission of Christ today. (1 Thess. 1:2-3).

#### Humbleness:

Be humble and stay humble in the Gospel work. There's much to be learned from Christ that we do not know yet. Prayerfully ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance in mission works to help us to be intentional in sharing the Father's love to our neighbours and develop long lasting friendship in God. EGW explains, "If we walk and work humbly before God, He will prepare the way before us." (White, 2012, p. 46).

#### Creativity:

Be creative in mission and soul winning work. Implement creative ministry. Have a paradigm shift in the understanding



and practices of mission, and go deeper into crosscultural mission. Let's challenge ourselves to go beyond the boundaries or our own language. Learn to see Christ's cross-cultural mission as empowering, inspiring, and bringing real joyfulness and meaning in life. EGW encourages, "As you work, devise, and plan, new methods will continually present themselves to your mind...", "Creative, and innovative evangelism methods" to be used. (White, 2012, p. 82, 166).

#### Faithfulness:

Be faithful to Christ and in His mission until His second coming. No matter how difficult it will be, by God's grace, ask for the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to be committed and dedicated to share the good news! EGW explains, "... to be faithful home missionaries and to press forward into new fields, must be carried on more and more as we near the close of earth's history. (White, 2012, p. 83).

To be deeply inspired by Christ's mission in the end times, I would like to encourage every Adventists to read EGW's "Mission to the Cities" book. Prayerfully, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance for spiritual and missional insights for church and kingdom growth!

#### Jesus Our Ultimate Example

Jesus left the splendour of heaven and became one with man. His parents struggled to find a proper room and were led to a manger where He was born. No comfortable beddings, air conditioner, soft music or warm clothing. He was born in the humble small town of Bethlehem and grew up in the small village of Nazareth, North of Galilee, not in a palace or an aristocratic bungalow. He had no fancy vehicles, just sandals and dusty roads. He lived in simplicity. Yet no matter what his condition, He lived His life with His Father's joyfulness, He lived His Father's great commission! I'm sure we have more than what Jesus had. The more you have in your hands, the greater your opportunity to fulfil the mission of Christ. Nonetheless, if you have less, He is able and more than willing to multiply it to bless others. When we are in the Shepherd's hands, we shall not want! He is our Great Provider! He supplies all our needs. His blessing is overflowing, and it goes with His people throughout the ages, for He said, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Friends, are you excited for Christ's mission?

#### Conclusion

As Adventists, are we making the best of the change around us? Are we capitalizing on the opportunities to reach out to more people around us? Are we willing to contextualize and do creative ministry? Let's follow Christ and establish many forever friendships with our neighbours, cross-culturally.

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# Lest We Forget:

# the Called-Out Ones, A Movement of Destiny."

**Dennis Ng,** Executive Secretary In the Bible, we see narratives of how God has "called out" individuals and communities for specific reasons and purposes. Here are some examples:

**a. Abram from Ur.** "Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Get out of your country, from your family, and from your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation, I will bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing...." (Genesis 12:1-2).

"On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I have given this land—from the river of Egypt to the great River Euphrates—'" (Genesis 15:18). Abraham or Abram was called out, destined to be the father of many nations. But to fulfil his destiny, he had to wade into the unknown, exercise faith in believing, and leave his comfort zone.

**b.** Israelites from Egypt. God predicted the slavery of Abraham's descendants. "Then the LORD said to Abram, 'Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions'" (Genesis 15:13-14). As surely as He had predicted calamity, He too promised deliverance, and in due time, that came in the form of Moses (see Exodus 12:31-32). Yet we know from sacred history that calling them out of Egypt seemed easier than getting Egypt out of them.

**c. Jewish exiles from Persia.** Fast forward to the Babylonian captivity. After Cyrus, king of Persia, captured Babylon, he issued a proclamation, freeing the Jewish exiles to return to Jerusalem. "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing, saying: 'Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Jerusalem.'" (Ezra 1:1-3). In this instance, we see God as the Restorer of hope, Deliverer from captivity, and Forgiver of sins.

**d.** People from their livelihoods. When Jesus walked among men, He never stopped calling. "And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sickness and to cast out demons. Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter; James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is "Sons of Thunder"; Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him" (Mark 3:13-19). Here, we see Jesus calling people from the mundane to a higher calling.

Similar to the examples above, **Seventh-day Adventists** are people called out from various walks of life, denominations,

and persuasions. These were called "out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

In the New Testament, the Greek word **Ekklesia**, commonly translated as "church" in English (e.g., Acts 11:26 where "Barnabas and Saul met with the church [ekklesia]" in Antioch), literally means a **"called-out assembly,"** a congregation of believers.<sup>1</sup>

The question then that every Seventh-day Adventist must ask is, "Why are we called out for?"

We see from the preceding examples that God frequently:

1. separates people from sin and their comfort zone, to save and fully use them

2. tries His people and allows them to go through purifying fires to fit them for His kingdom

3. is the ever-faithful Restorer, Deliverer, and Forgiver

4. calls men and women who have tasted His love to come up higher, to enter His service

Citing John 17:1-2, 15-18, author Gregory Brown, wrote, "Christ described those God gave him (his disciples) as in the world but not 'of' the world. The 'in' but not 'of' demonstrates that the church, though in the world, would be vastly different from the world—in their speech, actions, values, and motivations. It consists of those who have repented of their sins and believed in Christ as their Lord and Savior (John 3:16, Acts 2:38, Rom 10:9-10). In repenting, they have turned away from living for the world (and themselves) to live for Christ. They have been called out of the world to be a blessing to the world." <sup>ii</sup>

"The church needs to see itself as being 'called out' by God. If the church wants to make a difference in the world, it must be different from the world.... God has called the church to be separate from sin (1 Peter 1:16), to be a light to the world (Matthew 5:14)," <sup>iii</sup> and to be salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13).

#### Conclusion: Called out for THIS purpose.

In conclusion, then, we are a people "called out" for the reason E.G. White spells out below:

"The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest... the final and full display of the love of God."

"As our work has extended and institutions have multiplied, God's purpose in their establishment remains the same. The conditions of prosperity are unchanged."  $^{\circ}$ 

ii. https://bible.org/seriespage/1-what-church

i. https://www.gotquestions.org/definition-ekklesia.html

iii. https://www.gotquestions.org/definition-ekklesia.html

iv. Acts of the Apostles by E.G. White, p 9:1

v. Testimonies for the Church 6:224.

# Health Nugget Diet

Dr Jane Yap, Health Ministries The word "detox" means "getting rid of the body's harmful, toxic, or unhealthy substance."

Detoxification is a process of getting rid of toxins that mostly come from pollutants, ingesting heavy metals, synthetic chemicals (drugs), and yes, ingesting too many processed foods.

In the era of social media and when "Google" has become a verb, many seem to be an expert of something, and many buzzwords came out of it, one is **"Diet Detox."** Many will sell products that so-called "detoxify the liver" in the form of teas, laxatives, diuretics, or minerals. The question is, does it really work?

To answer that question, let me first be clear that God created our body with organs that have the most sophisticated capability to detoxify everything that we put in, these are kidneys, liver, digestive system, lungs, and even skin! HOWEVER, these organs can only be effective in eliminating toxins if they are healthy!

No, there is no scientific evidence that a detox diet can eliminate toxins and help to maintain a healthy weight. A detox diet, on its own, cannot really do much to eliminate unwanted substances but what it does, together with other healthy lifestyles, is to OPTIMIZE the body's detoxification system.

#### HABITS THAT OPTIMIZE THE BODY'S DETOXIFICATION SYSTEM

Getting 7-8 hours of sleep and sleeping at least two hours before midnight. The detoxifying hormones released during deep sleep detoxify all the unwanted toxins thus, preventing one from having Alzheimer, high blood pressure, heart disease, stress.

Reduction of intake of sugar and processed food. These foods paralyze the capacity of kidneys, liver, digestive organs.

Eating antioxidant-rich foods. Think rainbow-colored vegetables and fruits! These are potent enhancers of helping the body's organs detoxify better.

Drink Water, colorless, odorless, tasteless water. It helps detoxify the body by removing its waste products.

Be Active. Exercising increases the body's capability to reduce inflammation, and by doing so, enhances its detoxification system.

Once again, no, a detox diet doesn't work. But we choose to have a healthy lifestyle because it enhances/optimizes our body's inbuilt ability to clean or detoxify itself.

https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/how-to-detox-your-body









帐棚大会全体合影



7至10日如期举行。这次帐棚大会的大主题为 《终极盼望》。帐棚大会地点位于瓜拉雪兰莪的De Palma Resort。这次营会出席者包括牧者和来自各地 的弟兄姐妹们,共计130人报名参加。经过两年的疫 情过后,这是第一次帐棚大会的实体集合。感谢区 会和弟兄姐妹大力支持本次帐棚大会。

当天的开幕仪式,由马来西亚半岛区会的副财政刘 凯文弟兄带来欢迎词以及分享属灵的勉言。

本次的帐棚大会,我们很荣幸邀请到王敬之博士担 任大会主讲人,以六场不同的分享,带出主所要借 着他带给大会众人的终极盼望。这几场的分享,也 让我们深受感动,帮助我们更加深入地了解如何装 备自己领受晚雨,等候并迎接救主的复临。不仅如 此,也让一些正处于困难挣扎中的弟兄姐妹,内心 获得平安和鼓励。除此之外,大会也为大家安排了 三个不同主题的工作坊,由3位讲者来分享他们亲身 经历的心得。这三个工作坊的主题分别是《属灵争 战》,《对抗精神病》以及《家庭合一》。大家可 以根据自己的需求前往心属的工作坊,聆听分享并 彼此讨论所困惑的问题。这也让大家不论在灵命、 精神或是家庭方面,都能够得到帮助。

早起的鸟儿有虫吃。每天清晨,弟兄姐妹们都会一 起聚集灵修与祷告并领受每日灵粮。

结束最后一场分享之后,马来西亚半岛区会会长陈 明祯牧师为今年的帐棚大会做闭会致词,并进行交 接仪式。下一届的主办单位是槟城中文堂。此后, 大会安排了浏览当地观光景点的活动,例如乘船看 萤火虫,在天空之境留影,以及参观稻米展览馆。 这也帮助大家感受到上帝创造万物的奇妙和祂伟大 的作为。

感谢主的带领使这次的马新帐棚大会一切都顺利的 完成。特别感谢马来西亚半岛区会,新加坡区会和 各教会的经费赞助。我们也感谢所有工作团队以及 各堂教友尽心尽力的协助,让本次大会圆满结束。 我们希望此次大会能够帮助弟兄姐妹们在灵命上得 到复兴,将所领受到终极盼望的信息传扬出去,继 续以火热的心来为主作见证,直到福音传遍全地。

愿主耶稣基督的恩惠,上帝的慈爱,圣灵的感动, 常与你们众人同在!阿们!



弟兄姐妹同心祷告



在祷告中经历上帝的大能



主讲人分享信息



赞叹大自然的景象

#### **NEWS UPDATE**

# Hope for Malaysia 2.0 **Penang**

by Rayne Clement, Penang English

As a follow-up to the Hope for Malaysia organized in Kuala Lumpur in August 2023, Hope for Malaysia 2.0 – Penang was initiated with the purpose of reigniting the passion for evangelism among the churches in Malaysia.

Pastors and church leaders were called together to organize a combined worship service among the churches on Penang Island. As the church leaders and pastors got together, a combined worship was planned so that all the churches on the island could participate and worship together. The focus of this combined worship was so that church members could hear testimonies from one another, encourage each other and also see how they could be more united in God's work.

This combined worship was held at MASCO Penang on 25th November 2023. A total of 517 participants joined the combined worship. The churches that were involved were Penang English Church, Penang Chinese Church, Penang Indian Church, Penang Adventist Hospital Church, Midlands Church, Farlim Church and Sungai Ara Fellowship. Both the Peninsular Malaysia Mission and Malaysia Union Mission Officers were present at the combined worship.

Worship through songs, Sabbath-school discussion panel and the hearing of testimonies from various ministries followed by a sermon from Doctor Felixian Felicitas, Director, Mission Refocus Program, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, who encouraged us to be involved in the mission of God and to take courage knowing that God will be with us.

Lunch was provided to enable attendees to fellowship and continue to encourage each other to do God's work unitedly.

We want to praise God for the opportunity that we were able to come together, be united in worship and to just to know that we are not alone as we work in the Lord's vineyard to win souls for His kingdom.

It is our hope that as a a result of this combined worship, all who came were refreshed, renewed and re-energized to do God's work in the coming year.

In 2024, the churches in Penang will be celebrating 100 years of Adventist presence in Penang. We know that God wants to do so much more. Another combined event is being planned for 2024 on a bigger scale and prayerfully a baptism ceremony as a harvest is being prepared.

May the Lord continue to grow the work here in Penang and all-over Peninsular Malaysia so that we may finish the work and Jesus can come to take us home. May God bless you and maranatha!



Group photo with the participants of the combined worship

# Healthy Recipe



Divine service message by Pr Ian Felicitas with running translation by Pr Tan Meng Cheng



Sabbath school panel discussion led by church members from Penang English Church



Special music by Hope Choir





#### Ingredients:



Pitted dates Water

#### Method:



Place both ingredients in blender and whiz till smooth.



Cook, <u>stirring</u> constantly until smooth and thickened like jam.

Let cool and store in the fridge. Serve with bread or waffle.

#### Nutritional Fact

Dates are a highly concentrated food, nourishing, and easily digested. They are a source of quick energy. They contain from 35% to 75% sugar. A valuable substitute for sugar, and are not acid-forming. Good source of copper.

#### **NEWS UPDATE**

# 2023 **Health Advisory**

by Renitta Edward, Health Ministries

 $2^{\text{023}\,\text{PEM}\,\text{Health}\,\text{Advisory}\,\text{was}\,\text{held}\,\text{on}\,1\text{st}\,\text{to}\,3\text{rd}}$  December 2023 at Harvest Haven, Gopeng, Perak with 35 health leaders from 17 churches across Peninsular Malaysia Mission.

During the event, Dr. Pua Sze Ning, PEM honorary Health Ministries Department Director provided insights into the assistance available from the department. Dr. Jane Yap, Malaysia Union Mission Health Ministries Department Director discussed the how to plan for health events in local churches, and Pastor Francis Amer, Malaysia Union Mission Ministerial and Field Secretary shared the morning devotion.

The leaders went back equipped with valuable information and resources, empowering them for their roles in organizing various health events within their respective churches.



Health plans and reports from central churches



Group photo

# My CHIP Transformation

by Benjamin Tung

N ever in my wildest dreams would I have ever imagined that I would be involved in a health program that would change my life health wise and as radically as it has. I grew up in a family and culture where meat consumption was the norm, and one could never have imagined a meal without meat as a main dish. This was the concept that I held from young.

My waistline measurement was 117-122 cm (46-48 inches). I weigh a hefty 142 kg (312 lbs.). I have diabetes and high blood pressure, systolic at 170-180. My total cholesterol was between 5-6 mmol/L. I was struggling. Finally, it was pointed out that the problem lay in my eating habits; the foods that I was consuming and my love for snacks in between meals.

On my retirement from ministry as a pastor in 2023, I moved back to my home in Cheras and within a month, I was already 'sick' suffering from migraine and tiredness. Everyone would think that retirement would be a time of leisure and taking things easy, but it was not son my case as I was plagued with all these 'illnesses'.

Living in Cheras, I attended Kuala Lumpur English Church and met Pastor Dennis Ng and family. He invited me to attend the CHIP Program as an observer. I thought hard about it, didn't want to make changes, but I had health issues, and finally I agreed.

The first session was really an eye-opener, and I was interested in what was presented. I snagged 'hook, line and sinker'. The presenters gave valuable insights on why we are suffering the illnesses that we are suffering from, how to remedy the 'broken cycle of health' and gave us viable options to choose from as we seek to repair the broken health that we are now facing. I began to understand why I was feeling sick and what I had to do to reverse the situation.

I was faced with a life-or-death decision; change my lifestyle with the knowledge that I have recently gained or continue with present way of life and die before time. I had to choose between eating responsibly, exercising and controlling my eating habits or facing extreme obesity and 'more illnesses' and maybe a fatal heart attack to end it all. I had to choose a plant-based lifestyle with better food choices and live or continue with the present lifestyle of meat-based diet and die early.

It was a no-brainer decision, so I chose a plant-based lifestyle. Although I missed eating meat whenever I ate with my family, gradually I phased out all the fast foods like KFC, Pizza Hut and McDonalds from my life and till now I have no desire to visit such places anymore. I have joined a Nutrition Club to seek better options rather than the usual nasi lemak, char koay teow with egg and Nyonya kuih's which was my normal breakfast. I started taking more nutritious and homecooked breakfasts like noodles fried with only vegetables and bean curd strips. I consumed more fruits and vegetable-based foods over a period of three months.

I have learnt that there are 3 main killers plaguing the world today: stroke, heart attack, and diseases like cancer, and diabetes. Yet, it can be reversed by using natural remedies. Drastic change of lifestyle, cardiovascular enhancing exercises are among some of the general methods methods to improve one's general health both physically and mentally.

This convinced me to make the radical change in my lifestyle from a meat-based lifestyle to a plant-based lifestyle. To be totally honest here, it was not an easy decision as old habits die hard, and the food was starting to taste quite bland. But when we faced with a choice of life and death, then making the logical decision is easy. The catch here is making the better choice early rather than late when facing dire straits situations.

My weight dropped from 142 kg to 135 kg and now 105.2 kgs. My waistline from 48 inches to now 39 inches. I don't feel tired climbing upstairs anymore. I sleep soundly with no insomnia and shooting pains My feet are numb less frequently.

As a CHIP program participant, I gained immense benefits in terms of health and personal happiness. A big thank you to Pastor Dennis and his wife, Sister Lorna for caring about me.

To all sick and 'sickly people', do not hesitate to embrace a better way of life which will give you years of 'life' instead of grief and pain in your future life. Remember this, if you should stumble again and fall, pick yourself up and start again because if you have conquered your weaknesses once, you can gain victory again.

The Bible reminds us that when we face hurdles in life, there is person who cares a lot about you, and He is your Savior Jesus Christ. If He cares enough and loves you so much, why should you not love yourself to give it the best that life has to offer? Galatians 6:9 says it perfectly, 'Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.

# "THE REAL CHRISTMAS BLESSING"

by Suzana Ojudah, Kluang BM

W hat is your real Christmas Blessing for the year 2023? Having fun with exchanging gift and having dinner with your family on Christmas Eve?

Jesus had already redeemed us by giving His agape love so that we can saved by His grace. Kluang BM took this opportunity to spread Jesus's love to the needy communities. Kluang BM decided to organize 'The Christmas Musical Charity Dinner 2023' on 9th December 2023 at Hotel Prime City, Kluang.

Christmas is the great time for outreach through fellowship and mingling with the non-Adventist. It is also a time to build our friendship with them without prejudice. We hoped that the community will know our church through this event. Therefore, we invited children from orphanages and old folks' home, Christians from other denominations and non-Christians to join our event. We had close to 100 attendees on that night.

A musical performance had prepared. Our Mission current

Mission Treasurer, Brother Kelvin Liew officiated the event, shared the sermon entitled, 'The Real Christmas Blessing' and sang a special song entitled, 'We Are the Reason'.

On that evening, we also placed 'The Great Controversy' on a table as a gift to the guests. 4 Chinese books, 5 English books and 2 BM books were taken.

At the same time, through the sales of the tickets and donations received from various individuals and organizations within Peninsular Malaysia, we were able to have some leftovers for our Church Building Fund, much like the miracle of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes in the Bible, a testimony that the love of Jesus and His miracles.

What is your real Christmas blessing? We were blessed because as part of this outreach effort, we shall see the baptism of our beloved seekers soon. Marantha.



The Opening Ceremony

Group photo with children from the orphanage

### KLUANG BM's HEALTH OUTREACH JOURNEY

by Suzana Ojudah, Kluang BM

#### edical Missionary is it you?

**W** "The medical missionary work is of divine origin and has a most glorious mission to fulfil. In all its bearings it is to be in conformity with Christ's work. Those who are workers together with God will just as surely represent the character of Christ as Christ represented the character of His Father while in this world." (Medical Ministry page 24.2)

When we say missionary, we always think of some place far away from our church. But it can be done in our place, in our church, in our communities. In doing the SWOT analysis, Kluang BM's strength is the presence of members in the health line and trained medical missionaries.

Thus, health expo and a series of health events were organized for our community. Why a series? Because in doing it, we get connected to community. And when the community knows us, they will know who to call when help is needed.

We began doing health screening at our church premises since 10th June 2023 for our members. Word got around and AEON Permas Jaya contacted us to conduct a health expo at their premises. This was a good opportunity since Hope for Johor was being organized from 21st to 26th August 2023. So, on 25th August 2023, Kluang BM provided 26 volunteers, 13 of which are health professional or Certified Health Ministries Volunteer. With the limited time we had 55 people; including Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and foreigners were served. Children were occupied with the drawing and colouring contest, with theme 'Gaya Hidup Sihat' and an informative Health talk, was presented by Dr Jane Yap, Malaysia Union Mission Health Ministries Department Director.

Our effort did not stop there, and we kept moving forward. On 22nd September 2023 at Kluang Parade, 85 people were served. Then, on 6th October 2023, Kluang Parade asked for another health screening and this time 65 people were served.

After the health screening was organized, we followed up with a series of health activities. The first follow up event was held on 17th November 2023 at Kluang Parade. The basic health screening: BMI, Blood Pressure check, Glucose Test was provided. In addition, a simple Depression Anxiety Stress Test (DASS) from the Malaysian Ministry of Health was also administered. This was followed up with a talk on 'The Benefits of Exercise' by Sister Nickly Shera Martinez, 'Healthy Food Preparation Demonstration' and 'The Benefits of Hydrotherapy' by Sister Betney Bagavan. A WhatsApp group was created for all the contacts who have join us on a few activities previously. From this group. 41 people or 45% of the total contacts came on that day.

The second follow up event was the BMI Challenge and the Millions Miller Run (MMR), and all our contacts were invited. The BMI Challenge and the MMR started in November 2023 and is ongoing till February 2024.

The third follow up event was the healthy juicing program organized on 9th December 2023 which was held at Kluang BM church. 35 participants were in attendance.

Then at the end of the year, AEON Permas Jaya invited us once again on 22nd December 2023 to conduct another health screening which we gladly did.

Our purpose was to create awareness within the community of their health status. As they get to know about how to care for themselves, we are hoping and praying that they will ask about the reason for our efforts. Then we can share with them the hope that the gospel brings to them. From there, we pray that we can harvest the fruits of the seed sown through these activities.



Dr Pua in discussion with leaders



Counseling session in progress



Fruits and vegetables, the healthier choice

#### **NEWS UPDATE**

# **LITERATURE EVANGELIST** GATHERING 2023

by Jasnah Makirim, Publishing Ministries



Group photo



Training Section

he Literature Evangelist Gathering was organized from 9th to 11th December 2023 at a Homestay in Tambun, Perak.

Retiree literature evangelist, active and part time literature evangelist, and student literature evangelists came with their families to attend the gathering. A total of 27 participants and speakers who attended the session.

Among the leaders who came were Pastor Jim Gabu, Malaysia Union Mission Publishing Ministries Department Director, and Pastor Renie Ubara, Ministerial & Field Secretary spoke at the event, giving much encouragement to the Literature Evangelists.

On Saturday night, awards were given Literature Evangelists who performed well in the year. This was followed by a training session on Philosophy of LMS & Mission Refocus. On Sunday after lunch, the Literature Evangelists and their family went sight-seeing and enjoyed the nature.

Praise God for the faithfulness of the LE who are work hard to hasten the second coming by bringing the health and gospel message to the prospects every day. As a token of encouragement, this year they were given a thermos bottle and Publishing t-shirt.

God bless.

A Most Important Work—If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them—is a good work and one which will educate men and women to do pastoral labor.—Testimonies for the Church 4:390 (1880).

# **VBS** Jamii Kingdom

by Rani Ramalingam, Nibong Tebal

On 20th-23th December 2023, the Nibong Tebal Indian Church held its second Vacation Bible School (VBS) at our church pastor, Pastor Petrik Andrew's home. In total, 14 children and 6 volunteers attended the three-day event. On the fourth day the participants graduated from a graduation service in church and were given prizes. The theme for the VBS was Jamii Kingdom, which means 'Where We Are All Part of God's Family'.

The VBS program ran from 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 A.M. Each day, we began with singing lively songs of praises to worship God our Creator. This was followed by the introduction of the animals from the African region, followed by 5 stations namely Bible stories, prayer, craft, games, and craft snacks stations.



The participants and the volunteers



Games station



Re-enacting the Bible stories



The Last Day

#### **NEWS UPDATE**

#### PEM Public Campus Ministry Camp by Tan Weoi Siong, Youth Ministries



It's an exciting year for the PEM Public Campus Ministry team. A new committee was recently set up. It consists of 12 core members from different public campuses. Together this committee organized the 2023 PEM Campus Ministry camp from the 3rd to 5th November 2023.

A total of 140 participants from 34 institutions attended. The students came from public schools, colleges, universities, and one Adventist institution, the Adventist College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The Camp was held at Port Dickson Methodist Centre in Negeri Sembilan. We praise God for the support and guidance from the PEM Administration.

The newly appointed PEM Campus Ministry Camp President is Brother Isaac Jycobee (UPSI student), and Deputy President is Sister Abby Earlynnda (UPSI student), together with the other committee members were very committed to making this camp a success. They were creative and committed to the end.

The focus of the 2023 PCM Camp was on connecting with Jesus and the spiritual walk with God. The chosen theme was "My Circle of Influence," based on James 4:7 – "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The committee members prayed fervently for months on what should be done. In the end, the committee decided on interactive sessions, town hall discussions, team-building activities, and networking sessions to cater to the diverse needs of campus students. We praise God for the Holy Spirit's guidance, leading participants to be

punctual, engaged, and recharged after each session.

The camp started on Friday evening, through an online platform for the ice-breaking session that enabled the students to know each other more. After the ice-breaking session, we kick-started the program with a spiritual devotion by Pastor Joshua Soon and a session of united prayer. The students bonded.

On the Sabbath morning sessions, Dr. Tan Min Min, focused on "Light of the World," emphasizing Adventist resume writing those shines and reflects our Christian identity. The session addressed challenges faced by students in public campuses, such as keeping the Sabbath, emphasizing the unique identity that allows spiritual growth. Graduating students are better prepared to face unknown challenges in the working world as Adventists.

After that, 2 hours and 30-minute town hall session, featuring interactive Q&A moderated by myself and selected panellists: Pastor Renie Ubara (PEM Ministerial & Field Secretary), Pastor Maclan Matthew (PEM Education Superintendent), Pastor Caleb Wee (Intern Pastor), and Dr. Tan Min Min (Member of Kuala Lumpur English). Topics including LGBT, career struggles, relationship challenges, peer pressure, stress, depression, Sabbath observance, and our Adventist identity were covered. Many participants were blessed by the town hall session, and numerous questions were addressed. We praise God for His goodness and blessings throughout the entire town hall session.

On Sabbath afternoon, Pastor Renie Ubara conducted a 16-personality assessment, helping students to identify their individual personalities. This is crucial as they learn to understand themselves as this will help them to develop better interpersonal skills, understand their own values, understand their and other's temperament and different motivations for success. The assessment was followed by interactive team-building sessions focusing on networking, teamwork, and collaborative problemsolving. Trust developed among participants, despite their diverse backgrounds and walks of life.

Pastor Byronchriswel Jobi (church pastor of Klang BM and Pandamaran) shared on "The Importance of Good Influence in Public Campuses." During the talk the students were taught the importance of the mindset, how it can be trained to focus on the positive in oneself and others, and how it can help to foster a positive influence through motivation and thoughts.

The objective of the PEM Public Campus Ministry camp is to strengthen the calling of each individual to God. Students are reminded that 'It's not about where you work or study; it's about your identity. You can work anywhere God leads you, and if you work with all your heart, it's you will shine for God. You are the light and salt of the world, and serving well on Earth means serving our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven.

The camp predetermined that success would be measured by participants

interaction, involvement, openness in expressing feelings, willingness to serve. And these were all observed during the Camp.

The 2023 committee members have identified potential new committee members for the upcoming PCM Camp 2024. The public campus network remains strong, and we pray that God will send more people to support our next effort.

See you at the next PEM Public Campus Ministry Retreat in 2024! We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of Public Campus Ministry worldwide in the year 2024. Please continue to pray for the efforts of PEM Public Campus students in Peninsular Malaysia as we prepare for Jesus' second coming!



Group Photo





Committee members



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### 第十五届马新青年大会

我们既有这许多的见证人,如同云彩围著我们, 就当放下各样的重担,脱去容易缠累我们的罪,存心忍耐, 奔那摆在我们前头的路程 希伯来12:1

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#### **NEWS UPDATE**



**黄琳胜**, 吉隆坡中文堂

2023年第四季的学课主题是「上帝的使命,我的使命」。我 们一直在学习有关宣教和服务的信息。于是安息日学青年班 就有七位学员,决定要学以致用,实践走向社区。在12月17 日,我们一起去帮助一位独居老人打扫屋子、安装风扇、维 修电灯和马桶、以及购买一些家庭用品等等。

黄秀群女士今年65岁。在2022年因疫情的缘故,她的母亲、 丈夫和女儿都相继过世了。现在她只能依靠收旧铝罐和废铁 来维持生活开销。她的生活环境非常糟糕。因此,我们希望 可以帮助她拥有一个舒适干净的生活环境。

为了向他人宣教,有时我们必须走出舒适圈,去帮助那些需要帮助的对象,去为祂做见证。为什么我们需要参与侍奉 呢?难道不侍奉不可以吗?既然上帝的使命就是我们的使 命,那么我们就必须参与侍奉。预言之灵说到:"上帝尽可 以不要我们的帮助来达到他拯救罪人的目的,但为要使我们 造就一种好像基督一样的品格,我们就必须在他的工作上有 份。为要使我们进入他的喜乐,——就是看见别人他的牺牲 而蒙救赎的喜乐,——我们必须为别人的救赎而负担他的劳 苦。"(基督徒服务大全,第1章,第8段)基督徒的生命必 须与基督的生命连结在一起。我们的信仰必须在我们的生活 上彰显出来。

这次青年人走向社区是以行动证明"使命",不是纸上谈兵, 而是真正地履行基督徒的职责。虽然我们并没有做了什么大 事,但我们却是照主所吩咐的命令,"这些事你们既做在我这 弟兄中一个最小的身上,就是做在我身上了。"(太25:40)

我们一起分工合作,一共花了将近七小时来完成打扫的任务。我们心里没有疲惫,反而心中充满着喜悦。当那一刻黄 秀群女士向我们微笑道谢的时候,我们内心充满着成就感。 让我们与上帝的使命有份,"与上帝同心、与上帝同行、与 上帝同工阿"。啊门!



士气满满地走出舒适圈的年轻人



发声阅读上帝的勉言



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年轻人需要的不只是打扫, 还需要一些技工的服务



需要丢弃的东西很多, 也需要帮忙解决丢弃的地点

# 青年之声"零距离"

**温素菁**, 吉隆坡中文堂



青年之声的全体合照

青年团契活动是教会事工中非常重要的一部分。年轻人富有朝气和活力,是教会 各项开拓性事工的有力的支柱。"上帝希望青年人成为热忱的人,准备参加祂崇 高的工作,胜任他们所要担负的责任。上帝需要心地纯洁,坚强勇敢,决心奋斗 的青年,好荣耀上帝,造福人类的青年人。"[告青年书,第2章,对青年的呼召]

2023年11月11日至13日吉隆坡中文堂青年团举办了青年之声营会。这次大家选择 了拥抱大自然,因此展开了三天两夜的帐篷露营体验。营会以"零距离"为主题, 目的是拉近彼此的关系,同时也重新建立并拉近青年人与上帝亲密的关系。共有 五场信息分享:介绍零距离以及与朋友、与家人、与伴侣、与上帝的零距离。主 讲人分别为温素菁师母、李万豪弟兄、颜传辉弟兄、彭业盛弟兄和黄琳胜教士。

这次的营会共有 20 位教友和 7 位慕道友参与。透过此营会,青年人们共同敬拜 上帝、灵修、学习、联谊,在基督里彼此相交,增进生命成长,建立基督的身 体。圣经说:"看哪,弟兄和睦同居,是何等的善,何等的美。"(诗133:1)

#### 以下是青年人参加营会后的感想:

#### 郭锦伦(教友)

再也不是"一周一日"的教友。年龄的差距导致很难与比较年轻的教友有接触,但是" 青年之声·零距离"营会确实打破了隔阂,教友之间的互动超乎了参加前的预想。

#### <u>叶楷倩(教友)</u>

参与"青年之声-零距离"是很好的联谊和学习的机会。通过这次营会,让我决心 要侍奉上帝。

#### 颜传辉(教友)

城市的忙碌生活減少了我們青年人在一起的时光,透过营会"零距离"让我們凝聚 在一起,点燃我們愿意服事的心。

#### <u>李悦涵(慕道友)</u>

平时在教会只有几小时的见面时间,但是很感恩上帝让我们更亲近,也让我们 有机会对身边的人说出心里话。黄琳胜教士的分享提醒了我们需要花更多的时 间与上帝亲近。当下我也领受了装备的训练,希望未来能够继续为主工作。

#### <u> 许文齐(慕道友)</u>

这次营会达到了"零距离"的这个目的,大家的关系越来越近了。营会中,我印象 最深的是黄琳胜教士的分享,关于"如何爱主"。我们平时都能花时间在同事、朋 友、情侣和手机上,那为什么不能花一小时来读圣经,亲近我们的上帝呢?通 过营会,我为自己设立了目标:每天祷告和研究关于主的点点滴滴。



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#### **NEWS UPDATE**



**黄琳胜**, 吉隆坡中文堂

在2023年的尾声,吉隆坡中文堂举办了一场圣诞晚会。这次 圣诞活动所有台前幕后工作人员,从最小的2岁,到最年长的 有75岁,可以说是全体教友总动员。大家积极地筹划这次的 圣诞晚会,从场地布置、圣诞晚餐、哑剧表演、服装打扮、 诗歌呈现,以及信息分享,都用心准备。看见弟兄姐妹这么 团结合一,真是无比的感动。

这次的圣诞节目,弟兄姐妹们邀请了亲戚朋友出席参加。 这就成为了一场布道会,向来宾们诉说有关"耶稣降生的故 事——大喜的信息"。当天的出席人数将近120人,其中慕道 友就超过了50人。

每年的圣诞佳节,或许对世人而言,节庆就是用来游乐、放 纵、吃喝、与炫耀的。但对于基督徒来说,圣诞节的焦点是 耶稣基督。也当记得,圣诞节乃是纪念救主的诞生与救赎。 "救主的牺牲,竟以天上的宝座换取马槽;以伴随他敬拜他的 天使,换成马厩中默默陪伴他的牲畜。看到这一切,我们能 不惊奇吗?"(历代愿望,第04章,为你们生了救主)

"圣诞节是为了交往,基督降世也是为了要来到这世上与人交 往。而且彼此间的交往是圣诞节最奇妙的时刻。" (活跃的 生命-12月)是的,这种交往让我们与慕道友建立了感情,也 使同工们建立了默契。期待下一次,吉隆坡中文堂全体总动 员一起侍奉上帝的时刻,响应"我愿去"的呼召。阿门!



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# 你在哪里?

林美丽, 双溪大年方舟中文堂



林美丽受洗加入上帝的大家庭



何赛兰(左)林美丽(右边)



左起:胡森生教士,林美丽,许素美

我是林美丽,出生于雪兰莪。上有4个哥哥姐姐,下有2个弟 妹。从小我就在加影修道院学校就读。在学校里,每日修女们 会都和学生分享简单的圣经知识。每逢星期日,我阿公都会带 我去教会听圣经故事。我也曾受过滴水仪式而加入天主教会。 但自从我和姐姐常在教会被一位"姑姑",指责批评我们的不是 过后,我们就开始越来越少去教会了。

记得就在11岁那年,我妈妈过世了,不久之后我阿公也跟着过 世了。我和哥哥姐姐们都被迫辍学,出来打工赚钱。生活非常 的辛苦,三餐不饱。就这样,我再也没有去过教会了。

1976年,我结婚了,育有2男2女。我也从雪兰莪移居北上到双 溪大年。在2001年拥有了属于自己的新家。2010年,我的孙子出 世了。每天傍晚我都会带着我的孙子去散步,有缘的认识了何 赛兰姐妹,也就住在我家隔壁一条街。她也经常带着她家的孙 子在同一小区散步。很快地我们就成为很好的朋友。

有一天,我的堂妹鼓励我要回到教会。当时,何赛兰姐妹就协助我找到我的教会-新名天主教堂。但是不善于社交的我,在那间教会里也没有认识到朋友。而这间天主教堂位于学校附近, 星期日在吉打州是上课日,我也没有胆量在这样繁忙的马路上驾驶。种种的借口和理由,再一次的让我畏缩不上教堂了。

就在我认为我不会再重新踏入教堂的时候,上帝开始藉着何赛 兰姐妹做工。在2023年3月25日,何赛兰姐妹把我带到双溪大 年基督复临安息日会方舟中文堂去。在这边我认识了很多和蔼 可亲的弟兄姐妹。大家的关心让我感到很温馨,好像大家庭一 样。2023年7月,许素美姐妹开始为我查经。虽然我不识字,但 是借着许素美姐妹耐心的讲解和提问,让我重新对信仰有了兴 趣。借着查经,我知道更多有关属灵的事,什么是该做和不该 做的、什么是讨上帝喜悦的事情。而我自己对将来也有了一个 盼望和依靠。认识主之后,圣灵改变了我的坏脾气和冲动。我 也开始喜欢社交,喜欢和弟兄姐妹一起敬拜上帝。

在某一个安息日,胡森生教士的一场《你在哪里?》的证道 中,让我非常的感动。这似乎是上帝对我说的话: "美丽啊, 你在哪里?我在找你啊!"这声音一直回绕在我耳边鸣响。我非 常的感动,经过了那么多年,上帝竟然没有放弃我,祂用祂的 时间和方法找到了我,并再一次的把我带回到祂的身边。

最终,我决定在2023年12月23日受洗,接受主成为我个人的救 主。我非常的感恩在我生命里所遇到每一个想要把我带回到上 帝面前的人。感谢上帝没有放弃我,感谢弟兄姐妹的教导和包 容。现在的我非常地喜乐,也充满了盼望。我非常期待和主相 遇的那一天,我想大声对主说:我在这里,我回家了!

爷孙俩的 喜宴

我的外公,郭仕喜,一直都是一位很虔诚的佛教徒。他每天 早晨七点和傍晚六点,都会定时定点、风雨不改的如期地上 香。2016年,在我小学二年级的时候,外公突然患上帕金森 病,导致半身不遂。经过八、九个月的康复过程和学习自 理,尽管帕金森病对他的影响依然存在,但是他却始终未曾 要放下上香的习惯。

双溪大年基督复临安息日会教堂就在我外公家附近,步行就 可以到达。那时我父母就下定决心,要在每个安息日都陪同 外公到教会去聚会。最初的几个月,我们是全家一同搀扶着 外公走进教会。但是过了不久的时间,他逐渐能够独自步行 走进教会了。自从踏入教会后,外公的笑容增多了,眼中也 闪烁着崭新的光芒,身体也逐渐有好转。当时,李耀翰牧师 也开始了和我外公查经。

如今,外公参与教会也约有七、八年的时间了,但是他依旧 坚持每天都要上香。尽管我们屡次劝说,他仍然默不作声, 保持沉默,也没有要改变这个上香的习惯。因为在他心里坚 信,主耶稣基督未曾在他的医治过程中发挥过什么帮助和作 用。他想什么神都拜,就保个平安。

2023年,外公75岁,病情发生了翻天覆地的变化。外公严 重的肠道扭转,令他痛苦不堪。频繁的进出医院,最后只 能接受手术。术前,外公非常的害怕和感到不安。父亲当 下就立刻向外公提出邀请,问他是否愿意接受主耶稣成为 他个人救主。出乎意料的是,这一次外公竟然毫不犹豫的 答应了。医生建议要在隔天为他进行最后一次的通肠,试 试看是否可以不用开刀,他的肠就能恢复正常。毕竟外公 的年纪老迈,不适宜接受高风险的全身麻醉。我们为此和 他一起祷告。 **麦轩铭**, 双溪大年方舟中文堂

在开始前,外公第一次用福建话向上帝大声祷告说:"小弟郭仕 喜,在这边承认耶稣是我的救主。求耶稣救我,医治我"。 就 这样,在照肠镜过程中,奇迹发生了。他不需要开刀,肠道突 然畅通无阻,疼痛消失,并且能够正常进食。

感谢神!在两周后,也就是2023年12月23日,他当着众人的面 宣告承认耶稣基督为他个人的救主,成为了基督复临安息日会 的信徒。

一直以来,我的弟弟麦轩维,是一个顽固不堪、不喜欢接受管教的孩子。起初,他说他想要受洗的目的就,是为了要品尝圣餐礼的饼和葡萄汁。然而,由于他一直性情不定,易于分心,这两年来他的查经之路一直都充满了挑战。他经历了漫长的查经阶段,两年里接触了两位不同的查经老师。

在查经中,他总喜欢提出各种的疑问,"为什么这样呢?"、"这 是真的吗?",等等的问题。每次查经老师都必须要做足充分 的材料准备,才可以来帮助他。查经不久后,我开始发现他在 教会慢慢有了改变。他成为一个勤奋的弟弟。每安息日聚餐完 后,他都会主动的帮忙收拾餐具,帮助整理后厨。这样的改变 令我非常的惊喜,尤其是想到他之前的不良习惯。原来,上帝 的话语真的是具有力量,可以改变一个人。

某一天,弟弟提出了一个大胆的想法,就是希望能够与我们的 阿公,两代爷孙俩一起受洗。上帝不负有心人啊!随着我弟弟 对真理态度的热诚和成熟的思想,他终于梦想成真了。2023年 12月23日,他与阿公同年同日受洗了。他终于可以在期待已久 的圣餐礼中,第一次品尝到圣餐饼和葡萄汁了。这是一个令他 非常振奋的开始,并展示了信仰对他生活中的深远影响。感谢 赞美神!



郭仕喜,第二排左起:郭桂镇,麦轩维,麦慧康, 第三排:麦轩铭



麦轩维受洗加入教会



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Besides publishing updates from the Mission and local churches, it is a platform for individuals to share testimonies that serve to glorify God and edify our church members. It is through YOUR sharing that others may be blessed and be reminded of God's goodness.

Based on last year's survey, one of the things our readers enjoy reading the most from this Vision Newsletter is testimonies (it is one of my favourites too). I remember reading a testimony about a young man whose dream of becoming a teacher got shattered. He did well throughout his school years and even got chosen to attend the final stage of his interview. One thing I learned from his testimony is God knows best. All along, God wanted him to become a dentist and he couldn't be happier!

How about you? Do share with us a testimony or two!

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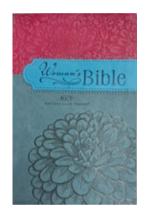


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Bagaimana dengan anda? Adakah anda sudah mempunyai 21 hari? Anda juga boleh membuat perubahan.



# NOTICE FROM PEM March 2024

### WELCOME BACK

Pastor Leong Fai, one of our retired pastors, has been assigned to **Sungai Petani Chinese** on a half time basis effective 01 March 2024.



Pastor Joshua John, has been assigned to Klebang Indian and Hutan Melintang effective 01 March 2024.

### RE-ASSIGNMENT

0]	Pastor Foo Shen Khoon, shall be pastoring <b>Johor Bahru English</b> <b>and Kluang Chinese</b> effective 01 March 2024.
02	Pastor Edwin Subramaniam, shall be pastoring <b>Johor Bahru Indian</b> effective 01 March 2024.
03	Pastor Soon Yik Foo, shall be pastoring <b>Klang Chinese</b> and has also been assigned as SALT Director effective 01 March 2024.
04	Pastor Tee Chin Chai, shall be pastoring <b>Kota Bahru Chinese</b> effective 01 March 2024.
05	Pastor Cheong Kok Leong shall focus his efforts on <b>Penang Chinese</b> effective 01 March 2024.
06	Pastor Jacob John shall be pastoring <b>Bagan Datuk</b> and <b>Teluk Intan</b> effective 01 March 2024.

Pastor Robert Liaw shall be pastoring Serdang Adventist Hope Center and Kuala Lumpur English effective 01 April 2024.

Pastor Robert Agustin shall be pastoring Hope Adventist Church and Petaling Jaya English effective 01 April 2024.

Pastor Daniel Devadanam and Brother Wallace Tan shall focus on the Mission to the Cities project effective 01 April 2024.

### APPOINTMENT

**Pastor Chai Mien Seng**, has accepted the appointment as full time **Stewardship Ministries Director** effective 01 March 2024.

# APPRECIATION

God's blessings upon Brother Pragash Muthiah who has decided to relocate effective 19 December 2023. He joined the ministry on 01 January 2017 and has served as pastor of Johor Bahru Indian and Klebang Indian.

# **2024** April

05-06	SS/PM	Online Bible Webinar (Quarterly)	PEM
06	Ministerial	Day of Prayer & Fasting	PEM
07-11	Youth	MAUM Pathfinder Camporee - Sabah	MAUM
12-14	Health	Win Wellness for Leader (12-13 online/14-PEM)	PEM
19-20	WM	WM Leadership Certification - Level 1 (Part 1)	PEM
19-20	NDR-IEL	NDR-IEL Seminars - Mission Refocus/Back to the Altar	Northern
19-21	SS/PM	International Institute of Christian Discipleship	MAUM
21	Admin	Executive Committee Meeting (2-Ye Mar 2024)	Online
26-28	SS/PM/CHM	Bible Study Camp/Training	PEM
26-27	Stewardship	Klang Valley English Churches	Central

# 2024 May

05-10	NDR-IEL
11-13	NDR-IEL
11	CHN
24-26	CHN
30-Jun02	Admin

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Ethnographic Study with AIIAS	Central
Ethnographic Study with AIIAS	Northern
Ministry to Refugee Children	PEM
Children's Evangelism for Gemas Military Camp	Central
Chinese Churches Youth Congress	PEM

# 2024 June

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	SS/PM/CHM/NDRIEL WM Stewardship

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	PEM
SSD-Wide SS/PM, CHM, and NDR-IEL Congress	SSD-Wide
WM Leadership Certification - Level 1 (Part 2)	PEM
Southern English Churches	Southern
CHM Leaders & Teacher Council	Northern



Meat filling inside a smooth dumpling wrapper served with broth and chewy egg needles.

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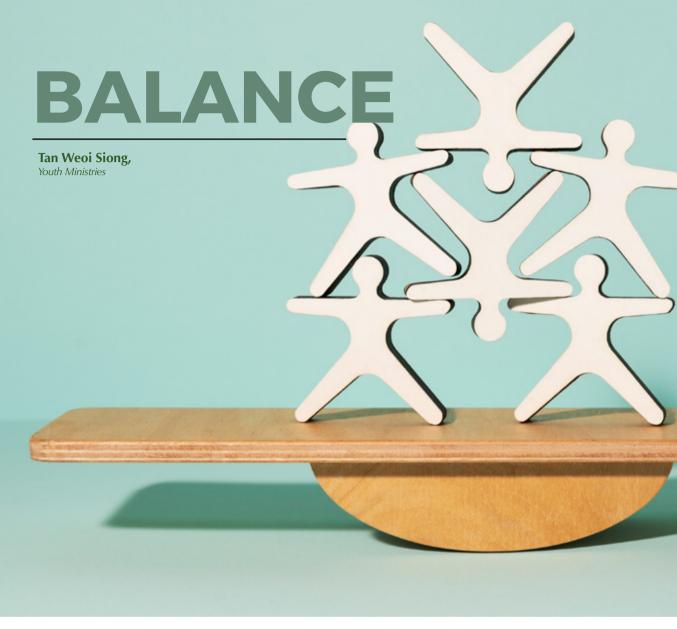
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Good bye Zoi gin Haa ci gin See you soon

boat in Hong Kong harbor.

#### **YOUTH COLUMN**



Throughout my entire life, I have usually lived in bustling cities or busy metropolitan areas. I've come to realize that life in city requires a lot of balance; balance between the spiritual, physical, and mental health to keep in top condition while living in the city.

Youth and young adults who intend to live in the city should take note of the following points:

balance between the spiritual, physical, and mental health



**01. Air Pollution:** Certain cities in Malaysia have poor air quality index due to the high number of cars, the presence of industrial factories and the lack of greens. This pollution can lead to respiratory problems like asthma, bronchitis, and even heart issues.

**02. Water Pollution:** When water supply in the city is not properly maintained, it is possible for waterborne diseases like cholera to spread.

**03. Population Density:** In cities, people are packed together like sardines in a can, making infectious diseases more common. Influenza, COVID-19, and other illnesses can spread more easily in densely populated areas.

**04. Limited Access to Healthcare Services:** While cities have hospitals and clinics everywhere, it's not always easy for everyone to access and receive care. Without transportation or the lack of economic resources, it may be still be a challenge to address illnesses.

**05. Mental Health Issues:** Stress, anxiety, and depression are real concerns in cities. Urban life can be stressful due to assignment (job/studies) deadline, traffic, social isolation, and other factors, contributing to mental health problems.

**06.** Nuisance of Insects and Rodents: In some cities, insects like mosquitoes and rodents can transmit diseases if not properly controlled. For example, dengue and other diseases can spread through bites or contact with these pests.

**07. Sedentary Lifestyle:** Many city dwellers lead sedentary lives due to office jobs and a lack of exercise spaces. This can lead to health issues like obesity and heart-related diseases.

**08.** Noise Pollution: Constant noise in the city can cause high stress levels and disrupt sleep. This can affect blood pressure and rest, potentially leading to health problems.

3 John 1:2 provides a powerful message: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers," thus maintaining good overall health in our daily lives is crucial. Perhaps excelling in these areas, may prove as a testimony and a method of reaching out to those who may not be aware of their condition.

Dear beloved youth and young adults let's not neglect our spiritual, physical, and mental health. Let's focus on God's goodness for a merry heart does good, like medicine.

If the year 2024 is going to be challenging for you, let's take time to pray and focus on the Word of God. Blessings to all.

# SEA SÂLT

# **Class 2024** 18 March ~ 18 July

#### About Us

SEA SALT is a 4 month bible training school based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. SEA SALT covers many popular topics that are needful for our last days. This school started up in 2014 and is now a yearly class, filling up quickly each year. New subjects are added each year. The classes are taught in modules to allow people to attend any specific class if they want.

#### Venue

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