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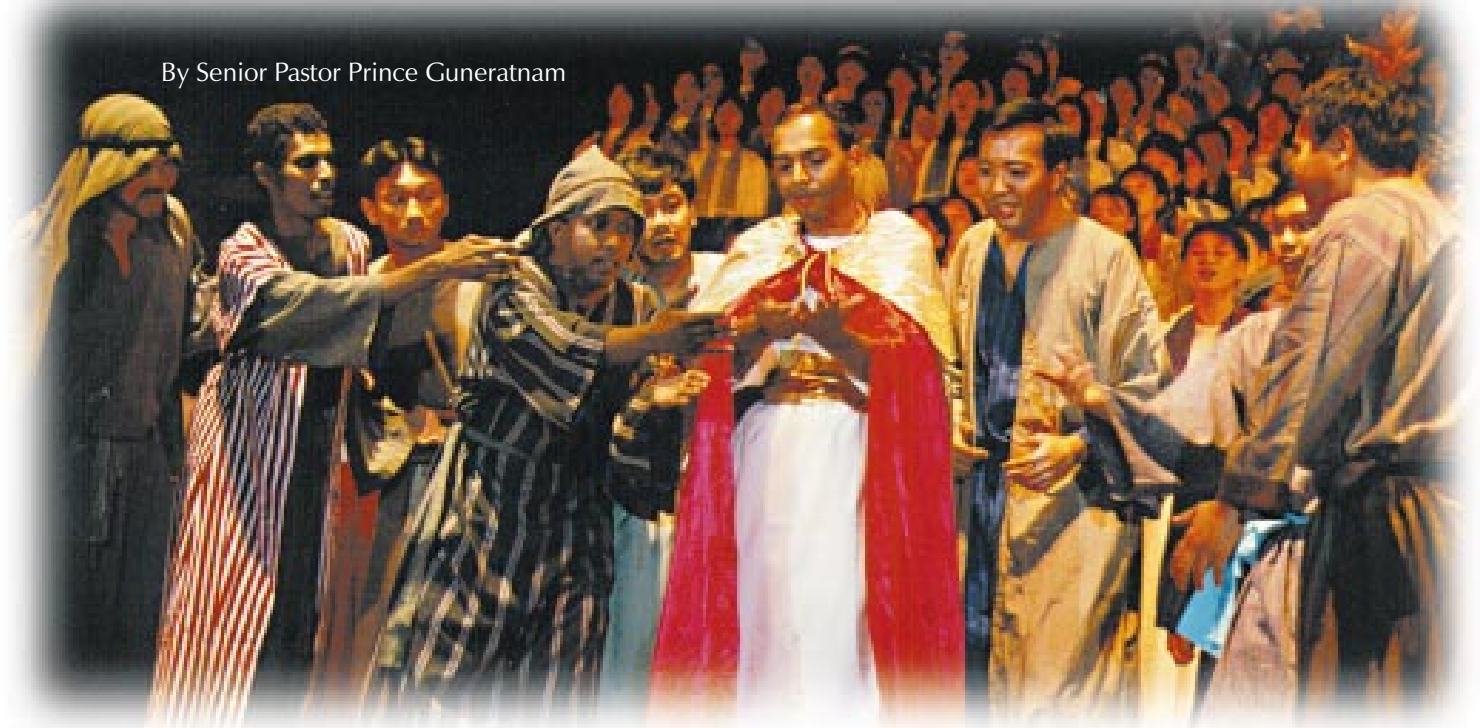
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## The Spiritual Marks Of The Believer

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



*"...for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Galatians 6:17).*

**W**hen Jesus appeared to Thomas, He said, "Reach your fingers here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side" (John 20:27). There were physical marks on Jesus' body where the Roman soldiers had pierced His side and nailed His hands and feet when He was crucified. Paul too had scars from wounds inflicted on him by his persecutors: "From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked" (2 Corinthians 11:24-25). Like Jesus, Paul bore physical marks on his body when he chose to do the Father's will. Born-again believers should not be surprised when they too may be marked physically as a result of suffering for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ. "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter" (1 Peter 4:16).

Born-again believers also bear spiritual marks—marks that testify to the fact that they belong to Jesus. Paul taught that "in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation" (Galatians 6:5). Spiritual marks are evident in those who have become new creations. When you are born again, you are a new creation. You are neither merely being reformed nor just turning over

a new leaf. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). You are also marked and identified as His own by His giving you the promised Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's guarantee that He will grant you everything He promised. In 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV), we read that God has "anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our

hearts as a deposit." Being sealed by the Holy Spirit, you will bear the character or trademark of the Holy Spirit who abides in you. You begin a new life with the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit impacts your life, you will notice the following changes as recorded in Ephesians 4:17-32:

**1.** You no longer live like the Gentiles (v17). You no longer live like the unbelievers or

share in their futile mentality. Instead, you will possess a spiritual mind that evaluates things in God's economy. Your lifestyle will change.

**2.** You put off the former conduct (v 22-24). You put off your former lifestyle—the "old man" that is being corrupted by deceitful desires—and put on the "new man" that was created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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10am Sunday Worship Service:



Amanda Sam  
Parents: Sam Siew Mun & Christina

# Jesus Loves The Little Children

Parents show their determination to bring up their children in the fear and nurture of the Lord by dedicating their babies to Him. On Sunday, 8 August 1999, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated twelve adorable babies to the Lord at Calvary Church Damansara Heights—five at the 10am Worship Service and six at the 5pm Worship Service.

5pm Sunday Worship Service:



Dinah Leom Sok Xian  
Parents: Leom Jiew Fook & Melody



Choy Ji On  
Parents: Choy Tuck Yun & Karen



Rachel Chew Szue Qing  
Parents: Edward Chew & Seok Hoon



Dominic Kon Cheng Ho  
Parents: Kon Wui Seng & Maria



Jesslyn Choo Hui Xian  
Parents: David & Jennifer Choo



Tiffany Tay Ying Chien  
Parents: Tay Yow Hong & Wooi Yin



Joseph Ozaki Tan  
Parents: Tan Wai Leong & Ozaki Kanae



Leonard Loke Jun Hong  
Parents: Daniel & Venetia Loke



Wilfred Ang Tsu Jien  
Parents: Robert & Selina Ang



Rachel Tay Yu Ting  
Parents: David & Christina Tay

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# Y2k And The Church By Charles T. Crabtree

Allow me to speak forthrightly concerning the Y2K problem and the role of the church in addressing this situation.

## The Y2k Problem Is Fundamentally A Technical Problem

The responsibility of the church is to address spiritual and moral issues. Whenever the church has stepped outside its expertise or core ministry, there have always been negative results.

We are addressing Y2K at the Assemblies of God Headquarters in the same way we approach a problem with phone lines or a defective roof. We call the best people we can find in those specific areas to solve the problem. We do not call the general superintendent or seek advice from credential holders. They are not "called" to fix phones and roofs.

Several years ago, we were made aware of potential computer problems, now known as the Y2K bug. Our experts were asked to do everything possible to obtain proper software and make our computer systems Y2K compliant. They have worked very hard over the years to position us for a smooth transition.

## The Y2k Problem Is More Of A Guessing Game Than An Exact Science

There is very little consensus among experts about the practical impact on daily life. If the top technicians cannot predict with any degree of certainty, it follows that church leadership is ill-equipped to outline the future in relation to Y2K with any certainty.

What do we know for sure? Certain computers are not programmed to read the year 2000 properly. Some imbedded chips with date lines may malfunction.

Logic would dictate older computers and systems with imbedded chips should be checked and made Y2K compliant.

What we do not know is the effect of malfunctioning systems upon networks. This could cause disruptions of various degrees in banking, railroads, power servers, etc. Much of this will need to be dealt with after the fact because there are so many unknowns.

**If the top technicians cannot predict with any degree of certainty, it follows that church leadership is ill-equipped to outline the future in relation to Y2K with any certainty.**

It is wise to deal with certainties. It is unwise to spend time and resources on endless "what ifs." The church needs to refuse to become embroiled in doomsday scenarios.

## What If The Worst Happens?

We would be thrown back to another era for a time. We would need to come together as communities to help one another through power and food disruptions.

In the church, believers would need to work together and share resources as they did in the New Testament. It could prove to be a time of great cooperation in love and an opportunity for evangelism.

Why do we not prepare for the worst? Because there is a very minimal chance the worst will happen. Second, the child

**We call the best people we can find in those specific areas to solve the problem.**

of God is always prepared for the worst. "If God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matthew 6: 30-32).

How should we face the Y2K problem?

Where possible, have technicians fix your computer problems.

Do not get caught up in sensational predictions and guessing games.

The steps of righteous people are ordered of the Lord. If you feel in your heart you should put aside some cash, food, and fuel for a time, then do so - not with a sense of panic, but prudence.

Let the peace of God rule in your heart, not the fear of a "bug" or a "virus" or a calamity.

*Charles T. Crabtree is the Assemblies of God assistant general superintendent, Springfield, Missouri.*

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# A Life Well-Lived

21-22 July 1999 By Pang Yin Fong

**“A life well-lived”—who wouldn’t want to have such an accolade to describe one’s time spent on Earth? For it speaks of time well spent on the meaningful and the important. With today’s increasingly hectic lifestyles, leading a balanced life takes a conscious effort or one can easily succumb to the tyranny of the urgent and the unimportant.**

Even for those familiar with the concept of time management, Dr. Gary Collins’ recent seminar entitled “A Life Well-Lived” held at Calvary Church, was worth attending. This well-respected Christian clinical psychologist managed to pack into four hours the essential points on how to enjoy a balanced life that honours God.

The first thing that you must do is to “ruthlessly eliminate hurry” from your life, advised Dr. Collins. Openly admitting that he was still struggling with cutting hurry out of his own life, the 65-year-old author and former professor of psychology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School talked about time-wasters and how to make life simpler by learning to say, “No”.

An excellent example of a life well-lived, and in an unhurried way too, is that of our Lord Jesus Christ whose ministry spanned only a short period of three years. Yet Jesus achieved within that time, all that He was supposed to do, said Dr. Collins. Mark 1:29-38 illustrates how Jesus prioritised His time so that He could minister to the needs of the people without neglecting His own need for time alone with God the Father.

To get on top of your breathless lifestyle, you need a regular time of solitude for reflection and rejuvenation. Knowing your direction in life will help you to lead a more focused lifestyle. According to Dr. Collins, spiritual passion is the first of 10 marks of a life well-lived.

While caring for your own soul is important, you also have to reach out to others in compassionate caregiving. “Caring for others gives us a different perspective on our lives,” said the former president of the American Association of Christian Counsellors.

What do you want your life to be characterised by? Dr. Collins suggested that you “write your own book of virtues”. Integrity, excellence, trustworthiness, faithfulness, humility and having respect for others are some of the virtues worth practising.

Another trait of a life well-lived is the ability to keep your life in balance. Here, you need to learn to set boundaries and build margins, recognising that you cannot do everything that you want or allow yourself to be pushed by other people’s agenda. Teamwork, adaptability, soul care, continuous



growth, having hope and a purpose are other characteristics of a life well-lived.

While Christians generally know that their main purpose is to love God and to serve God, some may find this a bit too vague. Dr. Collins included some questions to help you evaluate your own life and spirituality. Ask yourself, for instance, “What do I do best? (include spiritual gifts)” What have I done consistently and well? What do I care about deeply? (passion) What is my style? What are my core values? What is my vision? What is my mission? Answering these questions will give you an indication of what your purpose is, in life.

Sharing generously from his personal life, Dr. Collins was disarmingly frank about his own attempts at coping with the pressures of a multi-tasking life. His natural tendency to speak at bullet-train speed did not help either!

Besides the invaluable tips given during the well-attended seminar, participants also went away much inspired by Dr. Collins’ willingness to learn, and his energy and drive to touch the lives of people for Christ. 🙏

## Bahasa Malaysia Ministry

# God Can Use Anyone Who Is Willing

**Testimony of Sri Merry who received a full scholarship to further her studies at the London School of Economics.**



**“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in speech, in love, in faith and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).**

My name is Sri Merry. I came from Jakarta, Indonesia to study in Malaysia, two years ago. I don’t know why I chose Malaysia but I believe it was God’s plan for me. The first month I was here, I did not attend church because I did not know which was the nearest church I could go to. I thank God that I met Soon Yuen Ling, my lecturer in HELP Institute who brought me to Calvary Church. I was very thankful to God for answering my prayers to lead me to a good church where I could grow and serve Him. I am grateful to God that He changed me a lot in the two years I was here.

I joined Calvary College Students’ Ministry where I found good Christian friends

and one day, one of them told me about AIM (Asian Institute of Ministries) and how it blessed her. I was interested because I had three months’ holiday since I was underage and could not sit for my final examination at HELP.

It was such a wonderful experience to join AIM where I learnt how to lead in songs, how to share devotion, how to minister to elderly people, etc. The mission trip was a transforming experience for me. It was where I learnt to do mission work.

I had a burden to serve at Carpenter’s Workshop. At first, it was not easy but God gave me strength to stay on and I have been very much blessed by the children. I also served in the Bahasa Malaysia Ministry to translate the message from English to Bahasa Malaysia. I was very nervous the first time I did it but I want to testify that God is faithful.

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# The Challenge of Christian Counselling in the New Millennium

24 July 1999 By Pang Yin Fong

Change has always been an inevitable fact of life. Right from day one of our entry into the world, we have to face changes as we grow and mature. What many of us have to grapple with is the fast pace at which change is taking place these days. And the speed of change will continue to accelerate as the new millennium dawns.

In a four-hour seminar on "The Challenge of Christian Counselling in the New Millennium", visiting Christian clinical psychologist Dr Gary Collins gave two perspectives on change. Firstly, that many people are worried about the Y2K bug and the fast pace of change. Secondly, that despite the changes, God remains the same and He is in control of everything.

The two sides of change, said Dr Collins, affect both the external (for example, the environment) and the internal (ie attitudes, fear and insecurity).

Participants at the seminar, most of whom were women, were given a brief summary of various psychotrends that are shaping our world today and the type of counselling that is needed. Counsellors need to recognise, for instance, that many people are revolting against their fast-paced lifestyle; that the family unit is getting increasingly unstable; that the media can negatively impact family interactions; that the world is shrinking; that while many people are experiencing spiritual revival, there are also those who lack values in their lives.

With the growing impact of information technology and the Internet on our lives,

counsellors need to update their "high touch" method with "high tech" knowledge, advised Dr Collins. Claiming not to be a "techie", Dr Collins was nevertheless very excited about the potential of the Internet for online counselling and coaching.

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This author and former professor of psychology also spoke about the three approaches of dealing with change: creating change, resisting change and taking charge of change. Dr Collins' enlightening session also included a discussion on New Age beliefs and new spiritualities that are constantly sprouting up.

The segment which gave an overview of the ideological landscape of theism, modernism and postmodernism was rather

heavy. Fortunately, Dr Collins used various characters in the popular movie "Titanic" as analogies to help participants better understand the ideologies, thus preventing the discussion from being boringly academic.

Participants were left in no doubt about the definition of Christian spirituality and its uniqueness as the speaker took time to elaborate on what makes Christianity different.

Culled from his years of experience, Dr Collins gave some practical guidelines for keeping Christian counselling relevant in a fast-moving age.

"One person endowed with passion and purpose can make an enormous difference," said Dr Collins, adding that "Christian counselling is one of the most effective means of evangelism in the next few decades because it deals with anxieties."

He encouraged participants to find innovative and creative ways of counselling.

"If you want to counsel a certain group of people, for example, today's youth, you need to learn more about that group, what music they are listening to, what movies they are watching and so on."

The seminar concluded with some insights drawn from the life of David (1 Chronicles 28:9-10,20). David became an encourager (so that his son, Solomon, can build the temple); an equipper (he provided his young and inexperienced son with the necessary building materials); an example (being an example may be the best testimony you can give); and an enlister. 🙏

## Blessed By The BM Ministry

**Testimony of Yulita who worked with the Marsden family for four years before returning to Indonesia in August**



Yulita (left) with the Marsden family

I thank God for bringing me to Malaysia to work with a family who knows God. I followed them to Calvary Church. I praise God for fulfilling my desire to know Him better and in a deeper way.

Through the interpretation of the Worship Service into Bahasa Malaysia and the monthly Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship, I have been much encouraged. I began to have a new desire to read the Bible and to pray. I was given the opportunity to sing in the choir to glorify God. God has blessed me through the Bahasa Malaysia Ministry.

God has never deserted me and I know that He will continue to guide me as I return to my homeland, Indonesia. 🙏

Now I have to leave Malaysia because I received a scholarship to continue my studies in the United Kingdom. When we put God as our first priority, He will never fail us. I want to encourage all of you to serve God in any way you can. I love the verse found in 1 Timothy 4:12 because it always reminds me to do my very best for the Lord without feeling discouraged even though I am young. I am just an ordinary girl but by God's grace, He can use me. God can use anyone who is willing.

I cannot express enough my gratitude to God for bringing me to Calvary Church. I pray that I will find as wonderful a church as Calvary in the United Kingdom. Finally, I want to give all the glory, honour and praise to our Mighty God. 🙏

# Be Involved As A Lay Counsellor!



Calvary Life Ministries is the counselling arm of Calvary Church. We minister by showing Christian care giving to both Christians and non-Christians.

## Faith Chin Soo Chuin

Artist/Homemaker

Lay Counsellor with CLM since 1994

Many of us in Church have the desire to help people in times of need by being available, supportive and giving an attentive ear during their trying moments. For sometime, I knew that I had this desire but did not know how to respond. I thank God for Calvary Life Ministries which has provided an avenue for me to serve in an area, which I know, is God's calling in my life. CLM equipped me with the foundational principles of biblical counselling and subsequently given me the opportunity to serve as a lay counsellor. Our involvement in the many and varied ministries of Calvary Church is of crucial importance for the vibrant and healthy growth of a Christ-centred lighthouse for the city and beyond. Serving as a lay counsellor, I have realised that there are many needy and hurting people that require our support and response. Your support and involvement through CLM can make the difference.

## Stephen Liu

Businessman/Assistant Life Group Leader

AIM Counselling Student

Presently, I am almost finishing my AIM Counselling Course. It has been very interesting and enjoyable. I have been thoroughly encouraged by all the sessions with the different teachers, especially Pam Guneratnam, our main teacher.

The different assignments and projects have helped us to understand the various aspects of Christian counselling as well as the Bible.

I am grateful to the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to be enrolled in this course. He has helped me to be more disciplined so that I can continue to run my business and also be involved in the Life Group Ministry. I have learnt so much. Through the class interactions with other students and Group Dynamics, I have discovered things about myself that I was not aware of before. Through this awareness, the Lord helped me to work through some of my own struggles and difficulties so that I can be an even more effective vessel for His use. This course has equipped me to serve the Lord better.

## Francisca Tan

Church Worker

Lay Counsellor with CLM since 1994

As a lay counsellor, I have a burden and a passion to be an effective instrument of help to people. There is a great need to touch individuals who are experiencing very real and pressing situations. I enjoy this partnership with Christ and the Holy Spirit in counselling as it brings great rewards of victory and hope in the lives of many people that walk into CLM. I am merely an instrument that God uses to gently reach out to help map a path of hope for an individual who has long been confused and in pain.

## Our next training session begins in March 2000.

For more information on how you can be involved in this ministry, please call  
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## Calvary Life Ministries

Calvary Life Ministries (CLM) operates a Christian Counselling Ministry within a Biblical framework. It ministers to couples, youth, families and individuals. Everyone involved in this Ministry is a dedicated Christian with a genuine concern for helping people.

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## Missionettes

The Prims Slumber Party began on 3 September 1999. Twenty Missionettes Prims (8-10 years) girls excitedly attended the Carpenter's Workshop Friday Prayer Meeting bringing along with them their belongings, mattresses and favourite toys.



# Prims Slumber Party 3-5 September 1999

By Angela Aw

We are thankful to the four sets of host parents: Edward Rajasingam and Wee Fang, Robin and Eileen Hoo, Lawrence Toh and Bee Cheng and Ronnie and Christine Lew. With great anticipation and joy in their hearts, they each fetched five girls to their homes. The girls were greatly blessed by the dedicated Christian lifestyles of the host parents. Their disciplined prayer lives, regular devotions and care for one another impacted the lives of the girls.

Within the span of the three days, the girls also went for an exciting educational outing at KLCC and benefitted from cooking lessons in the Calvary Refreshment Centre (CRC) with the Missionettes Sponsors. We thank God for what He has done through this programme.

What some of the hosts and children said:

### Eileen Hoo

"Each of our guests differed in their tastes, habits, preferences, mannerisms and characters. In fact, during the short time of their stay, the children had a few disagreements such as whether or not to have the light on or off when they sleep. However, as godly attitudes are already rooted in these children, we witnessed them making up and blessing each other. The closeness and warmth shared among the children also warmed our hearts. We were very glad to see them enjoying themselves."

### Rachel Hoo (Daughter of Eileen)

"I enjoyed myself at the Slumber Party. We went to KLCC by LRT and we had a helicopter ride and it was fun. We were caught in the rain when we were coming back. But thanks to God's care, we were safe. When we were back at Church, we had some cooking lessons. We made egg and chicken sandwiches. They were tasty! At night, we had devotion time where my mother read some Bible verses to us. And I've learnt things like folding blankets and washing my own plate.... God has certainly blessed me in this year's Slumber Party."

### Edward Rajasingam and Wee Fang

"Overall, we believe our guests enjoyed being here with us just as much as we did, as hosts for them. Little did we realise the impact they would have on us.... We thank God for giving us the opportunity to host these Missionettes for Christ...they certainly live up to their charge."

### Christine Lew

"During the three days and two nights programme, I couldn't help but feel excited about how I would manage the challenge of building up relationships with the girls and to show them the goodness of being God's children. But God is good. He not only filled us with joy during the interaction, but also granted us a faith-building experience. The girls encouraged everyone in our family. It was a great privilege to have had them in our home."



## Ladies' Ministries

# Ladies' Spiritual Emphasis Seminar

By Kathleen Wong



Rev Margaret Seaward



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam giving the altar call

**"Is your spiritual life out of sync? Does your serving seem a drudgery? Come and be challenged."** This was boldly written across the poster advertising the event.


The over 300 ladies who attended the Spiritual Emphasis from 30-31 August 1999 were certainly not disappointed. They were renewed and rejuvenated, having had a fresh encounter with God.

Rev Margaret Seaward exhorted the ladies to "Arise, shine! For thy light has come!" (Isaiah 60:1-3) She went on to explain that light and life go together. When Jesus is received as Saviour, our lives are lit up by His Light, enabling us to see that which was previously in darkness (John 1:4). We, who

have received this light, must not forget those who have not. Jesus asks of us what we do with the light that He has given to us. We live in days of great darkness (Isaiah 60:2). With that darkness comes death. Spiritual darkness can only be dispelled by Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Despite a sudden and unexpected blackout, Rev Margaret Seaward continued unruffled.

During the altar call, many who responded were delivered from depression, fear, anger, insomnia, unforgiveness, heaviness

in spirit and other hurts.

The second day of seminar began with many ladies testifying of God's healing the night before. Rev Margaret Seaward continued her preaching by telling the ladies that there were two streams of people evident in the last days; those engulfed by spiritual darkness and those whom the glory of God will shine over. The ladies were challenged to be strong in both spiritual convictions and spiritual anointing. Once again, there was an overwhelming response at the altars. 



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam receiving the P.J.N. from His Majesty, the King



Senior Pastor with his wife, Petrina Guneratnam, daughter, Pam, and son, Jim, at the Balairong Seri, Istana Negara



In honour of the occasion, the Deacons presented a gift to Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam on behalf of the Church on 17 October 1999

# The “Prince” Re

On 5 June 1999, our King, His Majesty, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, celebrated his 73rd birthday.

It is not unusual for many of us to skim through the “birthday honours list” in the local newspapers to check if anyone we know has been honoured. For the Calvarites who did, they were thrilled to read: “Among those awarded the Panglima Jasa Negara (PJN) which carries the title Datuk are...and Dr. Prince Guneratnam, senior pastor of Calvary Church, Kuala Lumpur.”

## Presenting Y.Bg. Datuk Rev Dr. Prince

Many individuals and organisations, from near and far, who have been touched by the ministry and leadership of Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, rejoiced greatly with him when they received news of the conferment of the Panglima Jasa Negara upon him.

Congratulatory messages were received from Assemblies of God Churches in Malaysia and worldwide. There were messages from the Christian Federation of Malaysia (C.F.M) comprising the Council of Churches, the Catholic Church and the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship (N.E.C.F). Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, President of the AIDS Council of Malaysia and Dato’ Liew Sip Hon, former Malaysian Ambassador to the U.S.A. were among the many others who also sent congratulatory messages.

Some excerpts from the messages received give us a glimpse of the extent of the impact of Senior Pastor Guneratnam’s life and ministry upon various lives and Christian organisations:

### FROM THE HONORARY PASTORS OF CALVARY CHURCH

**Delmer R. Guynes, President, Sothwestern Assemblies of God University, and wife, Eleanor**

“We are all deeply honored by this recognition. Both of you have been used by the Lord to maintain a high profile of Pentecostal witness in a very difficult environment. You have done this without compromise and with a clear evangelical testimony. You challenge all of us to stand up and be counted even if personal risk becomes a serious possibility.”

### FROM THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, MALAYSIA

**The General Council**

“We are proud of your able leadership and achievements to the Assemblies of God of Malaysia and the nation.”

**Northern District Council**

“Your visionary leadership and tireless dedication to the ministry has been such a blessing not only to Calvary Church and the Assemblies of God Malaysia, but also to the nation as a whole.”

**Central District Council**

“It is a great honour for the Assemblies of God of Malaysia to have a man of God and a leader who is not only recognised by the churches of Malaysia and world-wide, but also one who is recognised by our very own nation, Malaysia. We salute you...and may God continue to use you, bless you and honour you.”

### FROM PASTORS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCHES

“Your dedication to the ministry will inspire many other younger ministers to give their all to the gospel.”

“We are proud of you.”

“Congratulations!”

# ceives An Award from the King!

What an honour for our Senior Pastor to be recognised as an outstanding individual who has performed great services to the country and its people!

Rev Ng Kok Kee, the Secretary of the Assemblies of God, Malaysia, confirmed the news. He proudly announced to all the congregations of Calvary Church during the Worship Services on Sunday, 6 June 1999, that Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam was honoured with this award in recognition of his contribution to the Christian community and the nation. He

added that this award was significant to the Pentecostal Churches in Malaysia, as this is the first time an award of this nature has been given to a Pentecostal leader in our country.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam serves as the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Malaysia which has a constituency of more than 40,000 Pentecostal Assemblies of God believers. He has held this position for the past 25 years! Under his leadership, the Assemblies of God in Malaysia, has been and is still at

the cutting edge of the Christian movement in Malaysia.

The Assemblies of God fellowship has established drug rehabilitation centres, homes for children, the handicapped, the underprivileged, the abused, the elderly as well as those who are destitute. With the increasing problems resulting from AIDS, an AIDS information and assistance centre has been set up.

Aside from his contributions at home, Senior Pastor Guneratnam chairs the World Assemblies of God Relief and Development Agency

(WAGRA) which actively provides disaster relief around the world. His leadership is recognised inter-denominationally and internationally as he chairs various Christian organisations both locally and overseas.

**We salute you Senior Pastor! Calvary Church is proud of you. We thank the King of kings for recognising your faithfulness to Him and His work through our earthly king. You deserve the honour bestowed upon you!** 🙏

## ce Guneratnam and Datin Dr. Petrina Guneratnam!



### FROM OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS

#### World Evangelical Fellowship

##### Jun Vencer, International Director

"It is a well deserved recognition. It is also a very evident measurement of your credibility and respectability as a leader in the eyes of the King and the political leaders in your nation. You are bringing visibility and vitality to the evangelical churches. We so need a voice especially at this time as we seek to share the blessings of the Kingdom and the King of Kings to all peoples."

#### Christian Federation of Malaysia

##### The Rt Rev Datuk Yong Ping Chung, Chairman

"On behalf of C.F.M., our Anglican Diocese in Sabah and myself, may I send you herewith our heartiest congratulations for the prestigious award!"

#### Council Of Churches, Malaysia,

##### Father Philip Thomas, Chairman, Selangor /Federal Territory Regional Committee

"Congratulations on the well deserved award."

#### National Evangelical Christian Fellowship, Malaysia

##### Wong Kim Kong, Secretary General

"Your life has been a testimony to glorify God in the eyes of the authorities. We as fellow labourers feel encouraged by your leadership and labour of love. We pray that this award will further strengthen your zeal to serve Him and that God will continue to anoint and use you in a mighty way to touch lives of community leaders and people at large in the public arena."

*(Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam is the Chairman of the N.E.C.F.)*

### FROM VARIOUS CALVARITES

"At last, your status as a Grandpa is officially recognised! Seriously though, all of us at the Taman Tun Life Group are very proud of you. Congratulations!"

("Datuk" also means "grandfather" in the Malay language. Senior Pastor is the proud "datuk" of three grandchildren!)

"Congratulations on your recent award. Pastor, when you said that we could continue to call you Pastor, as you are our Pastor, it touched my heart in such a special way. [Others] who have received such awards would like to be referred to by the title."

"You both have always been such inspirational models for us even thousands of miles away... We love you and are so proud of you."

"We feel honoured when you are honoured with such a prestigious life-time award..."

"Extremely well deserved and we are very proud of God's favour upon you. Thank you for never giving up on your vital leadership, ministry and most of all, on our family."

### FROM ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, WORLDWIDE

#### Dr David Yonggi Cho, Chairman, World Assemblies of God Fellowship

"Congratulations, my dearest friends, Rev Datuk Dr. Prince Guneratnam together with Datin Dr. Petrina! You very well deserve to be honored in such a way, for you have served God and your country excellently."

#### Thomas E. Trask, Superintendent, The General Council of the Assemblies, of God, U.S.A

"This special recognition of your Christian leadership and character with the Assemblies of God Malaysia is a great testimony to all both in Malaysia and around the world."

#### Rev James K. Bridges, General Treasurer, Assemblies of God, U.S.A. and wife, Joyce

"We salute you on this remarkable recognition. Of course, when you are honored, the Assemblies of God Malaysia and around the world are honored because of your courageous and anointed ministry. You continue to be models of Pentecostal leadership for the World Assemblies of God and we thank God for you"

#### L. John Bueno, Executive Director, Division of Foreign Missions, Assemblies of God, U.S.A.

"I believe this is one of the highest honors any of our Assemblies of God people have received, and you certainly deserve it."

#### Colton and Susanne Wickramaratne, Assemblies of God, Ceylon

"We rejoice with you and praise God for the testimony and the goodwill you have gained in your own country."

# Royal Rangers Parents' Outing & 17th Council of Achievement

31 August 1999 By Kester Low

The occasion started off in the afternoon with the parents and Rangers scouring Taman Pertanian Bukit Cahaya, Sri Alam in a mind-boggling scavenger hunt. They also played some telematches and had a refreshing dip in the pool.



"This is how you build the Council of Fire"

The 17th Council of Achievement began with the Outpost Parade, the Ranger's Pledge and opening prayer. This was followed by praise and worship before devotion by our Outpost Chaplain, Associate Pastor Richard Yun.

The skit presented by the Trailblazers Outpost (ages 12-14) had Elijah calling down fire from heaven to light the Council of Fire which brightened the surrounding area. The Outposts then gave their presentations and performances—some of which were funny but yet made us realise that we should trust God in every circumstance of our lives, whether it is in school, at work or at home.

The climax of the occasion was when Associate Pastor Peter Ong presented the certificates of achievements to the Rangers

who completed their advancements after much hard work and determination to achieve their awards. After that, the 'Ranger of the Year' awards were presented to the Rangers who excelled in the Royal Rangers programme this year. The recipients from each Outpost: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos, Pioneers, Trailblazers and Trail Rangers were announced at the Council of Achievement.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam presented Leader's Awards to two leaders, Councilman Tan Swee Hock and Outpost Commander Chin Yoke Yee, who have been serving in the Royal Ranger's ministry for 10 years. She then prayed for all the leaders.

The Council of Achievement was concluded with a bugle rendition of Taps.



Enjoying the programme around the Council of Fire



"Come on everybody..."



Sporting parents and friends oblige



Presenting of certificates by Associate Pastor Peter Ong



The Rangers ready to present their skits

## Life Group (LG)

# September LG Promotion

Throughout September, the Life Groups (LGs) were given an opportunity to share what goes on in their groups to others in Calvary Church who do not belong to a LG. They came up with beautiful posters that gave a glimpse of their meetings and activities. On top of that many testimonies of LG members were shared. We thank God for the many who were interested in the LG ministry. More than 86 desired to join a LG as a result of this LG Awareness. Praise the Lord!



*Posters, posters everywhere at Calvary Church Damansara Heights and everyone with a friendly invitation to join their fellowship...*



*More invitations and choices at Calvary Church Bandar Utama*



*At Calvary Church Cheras...signing up to join a LG nearest home!*

Below are some of testimonies of people who have been blessed in the LG:

### ANNE, Setapak LG

LG is a place for us to develop our gifting in the Lord. The Lord helped me as I yielded myself to serve in the area of song leading and playing the guitar for the LG meetings.

### UNCLE GOH, Taman Bunga Raya LG

God has strengthened me to go through an operation and healed me of cancer. Praise God for the prayer support from the LG and the Church.

### ROBIN HOO, Cheras Men's LG

I have been attending the Men's LG and the meetings have really enhanced my prayer life and my spiritual growth. We learn to intercede for one another and pray for the needs of our nation, Church, friends and for the salvation of others.

### ANN CHOO, Married Ladies' LG

Joining the Ladies' LG has helped me to be a more active prayer warrior like the others in our group. It is really amazing to see the sisters praying with such great power that each one of us can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit anointing us in our midst.

### JAMES OOI, Section 17 LG

After much searching, I decided to attend the Section 17 LG with my wife and in the first meeting, I felt an atmosphere of love and peace in my heart. I shared about my unemployment and the LG members prayed for me and encouraged me. All praise to God! Two weeks later, I obtained a job.

### KRIS YIM, BU1/14 LG

During the first LG meeting, I was overwhelmed by the friendliness of the group. By attending the group, I feel that I have matured in my faith and relationship with the Lord and have met a group of wonderful Christian friends whom I can trust and rely upon.

### ALICE NG, Section 14 LG

When I was hospitalised, my LG leaders visited me, prayed over me and gave me words of encouragement. Their love and concern for me have helped me to know how to extend the same kind of love to others in need.

## Are you interested to join a LG?

Contact the LG Ministry for more information.

**Call Wai Ling or Roy**

**at 03-255 2620 ext 134 or 135 respectively.**

**Do not miss out on belonging to a LG where you will be cared for and in turn can care for others!**



**3.** You put off falsehood (v25). You do not live a hypocritical life.

**4.** You do not sin in your anger (v26). You must never let “the sun go down” on your wrath. Whilst you can be angry, you must never let anger provoke you to commit sin.

**5.** You do not give the devil any foothold (v 27). Jesus said that the devil “has no hold” on Him (John 14:30 NIV).

**6.** You do not steal (v28). You work honestly for your living and also share with those in need.

**7.** You do not let corrupt words proceed from your mouth (v29). Instead of unwholesome talk, you speak words which are helpful for the building up of others.

**8.** You do not grieve the Holy Spirit (v30). You do not walk after the flesh but after the Spirit.

**9.** You put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, brawling, slander and every form of malice (v31).

**10.** You are kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving even as Christ has forgiven you (v32).

These marks are clear evidence of a new life in Christ. These changes are possible because God has granted you with all that is needed to lead a life of godliness. Peter tells us what God has provided for us in 2 Peter 1:3-10.

Firstly, God has given us all things. “His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness...” (2 Peter 1:3). God has given us everything we need to live godly lives. The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we can triumphantly and successfully face the challenges of each day. This is the reason Paul exhorts us to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, God has given us great and precious promises. “...by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be

partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4). Not only has God given us divine power but He has also given us His precious promises through the Word. Therefore we must know and believe God’s Word and His promises. God’s Word combined with faith brings us to His rest or enables us to be victorious.

Finally, Peter says we must add to our faith. Faith must have works. Our faith should cause us to develop Christian character which results from moral discipline. Peter lists seven elements of character that arise when faith and obedience work together:

**1.** Goodness. This is a virtue which means excellence in efficiency and courage in well doing.

**2.** Knowledge. This means wisdom and the ability to apply knowledge. It also means spiritual wisdom in understanding the things of God which the natural cannot understand.

**3.** Self-control. This is the ability to restrain oneself in the midst of sinful lusts and human pride and the ability to say “yes” to spiritual activities like prayer, Bible study, giving, etc.

**4.** Perseverance. This is steadfastness in the face of difficulties and hardship; being courageous enough to accept tough circumstances and to

keep pressing on no matter what the cost.

**5.** Godliness. This means piety and carrying out a twofold duty to God and to man.

**6.** Brotherly kindness. This is brotherly love (affection—reaching out and helping a brother or a sister in need.

**7.** Love—Agape love. This is not friendship love, erotic love or family love. This is God’s love which knows no boundaries or limits. We love God and others with agape love.

The Bible is not a magic book. And the Christian life cannot be likened to rubbing a magic lamp in order for a magic carpet to appear so that you can ride off without effort. Peter says, “Roll up your sleeves and go to work.” You need to reach out and co-operate with the Holy Spirit and work out your faith. You will then bear the marks of a spirituality which reflects the beauty of Jesus in you. Do you bear the spiritual marks of a born-again believer? If you do not, you can, because the Lord of Hosts says, “Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit” (Zechariah 4:6). 🙏

*All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*

## Calvary Book Corner (CBC)

# Christmas Sale

1-21 December 1999

Get your **Christmas & inspirational greeting cards,**  
**gifts for family & friends, Christmas tokens, etc.**  
at the Calvary Book Corner!

CBC will be closed from 22-31 December 1999

# *Congratulations*

## **Yang Bahagia Datuk Rev Dr. Prince Guneratnam**

On your being conferred the Panglima Jasa Negara by  
**Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj  
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